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## NOTICE

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As of January, 1988, *Shalom* has moved to a **quarterly** publication schedule. It is our hope that future issues will be larger and more comprehensive in their coverage of issues and events of Jewish concern. The dates of publication — corresponding to the seasons — will be March, June, September, December.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a press release, announcing the establishment of the Jewish Association for Development (JAD/Canada). We believe that JAD/Canada will become an exciting and dynamic institution both within the Canadian Jewish community and overseas, reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves in the Third World. We should be grateful therefore if you could publish the accompanying article. We would, of course, be pleased to discuss the idea further with you if you would like more information.

It is important to stress that this initiative is not expected to divert funds from other important Jewish causes. We have, for this reason, already met with the major national Jewish organizations to present the idea and discuss its operations.

In support of a similar undertaking in the United States, **Elie Wiesel** spoke of the particular responsibility of the Jewish community this way:

"As Jews, we must show that our suffering has produced a tremendous cry against moral numbness. When I needed people to come and help, nobody came. Therefore today, I must come. I must help. We who have seen so much suffering and endured so much pain . . . must prevent further suffering and further dying elsewhere."

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,  
**Michael Rosberg**

National Coordinator

**Ed. Note:** Details of this organization follow in a subsequent page of this edition of *Shalom*.

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## JUDAIC POSTCARDS

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Over the past year, a number of the covers of *Shalom Magazine* were reproduced from the Judaic postcard collection of **Mr. Simon Gaum** of Halifax. Simon

would be most pleased to hear from any other collectors of such postcards. He may be contacted through this magazine.

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## EDITOR'S FAREWELL

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By **Shimon Fogel**

Writing this farewell letter in *Shalom Magazine* is my last official responsibility as Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council. As many already know, I have been appointed as the Director of Parliamentary Relations for the Canada-Israel Committee. While I am very pleased with the exciting challenge this appointment represents, I leave Atlantic Canada with more than a little regret.

Over the years I have lived here, I have grown to cherish the Jewish Communities and the people that make each one so unique and special. Rather than use this space to review all the things that have occurred during my tenure at the AJC, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to a few people who were always supportive of my work and who, in the process became valued friends. The Executive Committees under who I worked always chose to approach the challenges facing us in a positive, constructive manner, and to them collectively I am most grateful. In particular, to **Martin Chernin**, **Lee Cohen** and **Paul Lipkus** who were always there for me — and you. **Frank Medjuck** and **Lloyd Newman** were special advisors since I began here in 1984 and their interest in the welfare of Atlantic Jewry should serve as an example to all in the Community.

The Moncton Community is especially dear to me and the welcome extended to me there should be acknowledged. Therefore, through **Irwin Lampert**, **Francis Weil** and **Rabbi Michael Wolff** let me thank all of Moncton's finest (especially **Dorothy Mark**) for their warmth.

These are some of the individuals who have touched me the most. There are others, too many to include here. Each in their own way and each with the best of intentions. There is, however, one man in particular who deserves recognition for the impact and influence he has had on my professional and personal life, and in the tradition of "Achron, Achron, chaviv" allow me to publicly thank **David Attis** for all he has done for me. A "leader among leaders", I am so appreciative of his efforts — and would suggest that the Community in general ought to share that appreciation.

So to all my UIA chairmen and chairwomen, to all the Hadassahs, Massadas, APJSFers, minyannairs — and even my critics — thank you, farewell and visit with **Esti** and I in Ottawa.

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## HALIFAX WOMEN'S ORT

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The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT held their opening meeting on December 21, as a Chanukah Gift Exchange, with **Mindy Jacobson** in the chair. The meeting was graciously held in the home of **Doris Stone**.

**Rose Pritzker** lit the Chanukah candles and all joined in the prayers and singing. **Mindy** reported on the Women's Canadian ORT Board meeting held in Montreal, where discussions were held on fundraising, membership retention, **Karmiel** — the 100 School in Israel — and the exciting plans for the upcoming Convention in Israel in November, 1988. This date marks Israel's 40th year in existence, and the 40th year of ORT in Canada. Plans are well underway for the Convention, including dinners and tours of four Israeli cities. **Mindy** will be glad to give you more information on the forthcoming Tour and Convention.

The report was read on the Flowers for Yom Tov project, which was very well received. Fundraising plans were discussed and it was moved to have a Flea Market sometime in June at one of the local places.

**Sobey's Tapes** is still a good project, and we urge all of you to save your receipts for ORT and send them to **Mindy Jacobson** or **Barb Alberstat**.

The Mother's Day Brunch Basket project will again be done this year. For information or to order, call **Mindy Jacobson**.

The meeting closed with the distribution of the Chanukah gifts.

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## P.E.I. NEWS

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The P.E.I. Jewish Community was invited by the Moncton community to attend their Chanukah program on December 13. Entertainment was provided by **Batsheva Avery**, which was sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Canadian Jewish Congress Small Communities.

A special thank you is extended to **Alan Howitt**, arev residing in Moncton, who visits our community and school monthly, and for ensuring a minyan at two services (for Sukkot and a Shabbat).

Our Hebrew School has begun another season with high hopes, lofty goals and enthusiasm. We meet every Saturday morning at the **Thorkelson's** home.

The Junior class of four students is taught by **Rosalie Simeone** and **Evie Carnat**. They have already learned the aleph-bet and are studying the Bible and Jewish holidays. The Senior class of five is taught Hebrew by **Sara Wurzel** and **Myra Thorkelson** teaches the students about the holidays.

## MASSADA CLUB NEWS

There were 21 members in attendance at the December 13 meeting of Massada Club. Two guests, **Mindy and Borace Jacobson**, were welcomed. After the general business of the meeting was concluded, congratulations and birthday wishes were extended to **Faye Frank, Helen Zwicker, Ina Kohler, and Betty Miller**.

The Program Director, **Betty Miller**, gave a humorous reading on Chanukah and then introduced **Shoshana Katz** and **Mindy Jacobson**, who sang Chanukah songs.

Potato latkes with sour cream and apple sauce were served with tea, coffee and cookies.

On January 10, 23 members attended the meeting held in the Youth Lounge of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

**Mrs. Lucy Riley**, President of the Halifax Senior Council, was welcomed as our guest. She spoke briefly on how the Council looks after the interests of all seniors by keeping in touch with Provincial, Federal and Municipal Government members.

A comedy skit was arranged by our Program Director entitled "The Doctor's Office." The cast of characters was as follows: The Old Lady played by **Marianne Ferguson**; The Scratcher — **Shoshana Katz**; The Shaker — **Lawrence Ferguson**; The Cougher — **Ella Morris**; The Pregnant Lady — **Helen Zwicker**; and The Receptionist — **Doris Stone**.

This was thoroughly enjoyed. The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments served.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

By **Dr. M. I. Polowin**

The Saint John, N.B. Remembrance Day activities of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada — Atlantic Division, was organized by **Comrade Adjutant I. J. Davis**.

At the main Cenotaph in Kings Square following the invocation by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Clergy — a moving invocation was delivered by **Comrade S. David Lubin** adapted from the "Yiskor" service.

The wreath was laid by **Comrade Mark Reece** — the accompanying colour party included **Comrades Bernard Bloom, Morris Holtzman, and Dr. M. I. Polowin**.

Simultaneously wreaths were laid at the Manawagonish Road Cenotaph by **Comrade Milton Bassen** and at the West Saint John Cenotaph by **Comrade Nathan Green**. A wreath was laid at the Cenotaph



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in the Town of Saint Mastins by **Comrade Mitchell Franklin**.

In the early afternoon a Cemetery Parade formed up on King Street East and proceeded to Saint Joseph's (Roman Catholic) Cemetery. After the invocation the Jewish War Veterans wreath was laid by **Comrade Morris Holtzman** with standard bearers **Comrades Bernard Bloom and Milton Bassen**. The parade then proceeded to the Shaarei Zedek Cemetery where veterans' graves had been decorated with flowers by **Comrade Bertha Masters** and by

**Rebecca Jacobson**. The Jewish War Veterans wreath was laid by **Comrade Bertha Master** with standard bearers **Comrades Morris Holtzman and Milton Bassen**. **Comrade Dr. M. I. Polowin** recited the "Mourners Kaddish" as part of the invocation.

The parade ended at the Farnhill Cemetery (Protestant) where — following the invocation — the Jewish War Veterans wreath was laid by **Comrade Bertha Master** with standard bearers **Comrades Bernard Bloom and Milton Bassen**.

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

The Annual Remembrance Day Services were observed this year in Moncton under the director of **Mr. Mendel Greenblatt**, local commander.

A service was held in the shul on Saturday, November 7, 1987 at which all veterans present were given Aliyahs.

The Star of David wreath was laid at the cenotaph on Remembrance day by **Mr. Greenblatt**.

**Mr. & Mrs. Greenblatt** also attended the annual Allied Air Forces Reunion which was held last year in Toronto on October 2,

3, and 4.

Amongst the guests of honour at the banquet was **Jack Nissim** who now lives in Toronto, but who was formerly a radar expert and sergeant in the British Army.

**Sgt. Nissim** took part in the Dieppe raid of 1942. Escorted by troops of the South Saskatchewan Regiment, **Sgt. Nissim** went to Dieppe and inspected the German radar installations there.

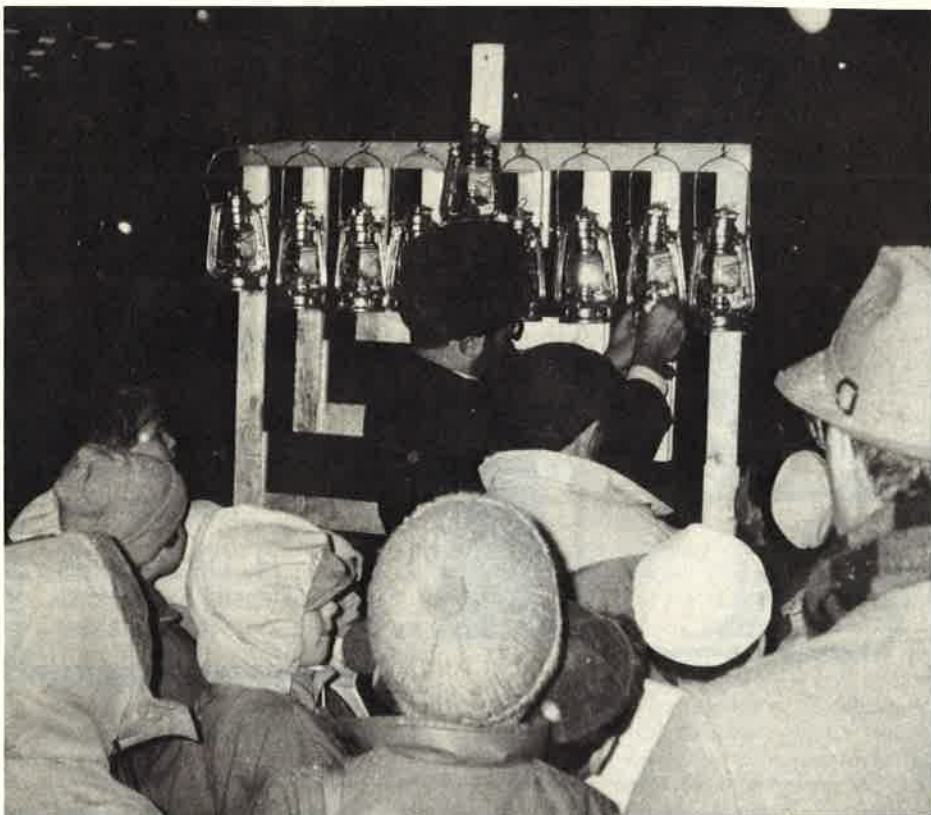
**Mr. & Mrs. Greenblatt** had a very interesting conversation with **Mr. Nissim** as he detailed his part in the raid.



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## "A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS"

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*History was made, as Jewish children from the two Halifax Hebrew Schools lit a seven-foot Chanukah Menorah at Province House in Halifax. The ceremonies were "warmly" received and the Jewish Community was invited to do it again next year. Pictured here is Rabbi Marc Sevy leading the festivities on the 3rd night of Chanukah.*

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## SYDNEY JEWISH COMMUNITY ALIVE AND WELL

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**By Dr. Garson Lecker**

The Jewish community consists of but 55 families today, and older members are in a majority.

Despite its decline in numbers, through necessity a spirit of mutual co-operation has developed to ensure the traditional Jewish way of life. For the past two years the community has been without the services of a rabbi and teacher, but individual members have filled the breach. The High Holidays, and indeed all holy days, are diligently observed. There are regular Friday night services and Shabbas services. Frequently, a Kiddush follows Shabbas services. Each Sunday morning there are services and a breakfast, the latter being catered by the men themselves.

Remembrance day services are held each year, conducted by those who served in the armed forces, on that Sunday closest to November 11th. This year was no exception

and Mr. Harvey Webber, Q.C., delivered the message for the occasion.

As small as the community has become, there is still a day school where students are taught history, traditions and reading. In the past two years there have been several Bar Mitzvahs and all were prepared for this eventful occasion by a member of the congregation.

Once a year, in early spring, the synagogue provides the setting for the successful Bazaar held by the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo. Both Israel and some annually selected local charity benefit from the proceeds.

The Jewish Community of Sydney is most grateful to all its members who have given so much of their time and themselves to the preservation of our traditional way of life. We shall persevere because of them and we are indeed indebted to all who participate.

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## SGOOLAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

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The annual meeting of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton was held on October 28, 1987, in the vestry of the synagogue with the election of officers. Those appointed for a two year term were: President — **Warren Cohen**; 1st Vice President — **Arnold Chippin**; 2nd Vice President — **Ivan Levine**; Treasurer — **Saul Brown**; Assistant Treasurer — **Dr. Steven Rauch**; Secretary — **Harold Velensky**; Recording Secretary — **Dr. Mel Soicher**; Gabbi — **Louis Levine**; Assistant Gabbi — **Weldon Graser**; Rabbi — **Rabbi David Spiro**. Directors are: Past President — **Mitchell Budovitch**; Dues Committee Chairman — **Bob Brown**; Audit Chairman — **Martin Payne**; **Arnold Budovitch**; **Harry Lang**; **Irwin Rosenweig**; **Harry Levine** and **Joe Abrams**.

