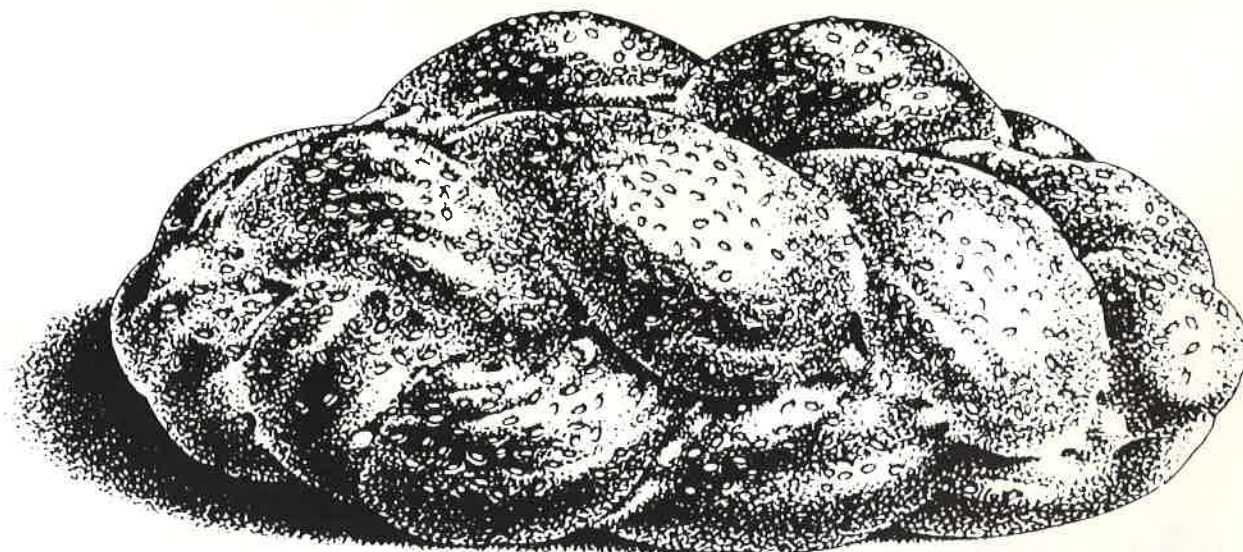


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Message From The President

By Ivan Levine

SHALOM!!

There have been a few significant AJC developments since my last message in the *Shalom*. In a certain context AJC is forced to re-examine itself at an earlier stage than anticipated in my presidential term. This self-analysis was initiated by the early retirement of our Executive Director, Gillian King. She will be missed in certain areas but Gillian saw an opportunity to better her career and did so. We thank her for her input and wish her good luck.

I have been encouraging an intensive and involved group of 20 AJC representatives from our Board, Executive, and UIA leaders to review the objectives and functions of the AJC. These people also represent the majority of our communications. This review process is lengthy and quite often stimulates hot discussions. However, it is very necessary if we are to have some real SOUL SEARCHING to achieve greater heights. We are looking for an effective end result to benefit the entire Atlantic Jewish Community.

I compare it to "giving birth", in that the Mother (AJC) wants to give birth (new Executive Director and AJC direction). The doctors and assistants (AJC President and Executive) have a very tedious and careful task to perform.

Needless to say, it is painful but if the operation is performed well, then the end results are well worth the effort. So hang in there and we welcome all constructive comments.

This now brings me to another matter upon which you all can make difference. Chris MacNeil has sent out notices for your *Shalom* subscription fee of \$25. If everyone pays this then AJC would have approximately \$25,000 to put back into programming, from which you all would be the beneficiary. Please respond!

I would like to leave you with one last thought. I have discovered in the last several years that which has brought me much contentment and I am willing to share it with you. Being Jewish can be taken, in a certain sense, two ways. The first is that one does not really care or is not prepared to do more than feel peer-pressured to associate with being Jewish. The other feeling is that you are privileged being JEWISH. You want to help in whichever manner you can, to support worthwhile Jewish causes, your synagogue, and the State of Israel. The latter feeling I have found has greatly enriched the meaning of life for me.

PEACE and I look forward to hearing from you.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Obviously it is a matter of priorities, and emphasis on vital issues, that will save our small communities from disappearing. While fundraising is important, we simply cannot allow for it to dominate Jewish affairs or to occupy centre stage. Rather cultural pursuits should at all times play a crucial role in Jewish activities, if we are to survive as an identifiable and vibrant community. Was that not the primary goal of the founders of the Atlantic Jewish Council?

Opposing the evil intent and machinations of hatemongers is of the utmost concern to one and all and indeed presents a challenge, as the A.J.C. President points out in his presidential message. But in order to succeed in our task we must undertake to enlighten our brethren and indeed the general public, with our history, our culture and our manifold contributions to society over the years; and what better way to stress the positive than by publication of books and the promotion of our literature, music, dance, song, theatre, chazonus and the like. Lectures on diverse topics are also of vital importance.

Of late Soviet Jews have been the beneficiaries and recipients—and rightfully so—of cultural attention by western Jewish leadership. Canadian and American cantors have travelled far and wide; book fairs have organized Jewish book exhibits for the edification of our people in the Soviet domain. I must admit, I am a bit envious of all the attention showered upon our brethren in Soviet lands... and I want to point out there exists a great need for exactly

such a cultural revival in our own, especially smaller Jewish communities. Jewish cultural awareness in our own backyard can no longer be delayed.

While the Yiddish language and culture are experiencing a revival in Eastern Europe, we tolerate in Canada the closure of the "Kanader Odler" and the continued ban on our thousand year old Yiddish heritage in our Jewish educational system. Prof. Dr. Joseph Kage, C.J.C. Yiddish Committee chairman, in a recent article in the *Canadian Jewish News*, urges the reintroduction of "Mameloshen" and Yiddish culture in Canadian Jewish schools. To this day I keep asking myself what sort of "wisdom" dictated the elimination of our Yiddish heritage from our educational system in the first place? Unless of course it came about as a result of our desire to assimilate. How could we desert our mother tongue so dispassionately and so unwittingly?

Yes, while Jews in Latvia, Lithuania, Byelorussia and the Ukraine as well as in Russia proper, are busily engaged in organizing cultural societies with the aim of promoting Yiddish, as well as Hebrew and related artistic expression, is it not high time that we followed their example in our own land, and in Atlantic Canada in particular? Having achieved this objective, I am certain the general community would think of us in more positive terms, and not a subject of ridicule. Such a course would also serve to dispel the notion that all that Jews are interested in is the accumulation of wealth and little else. In a country where Multiculturalism has such a vital role to play, and in fact is being encouraged and promoted by governmental and private agencies, our own unique

and specific Jewish culture, once properly nurtured, will surely serve to enrich our own lives as well as contribute to the enrichment of the lives of our compatriots in a multicultural society.

This writer, time and again touched upon questions of Jewish cultural promotion with Jewish leaders, only to be met with the retort there is a lack of funds for such matters. Our community is rich enough to undertake and to sustain such an effort! And we are cognizant of the fact that various levels of government are willing and ready to offer meaningful support. A cultural campaign should also include radio and television programming to be effective.

May I also recommend that Jewish representatives keep in close touch with small communities by periodic visits to Jewish homes, and not only the homes of big givers, so to speak... That personal touch should contribute to a better understanding, and may even engender novel ideas in the matter of the revitalization of the community. One idea that might pay dividends: we should look into the possibility of encouraging and welcoming Soviet, South African and Israeli immigrant Jews to settle in our midst, with such influx guaranteeing the survival of our small communities.

Yes, Mr. President "there is a need to bring Nazi war criminals to justice"; "there is a need to work for peace in the Middle East"; "there is a need to help Ethiopian Jews escape tyranny." But we must also, as you suggest, imbue our community with "enthusiasm and Jewish values" to achieve all those desired goals.

Norman Lipschutz
Glace Bay, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your comments and yes, the points you raised are very important. A.J.C. is doing all it can with the volunteers it has. I would be most receptive to any suggestions you might have for volunteers to support our efforts on these noble causes. I might also add that fundraising is a necessity just as important as the ventures you mentioned because without the funds, most causes could not be afforded.

Ivan Levine
President



Farewell to a Colleague - Rabbi Mordechai Sevy Elected Rabbi of Sydney, Australia by Rabbi Jacob Chinitz

The Sephardic synagogue of Sydney Australia, has elected Rabbi Mordechai Sevy of Halifax as its spiritual leader. The Rabbi and his family are planning to leave for Australia after a brief visit to Israel, where his family lives in Jerusalem.

In his three years in Halifax, Rabbi Sevy served as a youth director, and he and his wife, Rochelle, served as teachers in the Hebrew School of the Beth Israel Synagogue. He served as a guide to members of the congregation in attaining skills in Torah reading and Haftorah chanting for the synagogue services. He also established an adult "Early Bird" Sunday morning minyan, and a children's choir, which were active for over eighteen months.

Beyond his work for the congregation, Rabbi Sevy branched out into various community projects. One of these was known as the Tuesday Professional Study Hour. This activity included a luncheon and examination of topics

Dear Editor:

The brutality and horror of the Holocaust has been thoroughly recorded so it will never be forgotten. Yet, there was more to the Holocaust than bitter tragedy. I am here and alive today because of unbelievable acts of human kindness, unexplainable and miraculous turn of events, and examples of courage and cunning which helped me survive.

Certainly, many of your readers have had similar experiences, and I want to make sure that these don't die with the people who lived

of interest to Jewish professionals, such as doctors, lawyers and other laymen. It was held at the Beth Israel Synagogue for a period of over twenty months during the years of 1986 and 1988. In addition to his own lectures, Rabbi Sevy invited guests, one of whom was Dr. Allan Cohen, who spoke on medical transplants. Among those who attended these sessions regularly were Frank Medjuck, Dr. and Mrs. Barrie Ross, Mike Zlatin, Edgar Wolman, Sol David and others.

Rabbi Sevy also visited public schools in Nova Scotia to speak to students on Jewish issues. In May 1987, he travelled to New Glasgow where he was invited to address the student body of Stellarton High School on the subject of the Holocaust. His address there so stimulated the interest of the audience that they sent him many questions through the mails, and he responded with replies to these questions. Some of these questions were: Why Jews do not celebrate Christmas and what happened to Nazis who had been married to Jewish women in Germany? On June 5th, he spoke to the Gatesbrook Junior High School in Gatesbrook, N.S.

One faculty member of the New Glasgow school visited Rabbi Sevy in Halifax for a five-hour seminar on the Holocaust, which included the viewing of several tapes on the subject. He also sent material on the writing of Phylactery and Mezuzah scrolls to the school of the Saint Rose of Lima Parish at Windsor Junction, N.S.

He also lectured to the adult class of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on the art of Jewish calligraphy, including the skills of the preparation of the parchment for Sefer Torah writing, the spacing of the script in the transcribing of the Five Books of Moses and related topics.

Since November of 1988, he has been conducting a class in Talmud on Sunday evenings, for session of two and one half hours, on the tractates Berachot and Bava Meztia of the Babylonian Talmud, which deals with Jewish rituals and lost and found articles respectively. Several members of both the Beth Israel and the Shaar Shalom Synagogues attend these classes and engage in the analysis of the text and tangential subjects in Talmudic techniques.

He has cooperated actively with the office of the Atlantic Jewish Council in addition to his

them. I am preparing a book on "Miracles" of the Holocaust and would like to hear from readers who are willing to share their wonderful and extraordinary stories with their children, grandchildren and future generations.

I will send them particulars and instructions.

Arnold Geier
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duties with the Beth Israel Synagogue. Among his other professional obligations he visited people in the hospital to offer encouragement and support. As part of his activities of the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia, he took his choir to the Queen Elizabeth High School and the Northwood Manor Retirement Home for performances which were very well received by the students and the senior citizens.

During his stay in our city, Rabbi Sevy conducted late night sessions with Jewish students from the local universities which helped them to better understand and appreciate their religious and cultural heritage. He lectured on Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism to college students from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia during a Shabbaton sponsored by the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation held at the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Rabbi Sevy leaves behind him fond memories of an active personable religious leader who infused energy, enthusiasm and humour into the life of the Halifax Jewish Community. His knowledge of Torah and talmud, his rich background of Sephardic and Israeli lore, his experience as a Chaplain in the Defence Forces of Israel, his lovely and talented wife and beautiful children, have afforded our community glimpses of Jewish life at its cultural and human best. Rabbi and Mrs. Sevy have gone beyond the call of official duty in extending themselves to many friends and members of both congregations, who have profited from contact with them. Many local and visiting personalities have found the Sevy home an oasis of Shabbat pleasure and atmosphere. He, on occasion, would take his weekday visitors for a single engine aerial plane tour of Halifax.

We wish Rabbi and Mrs. Sevy, Arik, Miriam Shlomozion ("Sweepie"), Yael Tziona ("Mushkes") and the recently arrived Raphael, the best of life's blessings and God's grace in their new life after they leave Halifax in August of this year. May they be granted success, nachas, and fruitful activity in all their endeavours, and may we have the opportunity of further visits and contact with them in the future. May they and we hear good news from the Jewish world. Amen!



UIA Regional Chairman —Martin Payne

Martin Payne was born and schooled in Montreal. He graduated in 1958 with a Chartered Accountants Degree and set up private practice shortly thereafter. He lectured at McGill University in Accountancy Programmes in his spare time.

In Montreal he was active in the Montreal Junior Board of Trade, Montreal Junior Symphony Orchestra, B'nai Brith, Red Feather and CJA Campaigns.

He moved to Fredericton in 1971, where he was involved in the Cable Television Industry until 1983. He has been active in Fredericton in Executive Positions for the Sgoolia Israel Synagogue; Campaign Chairman—UIA—Fredericton; Atlantic Regional UIA campaign Chairman; National Vice-President—UIA of Canada. In 1989 he was reappointed as Atlantic Regional UIA Campaign Chairman.

Married to **Linda**, Marty has two children **Robin** (Toronto) and **Barbra** (Montreal).

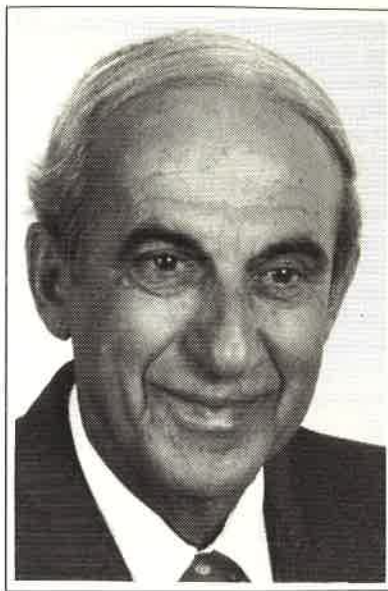
We wish him much success in this challenging role.

Massada Club News by Bessie Rinzler, President

We had a very productive meeting on May 28th at the Beth Israel Synagogue. There were twenty-four members present.

Condolences were given to **Edith Schnelderman** on the death of her sister. Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to **Rose Mosher**, who is in hospital. Congratulations were given to **Bessie Goldfarb**, **Mr. & Mrs. Cieplinski**, **Betty Miller**, **Tina Goldfarb** and **Bessie & Max Rinzler** for all their simches (happy events).

Lawrence Ferguson spoke on the bus trip which he arranged with Nova Tours for the members of Massada. We are to leave from the Shaar Shalom Synagogue at 9 a.m. going to Annapolis Valley. We'll have a coffee break at Windsor, visit Haliburton House, lunch at the Colonial Inn in Wolfville, view the apple blossoms at Hennigar's Farm, and visit Prescott House at Starr's Point. We will travel as far as Berwick and return home to Halifax on the Old Road which is the most scenic route.



Community Profile: —Harry Levine

Harry Levine was born in Fredericton some 70 years ago. He is the grand nephew of the first Jewish person to settle in Fredericton. His grand uncle, one **Louis Levine**, arrived and settled in Fredericton in 1896. Shortly, thereafter, this same Louis Levine paid for and arranged for his young nephew, **Abe Levine**, to leave Russia and travel to Fredericton. Here in Fredericton Abe met and married a young and pretty girl by the name of **Basha Budovitch**. They had four sons, **Louis**, **Harry**, **Jack** and **Weldon**.

Abe Levine was a dynamo of a worker and brilliant and successful businessman. Notwithstanding his success, he and his wife **Basha** lived humble lives dedicated to their children and grandchildren.

Harry Levine's early community involvement was primarily aimed at and limited to the fledgling Fredericton Jewish community.

In 1948-1949 he served as President of the Synagogue and from 1959 to 1964 he again served as President. It was during this latter term that Harry was in charge of the renovations and additions to the Synagogue which resulted in doubling its size. Harry served as President of the Fredericton B'nai Brith Lodge and it was during this term as President and largely through his efforts that the Lodge raised the money and constructed the wading pool in Wilmot Park. B'nai Brith through the years has provided free newspapers to residents of the hospital; free hospital beds to terminally ill patients at home; and a second wading pool off of Beechwood Crescent.

There are numerous other causes related to the Jewish community which Harry and his family have supported both financially and with their time.

Times changes in Fredericton and Harry not only joined the Golf Club, he served two years on the Board of Directors chairing many events which were financially beneficial to the club.

Harry served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and was elected President for the years 1965-1966.

As Treasurer of the Fredericton United Appeal, Harry worked closely with the late **John A.G. Page** to ensure that the much needed goal was always reached.

No one has sold more tickets for more money than Harry in Fredericton. It started with the B'nai Brith \$100.00 a plate dinner and moved on to the Annual Y Benefit Dance where it is reputed that he raised in excess of \$100,000.00. At the same time he has raised in excess of \$75,000.00 for Rotary.

During the Y Thanks A Million Campaign, Harry was recognized as having personally raised the most money for the Y in the non-corporate sector.

A number of years ago, the Y honoured Harry with the YM-YWCA Service Award, which is that organization's highest form of recognition.

Harry joined Rotary about 8 or 9 years ago and was instrumental in implementing a new fund raising project which involved the selling of 500 tickets; naturally Harry sold nearly half of them.

While Harry can be hard as nails in business he can be brought to tears while watching the evening news. It was just such a news report about the needless drug or alcohol related death of a young girl in Fort Lauderdale while on spring break that caused Harry to contact the Fredericton High School and become one of the driving forces behind the establishment of Safe Grad Night. Harry is a Charter Member of Safe Grad Night and this past year he solicited some \$2,000.00 worth of gifts and prizes which are given out to the students during the course of the all-night party which they are bussed to at Magaguadavic Lake.