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

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**By Michael Gisser, President**

Health has returned to the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation and activities are happening. Second term, and the blues which it brings, are upon us, but with some exciting events, A.P.J.S.F. will ride high once again.

The term started off with our Annual Brunch on January 10. **Alan Howitt** expressed his views and opinions on the current situation in Israel and sparked some fierce discussion with both **Bryan Gaum** and **Ken Ross**. The bagels, lox and gefilte fish were devoured and on the whole, the meal was very successful.

On January 24, we tried, once again, to have a Falafel and Movie Night. Unfortunately, the city had a strike on falafel projects (Oy vey) and the movie, what was advertised, was not there. So the falafel was vegetarian pizza flavour, while the movie was **Woody Allen's "What's Up, Tiger Lily"**. The audience was also given another briefing on the situation regarding Israel, on other campuses in Canada. This was presented by yours truly. Thanks for listening.

Tuesday, January 26 saw the return, at least for some students, of **Consul General Chalom Schirman**. His talk was informative. He was less casual on his trip this year. Last year he joined A.P.J.S.F. at their Chanukah latke party.

Thursday, January 28 we all headed up to

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**Mark Breslin's** Yuk Yuk's and enjoyed a night of fun and comedy. It was a good way to let loose after a stressful week.

Upcoming events include: February 4 — Skiing (Martock), call the A.J.C. for reservations; February 6 — Deli Night with Broomball; February 14 — Speaker; March 4-6 — Atlantic Regional Conference (Halifax), and the Jewish Law Students' Conference (Washington).

On other campuses outside of Halifax activities are happening for the first time and have been greeted with much enthusiasm. The universities include UPEI, Mount Allison, Moncton and UNB. The future looks bright both in Halifax and throughout the Maritimes.

If anyone in the Community would like to hear more about student activities, please write to Michael Gisser in care of this magazine.

May you all be happy and healthy. Shalom.

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

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**Mossad B Men's Basketball** — The A.P.J.S.F.'s first official team in Dalhousie Inter-mural League is fighting for top spot in the league. After its last win, a convincing 48-41 victory over Denistry. The team, lead by greats like **Bill and Ken Chernin, Evan Zelikovitz, Ken Ross** and **Mike Gisser** have a 3 and 1 record, good for 9 points and 3rd place overall. Way to go Mossad!

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## HOLIDAY INN OFFERS CORPORATE RATE

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The Atlantic Jewish Council wishes to advise that during the period of May 30, 1988 through January 27, 1989, the Holiday Inn in Halifax is offering Corporate Rates to members of the Jewish Communities in Atlantic Canada who will be visiting this city. Single (one bed) and double (two beds), based on single or double occupancy is \$59 per night; king leisure, based on single or double occupancy, is \$79 per night. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer can telephone Holiday Inn - Halifax Centre at (902) 423-1161, or through 1-800-HOLIDAY, to make advance reservations. The reservations operator must be informed that the caller is a member of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

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## HALIFAX ORT RECEIVES AWARD

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*Photo caption: Mindy Jacobson, Halifax Women's ORT; Harriet Morton, National*

*President; and Nancy Goldberg, National Award Chairperson.*

**Mindy Jacobson** accepted a Women's Canadian ORT certificate for achievement in reaching Halifax region's quarterly fund-

raising goal. The occasion was the Eastern District Meeting of Women's Canadian ORT held recently in Montreal.

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## CANADA COUNCIL GRANT AWARDED

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**Dina Graser**, formerly of Fredericton, has been awarded a \$14,000 Canada Council grant to further her studies toward

a Masters Degree in Theatre Administration at the Brooklyn College of Fine Art, a branch of City College of New York.

Miss Graser is a graduate of Fredericton High School and McGill University of Montreal. While at McGill she was selected as an exchange student for one semester at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Among her theatre and arts credits Miss Graser has been assistant general manager of the Necessary Angel Theatre, Toronto; Ensemble Secretary for the Canada Opera Company in Toronto; production co-ordinator at Detour Productions in Montreal; executive director of the Tuesday Nite Cafe Theatre in Montreal; production co-ordinator for the Duke Rep Company in Durham and host writer of "That's Entertainment" for Radio McGill.

The Brooklyn College program involves two years of study combined with production internship.

Miss Graser is the daughter of **Weldon and Toby Graser** of Fredericton.



## HARVEY WEBBER APPOINTED TO ORDER OF CANADA



**Harvey L. Webber**, Sydney, N.S., a long time Zionist and Congress Leader was one of two Nova Scotians appointed to the Order of Canada.

This announcement was expressed in a communique from **Leopold H. Amyot**, Secretary to the Governor General. "I am pleased to inform you that the Governor General has signed the instrument appointing you a Member of the Order of Canada. You are now entitled to use the initials C.M. after your name."

Webber, long identified with many Jewish Community groups was made an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University in 1978 and is a Regional Represen-

tative, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. He is a National Vice-President of ORT and has visited ORT schools in South America. He is a former Director of the Council of Christians and Jews.

Together with his wife, the former **Ethel Nadler** of Montreal, he has established repayable student loan funds at many Israeli Universities. "We established the repayable plan," says Webber, "because those who benefitted from a University education should help make it possible for others to get the same assistance. Meanwhile Ethel and I add to the amount of capital annually thereby achieving our goal — the greatest good for the greatest number."

Mr. Webber was designated Queen's Counsel in 1984, a most unusual honour for a non-practicing lawyer. In 1981 he was voted 'the Atlantic Canadian who had done most for the region' by the readership of an Atlantic based magazine. As well, he was selected as the first 'Citizen of the Year' in 1964 by the Sydney Kinsmen.

Harvey Webber's community contributions are many, diverse and innovative. He helped initiate and actively headed Community Concerts, Sydney Arts Council, Festival of Music and Speech and the Cape Breton Symphony in which he played violin. He headed the Atlantic Symphony in Cape Breton and was Governor of the Dominion Drama Festival and Cape Breton County Chairman of the United Way and currently heads Leaders of the Way. He helped initiate the Cape Breton Tourist Association and was for many years regional promoter of Canada Day. He served as Director of the YMCA and began their Y's Business Men's Health Club.

## MIRIUM LIEFF CHAPTER OF MIZRACHI (EMUNAH) WOMEN OF HALIFAX



*Chana Melamed*

**By Rose Pritzker**

The opening meeting of the Halifax Chapter of the Mirium Lieff Women of Mizrahi (Emanah) was held on Sunday, November 22 in the Beth Israel Youth Lounge. **Mrs. Chana Melamed** of the Emanah Schools in Israel was the special guest.

A tribute was given to the late **Mrs. Mirium Lieff**, the organizer of our local chapter which bears her name who recently passed away in Israel. She was fondly remembered by **Mrs. Tina Goldfarb** and several of the members as the driving force

of Mizrahi Women in Canada.

President, **Rose Pritzker**, welcomed guests and friends to this special meeting. She also thanked the hard working campaign workers — **Shirley Wolman**, **Tina Goldfarb**, **Lil Borshy**, **Clara Dankner**, **Mindy Jacobson**, **Doris Stone**, and **Bea Zemel**, and also the contributors who are so responsive to Mizrahi's needs.

**Mrs. Chana Melamed** was introduced by **Mrs. Ella Morris**. **Mrs. Melamed** gave a synopsis of several of our projects and what is being accomplished. She spoke about the work that Emanah was doing for the Ethiopian Jews who came on "Operation Moses". Mizrahi was in the forefront to help with their education and their needs. She also thanked us and the women of Mizrahi Emanah who have given them their full support. Several of the guests had questions and learned a lot about the work being done in the nurseries and schools.

Best wishes were extended to **Mr. and Mrs. David Fiering** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Sandra Michelle**, to **Noreen and Steven Rappaport**; and also to **Rabbi and Mrs. Pritzker**, on the birth of **Daniel Moshe**, to **Nathan and Henny Pritzker** of Lakewood, New Jersey; and to **Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Loebenberg**, on the marriage of **Boni** to **Marty Moskovitz**, of West Orange, New Jersey.

If you would like further information on joining Emanah Women, call our Membership Chairman, **Mrs. Beatrice Zemel**, at 425-5951.

## AREV REPORT

**By Alan Howitt**

As the W.U.J.S. worker here in the Atlantic Provinces, I have taken over the very good work started by **Dina and Israel Baruch**, my predecessors. For those of you who don't know about Project Arevim, I will explain about it. Project Arevim is based on the Talmudic concept "Kol Yisrale Arevim Ze ba Ze", "All Israel is responsible for one another." And put into practice by sending people like myself, who have come from strong Jewish backgrounds, living in Israel, to small Jewish communities around the Diaspora to pass on our knowledge and experiences to people not fortunate enough to have the Jewish institutions that exist in Israel or in the much larger Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

Whilst I am based in Moncton, N.B., I also travel to neighbouring Jewish communities in Saint John and Prince Edward Island. I teach in the Hebrew Schools in those three communities and also organize programs and activities for all the other age groups; examples of which have been "Lulav-hopping" in Moncton, participating in Shabbat Services in Saint John

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and a very lively discussion on Israel-Diaspora Relations in P.E.I. Another recent event held in Moncton was a "Falafel Night" for the singles here.

Although I must say that I am enjoying

my job here in Canada, I am looking forward to going back home to Israel, and hope, please G-d, that many more people from here will join me in making their homes in that wonderful Jewish Homeland.



*Sukkot in Prince Edward Island.*



*Lulav-hopping in Moncton.*



*Candle lighting at Shabbaton.*

## FREDERICTON NEWS

**By Jennie Brown**

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Harry & Amelia Goldman**, 45 years; **Larry & Rose Eusler**, 37 years; **Bernard & Valerie Chippin**, 30 years; **George & Lucy Chippin**, 27 years; **Milton & Sandra Levine**, 6 years.

Mazel Tov to . . . **Irving & Sylvia Meyers** upon the birth of their grandson **Laurie Brent**, great grandson for **Sam & Jennie Brown**. Proud parents are **Alan & Myra Meyers**, Calgary, Alta. . . **Bonnie Levine**, daughter of **Lou & Sue Levine**, upon receiving her Master's Degree in Psychology. She is on staff as Counsellor at Seneca College in Toronto. . . **Mitchell Brown**, son of **Dr. Morton & Marlene Brown**, Toronto, grandson of **Saul & Molly Brown**, upon receiving the Gold Medal for achieving the highest standing in his class of the Medical School at Western University in London, Ont.



Congratulations to **Robie Cohen**, son of **Miriam & Warren Cohen** and brother of **Marcie**, who received the Lyle Isaac's Memorial Award at Camp Kadimah, which is presented to the Camper of Machar who has displayed by word and deed outstanding qualities of Hadracha (leadership). Robie has been an active participant at Camp Kadimah for the past seven years.

Condolences to **Molly Brown** upon the demise of her sister-in-law, **Gertrude Anapol**, New Bedford, MA.

The opening meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah was held at the home of **Gladys Swetsky** with the President of the Presidium, **Sydelle Grobe**, presiding. Meeting opened with a prayer by **Edye Besner**, followed by the reading of the minutes and correspondence by the Secretary, **Harriet Lenard**. The president welcomed **Helen Budovitch** and **Shelley Stevens** as new members. Dues were collected and a financial report was given by **Nessa Leckie**, in the absence of the treasurer, **Carol Airst**. Hostesses for the meeting were **Jennie Chippin** and **Gertie Budovitch**.



**Lois Levine**, Regional for New Brunswick, and **Marilyn Kaufman**, Vice-Regional, will represent our Chapter at the Hadassah Convention in Montreal.

A subsequent meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter was held at the home of **Leona Brown**, with President Edye Besner presiding. **Rosalie Goldenberg** was inscribed as a Life Member by her mother, **Bessie Begin**. Welcome to other Life Members, Sylvia Meyers, **Roz Brown**, **Linda Payne**, **Sharon Pinsler**, **Gertie Budovitch**, **Sandra Levine** and **Betty Rosenzweig**. **Lois Levine** reported on a meeting of regional members from Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John. **Judy Budovitch** motioned, seconded by **Amelia Goldman**, that we support **Lois Levine's** nomination of **Terry Levine**, of Saint John, as Vice-Regional, which was supported by all members.

The Yiddish Class, which meets every Monday night in the Synagogue with **Rabbi David Spiro**, enriches the vocabulary in Yiddish considerably and the awareness of our heritage.

The mixed bowling league of the B'nai

Brith has revived after an absence of several years, under the capable chairmanship of **Robert Brown**. Enjoy.

The Fredericton Jewish Community had a successful United Israel Appeal Campaign on Oct. 6th with **Ivan Levine** as Chairman and **Arnold Chippin** as Co-chairman. Guest speaker was **Stella Rothstein**, who is the National Chairperson of the Women's Division of the U.I.A. and Vice-president of the organization. A film was shown on the "Strategic Balance". **Barney Harris**, the National Field Director, lent his capable support. **Ivan Levine** and **Arnold Chippin** were presented "Kotel Itama Dvori" awards of Recognition for exemplary effort and leadership. **Arnold** 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** was in charge of the Women's Division and again has done an outstanding job. Special mention to **Ben Medjuck**, **Martin Payne**, **Sam Budovitch** and **Simmy Airst** for their extra effort. Refreshments and decor was convened by **Lois Levine** with thanks to **Edyth Levine** and **Jennie Chippin**.

## FRANK L. ELMAN APPOINTED V-P LEGAL SERVICES



**Dr. Teresa MacNeil**, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Breton Development Corporation, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Frank L. Elman, Q.C.**, to the position of Vice-President Legal Services, which was effective January 1, 1988.

**Mr. Elman**, a graduate of Sydney

Academy, graduated from the Law School of Dalhousie and was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1957. **Mr. Elman** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December of 1976. He is currently the Director and Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia and Director and Legal Counsel for the Miners' Museum at Glace Bay.

As a member of the senior management team, **Mr. Elman** is responsible for the management of the Legal Department and the provision of legal advice and services to the Corporation.