Probably the greatest compliment paid to Harry was when **Captain Lacey** of the Salvation Army asked him to chair their 1988 drive. Harry did, and as usual when Harry's involved, their goal was not only reached but surpassed.

One must keep in mind that Harry is a man who runs several successful businesses, winters in Florida, golfs all summer and never misses a noon hour at the Y. How does he do it? Commitment and discipline. Total commitment to the causes and the discipline to see the task through.

To be recognized just once during our lifetime for having made an outstanding contribution in any worthy endeavour is more than one can ask for and surely leaves one with the satisfaction that their lives have been most meaningful and certainly not in vain.

Harry Levine was presented with a Distinguished Citizens Award by the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce on February 21, 1989.

Harry is married to **Edith (Kesler)** and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

P.E.I. News

by Jane Naylor

Uri Carnat attended the Shabbaton for Grades 7 to 12 housed at Congregation Tiferes Israel, Moncton, March 10-12. About twenty-five attended. Discussions on a variety of Jewish issues were led by four members of Toronto and Montreal youth and high school organizations, NCFY and Nachon. The Shabbaton was a great success; fortunately it is now planned to be an annual event and more young people from P.E.I. will thus be able to take advantage of such an enriching experience in the future.

During his recent visit to P.E.I. in aid of the model U.N., Professor Noam Chomsky, prominent social critic and linguistic philosopher, presented a breakfast talk on the possibility of a diplomatic resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ann Sherman is to be thanked for making every effort to inform Members of our Community about this event and arranging tickets.

Writer's Personal Note: Professor Chomsky in his usual well-researched way raised many topics of interest and concern. But it is to be hoped that his audiences appreciate the controversial nature of his linguistic "facts" and approach them in the same critical spirit in which they are raised. As one of the more glaring examples, to insist that the Palestinian Arabs already have a state, namely Jordan (even if some are not pleased with its current regime), does not at all imply—contra Chomsky—that Palestinian Arabs elsewhere should be forced to leave their homes and settle there. And no one, certainly not someone as knowledgeable as Chomsky, should describe even the latter measure, no matter how distasteful, as "Nazism" (one can only wish that that had been Nazism).

A Shabbaton for regional University students was held in Halifax March 24-26. Ora Kendall and Miriam Naylor attended the Shabbaton which was held at Beth Israel Synagogue, sponsored by the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation. Ora is now P.E.I. rep to APJSF.

On March 28, 1989 we were honoured by a visit from Oren David, Israel Consul in

Toronto, sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation. He spoke well on his work as Consul, and on a number of other issues in response to questions. Evie Carnat hosted this event.

Congratulations to Laura Edell, whose Bat Mitzvah was celebrated in Ottawa, April 15th. Her thanks is extended to Evie Carnat, who prepared her for this special occasion.

Our Community Seder was held at the East Royalty Hall, April 19th, with 44 in attendance.

Joe Naylor attended the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary in Montreal, May 7-9.

The first conference on the Holocaust to be held in P.E.I. took place May 7th at Trinity United Church in Summerside, sponsored by the Commission on Ecumenism of the Diocese of Charlottetown and the Summerside Christian Council in association with the Jewish Community of P.E.I. Speakers were Sister Kay MacDonald of the order of Our Lady of Sion, Associate Director of the Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal; Herman Newman, a Holocaust survivor living in Halifax; and Rev. James Leland, a United Church Minister in Florenceville, N.B., who has spoken out strongly regarding the Malcolm Ross issue. Over 80 people participated in this excellent workshop, which concluded with a service in remembrance of the Holocaust. The AJC provided a display of panels on the history of antisemitism and the Holocaust.

Congratulations to three Island Jewish authors who have recently had books published: The Late Miriam Goldman: *The Magic Amethyst*, published by Ragwood Press (a novel); J.J. Steinfeld: *Forms of Captivity and Escape*, published by Thistledown Press (a collection of short stories); Joseph Sherman *Shaping the Flame: Imagining Wallenberg*, published by Oberon Press (an extended sequence of 65 poems).

A contingent of about a dozen Israeli Boy Scouts will be visiting the Island in July for the World Jamboree.

Toby Carnat and Donovan Thorkelson will be going to Camp Kadimah this summer, and Uri Carnat will attend Biluim for 6 weeks.

On July 7th, Ivan Levine, President of AJC, will be coming to meet our Community at a Shabbat dinner.

Notes from Moncton

by Joan Sichel

Holocaust and Education was the theme highlighted at the 4th Annual Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service held on May 3, 1989 in Moncton. More than 200 people attended the service in Tiferes Israel's newly refurbished social hall. Guests included Moncton MP George Rideout, Mayor Leopold Belliveau, Attorney-General Jim Lockyer and members of various churches and human rights groups.

Jim Calder, school teacher from Kennebecasis High School with a long history of interest and action in human rights issues gave the keynote speech. Mr. Calder was the first winner of the New Brunswick government award for human rights on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Mr. Calder had been involved in preparation of curriculum for the grade 11 history course, emphasizing Holocaust studies and human rights education. He studied in Belfast, Ireland and taught as a volunteer, teacher training in Botswana, southern Africa. He saw for himself where hatred leads.

Two Moncton high school students, Melanie Perry and Julie Barkhouse who were studying the new expanded Holocaust curriculum, spoke on what they were learning. Their innocence was shattered. They could not conceive of the level of man's inhumanity to man that showed itself over 40 years ago.

Another speaker was Lucille Thibault, school psychologist who studied in Israel among a group survivors. She described how she was excluded from their experience as she had not suffered. She called on the listeners to remember history at that level.

Dorothy Farquhar, member of Amnesty International and CURE, Citizens United for Racial Equality, spoke powerfully for more education to eliminate hatred.

Prayers, responsive readings, a song by St. John's United Church Junior Choir, and the Kaddish sung by Jack Brodie, made the service a fitting memorial to the victims. Sisterhood, Tiferes Israel prepared a lovely lunch, which encouraged many of its visitors to stay and tour the synagogue and talk with each other. It was an afternoon of hope, education and fellowship that will be repeated for many years to come.

Newfoundland News

by Dr. Michael Paul

Purim was a very festive occasion. The Megilla was read in the shul. Many adults and children attended. There was a small party afterwards with refreshments. Most children wore home-made costumes.

Ms. Fran Avni visited the Community and performed on March 18. Her performance was well attended, and was sponsored by the Atlan-

tic Jewish Council and CJC Small Communities.

The Community planned its Yom Hashoah service on April 30. Many people were involved in preparing for this solemn remembrance. Mr. Moshe Kantorowitz, a Survivor, was the key speaker as was Rev. T. Thompson who gave the main address. In the past this event has been well attended especially by the Gentile community.

On May 7 there was an Israeli party in the Synagogue under the auspices of Hadassah-

Wizo. There was Israeli singing and dancing and of course, Israeli food.

Passover was celebrated as in previous years by many families conducting their own seders. Several Jewish people from outlying areas around the Province travelled into St. John's and were warmly welcomed at many of these seders.

The Hebrew School year will be drawing to a close very soon. Most of the children will miss their teacher, Mr. Moti Bashari, the Arev from WUJS.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: Dave & Bea Sherman—45 years; Lou & Gladys Swetsky—41 years; Irving and Sylvia Meyers—37 years; Harry & Sarah Lang—33 years; Dr. Cary & Sydelle Grobe—25 years; Bob & Roz Brown—24 years; Weldon & Joan Levine—23 years; Dr. David & Edie Besner—21 years; Arnold & Judy Budovitch—20 years; David & Anita Adilman—15 years; Seymour & Marilyn Kaufman—15 years; Saul & Molly Brown—11 years.

Mazel Tov: to Larry & Rose Eusler and Tony & Liz Kushnir of Toronto, upon the birth of their grandson, Corey Jonathan, brother for Stephanie Ashley. Proud parents are Sheldon & Marnie Eusler of Toronto . . . to Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro and Murray & Maily Newman of Montreal, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Shawn Elliot, a great-grandson of Goldie Katz of Montreal and Shirley Spiro. Proud parents are Louis & Marilyn Newman of Montreal . . . to Harry & Sheila Chippin upon the engagement of their son, Arthur of Toronto, to Janet Klintbaum, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Klintbaum of Kitchener, Ont.

Speedy recovery to Joe Tobin, Miriam Cohen, Harry Goldman and Bessie Brown.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following high school graduates: Julie, daughter of Al & Rhona Ruben; Sharon, daughter of Prof. Steven & Doris Rauch; Jennifer, daughter of Dr. Colin & Sandra Linton; Hannah, daughter of Prof. Robert & Miriam Leavitt; and Robert son of George & Lucy Chippin, all from Fredericton High School.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following university graduates: Bari, daughter of Weldon & Joan Levine, and Andrea, daughter of Alfred & Leona Brown, from Western University, London, Ont., both with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology; Iaan, BBA, son of Alfred & Leona Brown, from University of New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics; and Neil, BA in Political Science, son of Bob & Roz Brown, receiving a Bachelor of Commerce Degree with honours from Windsor University.

Congratulations to Elana Paige Velensky, who on March 31st, received the degree of Barrister-at-law and was called to the Bar of Ontario. She is practising Criminal Law in Toronto. Elana is the daughter of Bob & Gwen Velensky and sister to Robert. Best wishes for a successful career.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Simone Vigod, daughter of Zena Vigod, upon receiving high honours for Grade 6 Piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

B'nai Brith Lodge #2155 has resumed the Food for Thought series which is a monthly breakfast with speakers for members and non-members. The first breakfast was held in February with guest speaker, Ted Jones, author of

the book *Both Sides of the Wire*, which deals with the World War I internment camp at Ripples, N.B., with Jewish refugees. The publisher of the book, Rick Cummings, was also in attendance. The breakfast, prepared by the members and enjoyed by all present, was held in the Synagogue.

From February 20-24, Forest Hill School celebrated a Multicultural Week. Jason Goldenberg, grade 2, with the help of his mother Rosalie Goldenberg, Carol Airst and Betty Lynn Healy, gave a presentation on Israel and the Jewish faith. The presentation held on February 22nd, added much to the learning over the week. It included maps, books, slides and displays. Samples of traditional food and Matzah were given to all of the students and teachers. Jason read a prayer from the Siddur to the children. Multicultural Week was an overwhelming success.

An enjoyable Purim Concert sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Jewish Congress Small Communities, was held in the Synagogue, with entertainment provided by Fran Avni, singer and songwriter.

The April meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held at the home of Carolyn Budovitch, with the President Carol Airst presiding. Minutes were read by Rhoda Fransblow. Plans were finalized for the Youth Aliyah Brunch, which was convened by Rhona Ruben on April 30. The financial report was given by Carol Airst, in the absence of the treasurer Rose Chippin. Plans were also made for the 60th Anniversary of our Chapter, which was a dinner honouring the Charter Members on May 16th in the Synagogue. Members signed a petition regarding the plight of Soviet Jewry, forwarded to Mikhail Gorbachev. Marilyn Kaufman reported on the National Executive Meeting, which she attended in Ottawa. Meeting adjourned which was hosted by Jennie Chippin and Rosalie Goldenberg.

The 1989 Youth Aliyah Brunch on April 30th at the Sgoelai Israel Synagogue was convened by Rhona Ruben and a committee of members. Guest speaker was Judith Feld Carr, born in Montreal, who experienced life in the



Pictured at the Youth Aliyah are l-r: Teri Levine of Saint John, Judy Feld Carr, Guest Speaker and Rhona Ruben, Chairman of the event.

small community of Sudbury, Ontario before returning to live in Toronto. Mother of six children, married to Donald Carr, Q.C. she has taken an active role in Jewish affairs on local, national and international levels. Having gained her Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Music, she also lectures in the United States and Israel. She was President of the Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto in 1982, which had a membership of 8,000, and Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Congregation. It was a pleasure for our community to have Judith Carr speak to us as Chairperson of the National Task Force for Syrian Jewry and Canadian Jewish Congress. Lois Levine thanked the speaker and presented her with a memento of New Brunswick craft from the Chapter and wished her an early return to our Community. Many thanks to Rhona Ruben and her committee for an enjoyable brunch and a successful appeal.

On March 29th, the Fredericton Jewish community had the pleasure of hosting Oren David, the Israeli Consul stationed in Toronto. As Mr. David's territorial responsibility is west of Toronto, it was a rare and welcome opportunity for us to meet him and for him to visit with communities in Eastern Canada.

The focus of Mr. David's talk was on the peace process in the Middle East. As his visit

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Outside the Fredericton Motor Inn are members of the community protesting David Irving's lecture.

coincided with the tenth anniversary of the Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt, both his topic and his views were very timely. While he shared grave concerns regarding media coverage, public perception and sincerity of spirit from the Palestinian view, he ended on an optimistic note leaving many of us encouraged and hopeful of a peaceful future.

The Fredericton community is grateful to the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation for sponsoring Mr. David's speaking tour, and we thank him for the great effort he made to be with us on what would seem was very short notice.

About 60 members of the Jewish community and several clergymen of different denominations protested outside the Fredericton Motor Inn while David Irving spoke inside. In his books, Mr. Irving has said that Adolf Hitler did not make an organized effort to exterminate Jews. The protesters wore yellow Stars of David with the word 'Juden', like the stars Jews were forced to wear in Nazi Germany. Amongst the protesters was Eta Berk, a survivor. She said, and I quote, "I am living proof the Holocaust did happen. I lost my family, my sister, everything. I just escaped by luck." Eta doesn't understand how Irving can deny what happened. There are several members in our community that are survivors. The protesters carried signs that read 'Free Speech Doesn't Mean Freedom to Hate', 'Never Forget', and 'Hatemongers Threaten Freedom of Speech'. Outside the room where the lecture was held, the group had set up a display of Holocaust photographs. They were taken by the late Fredericton photographer, Joe Stone Sr., during the liberation of the Bergen Belsen concentration camp. The photographs show countless bodies piled in open graves.

Inside the lecture room, Irving spoke to a small audience, including Malcolm Ross, who, in his spare time, writes books denying the Holocaust. Last year, Irving testified on behalf of Toronto publisher, Ernst Zundel, in a trial in which Zundel was eventually convicted of spreading false news about the Holocaust. Evidence during the trial convinced Irving the death camps and gas chambers never existed.

Atlantic Nahon Update

by David Ross, President

This has been a slow term since the last issue of *Shalom Magazine* and Atlantic NAHON is coming to a close for the remainder of the school fiscal year and the summer. Already plans have started for a leadership seminar and/or Shabbaton as well as some other speakers and programs all between the start of school and December 1989.

For now though we wish you a fun and safe summer and lots of luck on exams. See you next year!

The Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo Fredericton, N.B.

by Marilyn Kaufman

In January 1989 in Burlington, Ontario, I attended a National Public Affairs Seminar sponsored by Hadassah-Wizo of Canada. A number of topics were addressed—all in some way connected to the continuing unrest in Israel and the impact of these troubled times upon Diasporan Jewry.

Judith Bloom presented an optimistic report on Soviet Jews. Some charges against Refuseniks have been dropped and the doors are slowly opening. We are encouraged to continue our letter writing efforts to adopt Refusenik families.

We had an interesting session with the media—David Bazay, CBC; Robert Holiday, CKO radio and Patrick Martin, *Globe and Mail*. All agreed that because Israel is the "crossroads" of issues in the Middle East she warrants the amount of media coverage she is getting. An active letter writing session was held involving skills needed to take apart newspaper editorials and competently formulating replies.

Stephen Silberfarb, a representative of AIPAC, gave a brief on U.S.—Israel relations. He emphasized the importance of the Camp David Accords as the cornerstone of peace negotiations so as not to distance the U.S. from these talks.

Paul Michaels gave a brief presentation on Canada-Israel relations. With the recent election of Canada to the U.N. Security Council we must be relentless in our lobbying of our own Members of Parliament on behalf of support for Israel. Canada has adopted a balanced Middle East policy—Israel's right to exist and the PLO's right to self determination. As Canada inches ever closer towards talks with the PLO we must watch closely and be ready to act.

The picture painted on college campuses is grim. Jewish students need the support of the community around them to aid them in counteracting the influx of sophisticated Arab propaganda. It is the grass roots that needs to be reached.

His Excellency Israel Gur-Arlegh gave us a brief update on the Israeli scene. He made the following point "For our own security we need peace, but let us not endanger our sovereignty or security. The international community must realize it took Egypt thirty years, and decades for the PLO to spit out a few words. We need this time of transition as well as the PLO".

Hadassah Ben-Ito was our keynote speaker. Former Israeli representative to the United Nations and presently a judge in Israel she traced the history of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion from their origins in France to Revolutionary Russia to the final court case in Switzerland where they were proved as forgeries in

the eyes of the law. Interestingly enough, the latter event occurred shortly before Kristallnacht. Continuing her speech, Hadassah Ben-Ito traced our moral code of ethics.

In closing this summary I would leave you with Ben-Ito's words, "We are against an unjust killing, any killing. We are against killing a child, any child, even the child of an enemy is a terrible thing. We are stuck between the curse of soul and the reality of Auschwitz. We must stop hanging our heads in shame and hold our heads high with pride for what we are, for what we have, and for what we have the right to fight for."

Fredericton B'nai Brith News

by A. Chippin—President

With my term soon ending, this may be my last article for *Shalom Magazine* as President of the lodge. During my time as president, the lodge has remained quite active and I hope that it will continue to remain active under the new president. I would like to thank all those who assisted me during my presidency. I hope that our next president will receive the same support and assistance that I have during my term.

Recently our lodge held another in its series of brunches. The last one held just before Passover differed from most in that my wife was the main speaker. Rose and I spoke about our trip to the Prime Minister's conference on Jewish solidarity in Jerusalem. We were the only Canadian delegates from east of Montreal. Rose spoke about the conference and the messages that it held for all of us here—as well as our trip in general. She was very well received and showed us her talents as a public speaker. I hope that all of you who attended have since acted on Rose's recommendations.

On April 30 our lodge took part in the annual Holocaust Memorial. This year we had the honour of co-sponsoring the event with five ministers from various local churches. This was one of the most powerful Holocaust memorials held in recent years. It was held at the multi-cultural centre at Ecole St. Anne. Conversation over coffee and tea was held after the memorial in the Mezzanine at the auditorium. Also featured in the mezzanine was a poster display telling the story of the Holocaust in both pictures and words. The display was provided by the league for Human Rights. A special thanks goes to our lodge member Rabbi David Spiro for the time and effort that he contributed in assisting me in the organization of this year's memorial. In fact he did most of the work. We were very fortunate in this year's memorial to have the high quality representation of local clergy that we did and this was all organized by Rabbi Spiro. The memorial was addressed by six local Christian ministers and this was followed by a moment of silence and a brief concluding memorial.