The Cape Breton Development Corporation is responsible for the development and operation of mines and related facilities in the Sydney Coal Fields as well as the broadening of the economic base of Cape Breton through the Industrial Development Division.

**Frank Elman** is the son of **Mrs. Anne Elman**, of Sydney, N.S.

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## DISTORTION IN REPORTING FROM ISRAEL CHARGED BY IDF SPOKESMAN AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

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Israel has often been the victim of "simplistic and distorted new reporting and analysis," **Brig. Gen. Ephraim Lapid**, spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces, charged at a conference held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This was particularly true during the 1982 war in Lebanon and in coverage of recent events in the administered territories, he said.

The conference, on "Free Speech and National Security," focused on the dilemma faced by democracies wishing to preserve the institution of free speech while not harming the interests of security. The experiences of the United States and Israel were the main focuses of the conference, which was sponsored by the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University, the New York University School of Law, and the Lawyers Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Program chairmen were **Prof. Diane Zimmerman** of the NYU and **Prof. Shimon Shetreet** of the Hebrew University.

The keynote speaker at the conference was U.S. Supreme Court Justice **William J. Brennan**, who was also designated as an honorary fellow of the Hebrew University at the opening session.

Gen. Lapid, in his remarks, said that under Israel's circumstances, security considerations must prevail when there is a conflict between the state's security and freedom of expression; yet, he added, freedom of expression is a cherished value which must be preserved as much as possible.

Speaking at the opening of the conference, **President Chaim Herzog** also raised the issue of distortion by the press in reporting the news from Israel, charging that according to reports he had received, unrest in Gaza and the West Bank began in a number of places only when television cameras were in place. Herzog called for self-restraint on the part of the media, and was critical of "elements in the press that are oblivious to the state's needs."

Differing sharply with Lapid's and Herzog's assessments was former **Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir** of the Hebrew University's Law Faculty. Zamir acknowledged that extensive and/or irresponsible media coverage can harm security, but he felt this was outweighed by the need of a democratic society to protest freedom of expression, and that attempts to limit that right could easily lead to abuses. One should be suspicious of claims of national

security when used to limit coverage, said Zamir, indicating that such claims are sometimes less than straightforward and could even be invoked to cover up other motives.

Also taking issue with Herzog was **Lawrence Grossman**, president of NBC News, who said that he did not feel that President Herzog could truly believe that demonstrators turn violent only when TV cameras were present.

Grossman spoke on press leaks and argued that the problem was not one of too much information being leaked to the media, but rather that not enough important information is made available to the public on government activities. It is this latter secrecy that can damage security and diminish democracy, said Grossman, citing military aid to Iran by the U.S. as a notable example.

"In any balancing between the public's need to know and the government's need to withhold information, the decision must always weight heavily in favour of the public," said Grossman.

A concurring point of view was expressed by **Abraham D. Sofaer**, legal advisor to the U.S. State Department, who described suggestions to restrain the press as unrealistic and unwise, even though the press may often be wild and irresponsible. The power to publish, said Sofaer, "serves the national interest," despite the inconvenience, embarrassment and injustice that is sometimes caused in the process."

As far as Israel's situation is concerned, Prof. Shetreet said that the time has long passed when British mandate-era restrictions on free press coverage should have

been replaced. Shetreet praised the Israeli court system for its protection of civil rights in general and free speech in particular, especially since Israel lacks a formal bill of rights.

Also praising Israel's protection of free speech in the face of a perpetual threat to its security was Justice Brennan in his keynote address.

"The nations of the world, faced with sudden threats to their own security, will look to Israel's experience in handling its continuing security crisis and may well find in that experience that expertise to reject the security claims that Israel has exposed as baseless and the courage to preserve the civil liberties that Israel has preserved without detriment to its security," he said. Thus, "it may well be Israel, not the United States, that provides the best hope for building a jurisprudence that can protect civil liberties against the demands of national security," he stated.

In his talk, Brennan reviewed laws restricting freedom that were enacted in the U.S. at various periods of crisis, only to be proven later to have been unnecessary and even unconstitutional.

**Prof. Ruth Gavison** of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law, exploring free speech as related to atomic secrets in Israel, said that while it could be argued that ambiguity in this area might be useful and perhaps even necessary, withholding information about Israel's nuclear capability had the effect of preventing public debate on such critical issues as the limitations on the use of nuclear power and the disposal of nuclear wastes.

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## DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE PEOPLE?

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If you know where any of the persons listed below are presently residing, please inform the Atlantic Jewish Council (JIAS), 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2L2, (902) 422-7491.

1. **BEN, Alizabet** — born in 1928 in Roumania. Believed to have immigrated to Montreal or Toronto in the late 1940's (may have married.)
2. **BRAUNSTEIN, Enrico** — born in

Italy, about 58 years old; son of **Ida** and **Victor Braunstein**. Resided in Montreal 12 years ago. Married, and the father of three daughters. May now be known as Brownstone.

3. **BROWN, Joe** (or family of) — formerly **BUSANSKY**; originally from Vilkomir, Lithuania. Last known address was 475 Clinton Street, Toronto.

3. **CHEIL, Oskar** — born in 1924-25 in



Przemysl, Poland. Was last seen at Dachau concentration camp at the time of its liberation.

5. **COHEN, Howard** — known to be residing in Montreal. Sought by friend he met in Israel in 1970-71.

6. **COHEN (KOHN), Lucie** — born approximately 1950 in Egypt. Wife of the late **Elie Cohen**; mother of **Jack, Moise** and **Roger**. Last known address was Toronto.

7. **FREIDENREICH, (FREUDENREICH or FREID), Abraham** — born 1915-1917 in Lodz, Poland. Last known address was 35 Wales Avenue, Toronto.

8. **HAILE (ARAGAW), Elene** (also known as Esther or Aster) — born in Israel, daughter of **Amaledech Aragaw** (or **Embet Haile**). Believed to have arrived in Canada in 1981 and working as a nurse.

9. **KATZ, Harry and Margot (Margie)** —

sought by childhood friend of Germany and England.

10. **KLEIN, Gheorghe** — in his late fifties; born in Timisoara, Roumania. Emigrated to Israel and then to Canada. Had a sister residing in Montreal.

11. **KLEIN, Isador (a.k.a. Benny Klein)** — Served in England in the Royal Engineers. Was recalled to Canada in 1945 or 1946; is believed to be a farm worker in Saskatchewan.

12. **KUCZMA, Maria** — born in Ukraine or Poland, had brother **Paul (Pawel)** and friend, **Rose Migas**. Arrived in Halifax in April 1948 on the SS General Stewart. Is believed to have worked in garment factory. Last known address 2767 Maplewood, Montreal.

13. **POTRZEBA, Sura** — born in May 1924 in Ciechanow, Poland. Daughter of

**Israel and Eta Dworjra** nee Buch. Believed to be residing in Canada.

14. **Family of Sigismund and Elizabeth STEINER** — who are believed to have died during the Holocaust in Egezegy, Hungary, near the Austrian border.

15. **SWIRN, Stefan** — Surviving members of the Swirn family of Lvov, Poland. Children or grandchildren of **Markus Swirn** and **Freido** nee Rubel. Last seen in Lvov (then Poland) at the outbreak of World War II.

16. **TESIS, Shura, Alexander** (or Shuric, Shasha) — born in 1921, Litin, USSR. Brother of **Sima Goretsky** nee Tesis.

17. **VAN THIJN** — members of the Van Thijn family, originally from Amsterdam, Holland. Sought by relatives of **Abraham** and **Clara Van Thijn** (orig. Van Thyn).

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## JAD/CANADA: A CANADIAN JEWISH RESPONSE TO WORLD POVERTY

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On July 26, 1987, twenty interested individuals and community leaders met in Larrimac, Quebec, to draft the constitution for a new national Jewish agency which will help communities in the Third World sustain social and economic development. The organization, called the Jewish Association for Development (also known as JAD/Canada) intends to enable Canadian Jews to get involved in all stages of development projects, from fund-raising at home to work in the field. At least initially, priority will be given to activities in support of small industry, agricultural production and refugee settlement. Projects will be located in Third World Countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

An interim executive has been working since January in collaboration with a small but growing nucleus of supporting members. The three interim Directors, individuals with impressive credentials in the development field, are **Dr. Michael Roseberg**, Program Manager for Latin America with the Cooperative Union of Canada, **Dr. Alan Maslove** of Carleton University's School of Public Administration and **Paul Puritt**, International Program Officer with the Canadian Labour Congress.

Why JAD/Canada . . . and why now? In recent years, the needs of the less fortunate around the world have become an urgent demand on the world's conscience to which many Canadian Jews have responded, both as individuals and as supporters of various organizations. But until now there has been no uniquely Jewish organization to reflect this commitment or to speak about development and Third World issues with a Canadian Jewish perspective within this

country and internationally.

While the headquarters of the organization will be in Ottawa, Michael Rosberg was emphatic about its national character, "JAD/Canada intends to support development efforts of local communities in the Third World by linking them to local Jewish organizations across Canada, whether they be youth groups on campus, synagogue social action committees, women's groups, community councils or just dedicated groups that have formed themselves expressly for this purpose. The national office will have the experience and expertise to find the projects and offer supporting services, but it will largely be up to local groups in Canada to fund and manage both development projects overseas and education programs at home."

Another important partner in the process will often be Jewish communities in the Third World, who are being asked to identify projects, monitor activities and, where possible, to help provide technical or financial resources. The model project will

see concerned Jews from Canada and abroad working together to improve the lives of the world's disadvantaged. It is also envisioned that Israel may eventually become a partner with us, particularly through its technical expertise in fields like dry-lands agriculture and refugee settlement.

JAD/Canada is planning to convene a national meeting early in 1988 for the purpose of adopting its constitution and electing its first Board of Directors. It is hoped that major Jewish communities and organizations, which have already been approached on this initiative, will be represented on the Board. In the meantime, it is eager to hear from individuals and groups who would like to know more about participating, and possibly becoming founding members within their own communities. For more information, please contact JAD/Canada, either at 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7Y2, or (613) 235-8238.

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## COMMONWEALTH JEWISH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES IN BARBADOS

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Delegates representing Jewish communities from over twenty Commonwealth countries concluded their biennial conference in Bridgetown on December 23, after four days of discussions. During their stay in Barbados, they were received by the

Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Tourism and Sport, who officially opened an exhibition at the Barbados Museum on the history of Jewish settlement in the Caribbean area.

The Canadian delegation, led by

Canadian Jewish Congress President **Dorothy Reitman**, included **Pierre Ainbinder**, Rabbi and Mrs. **Levy Becker**, **Marjorie and Morley Blankstein**, **Edward Bronfman**, **Ruth and Alvin Druxerman**, **Dodo and Lyone Heppner**, **Janice Miller**, **Miriam Roland** and **Cyril Reitman**. Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Vice-President **Alan Rose** and Executive Director **Jack Silverstone** chaired sessions on the Commonwealth, Israel and world Jewry and Nazi war criminals in Commonwealth countries. Canadian Jewish Students Network representative **Janice Bergman** presented an overview of Jewish student activities in Canada.

The conference passed resolutions expressing appreciation to the government and people of Barbados and for the warmth of their welcome and their support for the conference, which had been organized by the Jewish Council and Commonwealth Jewish Trust. Resolutions were also passed re-emphasizing opposition to apartheid and on the need to bring to justice Nazi war criminals who have been free since the end of the second world war and are still living in Commonwealth countries. The efforts of Canada in this regard received

special attention. Another resolution congratulated Israel on its 40th anniversary and reaffirmed the centrality of Israel to world Jewry. The Council also called for freedom for Soviet Jews and for Jewish communities in Arab countries where they face oppression.

Inspired by the historical achievement of the Barbados Jewish community in restoring the ancient synagogue of Bridgetown, the conference also passed a resolution proposing the establishment of a Commonwealth Jewish heritage program to assist in the preservation and restoration of objects and places of Jewish religious and educational significance in the Caribbean and throughout the Commonwealth. **Edward Bronfman** was appointed Honorary Chairman.

The conference concluded with a farewell dinner at the Hilton Hotel, where the "guests of honour" were the Governor General, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chief Justice of Barbados, at which time greetings from **Prime Minister Mulroney** were read. It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting would be held in Hong Kong in 1989.

## PERISTROYKA, GLASNOST AND SOVIET JEWS

By **Alan Rose, C.M.**  
Executive Vice-President,  
Canadian Jewish Congress

What do Glasnost and Peristroyka (restructuring) mean for Soviet Jews? This is a critical question as there is considerable misunderstanding about the current situation in the Soviet Union. It cannot be denied that Glasnost has brought about improvement in the public environment. There is a new openness in Soviet society which would have been unthinkable in **Andropov's** and **Chernenko's** brief period of office. Jews may now gather for cultural and religious meetings without interference by the KGB. During a recent visit to the Soviet Union, Jewish refuseniks spoke to me of this new atmosphere which is a positive development in their daily life.

However, Glasnost must be seen within the context of the refuseniks and soviet strategy in dealing with Western protest. The Soviets recognize that the plight of Jews is a great concern in the West and have embarked on a sophisticated strategy to demonstrate that the "Jewish problem" is virtually solved. It is claimed that only 12,000 Jews have emigrated; thus, the problem is being brought to "a satisfactory and speedy resolution". This has been accomplished by an adroit release of high profile refuseniks such as **Yosef Begun**, **Victor Brailovsky**, etc. These tactical releases are carefully planned and publici-

zed prior to important international events. This ploy has given some credibility to the Soviet claim that human rights are an important part of their agenda.

The facts are otherwise. There are 11,000 refuseniks who have waited for five years or more to leave the Soviet Union; some, such as **Dr. Alexander Lerner**, have waited for over seventeen years, denied exit on "security grounds". It will be recalled that **Gorbachev**, when he visited France, stated that the maximum period of delay should not be more than ten years. In addition there are approximately 400,000 Jews who are waiting for the queue to leave the Soviet Union. Presumably this number would be increased if there was substantial movement.

Glasnost has brought a new and alarming development for Soviet Jews. "New associations" are permitted to organize and register by the authorities — amongst there are "Pamyat" (memory). This organization is a highly chauvinist Russophile organization whose anti-Jewish invective is reminiscent of the "Black Hundreds" of Czarist days. Public meetings are held of an openly anti-Semitic nature. It is interesting to note that the authorities have denied refuseniks the right for Jewish religious and cultural groups to "associate". In the Soviet Union, it is unthinkable that Pamyat, with its high public profile, could exist without support in high places. It is believed that a hard core



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of KBG senior Soviet army officers, together with upper and middle ranks of the bureaucracy whose privileges are in jeopardy, support Pamyat, whose neo-Stalinist leaders are waiting to pounce, if Gorbachev's reforms fail.

While Pamyat has been denounced in the Soviet press, it continues to function unimpeded. The open anti-Semitic campaign is within the context of Glasnost; this provides a profound concern, and indeed fear, among Soviet Jews. The atmosphere is not dissimilar to the "cosmopolitanism" and worst excesses of the anti-Zionist campaigns following the Six Day War.

The Soviet Union, with a population greater than that of the United States, has about 40% of its gross national product; 25% of the work force is down on the farm, unable to feed the remaining 75%. While the defence industries are efficient, the

remainder of the economy makes it the world's "leading third world power," according to the **London Economist**. It is the inability of the Soviet Union to advance economically that has brought about Peristroyka which cannot be successful without Glasnost. What has this to do with Jews?

The Soviet public is well aware of the high standard of living in the EEC countries. They yearn for a higher standard of living which is thought Peristroyka could deliver within a short period. It is estimated by Western economists that it will take the Soviet Union 25 years to be anywhere approaching the Western economy. If Peristroyka should fail, then there is a scapegoat waiting in the wings — the Jews.

In official-record meetings with Jewish leaders, Soviets claim that Jews are required for their entrepreneurial skills to make Peristroyka a success! This classical anti-Semitic stereotype may be an inhibiting

factor preventing Jews from obtaining permission to leave.

The present international situation affords us a rare opportunity to bring out large numbers of Soviet Jews. The possibility of an arms control agreement, the Reagan/Gorbachev summit and other moves of detente will give Western countries an opportunity to bring pressure on the Soviets. The Soviets will undoubtedly need Western credit and purchases of technology if Peristroyka is to be successful. Now is the time to redouble our efforts in the West. Now is the time to visit Soviet Jews to maintain their morale. Now is the time to remember within 10 to 15 years there will be no "Jewish" Soviet Jews, for our Jewishness will die as the refusenik leadership leaves. This is perhaps the saddest commentary of the largest remnant of the Holocaust living in Europe.

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## MAZON CANADA ANNOUNCES FALL ALLOCATIONS

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**Dr. Anne Golden**, Director of Allocations for MAZON Canada, announced that 12 agencies involved in the struggle against hunger across Canada have been granted a total of \$15,000 by MAZON "in order to help them continue their essential work of getting food onto the tables of those who would otherwise go hungry".

The Board of Directors of MAZON Canada approved the following grant recommendations of the Allocations Committee:

**Daily Bread Food Bank:** Toronto, a major food bank and storage facility serving agencies across Toronto; \$1000 for operating expenses incurred in the distribution of food.

**Food Bank Waterloo Region:** a food bank serving the needs of local agencies; \$1500 to help offset the operating costs of transporting food from suppliers and to emergency food depots.

**Inland Refugee Society of British Columbia:** a Vancouver support group dealing with the immediate food needs of refugees; \$1200 for the purchase of food for distribution.

**Inner City Loaves and Fishes:** an emergency food program in Sydney, N.S., an interfaith effort to provide food support to inner-city residents; \$1500 for the purchase of food.

**Jewish Family and Child Services of Metropolitan Toronto:** for targetting costs of a specific Passover food program in the Jewish community; \$400.

**North York Harvest:** a food bank serving agencies in suburban Toronto; \$1000 to help offset non-salary operating costs incurred in the administration of the

program.

**Project Genesis — Multi-Caf:** Montreal, a downtown lunch program; \$1500 to assist in the purchase of kitchen equipment to improve service of lunches to low-income inner-city clients.

**Refuge Nazareth:** Moncton, N.B., a downtown refugee and relief centre; \$1000 to help their program of serving 100 meals a day to the homeless in the downtown core.

**Saint Francis Table:** Toronto; \$1500 as start up funds (pending a building permit) to help establish a program to serve subsidized meals to the needy in Toronto's west end.

**Stop 103:** Toronto, an emergency food and support program serving the needs of the poor and homeless; \$1000 to help offset expenses incurred in the purchase of food.

**Sun Youth Organization:** Montreal, an emergency food program serving the needs of the poor in the St. Urbain Street area; \$1400 to assist in the costs of increasing stocks of basic foodstuffs.

**Tomchei Shabbos:** Toronto, a Shabbos food support program for needy families; \$2000 for the purchase of food and the offset of related operating expenses.

Dr. Golden, the newly appointed President of the United Way, said that "I know how essential it is for direct-service groups such as those we have funded to get as much help as possible from as many sources as possible; no one else is doing as much as these grass-roots organizations to deal with the tragedy of unprecedented hunger in the midst of unprecedented affluence." Dr. Golden pointed out that "approximately 50,000 people a month receive help from the network of hunger

relief organizations in Toronto, and that the figures are higher in Montreal. Sixty percent of the recipients of food from emergency food programs in Metro Toronto are under the age of 19, and what is even more shocking is that fully 20% are under the age of 5. Figures like these give the lie to those who would argue that hunger is not a serious issue in our community."

**Dr. Rosen Hyman**, Executive Director of MAZON Canada, noted that "with these grants the Jewish community continues to relate its good fortune in being able to celebrate simchas to the needs of those on society's margins. We are helping to set tables for the hungry, Jew and non-Jew, across the country. In less than one year we have granted \$27,000 to help those fighting hunger."

Dr. Hyman thanked the "hundreds of donors and the many synagogue volunteers who have made these grants possible." He said, however, "that much remains to be done", and called on synagogues across Canada to "step up their efforts to establish ongoing MAZON committees so that MAZON can continue to demonstrate the compassion of the Jewish community."



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## DR. LEON ARYEH KRONITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Canadian Zionist Federation Dr. Leon Aryeh Kronitz Memorial Scholarship Program was created to assist the training in Israel of young Canadian Jews who will provide service to the Canadian Jewish community. The funds are provided by private contributors solely for the benefit of our local community.

This scholarship program is directed towards recent high school graduates pursuing teacher training or Hebraic studies in Israel. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, recommended by three individuals,

one of whom must be the student's high school principal, be accepted to study in Israel for at least one year by a post-secondary program recognized by the Israel Ministry of Education, and be able to demonstrate financial need. In accepting the \$500.00 scholarship awarded to them under the program, the students commit themselves upon their return to be volunteers for one hundred and twenty supervised hours either in Jewish communal work, education or youth work.

Scholarship recipients have greatly

appreciated the assistance provided them to study in Israel. The experience of living and studying in Israel has encouraged them to reaffirm their commitment to community work. Since the Canadian Zionist Federation Dr. Leon Aryeh Kronitz Memorial Scholarship Program's inception eight years ago, more than one hundred Jewish high school graduates have received scholarships and have fulfilled or are fulfilling their internship commitment.

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## LIONEL SEGAL APPOINTED ATLANTIC AREA DIRECTOR FOR BONDS

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Mr. Julius Briskin, Q.C., Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Canada Israel Securities Ltd., is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lionel Segal** as Atlantic Area Director succeeding **Howard Karp**, who retired as of January 1987.

Mr. Segal's Maritime Area responsibilities took effect on August 1, 1987, and he has already conducted a most successful

campaign in Fredericton, N.B. in mid-September and is presently in mid campaign in Saint John, N.B.

Mr. Segal has been with the Israel Bond Organization since August 1984 as a field representative in the Montreal area with responsibility for the Builders Division, Fashion and Allied Industries, Dental and Medical Divisions, various synagogues, and New Leadership, and he will continue to

serve in those areas as well as being available to service the Atlantic Provinces.

Lionel was born and raised in Montreal and attended McGill University where he obtained his B.A. and law degrees and practices notarial law from 1960-1983 in Montreal. He is the father of three children and his wife **Sheila** is an art consultant and artist in her own right.

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## ALFRED N. SEGALL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM FOR ISRAEL

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Alfred N. Segall, Q.C., a prominent Montreal attorney, for many years a leading figure at the Beth Zion Congregation, and serving in his fifth year as Municipal Judge of Cote St. Luc, has been elected National President of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel.

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## ABBA KOVNER — A POET'S PASSING

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*Abba Kovner (1918-1987).*

**Abba Kovner**, a prominent leader of the Vilna ghetto uprising during World War II and a noted author and poet in Israel during the last 40 years, died recently at his home on Kibbutz HaHoresh.

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## IN MEMORY OF PROF. HALKIN

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**Professor Simon L. Halkin**, professor emeritus of Hebrew literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and one of Israel's most prominent writers, educators and translators, died in Jerusalem in November at the age of 88.

Halkin, a member of the Hebrew Language Academy, wrote poetry, novels and literary studies. He was a noted translator, bringing into Hebrew many great writers, including **Walt Whitman** and **William Shakespeare**.

Halkin received the Bialik Prize for Literature in 1968 and the Israel Prize for Literature in 1975.

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## SUMMER ULPAN AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

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In one class, a non-Jewish French doctor chats with a Christian theology student from West Germany. Their common language is Hebrew. In another, the editor of an American Jewish children's magazine talks with an Italian Catholic priest, also in Hebrew.

Where else could this happen but in Jerusalem, at Israel's largest session for intensive Hebrew language: the summer ulpan of the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The ulpan meets each August and Sep-

tember on the university's Mount Scopus campus, attracting students from all over the world, many of whom are in the ulpan as preparation for a year of study at the Hebrew University.

In addition to students from North and South America and Europe, last summer's roster of over 800 included students from such distant places as the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Thailand, Somalia, Jamaica and Haiti.

For information about the 1988 ulpan, please call **Ava Herman**, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, (416) 789-2633.

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## THE LAVI — SHOT DOWN BY SOARING COSTS

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*The Lavi fighter jet taking off on its maiden flight in December 1986. Photo courtesy IAI.*

**By Simon Griver**

The arguments for and against the construction of the Lavi fighter jet project were many; but when a decision was finally made to cancel the jet, both its supporters and opponents had difficulty in coming to terms with the reality of the decision.

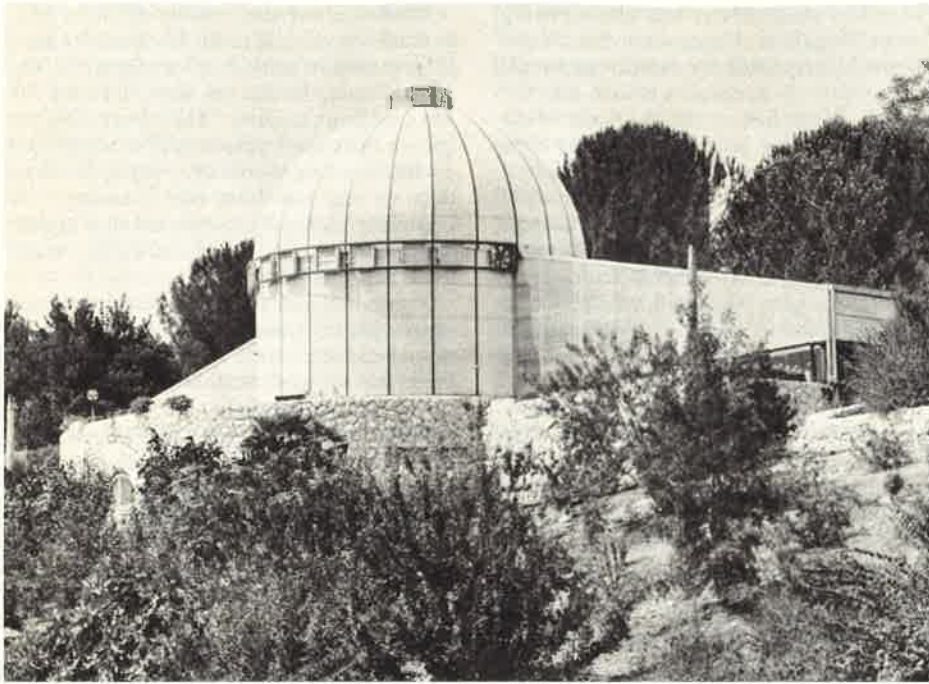
Israel Aircraft Industry workers, for whom, aside from the threat of unemployment, and idealistic dream had been shattered, took to the streets in an angry series of demonstrations.

**Gerald Steinberg**, a political analyst at the **Jerusalem Post**, summed up the jet's road to disaster with this: "Those who initially approved the Lavi confused the desirable with the possible, and relied on simplistic slogans and unfounded optimism rather than professional analysis of costs and benefits."

There is no doubt that the pain caused by the Lavi's cancellation is great, but so would be the economic implications of its continuance.



# TU B'SHEVAT — THE NEW YEAR OF TREES



Almond tree in bloom at Tu b'Shevat. WZPS photo by Douglas Guthrie.

By Dvora Waysman

Just prior to the Hebrew month of Shevat, the landscape begins to change in Israel. It has been winter — the fruit trees bare, their leafless, light-grey branches silhouetted against dark clouds. Then, as Shevat is ushered in, they begin to bud, and reddish leaflets burst forth. The fields that have been covered with pale crocuses, white narcissus and cyclamens give way to red anemones, tulips and broom brushes starred with flowers. And the almond trees burst into blossom — the first harbinger of spring. It is at this time that we celebrate Tu b'Shevat — the New Year of Trees.

The New Year of Trees is mentioned in the Mishnah as one of the four "natural" New Years. The first of Nisan is designated as the new year "for Jewish kings and seasonal feasts" . . . that is, for calculating the reigns of Israelite kings and determining the cycle of calendar festivals. The first of Elul is the new year "for tithing cattle". The first of Tishri is the new year for calculating septennial cycles and 50 year jubilees. The new year for trees was moved from the first of Shevat to the 15th, according to the opinion of Rabbi Hillel (30 B.C.E.-10 C.E.) for it is then when the sap is said to begin to rise, with the full moon, in Israel's fruit trees. The Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds also designate Tu b'Shevat as the date to calculate tithes (taxes) on fruit:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by

year."