A Statement of Solidarity

by Rev. James Leland,
Florenceville, N.B.

I profoundly regret that prior commitments to Holocaust Memorial Services in other areas of the Atlantic Region have prevented me from being able to attend your Remembrance Service in Moncton. However, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Remember that through your commemoration this afternoon, and through telling the stories of what happened to the Jews of Europe during those terrible and fateful years of 1933-1945, you re-create the Holocaust event. This means, that in a very real sense, you are entering a very profound and sacred moment in the lives as you sit in silence thinking and reflecting—remembering six million Jewish men, women and children who met such a horrible and tragic fate during the Holocaust.

The hope, and perhaps that is the only good thing that could possibly come out of the Holocaust, that such an event will never befall humankind again, is contingent upon memory. We must remember!

The only acceptable memorial to those innocent Jewish victims of the Holocaust is remembrance—telling the story, re-creating the event.

There are those today who would attempt, by every despicable means possible to deny the truth and reality of the Holocaust, and thereby

the unimaginable suffering of six million Persons through the falsification and denial of the historical record. We must ever be on guard that such an act of betrayal to the memory of six million persons is never allowed to go unchallenged or unanswered.

We need to think long and hard on what the world lost during the Holocaust in order to truly understand why we must take every measure possible to see that such hatred is not set loose on the face of the earth ever again.

In the beautiful oral tradition of the Jews, there is a saying, "Whoever saves one soul, saves a world." We lost 6 million worlds in the Holocaust. What music there might have been that we shall never hear; what poetry written to inspire us to noble action or soothe us when we needed comfort, that shall never come to us; what medical knowledge might come to light to save us from disease; what great statesman might have come forth to lead the world away from the folly of war and save us from the ultimate destruction. All this we may have lost. We lost also our conscience and our humanity. We need to seriously reflect on this and what it means.

To the non-Jews here this afternoon, as you open your hearts, minds, and souls to the Holocaust event, and feel it within the very depths of your being; as you hear the voices of over a million little Jewish children crying "mama"—"papa" on the way to the gas chamber; as you hear the heart rendering cries of mothers and

fathers with their outstretched arms aching for their children, then you can no longer morally remain silent, nor indifferent in the face of present day anti-semitism. You can no longer abdicate your responsibility to speak out and still remain decent human beings.

As Christians, you must face the past; you must make an act of sincere repentance; you must tell the story; you must break your silence; and you must find appropriate ways in which to end the flow of hatred in this country of ours.

To the Jews here this afternoon, you too must not remain silent, but take pride in who and what you are—Jews! Make no apologies for that fact. Be true to the Torah, to the traditions of your forefathers and foremothers, to your history and to your God-given destiny.

You too, must fight that which has caused such suffering to your people, and you must continue to tell the story to future generations.

We must, as Christians and Jews, tell the story and remember together.

During this Holocaust Memorial gathering may hope be born in all our hearts. Hope—for an end to hatred. Hope—for a better understanding between the peoples of the world. Hope—for a future free of prejudice and fear. Hope—for a world and humanity at peace with God and with one another.

Ed. Note: Rev. Leland's letter was read to the participants at the Moncton Holocaust Remembrance Service.

The Holocaust Lest We Forget

by Joel Jacobson

A passage from Deuteronomy (4:19) says: "Take heed . . . lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen and . . . teach them to your children, and to your children's children."

The Simon Weisenthal Center, a North American institute dedicated to study of the Holocaust, its contemporary implications and related human rights issues, wants children to know.

Recently, it presented a series of 40 high-quality, full-colour posters to Halifax District School Board as part of a national program in which a set of posters also has been given to schools in major centres across Canada, including Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Calgary, and smaller communities like Moncton, N.B., and Red Deer, Alta.

Why the latter two cities? Because in those communities, people are trying to convince the world the Holocaust never existed, that it was a figment of imagination, that it was just another "Jewish plot."

Well, non-believers should take a look at the pictures on those posters, view a CBC-TV produced film called *Voices of Survival* and talk to Philip Riteman, a metro resident who lived through the German atrocities of 1933 to 1945.

Today, he is still brought to tears when he talks of the degradation, humiliation, torture and suffering through which, and so many others, went before being freed by allied forces in 1945.

Riteman was a 13-year-old Polish lad when the Germans came through Shereshev on the Polish-Russian border, rounded up all the Jews and herded them into cattle cars for the trip to the concentration camps.

He was forced to go days without food and water. He saw the dying and the dead lie at his feet during interminable periods standing at attention in bitterly cold camp yards.

He shared one thin blanket with several others. He called on his faith to pray he would not be designated for the next visit to the gas chamber.

"I lost my mother, father, five brothers and two sisters. I was the only survivor from my family," he said, tears welling in his eyes.

He said he becomes very emotional, that it's very difficult to talk about that period of his life.

He was 20 when he finally arrived in Newfoundland to start a new existence. For the first couple of years, after the Second World War, Canada ignored displaced persons, but New-

foundland, not yet part of Canada in 1948, opened its doors.

Riteman couldn't speak English, but started work selling clothes as a peddler. Through the years, he grew to become a successful carpet, home flooring and household goods salesman, running his own business.

Today, his company thrives. He was lucky. He survived.

Six million Jews, including 1.5 million children, and another 5 million who did not match Adolf Hitler's Nazi expectations of what a human being should be did not.

Today, the Weisenthal Centre, named for the man who is the world's most famous Nazi hunter, wants to keep the Holocaust in the public eye.

Philip Riteman and other survivors also don't want people to forget what happened 50 years ago.

Riteman and others built new lives when people finally showed they cared. "There is a whole generation that does not understand or comprehend what we went through," Riteman said.

The poster collection was offered to schools so that children of Canada will be aware of what happened.

Let's hope thousands will see it, here and across the country, that they will understand and will not let it happen again—to any race, at any time.

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26 Years! The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT by Barbara Alberstat

Yes, it has been 26 years since the beginning of Halifax Women's ORT. It was the foresight of Helen Webber, Barbara Paton, Florie Fineberg, Sally Maser, Vivian Gordon, Rona Garson, Betty Arron, Shirley Arron, Carol Ann Silverman, Helen Offman, Fanny Paton, Beryl Rutenberg, Debbie Mosher, Margo Avramovitch, Betty Levick, Deborah Conter, Shanna Jacobson, Sharon Harris, Sadie Fineberg, Becky Arron, Sue Rappaport, Helene Rosen, Janice Ruth and Shirley Sherman to bring to Halifax an organization whose credo is to help people by bringing them the skills of their hands to lead a productive life. We again salute these ladies and many more throughout the 26 years who have heeded the call to help their fellow Jewish men and women out of the bonds of poverty and unemployment.

For over 109 years ORT has been dedicated to fulfilling the skills-training needs of stu-

dents throughout the world. ORT's global network of 800 schools and an enrollment of close to 200,000 students in 27 countries represents the largest organization for educational research and technological training.

ORT works at promoting integration into the societal whole with the flexibility to change and adjust to the individual's level of achievement as well as fulfilling an important role in combating unemployment. ORT provides the technological expertise required for meeting the needs of the 21st century.

Women's Canadian ORT has chapters in cities from Halifax to Victoria, B.C. Over 500 members of Women's Canadian ORT work actively to support the major and far-reaching efforts of ORT in Israel and around the world. Women's Canadian ORT is developing new programs to demonstrate its concern and support for quality career education. Quality education must be upgraded so that these children will have productive and rewarding careers.

ORT in Israel is the pillar of vocational and technical skills training. More than a quarter-of-a-million Israelis, one quarter of the nation's workforce, is ORT-trained.

Halifax Women's ORT helps support the ORT schools in Israel by fundraising. This year our members worked very diligently on a Flea Market, Flowers for Rosh Hashana, a

Stress Management Seminar, and the Mother's Day Snack n Fruit Baskets. Halifax Women's ORT collects the cashier tapes from Sobeys' and the IGA stores. We are only a phone call for ORT scholarship cards to be sent on any occasion (call Barbara, 422-5526). Our thanks to all of the members who understand the necessary ongoing work of ORT.

May was ORT MONTH across Canada, and Halifax Women's ORT has been saluted from the pulpits of both synagogues by Rabbi Chinitz and Rabbi Pritzker in their Shabbat address. The Mayors of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford have visibly saluted our worldwide ORT schools by proclaiming May as ORT month.

Plans are underway for the sale of Flowers for Rosh Hashana again this coming September, and so another year rolls around for busy ladies of Halifax Women's ORT.

A big "thanks" to Mindy Jacobson, who took over Presidency last year, and continues to devote much time and energies to this organization. Also to all the members of ORT who always give of their time and efforts to all the projects.

The Closing evening will take place as a supper at Vicki Lipkus. We wish all of our members and friends a sunny and happy summer. SEE YOU IN THE FALL.