(Deuteronomy, 14:22)

From December to mid-February, Israel's fruit trees are dormant. It is wet and cold and because of the low temperatures, the trees cannot absorb the nutrients from the soil. But from 15th Shevat:

"Till this day (the trees) live off the water of the past year; from this day on, they live off the water of this year."

(Jerusalem Talmud, Rosh Hashana 1,2) Establishing the date was important, because it marked the start of the fruit's formation.

The Arabs also mark this date, and call it "the second ember", when fruit trees begin to absorb water. According to Arab folklore, there are three "embers" which began as fire falling from the sky and changed to caterpillars. The first falls from the sky when the earth begins to warm up; the second when the warmth spreads. They follow this with a third "ember" as summer begins.

Tu b'Shevat is one of Judaism's popular celebrations that does not involve synagogue services. It is an enjoyable day when it is customary to eat the fruits of Israel . . . apples, almonds, carobs, figs, nuts and pomegranates. Many scholars stay up late the previous evening, reciting Biblical passages dealing with fruits or the earth's fertility. They read from Genesis how trees were created along with all the plants of the earth; from Leviticus the divine promise of

abundance as a reward for keeping the commandments; and from Ezekiel 17, the parable of the spreading vine — symbolizing the people of Israel.

Kabbalists hold a special Seder and they celebrate, not so much the New Year of Trees, but the New Year of the Tree . . . meaning the Tree of Life, which is rich with mystical connotations. They drink four cups of wine, beginning with white wine and ending with red, with the second cup a mixture more of white and the third more of red wine. It is rather like how the landscape changes from white (the pale narcissus and crocus) to red (anemones and tulips) as Tu b'Shevat approaches.

Tu b'Shevat is also the popular day to go into the fields and plant saplings. Israeli schoolchildren in the past few decades have helped Keren Kayemet — the Jewish National Fund — to plant 130 million trees, many of them on Tu b'Shevat, and these evergreens have become the backbone of the reforestation program.

Tu b'Shevat affirms the fact that the soil of Israel is holy. The People and the Land have a mystical affinity in Judaism, and the New Year of Trees reminds us annually of the wonder of God's creation.

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# ISRAEL TODAY — UNIQUE OR NORMAL?

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By Rabbi Jacob Chinitz

In these days when the character of Israel is in question again, it may not be in style to turn to **Herzl**. After all, 90 years have passed, there is Jewish State and much water has run under the bridge. On the other hand, Herzl's picture does hang in the Knesset, and he has not yet been "revised" out of Israeli society.

I believe his little book **The Jewish State** which started it all, can shed some light on the inner conflict that has always dominated the Zionist venture. I refer to the conflict between the deep yearning for normalcy that is at the core of Zionist ideology and the equally deeply entrenched yearning for excellence in that same ideology.

We should not think that the moral challenge emanates only from a variety of external sources: **Margaret Thatcher**, who tells us to behave like Jews; the U.S. State Department, which tells us to obey international law; the artists among us who, either out of artistic chic or sincere sensitivity, show Israeli soldiers shooting pregnant women; American Reform rabbis preaching the prophetic message to us; or our own Orthodox rabbis pointing to the dangers of godless nationalism.

The challenge comes from that half of the schizophrenic Zionist psyche that is found in Herzl's old pamphlet, along with his exhortations for normalcy that constitute the other half of that same psyche.

We quote:

"Universal brotherhood is not even a beautiful dream. Antagonism is essential to man's greatest efforts.

"The Jewish State . . . will require . . . a professional army, equipped with every requisite of modern warfare, to preserve order internally and externally.

"We shall prevent any theocratic tendencies from coming to the fore on the part of our priesthood. We shall keep our priests within the confines of their temples in the same way as we shall keep our professional army within the confines of their barracks."

In other words, Herzl was thinking of a typical 19th-century modern, liberal, democratic state with religion separated from state, with army separated from state but definitely there to use force against internal and external foes.

We quote again:

"But the Jews, once settled in their own state, would *probably* have no more enemies.

"The world will be freed by our liberty, enriched by our wealth, magnified by *our greatness*.

"Whatever we attempt to accomplish for our own welfare will react powerfully and beneficially *for the good of humanity*."

In other words, Herzl was also thinking of something ideal. A state without enemies. The world magnified by Jewish greatness, some kind of secular version of the Kaddish; Magnified . . . be the name of the Almighty . . . The Jewish state would have to think of the good of humanity.

Herzl was sensitive to the accusation of utopianism. Already in his preface he warns his critics not to misunderstand his thesis.

"I must guard my scheme from being treated as Utopian by superficial critics who might commit this error . . . this Utopia is far less attractive than any one of those portrayed by **Sir. Thomas More**."

For Herzl, the Jewish state does not have to be perfect, but it has to be better. "We shall not revert to a lower stage, we shall rise to a *higher* one. We shall not dwell in mud huts; we shall build new, *more beautiful and more modern* houses . . . We shall surrender our well-earned rights only for *better* ones." Just to have a state is not enough. It must be better.

Not only must the Jews benefit from a Jewish state, but the gentiles too must benefit from Zionism. "The countries they abandon will revive to a new period of prosperity. There will be an inner migration of Christian citizens into the positions evacuated by Jews."

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## HI-TECH VOTING COMES TO THE KNESSET

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The venerable show-of-hands method of voting currently practiced in Israel's Knesset is about to become a thing of the past.

The Knesset plans to adopt a computerized voting system which will enable Members of the Knesset to cast their votes and maintain a running tally of the voting. It will also allow each MK to call up statistical data and voting records based on party and coalition on their own personal computer screens. All without leaving their seats.

A delegation including six MK's and the Knesset's own computer expert recently visited the Jerusalem College of Technology for a demonstration of a prototype of the system, which was developed by two students as their third year project.

The Knesset delegation, which pronounced itself impressed with the capabilities of the JCT system, included Speaker of the Knesset **Shlomo Hillel**, **Guela Cohen**, **David Danino**, **Michael Eitan**, **Micha Reiser** and **Avraham Verdiger**, who is also a

Herzl sees the abnormality of life in exile as itself the normal result of circumstances. If he entertains notions of excellence for the Jewish state, he has no such illusions for Jews without a state. "The oppression we endure does not improve us, *for we are not a whit better than ordinary people*. It is true that we do not love our enemies . . . oppression naturally creates hostility against oppressors . . . It is impossible to escape from this eternal circle."

Presumably only the normalcy of a state can rectify the situation. What would Herzl say about the circle of hostility between Israel and its Arab neighbours, and now we see, its Arabs within?

Herzl, obsessed as he is with the unique abnormality of the Jewish people among all other peoples, expects the state to be unique — normal but unique. "Distress binds us together, and, thus united, we suddenly discover our strength. Yes, we are strong enough to form a state, and, indeed a *model state*."

So, was it *Nehye kikol hagoyim*, let us be like all the other nations — or was it *Or lagoyim*, A light Unto the Nations, for Herzl? It seems to have been both. This complex, with him and with us, complicates our national and international relations no end.

member of the JCT Board of Trustees.

The delegation was hosted by Jerusalem College of Technology President, **Zvi Weinberger**; Deputy Rector, **Prof. Joseph Bodenheimer**; and Chairman of the Science Education Department, **Dr. Shimon Bolag**.

Some Knesset watchers believe the introduction of hi-tech voting may eventually have a calming effect on Knesset roll calls, reducing the number and vehemence of heated exchanges between members during the voting on the Knesset floor.

Jerusalem College of Technology is the only school of engineering in Israel where students study a curriculum devoted equally to intensive Jewish studies and an innovative academic hi-tech program. The engineering and scientific courses of study include electro-optics, electronics, applied physics, robotics and computer science. Founded in 1970 and accredited by the Council of Higher Education of the State of Israel, JCT offers four year programs leading to Bachelor of Technology and Applied Science degree.



# JEWISH DEMOGRAPHY CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM: DIASPORA JEWRY SHRINKING

The message from the recent conference on the demography of world Jewry was that Jews everywhere must face the facts of life: the Jewish people has entered a period of population decline and aging likely to accelerate in the coming decades.

Deciding what to do about this unpalatable fact is a vexing problem which the conference's scholarly participants did not resolve. Perhaps the only thing they could agree on was that Diaspora Jewry is shrinking while Israel's Jewish population is on a steady incremental increase, irrespective of aliyah and yerida (immigration and emigration) which have almost cancelled each other out in recent years.

In a nutshell, in neither the affluent communities of the West nor the persecuted kehillot of the Soviet Bloc are enough Jewish babies being born to balance deaths. Studies have shown that the Jewish birth rate in the Diaspora is below the replacement rate (Zero Population Growth) of 2.1 children per mother.

In Israel, however, the national birth rate

for Jewish women is almost 3 children. In fact fertility amongst Jewish Israeli women has marginally increased in recent years, an anomaly in the industrialized world which sociologists attribute to the increased influence of traditional Jewish values — including a profound respect for life itself. Israeli census figures show a ripple in the aftermath of each Arab-Israeli war, a reflection that nothing is more life affirming than pregnancy and birth.

Demographers project that if trends in the Diaspora continue, world Jewry will decline from its present size of 12.8 million. The Diaspora, which in 1985 was estimated at 9.3 million, could drop below 8 million by the year 2000, and decline ever more rapidly after that. Even if the natural increase in Israel should remain constant or even increase slightly, this population gain would not offset losses in the Diaspora.

If these trends were to continue for three generations, and demographers are quick to emphasize "if", the majority of the world's Jews would be living in the State of Israel

by the middle of the 21st century. A majority by attrition is hardly the "ingathering of the exiles" envisioned by early Zionists like **Theodor Herzl**, nor the "liquidation of the Diaspora" called for by **Ze'ev Jabotinsky**.

The birth rate below Z.P.G. is the result of non-traditional lifestyles stressing late marriages, small families, hedonism and the pursuit of careers by both parents — not to mention factors such as homosexuality and couples deciding not to raise children.

The gloom fraught projections are based on highly subjective data about rates of assimilation, intermarriage and conversion. Other factors making these projections 'guesstimates' are unforeseen political and social upheavals, for example the Islamic Revolution in Iran which has led to the decimation of Persian Jewry. Similarly it is impossible to anticipate the fate of Soviet Jewry.

The policy implications of low Jewish birth rates are also puzzling. Most community professionals feel that little can be

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done to induce people to have more children. What can be done, they say, is to strengthen Jewish education and provide more opportunities for Jewish young people to meet and hopefully get married. Increased day care should also be provided by the community to make it easier for two-career couples to juggle the demands of

work and family.

Clearly the question of "Who is a Jew?" will become ever more problematic as more and more children are born of mixed marriages and non-Orthodox converts in the years to come.

The conference participants included over 200 academic scholars, community

leaders, educators and rabbis from 20 countries. The conference was sponsored by the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, the World Jewish Congress, the Institute for Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University and the Demographic Centre of the Israeli government.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Photo caption: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lipschutz of Glace Bay, visited their daughter Nina Keren of Brooklyn, New York, for the Jewish High Holy Days. Mrs. Keren recently gave birth to a second child named

Adina. The proud grandparents are shown above with their eldest grandchild, Chana Keren, their daughter Nina and youngest grandchild, Adina.

## EINSTEIN LETTER IN ARCHIVES

A letter written in 1923 by **Albert Einstein** to another scientist, the latest addition to the Albert Einstein Archives at the Jewish National and University Library of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has quite a story behind it.

A Jewish woman who today lives in a kibbutz in northern Israel spent World War II in Theresienstadt concentration camp. There she became the protegee of a Czech gentile, a forced labourer assigned to work in a storeroom of looted Jewish property.

One day, a letter from Einstein dropped from the folds of a rolled up carpet. The labourer pocketed it. Forty years later, he sent it to the woman on kibbutz. When she learned not long ago that the Einstein Archives had been received at the JNUL, following Einstein's bequest, she travelled to Jerusalem to deposit the letter with the archives.

## NATIONAL RESOURCE

Reprint from the Chronicle Herald, December 1987

To The Editor:

Sir, — The emergence in Canada of a disturbingly offensive brand of anti-Semitism, as marked by the activities of such people as **Keegstra** in Alberta, **Ernst Zundel** in Toronto and more recently **Malcolm Ross** in New Brunswick, should suggest that it is time that Canadians made a more serious effort to understand what it is all about, and take some energetic steps to curb this movement now.

The recent mass demonstration, in Washington on the eve of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit, in which many Canadians joined Americans in demanding a more liberal Jewish emigration policy on the part of the Soviets, presents an interesting opportunity to compare the latent anti-Semitism in Canada with the official Jewish policy of the Soviet Union.

Some years ago, in 1972, I was in Russia and at the request of some Jewish friends in

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Montreal sought to make contact with a leading Jewish "Refusenik" — **Vladimir Slepak**. He has only just now been permitted to emigrate and is presently in Israel. In the course of my quest I learned that Slepak's chances of leaving the Soviet Union at that time were minimal; he had been entrusted with the work of engineering the world's first anti-ballistic-missile screen around Moscow, Russia's early entry into the field of "Star Wars" research.

This knowledge helped me to understand **Mr. Gorbachev's** recent statement in an interview that "we Russians treasure our Jews; we don't like to lose them!"

Perhaps it's time we began to view our Jewish community as **Mr. Gorbachev** does his, as a national resource to be nurtured

and cherished. After all, **Hitler's** defeat was in large measure due to his failure to do just that. Had he enjoyed the trust of Europe's formidable community of Jewish physical scientists, including **Einstein**, he might very well have won the race for the atomic bomb.

It is not a matter of ideology or politics. **Disareli**, the Jew who fashioned an Empress' crown for **Queen Victoria** and gave the British Empire its name, was almost contemporary with the Jew who founded modern Russia. **Lenin** may have been the political scientist of the Bolshevik Revolution; only **Trotsky** could provide the military genius to make it a reality.

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the Jewish community, world-wide has been the very yeast of civilization. In science, law,

finance, art, music, and social structure, from Moses through Christ to Marx and Einstein, our Jews have played an enormously disproportionate role in shaping human destiny.

Canadians delight to speak with pride of the varied ethnic fabric of our society. We treasure them all, but it may be the best answer to the Keegstras and Zunels and their like to remind themselves that we are lucky to have our complement of Jews. And remind **Mr. Gorbachev**, too, that we'll take any he can spare and intend not to let them go!

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## A GLITTERING NABUCCO IN JERUSALEM — WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED

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A dozen star-studded performances of Verdi's **Nabucco**, at the actual site where the opera's plot occurred, will be one of the main highlights of Israel's celebrations to mark its 40th anniversary of independence. Some 40,000 spectators from all over the world (in addition to numerous Israelis) are expected to attend these glittering events, to be held in Jerusalem in the framework of the annual Festival of Music and Drama.

**Vittorio Rossi** has been chosen as Director, owing to his great experience as director and art director of many operas, plays and films. Among others, he was responsible for the striking success of "colossal" productions such as **Aida** in 1984, **Turandot** in 1985 and **Nabucco** in 1987 at the gigantic open-air theatre of Bercy in Paris, with over 200,000 spectators attending the performance.

The dramatic site chosen for these events, to be performed by an international cast of celebrities between May 15 and June 2, 1988, is the outdoors "Sultan's Pool" at the foot of David's Tower, facing Mount Zion, where the tomb of King David and the room of the Last Supper are situated. It has been known as the "Sultan's Pool" since the 16th century, but at the time it was already an ancient site. King Herod the Great, in the first century BCE, closed off this part of the valley outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City, in order to collect water which he brought by aqueduct from 20 miles away.

Presently, the "Sultan's Pool" (or, under its current official name, the Merrill Hassenfeld Amphitheatre), accommodates mass musical performances by world-renowned celebrities, from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, **Zubin Mehta** and **Isaac Stern** — to **Tina Turner**, **Ray Charles** and **Bob Dylan**. The audience of several thousands is in the valley between the old city's ramparts and

the red-roofed houses of the first quarter built outside the walls. A striking acoustic shell, in an airy pyramidal shape, safeguards the listener's full enjoyment. Great efforts have been invested in technical arrangements at the "Sultan's Pool", to obtain optimal acoustic effects and assure the comfort of the spectators.

It is expected that **Nabucco** — a great spectacle and a favourite with opera fans — will attract to Israel not only scores of tourists but also the international mass-media, resulting in tremendous publicity for Israel as a tourist centre. The sale of tickets will start soon in North America and many

European countries. Travel agents will be devising tourist packages around this event, as well as around other performances of the Jerusalem Festival. Flights and hotel accommodations have already been reserved for this purpose.

The outstanding performances of **Nabucco** in Jerusalem are being jointly organized by the Israel Ministry of Tourism, the Jerusalem Festival of Music and Drama, the Association for Promoting Tourism in Israel, and OOS — Opera on Original Sites Inc., a Swiss-based company specializing in the staging of operas at original sites.

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## SIMCHA DINITZ — THE DIASPORA'S CHOICE

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**By Simon Griver**

**Simcha Dinitz** has been elected to serve as the tenth chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency, succeeding **Arye Dulzin**. Standing for the Labor party Dinitz beat the Likud's candidate, Science and Technology Minister **Gideon Patt**, by 310 votes to 220.

Despite being democratically elected by the delegates to the 31st Zionist Congress, and before that by the Labour party's central committee, it was Dinitz's close ties with Diaspora Jewry that actually won him the job. The Jewish Agency's overseas members of the board of governors, having rejected **Akiva Lewinsky**, the initial Labor nominee for chairman, advised Labor leader **Shimon Peres** that Dinitz was the man they wanted. And Dinitz was the man they got. He defeated Settlement Depart-

ment Head **Nissim Zvili** by the narrow margin of 553 to 525 in the Labor party's central committee after former Health Minister **Mordechai Gur** withdrew from the contest, angry at the Board of Governor's intervention.

Though many Israelis were irate about what they saw as the Board of Governor's interference in the democratic process, there was general agreement that Dinitz will make a capable chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency. Dinitz for his part claims that the fundraisers on the Board of Governors, who, after all, fund the Jewish Agency, have every right to express their opinions.

It is this kind of sympathy for the Diaspora view that makes Dinitz a popular personality among world Jewry. Having defeated Zvili, it was once more his following overseas that tilted the balance in his favour at the Zionist Congress. Whereas Gideon Patt had consistently supported the proposed "Who is a Jew?" legislation in the Knesset, Dinitz had voted against this attempt to exclude Jews converted by Conservative and Reform rabbis from the "Law of Return".

Dinitz's relations with the Diaspora were developed over many years in the United States. Born in Tel Aviv in 1929, he studied at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he received a B.A. and M.A. in International Relations. While studying, he worked part-time at the Israeli Embassy, where he was to return as a minister of information from 1968 to 1969 and then as ambassador from 1973 to 1978.

Dinitz is as articulate in English as Hebrew, and his closest connection to the United States is his American born wife, **Vivian**. They live with their three children in the Noyot neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

It was after graduating from Georgetown that Dinitz returned to Israel and joined the foreign service. He first headed the Portuguese desk. When he complained that he did not speak Portuguese, he was told that nobody else did either! He then became political secretary to the director-general of the foreign ministry, before being asked to perform the same role for the minister herself, **Golda Meir**.

He admits frankly that he was at first terrified of Golda Meir, and not keen to be promoted. "Don't you want to be my political secretary?" Golda asked him, to which Dinitz replied, "No." "Well, then, that makes two of us. I don't want my job either." Dinitz was promoted anyway, and the two became close friends, so much so that after Golda Meir became prime minister in 1969, Dinitz was recalled from his post as information minister in the Washington embassy to once again become her political secretary. In 1972, he became director-general of the Prime Minister's office, and the following year he was appointed Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

His period in Washington stretched from

the Yom Kippur War in 1973 to the Camp David Peace Treaty. He became a good friend of the then Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger**, and earned a reputation with successive American administrations as a tough bargainer. During this period, his former university, Georgetown, awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Back in Israel in 1979 he retired from the civil service and was appointed vice-president of the Hebrew University. He left this post in 1984 when he was elected as a Labour Alignment Knesset Member. In the Knesset, he served on the Foreign Affairs and Defense committees and chaired the Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee on Special Matters (Intelligence). Known as a Labour hawk, he nevertheless supports the concept of territorial compromise with the Arabs. On being elected chairman of the WZO, he resigned his Knesset seat.

In his victory speech at the Zionist Congress, Dinitz told delegates, "The Jewish people expect this to be a turning point, and it is in our power to make it so. Let us overcome our difficulties and work

for an ingathering. If we will it, it shall not be a legend."

Dinitz promised to strive for increased aliyah. He sees Jewish and Zionist education as a top priority and intends drastically raising the number of Jewish youngsters who come to Israel on youth and study programs. He also plans to increase the efficiency of the Jewish Agency and WZO by cutting staff. One of his first actions as chairman was to close his Tel Aviv office, claiming that he was able to work adequately from his Jerusalem office.

However, the essence of Dinitz's task, as he sees it, is to develop Israeli-Diaspora relations. "In the past, Israel has been a country at war, vitally needing the Diaspora's support," he explained. "Now that Israel is relatively secure and prosperous, we must evolve different forms of co-operation and understanding if we are to remain one people."

In this task, Dinitz starts off with the confidence of all in both Israel and the Diaspora.

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## 'FROM THE HEART'

### A letter from Marcelle Ossadon, graduate of ORT Casablanca and ORT Natanya, to the Director of ORT Israel.

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My name is **Marcelle Ossadon** and I was born in Casablanca on the 2nd November, 1960.

I never knew my parents, but I now know that I was adopted by a woman when I was just a few days old. On the adoption papers it states quite clearly that I was born into the Jewish faith.

I was very soon put into an Arab elementary boarding school by her where I stayed for the next twelve years. When, because of my age, I had to leave, there was no alternative but to return to my adoptive mother, despite the fact that she was unmarried. It was at that time that I began to feel and to want to discover my Jewish ancestry.

One day, when I was sixteen years old, my adoptive mother threw me out and I was forced to fend for myself on the streets of Casablanca.

I had heard that ORT might be able to help me. I knew that my only hope was to gain some qualifications and to learn some skills, but I also realized that I needed money to support myself as well as the basic knowledge needed to enter school.

It was my good fortune that ORT Casablanca welcomed me with open arms. I was boarded at the school, had all my fees paid, was given clothes to wear, textbooks to study with, and ate food the like of which I had never tasted before. ORT became a mother and father to me.

For three joyous years I studied hard and passed all my examinations to become a qualified laboratory assistant. But my dreams did not end there. I was given the opportunity to continue my studies with ORT in Israel under ORT's special programme for French-speaking students. Before I left for Israel, ORT Casablanca gave me an unforgettable send-off with a fantastic party. They collected money to help me on my way, they bought me a whole new wardrobe, and I had everything I could possibly wish for.

I arrived in Israel on 26th August, 1981. It was midnight when I stepped off the plane, and there waiting for me was **Rachel Meir** of ORT Israel; she was to become like a real mother to me. Straight away she took

me to Givat Olga, my new home, and saw to it that I had a lovely room of my own, warm blankets, everything.

I soon began my studies at ORT Natanya, meeting the school Director **Avraham Romem**, and my teacher **Yehudit Raviv**. Rachel Meir was always there to solve any problems and to look after all personal matters often quite unrelated to school or school work.

Yehudit Raviv invited me to stay with her and her family in their home, and from that first day I became one of the family. With Yehudit I have a special bond. She is a tremendous teacher and always very kind.

I can only say that I have been taken care of in the most wonderful way possible. Everything that I was deprived of as a child, thanks to ORT I now have every chance to enjoy. I feel that ORT would never abandon me — never stop caring for me — that I am part of that great ORT family which stretches around the world.

I would like to thank my family, the ORT family, to whom I will never stop being grateful. I hope that this letter will serve as an example to other young people and encourage them, no matter how bad things may seem, to study and to build their lives in our Jewish tradition, with the help of ORT.

With deep appreciation,  
Marcelle Ossadon  
Graduate, Practical Engineering Course,  
ORT Natanya, Israel.

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## JCT LAUNCHES HI-TECH RETRAINING PROGRAM

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Like high-tech industrial areas throughout the civilized world, Jerusalem is faced with a growing shortage of skilled and semi-skilled workers plus a significant population of nominally unemployable residents.

Responding to the problem, the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) has embarked on an adult retraining project not unlike similar programs under way in the United States.

The Amal Building, in the depressed Bucharim section of Jerusalem, will be the setting for JCT's adult vocational retraining centre. The project's target population — Yeshiva graduates, local youth, managers of charitable organizations and local businessmen. These initial groups were

identified by the college's faculty as likely candidates, when properly trained, for employment in the growing number of laboratories, computer facilities and hi-tech manufacturing plants in the area.

The Amal Building will also serve as an off-campus facility to help relieve serious overcrowding at the college's main campus in Givat Mordechai, located in the hills of Jerusalem.

"The project is an ideal one to help our college further its mission of educating people so that they can enter the fields now opening up through advances in hi-tech-nology," announced College President, **Zvi Weinberger**. The college is the only school of engineering in Israel where students

study a curriculum devoted equally to intensive Jewish studies and an academic hi-tech program.

Close to 400 students now attend JCT. The college is accredited by the Council of Higher Education of the State of Israel and offers a Bachelor of Technology and Applied Science degree. Engineering and scientific courses now offered by the college include electro-optics, electronics, applied physics, robotics and computer science. The college also offers special certification programs for high school teachers from Israel and abroad studying the use of computers in education.

## A BOTANICAL TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



*The white-domed Florence Dworky Conservatory at the Jerusalem and University Garden, where 500 species of exotic plants and trees from the world's tropical rain forests are being cultivated. WZPS photo by Richard Nowitz.*

**By Sarah M. Schachter**

Following the discovery in the 1930's by **Professor Daniel Zohary**, then head of the Hebrew University Botany Department, that 1000 different indigenous plant species

grow within a radius of 14 kilometers of Jerusalem's metropolitan centre, the idea of a botanical garden in the country's capital was born.

## THE TASTE OF TEA . . . FROM GALILEE

**By Yehonathan Tommer**

Mitzpe Hararit, Galilee Highlands: Got a stomach disorder or a toothache? Then why not soothe the pain with a cup of melissa or lavender tea. And while we're on the subject of medicinal herbs, if you keep a strict natural diet, try seasoning any one of your meals with Hararit's organically grown oregano, salvia, thyme or sage.

There are some of 30 different local Israeli species grown by **David Doron** at Mitzpe Hararit, a new community village with 19 families high up in Galilee's central highlands, on land cleared by the Jewish National Fund.

Unlike classical Ceylon, Doron's plantation is a mere one acre plot on a rocky hillside overlooking the mesmerisingly scenic Netufa Valley. Yet Hararit's aromatic herbs and spices make delicious competition even for Earl Grey's prestigious brews.

"From a medical or dietetic point of view," stresses Doron, "Israeli-grown herbs enjoy a significantly higher quality of fats than herbs grown in other countries around the world. Organic agriculture is intelligent farming," he adds, commenting that he chose the field because of its cerebral challenge and contribution to a healthier society, as well, of course, for its excellent economic prospects.