The Medjuck Collection of Jewish Studies by Linda Schroeder

The recent donation of the Medjuck Collection of Jewish Studies to the Killam Library, Dalhousie University, will be of great interest to members of the Jewish and academic communities in the Maritimes. This donation of well over three hundred books has been made in 1988-89 by Ralph, Harold and Franklyn Medjuck in memory of their parents, Blanche and Irving Medjuck. The Collection includes literature, poetry, drama, history, philosophy, politics, art, Holocaust studies, sociology, classical works and commentary, psychology, medicine, law, responsa (debates and commentary), archeology, Israeli affairs, and learned periodicals of Jewish thought and identity.

The scope and depth of this Collection can perhaps be best understood by mentioning a few of its books. Those people interested in Holocaust studies, for example, can refer to historical sources pertaining to events in individual European countries, such as *The Jews of Paris and the Final Solution* by Jacques Adler, or *In the Shadow of Auschwitz* by David Engel. Several personal diaries also would be of interest: *Winter in the Morning: A Young Child's Life in the Warsaw Ghetto* and *Beyond* by Janina Bauman, a survivor,

and Dairy of Eva Heyman, Child of the Holocaust, a victim. Also found are many historical studies and reference books, including *The Jew in the Medieval World: A Source Book: 315-1791* by Jacob R. Marcus, and *Jewish Policies and Right Wing Politics in Imperial Russia* by Hans Rogger. Separate copies of several of these books may also be found in the Law Library such as: *The Affair: The Case of Alfred Dreyfus* by Jean-Denis Bredin, and *A Trust Betrayed: The Keegstra*

Affair by David Bercuson and Douglas Wertheimer, which describes the denial of the Holocaust in a Western Canadian classroom and courtroom.

Many of these books have been published recently, and are excellent examples of contemporary Jewish scholarship. Some are basic additions to the already substantial holdings of books of Jewish content in the Killam Library. A list of this excellent Collection may be obtained by contacting Frank Medjuck.



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Fran Avni Tours the Atlantic Region!

Montreal born and based **Fran Avni** is a gifted musical veteran who has successfully blended her performing, writing, producing and composing talents to build a celebrated career on two continents.

Atlantic Canada was privileged to have Fran Avni perform five concerts during the week of Purim, where she launched her new recording "Artichokes and Brussel Sprouts", as well as playing selections from her previous albums—"Latkes and Hamenashen" and "The Seventh Day". Her tour began in St. John's, Nfld., and continued in Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John.

While in Halifax, Fran entertained the children, parents and staff the the Izaak Walton Killam Children's Hospital. **Pat Blaikle** of the Child Life Department, in a letter to Fran Avni, writes: "... The children had a wonderful time. This was obvious by the giggles and their willingness to participate in your songs. I was especially touched by your warmth and personable rapport with the audience. The children were relaxed and I'm sure their parents found the experience very therapeutic. . . "

And, from **Rabbi Michael Wolff** in Moncton: "... The younger children, especially, enjoyed your songs, some of which are familiar to them from Pre-School. The older children enjoyed the chance to see the adults participating in the concert. Most of the performers who visit Moncton play the same, tired, old Jewish melodies. Your songs were a refreshing change of pace . . . "

Saint John Jewish Historical Museum

by **Marcia Koven, Curator**

Acquisitions to the Museum this year are: Stern Family Tree from **Lila Mogelon**; cigar box with autographs from the stag of **Ben Perchanok**; 1940s; Jacobson Family Tree from **Raymond Whitzman**; Sisterhood cookbook, from 1947, from Ben Perchanok; Halifax cookbook, 1948, from Ben Perchanok; picture of Hoffman Bros. Tailors, Main Street, early 1920s, from **Sandy Hoffman**; photos of **Joe, Michael and David Brager** and their late mother, from David Brager; poster from Grand Department Store, Main Street, circa 1940s, from **Joe Koven**.

We had an open meeting in the Meeting Room of the Regional Library at which time we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, **Ms. Colleen Day**, Artifact Conservator, New Brunswick Museum, who spoke on her trip to Russia.

We supplied the program for the Shomer Club (our seniors) at a breakfast meeting. The program was a taped interview that had been



At the IWK Children's Hospital, parents and children helped Fran Avni act out songs from "Artichokes and Brussel Sprouts".



Audience participation is an integral part of Fran Avni's performances.



Children from Chestnut Pre-School were invited to join children from the Jewish Community for a concert at the Beth Israel Synagogue.



done with the late **Judge B.R. Guss**, on which he described his arrival in Saint John as a child from Europe, where they lived, going to school and Hebrew School, who his friends were and generally what the community was like in the early years.

What's on Display this Season: Hall Gallery—Pictures of "old" Community families; Downstairs Foyer—Traditional Seder table; Mikvah; Gallery One—Youth Groups, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Y.M.H.A., Young Judaea, Junior Hadassah, etc.; Gallery Two—Synagogue and Religion with new religious artifacts this year; Upstairs Gallery—Beginning June 18th, an Art Show and Sale by the distinguished artist **Herzl Hashetsky**. This show will remain up until we close on Labour Day.

We will also show our classroom and chapel with the magnificent tapestries of the Chagall

windows done by **Anne Levine** and the Menorah that formerly was on display at the International Synagogue, Chaim Yosef of Calais, ME. (This synagogue is no longer in existence.)

We received a grant from the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage to improve our storage facilities. This should make things easier for us.

Our two publications are ready to be purchased. This is really an exciting time and we look forward to sharing them with you. 1. **Weaving the Past into the Present**—A glimpse into the 130-year history of the Saint John Jewish Community by **Marcia Koven**; 2. **From Our Grandmother's Kitchen**—a cookbook made up of recipes mostly used by members of our community who are no longer with us and a few recipes from our present members.

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Let's not forget that we are still looking for old Ketubas, Marriage Licenses, Citizenship papers, old photos, minutes of meetings, program, diaries, family records. No old prayer books, please, but all/anything that pertains to our community. We send everything to the Provincial Archives in Fredericton to be put on microfilm so that nothing is lost.

The Historical Museum is open May to September, Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 4 pm—in July and August, Sundays 1 pm to 4 pm.

This year we expect to have a new staff in the Museum but to start the season we welcome back **Katherine Biggs** who was with us the first year we opened. Katherine is a graduate student in history at U.N.B., Fredericton and is writing her thesis. We are indeed lucky to have her.

We thank the Atlantic Jewish Council for extending our grant of one thousand dollars a year for three years. Every dollar is very important because we operate on a very limited budget. Everyone who works in and for the Museum is a volunteer (except for the students who are paid under a government grant, Challenge '89) and all monies contributed either as membership or donations are used to operate and improve the Museum facilities.

Because we are recognized in the Museum community around the country we would like to bring our facilities up to standard. In doing this we need a computer, audio visual equipment and a television. We hope that you will be as generous with your donations this year as you have been in the past. We will have categories going this year as well as our general membership. Do not forget that all donations are tax deductible.

Hadassah-Wizo Atlantic Regional Conference

by Ivan Levine, President of AJC

On behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council, I was very fortunate to attend and bring greetings to the Atlantic Regional Hadassah-Wizo Conference in Saint John on the week-end of May 15th. I found the calibre of speakers, the comradery of Maritimers, and the hospitality of Saint John people made the Conference a very meaningful and enjoyable time. It was very evident that the Saint John Jewish community has lots of spirit and quality of life as Jews. The culture displayed by their Jewish Historical Museum, Children's Hebrew School, Shabbat Services and of course the delicious and outstanding Jewish cooking can lead one only to say that Saint John may be smaller in population but not in motivation or dedication to being Jewish or supporting Jewish causes.

Thank you for your hospitality. It was most invigorating for those who did attend such a meaningful and enjoyable Conference.

Atlantic Jewish Council Participation at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary, May 1989

by Ivan Levine, President of AJC

I was told by delegates of the previous Plenaries, that it was something not to be missed! Since I had not attended before, I rationalized that it must be some sort of fanaticism involved to be avoided and/or I do not have time for this. I can honestly confess that if you have never been to a Plenary before, you have missed a most exhilarating and deep experience of being a Jew. There are always pluses and minuses to everything but by far the quality of the experience far outweighs any downsides. It must be noted that Atlantic Canada had a representation of 28 delegates which was the third largest contingency out of the approximately 800 delegates, following after Toronto and Montreal. We outnumbered Ottawa, Winnipeg and many other larger centers. We can also be proud that we had two delegates running for three of the National contested positions. **Irwin Lampert** became Honorary Legal Council winning over a Winnipeg candidate, while **David Attis**, even though he put forth a very strong campaign, fell by only 37 votes to a Toronto candidate. It is very difficult to outvote either a Toronto or Montreal candidate as they have over two hundred delegates each. David is very important to the Atlantic Jewish Council and hopefully he will continue on in the future as he has in the past. Good try David and don't give up, as your efforts and input are very significant to the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Atlantic Region in general.

The calibre of the many speakers, the direct contact with federal M.P.'s, the direct contact with the World Jewish Congress, the 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. midnight sessions, made the Plenary a special jammed-packed experience. **Lee Cohen** also deserves special mention as he had one of the most difficult tasks at the Plenary when he chaired the National Resolutions Committee. These Resolutions will have a great impact on Congress over the next 3 years. One of the Resolutions which would have had a great negative impact on Atlantic Canada and was fortunately voted down was to reduce our representation to the National Officers of Canadian Jewish Congress from 4 people to 1. The balance of the Small Communities throughout Canada would have been reduced in representation as well to a lesser extent than us while the major city federations would increase their numbers. Hopefully this will not come to fruition or else CJC will start to lose its voice as a coast to coast Canadian organization, by becoming a central Canadian dominated body. If you have not experienced a Plenary before, "Try it, you'll love it!"