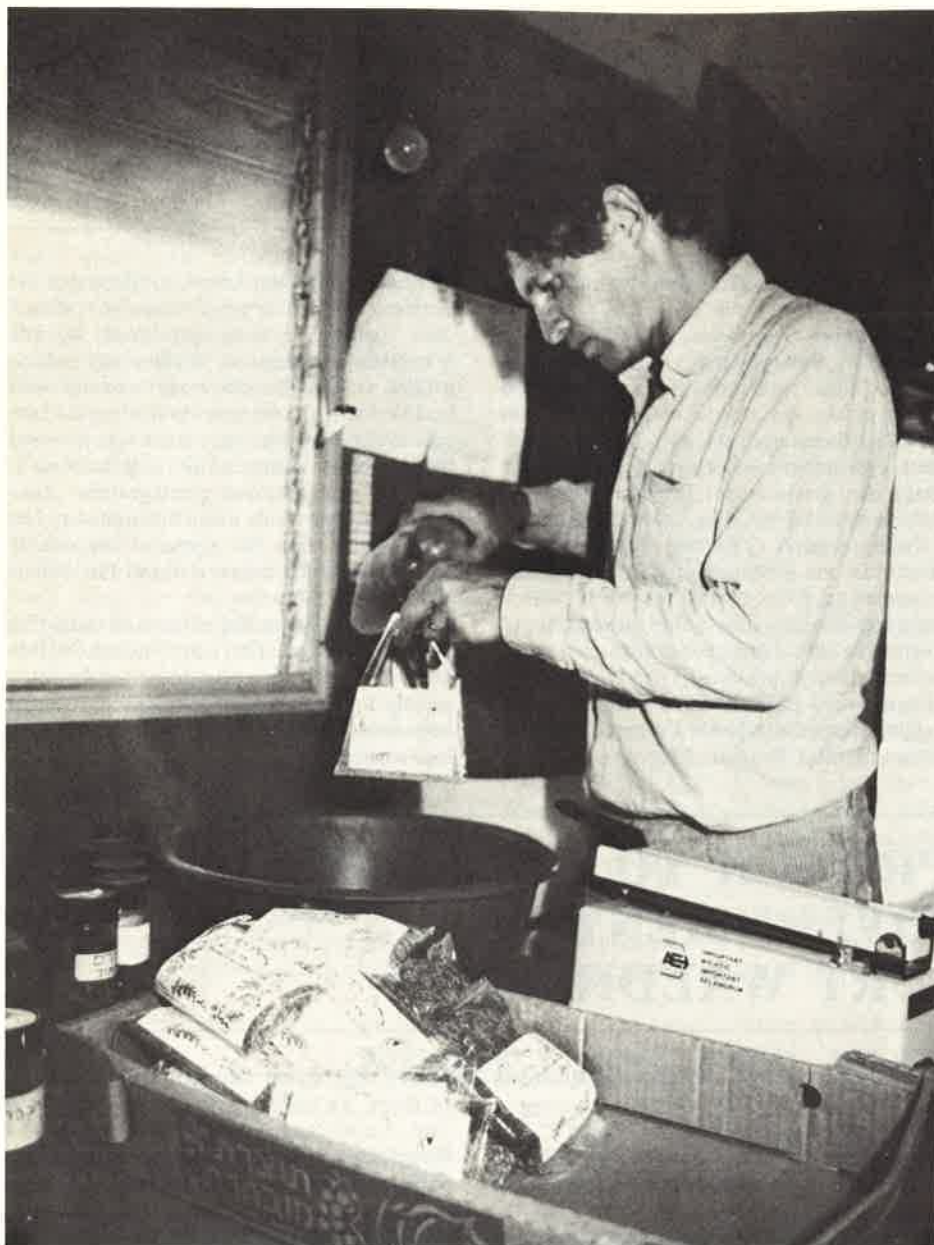
David Doron, a former electro-optical engineer, formerly employed at the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, settled five years ago with his London-born wife, at Hararit. Hararit is Israel's sole transcendental meditation centre in Central Galilee. Having chose this lifestyle, bio-dynamic methods of agriculture neatly fitted in with his search for better, balanced living.

As a native of Mikve Israel, Israel's first agricultural school near Holon, Doron's rural background served him well in his adult transition to farming in Galilee. Immersing himself in his new profession with systematic thoroughness, he started carefully researching local herbal plant life in the Galilee region, its climatic conditions, soil requirements and diseases.

Doron's one acre plot presently yields some 3000 kilograms of dried and processed herbal leaves. Plants are grown outdoors in the open air and are organically fertilized. Being perennials, maximum yields are obtained several years after planting. No pesticides or insecticides are used, and plant diseases are controlled through natural selection, by introducing predatory insects to the infected plots.

The quality of the herbal blend begins with harvesting. This is done manually and the leaves and stems are hand picked from only





*David Doron of Mitzpe Hararit in the Galilee, packaging his organically grown*

*herbal blend. WZPS photo courtesy Keren Kayemet LeIsrael.*

the healthier plant specimens. Nevertheless, Doron is currently developing a technique of

sieving the stalks from the leaves and blossoms which will help to mechanize

traditional tea harvesting.

To keep the herbal blends dry, the leaves and blossoms are dried indoors in conditions of low humidity in large, mesh wire trays at temperatures of between 30 and 40 degrees centigrade, five hours a day for 2 to 3 days. As a result, Hararit's blends retain their outdoor freshness and aroma for approximately one year.

According to Doron, the same herbs that go to make tea and spices can be used for therapeutic purposes as well. He recently, for example, began preparing herbal teas from locally grown red basil, which is said to cure indigestion, vomiting and nausea, and hibiscus blossoms and leaves for alleviating antisomatic disorders. A brew of thyme leaves or hyssop soothes nervous tension, depression and anxiety, whilst mint tea is meant to cure insomnia, dizziness and toothache.

Most of Doron's customers are local visitors at Hararit's transcendental meditation centre, whilst others are tourists who, having heard about Doron's herbal blends, drop in to purchase a few packets of his attractively packaged product. Doron's regular, large customers include Israeli natural health food stores and practitioners of natural medicine.

The Jewish Agency is to help Doron expand and improve his herbal farm by granting him funds to purchase harvesting equipment and construct enlarged drying and packaging facilities. The JNF will prepare additional rocky terrain at Hararit for factory facilities and expanded tracts of land for cultivating the herbs. These improvements will permit Doron to increase his workforce at harvest time, which, at present consists of two young girls from nearby Kibbutz Avtalyon.

Doron's immediate plans are to persuade farming villages and regional councils in the Galilee to organically cultivate extensive tracts of Israeli herbs, and to plant them as decorative shrubs in public gardens and parks, reserving him contracted rights to harvest the yields. Savings in production costs and manpower will enable him to develop improved processing methods and more attractive wholesale packaging distribution, locally and abroad.

## CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE AT HEBREW U.

Recently, three scientists from the People's Republic of China, searching in the computerized catalogue of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Bloomfield Library for a book by a Chinese playwright, were suddenly surprised to hear a librarian offering them assistance in fluent Chinese.

The librarian, Rumanian-born **Aurelia Tambor**, learned Chinese at the University of Beijing 30 years ago and, after coming on

aliyah in 1970, taught it for awhile at the Hebrew University (where some 70 students are currently studying Chinese language and culture).

The Chinese scientists were in Israel for an international conference on biophysics. They visited the Hebrew University's three Jerusalem campuses and, at a luncheon in their honour, were welcomed by the university's president and rector, **Dr. Amnon Pazy**.

At the university's Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, they met Professor **Harold Zvi Schiffman**, the institute's academic chairman. Schiffman is the author of two books on Chinese revolutionary leader **Sun Yat-Sen**, both of which will soon be available in Chinese.

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## JCT SPONSORS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TAILGATING

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Fifty transport safety experts from Israel and around the world, road engineers, Israeli police officials and heads of the Israel Safety Authority, gathered in Jerusalem recently to confer on one of the main causes of traffic accidents in Israel: tailgating. The two day international conference, the first of its kind, was sponsored by the Research Center for Driving Safety and Injury Prevention of the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) at the capitol's Ramada Renaissance.

"One in every four traffic accidents on Israeli roads is caused directly by tailgating," warned Research Center director **Dr. Gerry Ben David**. "A great number of those behind the wheel are driving too close to the car in front and this leads to fatal accidents. Today there is no existing law or

ordinance which delineates the minimum distance between vehicles."

Conference organizer, JCT Professor **Joseph S. Bodenheimer**, expressed satisfaction that representatives of law and traffic safety enforcement authorities who attended the workshop announced that they were now convinced of the need to involve themselves in the issue of tailgating and the enforcement of headway between cars.

Guest experts from the United States, Australia and Switzerland quoted statistics concerning driver reaction time which supports the conclusion that the subject of keeping a safe distance between cars must be made a high priority of driver education in Israel and around the world.

Chief Superintendent of Israel's National Police Traffic Bureau, **Menashe Haddad**,

and his deputy **Dan Liron**, confirmed at the Conference that they are currently testing a new tracking system developed by the Jerusalem College of Technology which utilizes an electro-optic travel monitor with built-in video camera. According to the police, the JCT system is more accurate and flexible than radar monitoring because it provides computerized photographic print-outs of every vehicle using the highway. The print-out records the speed of the vehicle and the distance between it and the vehicle immediately ahead.

"By focusing on the subject of tailgating and the driver reaction time," noted Dr. Ben David, "it will be possible to contribute greatly to the saving of lives and drastically improve Israel's horrendous record of highway accidents."

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## CJC APPROACH TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON KURT WALDHEIM

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**Dorothy Reitman**, President of Canadian Jewish Congress, sent a letter to the Rt. **Hon. Joe Clark**, Secretary of State for External Affairs, as follows:

The findings of the international committee of historians on **Kurt Waldheim** substantiate his moral complicity in crimes against humanity when he was an officer in

the Germany army in World War II, while a West German member of the commission, **Manfred Messerschmidt**, stated "that Waldheim knew his unit committed war crimes" and could be considered "an accomplice".

In view of the terrible crimes committed in World War II by the Nazis and Wald-

heim's subsequent admission that he knew of them, we believe it would be unfitting if our Ambassador to Austria attended functions at which Waldheim was present.

Canada must continue to demonstrate its repugnance of Waldheim and his shameful record during the Nazi period.

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## 130th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN SAINT JOHN

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By **Marcia Koven**

Today we pause and reflect on the 130th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Jewish settlers in Saint John, New Brunswick. The story which unfolds, follows a pattern familiar to many communities in North America. For many years, Jewish itinerants came and went in this area, however, the first Jews to make a permanent impact were of upper middle-class British origin and we find that they were able to integrate into the upper echelon of Saint John society without

difficulty.

When **Solomon Hart** and his wife **Alice** decided to settle with their children in Saint John in 1858, they probably did not realize that one day they would be referred to as the founders of the Saint John Jewish community. Solomon and Alice Hart and their children sailed from England directly to New York City accompanied by numerous relatives. Then, by chance or circumstance, they arrived in Saint John and made it their permanent home.

He established a tobacco business at #6 Charlotte Street, and their home was at #179 Union Street.

Solomon Hart was born in London, England, where his family had lived for several generations. The family name was originally Hertz and they had come from Alsace Lorraine on the French-German border. Alice Davis was his second wife. She also was born in London and came from a well-to-do family. She was educated at an English-Jewish boarding school and



was an excellent Hebrew scholar. Solomon and Alice Hart had twelve children in Saint John (5 having been born in the United States). Of these children, six survived to adulthood. The census of 1871 gives an indication of the Harts wealth and status in noting that they had a domestic residing with them.

There is no way of knowing why they chose Saint John. Perhaps it was because the city at that time was already prospering. It was the third largest urban centre in British North America, and bigger even than Halifax. Saint John had ten daily and weekly newspapers, four banks, a Mayor and Council, a library, thirty-two churches, three hospitals, a jail, a courthouse and several shipyards. It was a thriving port, and was expected to become a city comparable to Boston or Montreal . . . we never quite made it.

The first Jewish wedding in Saint John took place on October 11, 1882, when **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hart** (daughter of Solomon Hart by his first marriage), married her cousin **Louis Green**. It would appear that this marriage was arranged by the two sets of parents, which was not an uncommon possibility, with religion and class consciousness of prime concern to all. The guest list included the "elite" of the city: the Mayor, American Consul, Senators, members of the Legislature, as well as other prominent and distinguished persons. It was interesting to note that because the Rabbi was not licensed to perform a marriage in New Brunswick (having been brought to

Saint John from Boston for the occasion) "the ceremony necessary to give legal effect to the marriage under civil law, was performed privately the night before by the **Reverend Dr. Macrae**."

By 1878, two brothers **Abraham and Israel Isaacs**, arrived from England and Abraham married **Jennie Hart**, also daughter of Solomon Hart by his first marriage, and Israel wed her half sister **Caroline**, and thus they increased the Jewish community.

The early settlers were a religious group and followed the Orthodox customs and observed the dietary laws. They brought kosher meat in from Boston, and all religious contacts were with that city. It was difficult for them to have religious services, but when possible, these services took place in the home of Solomon Hart. Alice Hart taught Sunday School in her home to the children as they came along.

By 1899, the community had grown to include about 30 families, and they established the first synagogue on Carleton Street, Ahavith Achim (Brotherly Love). They now had a Rabbi, synagogue, religious teaching for the children, kosher meat (ritually slaughtered), Chevra Kadisha (burial society), and a Mikvah (ritual bath). Many non-Jewish residents in Saint John contributed generously toward the building of the first synagogue, a fact which reinforces the impression that early Jewish settlers in Saint John faced little religious discrimination. In 1899 Alice Hart established the Daughters of Israel Organi-

zation to aid the poor, needy and to promote Jewish education among her people. She assisted in helping to establish the second wave of Jewish immigrants who arrived at the turn of the century. Alice Hart was actively involved in the non-Jewish community as well, by helping with a city-run Day Nursery.

Solomon Hart lived to see his small family group grow to become a community and he died on January 20, 1901. Alice Hart died in 1919. The Harts are buried in the Green/Hart Cemetery on Westmorland Road. Solomon and Alice left a living legacy, for 130 years later, Saint John still has a fairly strong Jewish presence.

If at times we feel a sense of despair in trying to keep our small community alive, we should take heart in remembering the fortitude and courage shown by Solomon and Alice Hart under what would appear to us as very primitive conditions.

Unfortunately, there are no families by the name of Hart in our community, but descendants through the Isaacs family (**Susan Isaacs Lubin**) and the Green family (**Bess Green, Mal Cohen** and his children, **Nathan Green, Stephen Green** and his children) are still valued members of the Saint John Jewish community.

As we observe the 130th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jewish settlers to Saint John, let us continue to celebrate and give thanks for the lives of Solomon and Alice Hart who chose to settle in Saint John. May their souls rest in peace.