Network Atlantic Region by Amir Nevo, Regional Chairman

As Atlantic Region Chairman of the North American Jewish Students' Network, I was invited as a delegate to attend the Canadian Jewish Congress 22nd Plenary Assembly. This tri-yearly event was held in Montreal this year at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on the weekend of May 7-9. Firstly, I must say I was impressed with the time and preparation that went into this grand event. I must admit, it was my first experience at such an event, and certainly one to remember!

Although Network was not very well received at first, we managed to make quite an impact on the attending delegates. Throughout the assembly, candidates were running for different positions for the executive of the CJC, and votes were cast by the delegates. The two main running mates for Chairman (CJC) were **David Attis** (Atlantic Region), who was definitely a great candidate, and **Moshe Ronen** (Central Region), another great candidate. Although David Attis has done great things for our Atlantic community, and has greatly supported Camp Kadimah, it was decided that, for the students' needs, Moshe Ronen was a better candidate, and thus our votes went to him.

A big topic on the agenda was the voting of proposed regulations. Network was pleased that student-pertinent resolutions were successfully amended to our liking, and passed with almost full support of other delegates.

Perhaps the climax of my weekend was when **Edgar Bronfman**, President of the World Jewish Congress, met with the executives of Network. During our meeting with Mr. Bronfman, we discussed matters concerning Jewish Students around the world. We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Bronfman accepted our invitation to attend the upcoming Network convention in December in Ottawa.

Finally, I would like to conclude by saying that I feel that the Canadian Jewish Congress 22nd Plenary Assembly, in my eyes, was a great success, and on behalf of Network, I would like to thank all of those who supported us.



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CIC Appointment

Sidney Spivak, National Chairman, and Bob Willmot, National Executive Director, are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Channah J. Mestel as the Canada-Israel Committee's Director of Community Relations. In this capacity, she will serve as Director of the newly created CIC Ontario Region Steering Committee and will also be responsible for mobilizing the Jewish community across Canada (except Quebec).

Ms. Mestel is a native of Montreal and attended Jewish schools through the completion of high school. Shortly after the Yom Kippur War, Ms. Mestel left for Israel on a kibbutz and eventually Hebrew University's Mechina program. After returning to Canada, she attended art school and later entered Vassar College as an art history major. Ms. Mestel has a graduate school background in arts and non-profit administration with degrees from Concordia University and Columbia University.

After publication of her thesis which dealt with the impact of tax law on earned income activity in Canadian museums, Ms. Mestel relocated to Winnipeg to found the fundraising program at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. After leaving the museum, Ms. Mestel joined Congregation Shaarey Zedek as its Executive Director.

While in Winnipeg, Ms. Mestel also served on numerous boards in a lay capacity. She sat on the Executive of both Women and the Arts (Manitoba) and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (Western Division).

Ms. Mestel moved to Toronto in the spring of 1988 to fill the position of Executive Director of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. However, shortly after beginning, she was involved in a serious car accident and was forced to leave the synagogue. After a brief recovery period, she joined the CIC.



22nd Plenary Assembly by Mike Cohen

Toronto lawyer **Les Scheininger** is the new national president of Canadian Jewish Congress. He began his three-year term at the conclusion of the recent 22nd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, which took place May 7 to 9 at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Mr. Scheininger succeeds **Dorothy Reitman** as the 12th person to hold this office in CJC's 70 year history as the national representative organization of the Jewish community of Canada.

Mr. Scheininger, a partner in the firm Bresver, Grossman, Scheininger and Davis, has been involved in the Jewish community for more than 15 years. CJC's honorary legal counsel for the past three years, he is president of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress, a member of the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto, a member of the board of directors of Ulpanot Orot and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. From 1983 to 1986 he served as chairman of CJC's Ontario Region.

A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Mr. Scheininger was admitted to the Bar for the Province of Ontario on March 23, 1973. That same year he attended a leadership development program offered by Toronto Jewish Congress, after which time he began serving on a committee of the Jewish Family and Child Service and later as the agency's president and board member.

The Canadian Jewish Congress Holocaust Documentation Project, a riveting 55-minute video documentary entitled **Voices of Survival**, has been aired on TV Ontario and several CBC affiliates including the Maritimes April 16. Narrated by former Canadian ambas-

sador to the United Nations **Stephen Lewis** it was produced by **Alan Handel**.

Several years ago, CJC decided that the stories of Canadian Holocaust survivors should not be lost with the passage of time. With the financial assistance of the Canadian government (Multiculturalism Canada), the Holocaust Documentation Project began. Sixty-six Canadians, survivors of Hitler's death machine, agreed to do something most had not been able to do for forty years. With a camera rolling, they each confronted and recalled their past with such honesty, so vividly and with so much pain that they have now left a remarkable oral history of the Holocaust.

Holocaust, an ancient Greek word meaning "burnt offering", took on a new connotation during Hitler's reign—the attempted mass destruction of the Jewish people. Six million Jews were murdered, one and one-half million of whom were children. Exhaustive archival research found both moving pictures and stills which relate to and illustrate the stories of the survivors.

Three years after World War II, Canada finally and reluctantly opened its doors to several thousand survivors. The testimony of seven of these people, combined with rare archival film and stills, forms the basis of **Voices of Survival**. They have rebuilt their lives in Canada but cannot leave their past behind. They want the world to know why.

Philip Riteman is from Poland and now calls Halifax home; **Murray Kenig** is from Hungary and lives in Richmond, B.C., running a small cosmetics business; Czechoslovakia native **Vera Slymowics**, **Vera Eden** and **Kenny Ertl** reside in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto respectively; **Paul Kagan** of Edmonton grew up in Vilna at a time when there were six daily Yiddish-language newspapers; and **Faye Schulman** of Toronto lived in a small Russian town on the Polish border. She joined Russian partisans resisting German occupation.

The stories told by the survivors touch on the following areas: Jewish life before the war; the methodology of the destruction of Jewish life; the stripping of human dignity; families and children; the trains; civilian awareness of the camps; the death machines; survival; liberation; and the impact of the Holocaust of these people's lives today. A first copy of the video was shown at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel, in October 1988 during the CJC leadership mission.

The committee which oversaw the implementation of the project was chaired by noted Canadian historian **Professor Irving Abella**, author of the bestseller **None Is Too Many** and professionally coordinated by CJC National Executive Director **Jack Silverstone**.

An educational guide is being prepared to go along with the video, which will be used in schools.

Congratulations to

**Jonathan
Meretsky**

who was presented with
The Jewish Studies prize
in May 1989
at Colgate University
in Hamilton, N.Y.

Fond Memories of Camp Kadimah

by Sheldon Cohen, Camp Director

It was the summer of 1955 and the drive from Glace Bay to Sydney was never so scary. We made the trip so often, but today was different. At the age of ten my parents felt it was time for me to go to Kadimah. We boarded the night train to Halifax and met up with other kids from Cape Breton. Mrs. Kenner was our chaperon and assured our parents we'd be safe. What a time we had that night! The porter threatened to put some of us off at Grand Narrows—as we fooled around, laughed and giggled all night long. We were so excited and nervous about what to expect from the camp we heard so much about.

We were met by some parents and staff and brought to the awaiting buses. All the campers (mainly Maritimers) were assigned buses and aside from hugging and kissing, crying and chaos—all was in order. After fighting to get a seat by the window, we set off on our journey. Singing and shouting and stories of past summers kept us occupied, as we dipped into our supply of chips and bars mom packed for the six week period.

When the buses rolled into the main gate, counsellors were on hand to greet us. We carried our overnight bags with us. Our trunks had arrived a day before. Someone showed us to the backstop and once we heard our names read we were led to our cabin by our counsellors. Once we arrived, there was a fight to claim a bed, or an orange crate which doubled as a night table. We were introduced to our bunk mates and began to unpack. What took mother weeks of careful packing was emptied in minutes. We were shown how to make our beds, fold our clothes and use our space properly. A work wheel showed us our respective jobs for cabin cleanup. Our counsellors took us on a tour of the grounds and explained all the rules and regulations. We stopped off at the pump house for an ice cold cup of water. And so began our first days at Camp Kadimah.

It's been thirty-four years since that day and all the excitement and fun times continue. Yes, we now have Machar and C.I.T.'s and no longer a girls' side and a boys' side. Duffle bags have replaced trunks, a water fountain has replaced the pump house and many campers from Quebec, Ontario and the United States have joined our family. The work and friendships still remain unchanged. Kadimah is a special Camp, which has gained in popularity and emerged as one of the finest camps anywhere.

Over the past years, we attract close to seventy-five campers per season from out of the Maritimes. The word

has spread and as the song goes—"our camp will be bigger and better . . ." Our staff is a mixture of graduates from Biluim, and our C.I.T. programs, as well as newcomers from around the country, the U.S. and Israel.

This will be our 45th anniversary and every effort is being made to continue to provide the best programs and warmest environment for our children. Parents and visitors new to Kadimah have praise for our clean, well-run camp, our mature, friendly staff and our exciting, well-balanced program.

There have been many programs and events over the past several summers that helped shape a wonderful testament to Camp Kadimah. As a camper, I always enjoyed the Friday night Onegs and special inspection with thematic decorations, a song or dance presentation and of course the Shabbot dinner. We still adhere to this practice today.