## NOTICE TO PBS VIEWERS

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is airing two Holocaust programs in April. Please check local listings for cable station. (In Halifax, tune in to cable 6).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 4:30 p.m. The Courage to Care.** A documentary that looks at the efforts of non-Jews to rescue Jews during the Holocaust (30 mins.).

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 11:00 p.m. Safe Haven.** This documentary tells the story of America's only refugee shelter for victims of the Holocaust (60 mins.).

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## SAINT JOHN NEWS

By Teri Levine

There have been a lot of happenings in our community during the last couple of months.

On December the 9th, a Chanukah Party was held at the home of Teri Levine. The event was a buffet dinner. The dining room table was laden with a tremendous assortment of delicacies including potato latkes, salads and casseroles.

Twenty-six ladies attended and everyone had a wonderful time. The synagogue gift shop set up a display of all the articles which could be purchased there. Sidi Schaffer arranged everything beautifully and a great deal of merchandise was sold.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Levine Tapestries to the new chapel.

Sara-Lynne Levine presented four of a series of twelve needlepoint tapestries of the Chagal Windows to the congregation on behalf of her grandmother, Anne Levine. Mrs. Levine could not be there that evening and had asked her granddaughter to make

the presentation. The tapestries will hang on the wall in the new chapel. When the project is complete, there will be twelve tapestries in the set. They will be a delightful addition to the chapel.

At the annual meeting of Congregation Shaarei Zedek in December, a new Board of Directors was elected. The members of the new Board are: President — **Lew Freedman**; Vice-President — **Lloyd Goldsmith**; Secretary — **Elizabeth Koven**; Treasurer — **Rebecca Jacobson**; Corresponding Secretary — **Gary Davis**. Directors are: **Jerry Koven**; **Ben Cohen**; **Lou Michelson**; **Bernie Bloom**; **Phil Bloom**; **Milton Bassen**; **Susan Isaacs Lubin**; and **Ellis Levine**.

On January 5th, the Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo had the pleasure of listening to a wonderful guest speaker who was brought in from Toronto for the occasion. **Debbie Cooper** spoke to a small but enthusiastic group about her job with the Large Multinational Corporation which is, of course, Hadassah-Wizo. Ms. Cooper was making a New Brunswick tour

and spent her first night in Saint John. She also spoke in Moncton to a very large group of ladies, and last but by no means least, to the executive of the Lillian Freiman Chapter in Fredericton. We here in New Brunswick consider the tour to be a tremendous success.

On February 9th, there was a reception held in honour of **Marcia Koven** for her work with the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum. The American Association for State and Local History has 6500 members and the Jewish Historical Museum in Saint John was nominated for and won an award for promoting an awareness of the Jewish Heritage in Saint John. The Museum is a centre for the collection and display of Jewish artifacts from the Atlantic Region. It's focus is the Jewish Community's involvement in the cultural, social and economic life of Saint John.

There were only three awards presented in Canada this year and two of them were in Saint John.

The award was presented by the Minister



of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage, Mr. Roland Beaulieu. He praised Marcia's efforts and commended her for a "magnificent achievement" that has an impressive range of record and artifact holdings, current procedures in archival and museological practices and educational and interesting exhibits.

There was a large turnout of people from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

February 13th marked the 130th anniversary of the arrival of Solomon Hart, the Founder of the Saint John Jewish Community. Marcia Koven spoke briefly to commemorate the event.

## U.S. PRO FOOTBALL MAY TOUCH DOWN IN ISRAEL

By Andrew Silow Carroll  
JTA News Bulletin

A team of Israeli sports promoters is scrambling to stage the first-ever National Football League game to be played in Israel.

According to Natan Amir, chairman of the Committee for the Holy Land Football Bowl, the promoters completed "encouraging discussions" with NFL officials in New York in mid-February about an exhibition game to be played in Ramat Gan's 50,000 seat stadium prior to the 1989 season.

Norman Braman, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles and one of four Jewish owners of NFL teams, brought the Holy Land Bowl idea to the attention of NFL officials, Amir said.

League officials who met with the Israeli promoters on February 17, said, however, that other countries have expressed similar interest in staging an NFL game. The various proposals will be presented to club owners at a league meeting in mid-March, according to Joe Rhein, director of administration for the NFL.

"To say that we're close to an agreement (with the Israelis) would be an overstatement," said Rhein.

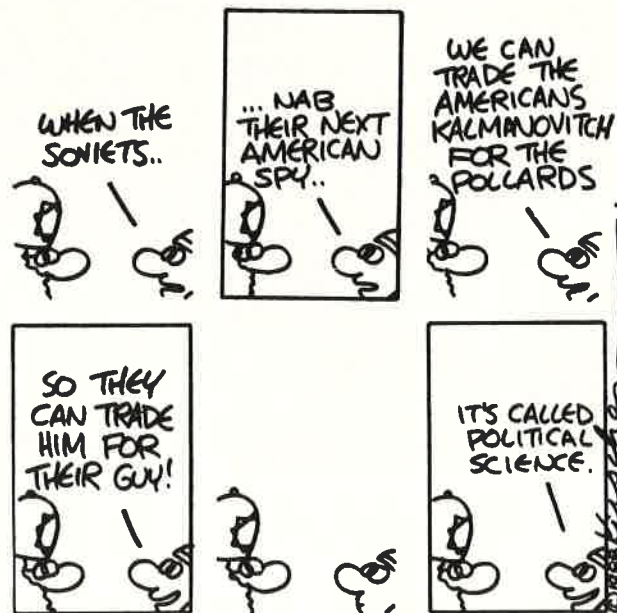
Israel has hosted a number of U.S. National Basketball Association teams, and Amir is convinced that American armed forces personnel from the United States would make the Holy Land Bowl a sell-out.

## B. H. LAG B'OMER PARADE THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1988 18 IYAR 5748

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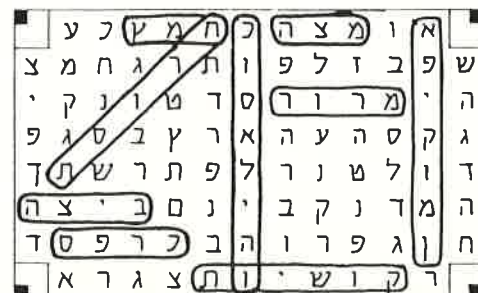
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## MAGEN DAVID ADOM RECEIVES "MITZVAH"



*Physician examining the patient as Paramedic waits ready with the Telemetric Radio in contact Ichilov Hospital in advance of their arrival.*

In line with one of the basic principles of Judaism, the mitzvah or good deed of offering help anonymously, has surfaced in favour of Magen David Adom through a Montreal couple which has purchased a Mobile Intensive Care Unit to be added to the ambulance fleet serving all of Israel.

The couple, requesting that their identity not be disclosed, made contact recently with the national office of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel, to arrange their gift of a MICU or "Hospital on Wheels", as it is known, at a price of \$58,900 (US) for the national emergency first-aid and blood service.

One of the "main" reasons they were making this gesture, the couple said, was to commemorate Israel's 40th anniversary of

independence being observed this year.

The Mobile Intensive Care Units total 31 in addition to MDA's fleet of Standard Ambulances and Bloodmobiles. The MICUs are housed in 15 of the close to 50 first-aid stations.

The MICUs are described as "modern, rapid vehicles, staffed by physicians and paramedics" and are "divided in two categories: one for the treatment of heart attacks and serious trauma; the other, the neonatal MICU, for the transfer of premature high-risk newborns to neonatal intensive care" facilities.

The middle-aged couple, repeatedly insisting on anonymity after their MICU gift was arranged, escaped the Holocaust from their home in Europe, took refuge in

Israel and later moved to Canada, where they have been living in Montreal for many years.

"We just want to repay for the help and good things we have received," they said.

Magen David Adom was founded in 1930 under primitive conditions to serve what was then known as the Yishuv, with one pick-up truck, one first-aid hut, and some 20 volunteers in Tel Aviv.

Today MDA operates around the clock with the help of 4000 volunteers, 1000 medical staff ranging from physicians to drivers and blood technicians, stationed in MDA stations from the Negev to the Golan Heights.



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# HALIFAX CHEVRA KADISHA HONOURS HOWARD POLAR

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By F. D. Medjuck

The annual dinner for the Chevra Kadisha Society of the Baron de Hirsch Congregation was held in the evening of Sunday, February 28, 1988, in honour of its longest serving member, **Mr. Howard Polar**.

Several special and unusual things made this year's annual dinner unique. Dinner Chairman, **Norman Ross**, wanted it to be a memorable evening in which many people would participate and enjoy. The dinner was prepared by **Dr. Annalee Cohen**, President of the Sisterhood, with a large working crew and her own special recipes that made the meal tasty and delicious. In fact, there was a run on the kitchen for second portions and all leftovers were purchased after the meal.

**Cantor Jeno Mittleman** recited the opening blessings (for the washing of hands and eating of bread), **Annalee Cohen** toasted the State of Israel and **Joey Sadofsky** toasted Her Majesty the Queen.

Greetings were offered by **Rabbi Marvin Pritzker** who gave a short history of how the Chevra Kadisha Societies in eastern Europe would compete with one another for Mitzvah of service. **Jack Yablon**, President of the Baron de Hirsch Congregation, briefly expressed his appreciation to the many who helped him in his dual capacity as Chairman of the men's section of the Society. Also, **Mindy Jacobson** as Gabbette of the women's section expressed her appreciation especially to some of the new members of the Society who have been helping her.

The Master of Ceremonies, **Franklyn Medjuck**, welcomed members from the Shaar Shalom Synagogue and paid tribute to **Rabbi Jacob Chinitz** who joined the head table guests. The most senior member of Shaar Shalom Chevra Kadisha, **Morris Goldberg**, was in attendance and **Mrs. Marianne Ferguson** was asked to address the dinner on behalf of Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

Several children from the congregation served as waiters and waitresses and were appropriately attired with tuxedo shirts, black bow ties and cummerbunds. They included **Jody Lipkus**, **Bena Medjuck**, **Amy Block**, **Jamie Cohen**, **David Ross**, **Jonathan Ross**, **Michael Yablon** and **Robert Astroff**. It was a delight to see them and particularly since not a dish was lost nor anything spilled on the guests.

**Dr. Ralph Loebenberg** led in the singing of the Birkat Hamazon.

**Jody Lipkus**, unaccompanied, sang Oif En Pripichik in Yiddish by special request and popular demand. **Jody** has an enchanting voice and beautiful diction. The

room was in total silence as she sang and many people were emotionally touched to hear such a beautiful old song done so well by someone so young.

The honouree, **Mr. Howard Polar**, was presented with a special engraved plaque by **Mr. Robert Wolman**, who spoke of **Mr. Polar's** decades of silent work within the community as a gentle person who is always generous with his time and energies for every and any task throughout the community. Currently as a resident of the Northwood Manor, **Mr. Polar** leads the Friday night Sabbath dinner for other Jewish residents. He still actively serves in the Chevra Kadisha and is a frequent attendant at the daily Minyan. He is a skilled **Bal Teffillah** and gave a sample of an emotional rendering of a few verses from Tehilleim. **Mr. Polar** is well liked by the whole community and was wished continuing strength and vitality for many years to come.

The guest speaker for the evening was **Dr. Shimon Fogel**, introduced by **Paul Lipkus**, first Vice-President and thanked by **Darryl Pink**, second Vice-President, both of the Synagogue. **Dr. Fogel** related several chassid stories, both humorous and dramatic, from eastern Europe.

The dinner closed with the singing of Hatikvah introduced and led by **Rabbi Marc Sevy** of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

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## PASSOVER POEM

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### AN ONLY KID

An only kid! An only kid!  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the cat  
And ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the dog  
And bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the stick  
And beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the fire  
And burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the water  
And quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the ox  
And drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the butcher  
And killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

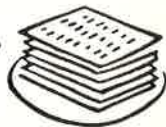
Then came the angel of death  
And slew the butcher  
That killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

Then came the Holy One, blessed be He,  
And destroyed the angel of death  
That slew the butcher  
That killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought for two zuzim had  
gadya.

From the Haggadah

from PASSOVER 1970

PASSOVER TIME



זֶה חֶג הַפֶּסַח

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ג	ק	ס	ה	ע	ה	א	ר	ן	ב	ס	ג
ד	ו	ל	ט	נ	ר	ל	פ	ת	ר	ש	ת
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א. MATZAH \_\_\_\_\_ . 1. BITTER HERB \_\_\_\_\_ . 6

ב. HAMETZ, LEAVEN \_\_\_\_\_ . 2. GREEN VEGETABLE \_\_\_\_\_ . 7

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# CAMP KADIMAH

Lake William, Barss Corner

Lunenburg Co., N.S.

## FRIDAY, JULY 1 TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 1988

VISITING DAY: SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988

GIBORIM	—ages 7-9 yrs.
GOSHRIM	—ages 10-11 yrs.
KOCHOT	—ages 12-13 yrs.
MACHAR	—ages 14-15 yrs.
C.I.T.	—age 16 yrs.

Fees: \$1,575.00 — Camper  
\$1,575.00 — C.I.T.

There is a reduction in camper fees for families with 3 or more campers: first 2 campers — regular fees; 3rd camper — \$1,375.00; 4th or more — \$1,225.00.

Applications received after April 30, 1988 will be subject to a \$50.00 surcharge, for a total fee of \$1,625.00, camper or C.I.T.

I am interested in Camp Kadimah, Summer, 1988.

Please send me complete information and \_\_\_\_\_ application forms.

*Complete and return to Camp Kadimah*

c/o Atlantic Jewish Council  
1515 South Park Street, No. 304  
Lord Nelson Hotel  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2L2  
(902) 422-7491

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of December 31, 1988 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed as of June 30, 1988 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

for how can I endure to see  
the evil that shall come unto  
my people? or how can I en-  
dure to see the destruction of  
my kindred?

כִּי אֵיכָכָה אוֹכֵל  
וְרֹאֵתִי בְרָעָה אֲשֶׁר-  
יִמָּצֵא אֶת-עַמִּי וְאֵיכָכָה  
אוֹכֵל וְרֹאֵתִי בְּאֶבְרֹן  
מִזֵּל דָּתִי:



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