During Soviet Jewry Day, the entire camp sat outside the office and listened in on a phone call between a Refusenik in Russia and one of our staff members and one of our campers. Over 270 campers and staff sat motionless during this very emotional call.

The many Maccabia banners which decorate our dining hall recall the great spirit and sportsmanship displayed in years gone by.

The socials, hayrides, special days, hikes, Israel Day, night games, Holocaust Memorial, and evening programs still live with us. The bonfires, banquets, Itons, ball games with B'nai Brith, raids, radio shows—they will never be forgotten.

I attended Kadimah as a camper for five summers. They were the best years of my childhood. This will be my ninth summer as director. These are the best years of my adult life. It is such a pleasure watching the progress and development of the campers. It is so gratifying to see campers turning into fine leaders for the future. When visiting the homes of the many prospective new campers, it is so wonderful to hear the fine comments about our camp.

We have been very fortunate to have had an excellent staff over the past years. These are caring, young leaders who are crucial to a successful camp. Many have gone on to professional careers in medicine, law or business. They return to visit during the summer or on Visitor's Days. They help spread the word on Kadimah.

The Camp Committee over the years has always been devoted in their many hours of work throughout the entire year. Your efforts have paid off, as I am sure you are all aware.

As the '89 season approaches we look forward to another summer of fun, excitement and friendships. Another staff awaits training and another bus load of campers is making its way to Barss Corner, New Germany, and the friendly confines of Camp Kadimah.

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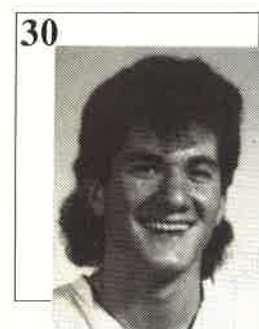
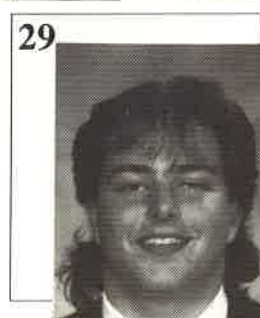
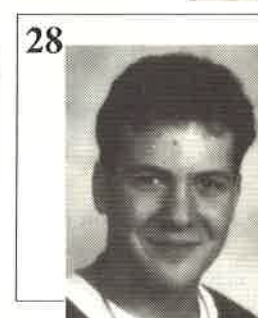
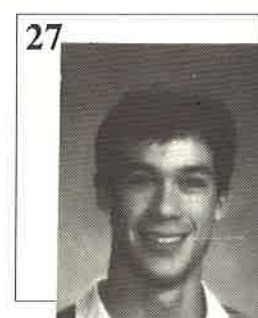
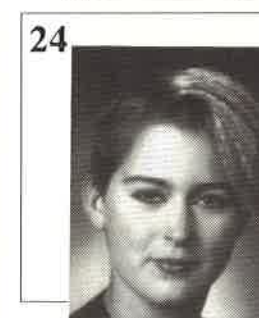
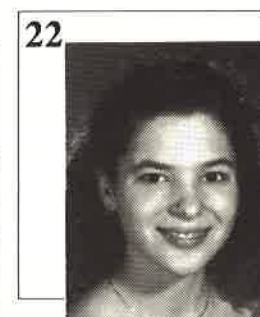
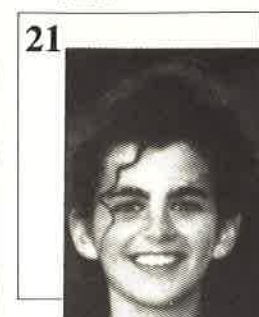
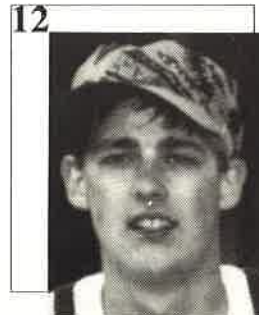
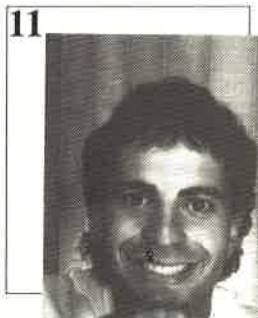
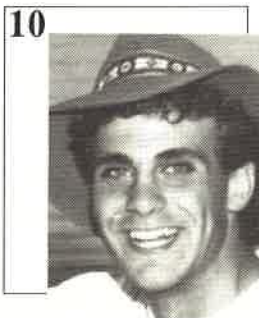
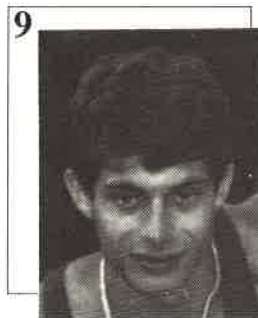
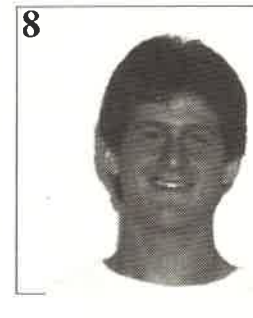
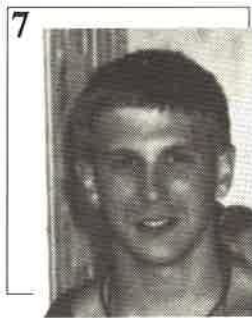
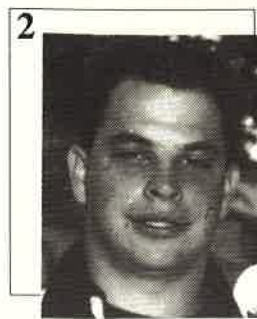
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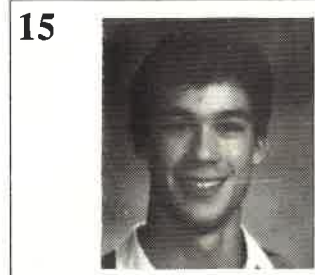
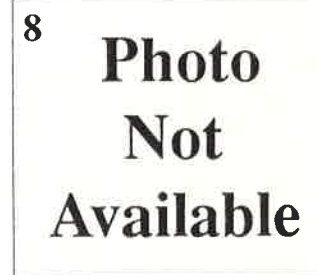
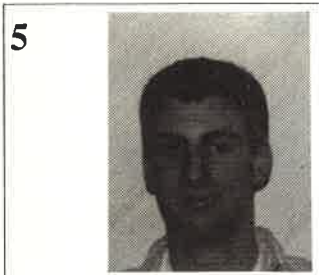
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1988 Camp Kadimah Awards

Every year at Camp Kadimah, several campers and staff excell in areas of sports, and conduct.

The following are the 1988 winners of these awards:



GIBORIM SECTION — OUTSTANDING CAMPER
—ERIKA YAZER,¹ HALIFAX, N.S.

GOSHRIM SECTION — OUTSTANDING CAMPER
—SHAUN KEYES,² HALIFAX, N.S.

KOCHOT SECTION — OUTSTANDING CAMPER
—JOANNA RIEBER,³ BREADALBANE, P.E.I.

MACHAR COMMUNITY AWARD
—AMY BLOCK,⁴ HALIFAX, N.S.

JACK NEWMAN AWARD — OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP,
C.I.T. PROGRAM
— JONATHAN ROSS,⁵ HALIFAX, N.S. AND
— ALISON BABOUSHKIN,⁶ WESTMOUNT, QUE.

TEMA CONTER SPIRIT AWARD
— LONI SHERKIN,⁷ THORNHILL, ONT.

PETER STONE MEMORIAL AWARD
— DRUE BURNSTEIN,⁸ WATERLOO, ONT.

IAN CHERNIN AWARD IN SCOUTING
— JOEY YAZER,⁹ HALIFAX, N.S.

DENNIS WOLFSON TROPHY
— PENNY DANKNER,¹⁰ HALIFAX, N.S. AND
— SHAYNA ALLEN,¹¹ NEW WATERFORD, N.S.

RICHARD SLOANE WATERFRONT AWARD
— STEVEN INDIG,¹² YARMOUTH, N.S.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CANOEING
— JENNIFER GAUM,¹³ HALIFAX, N.S.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MEL YAD
— JAMIE BAKER,¹⁴ NEW GERMANY, N.S.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, MACCABIA JAMBOREE OTTAWA
— JON MENDLESON,¹⁵ HALIFAX, N.S. AND
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Prime Ministers Conference on Jewish Solidarity With Israel

by Arnold Chippin

My wife, Rose, and I recently received the great honour of attending the Prime Ministers' Conference on Jewish Solidarity with Israel held in Jerusalem on March 20-22. Upon receiving our invitation it became apparent that we would be the only ones attending from this region; and thus by default we were selected to act as the AJC's representatives to the conference.

The conference was called by Israel's Prime Minister and his Government of National Unity which consists of 90 of the 120 Knesset seats (Israeli Parliament). The members of the government coalition come from various parties and backgrounds (both the left and right of the Israeli political spectrum). The two largest parties are the Likud and the Labour Alignment. Israeli politicians realize that today Israel is facing serious questions and in order to do what is best for the country the majority of its politicians have decided to put aside political and ideological differences to work together and try to solve the pressing problems facing Israel. The conference was called with Israel under attack in the world press and amid reports of disunity among world Jewry over policies used to counteract the Intifada.

The conference was attended by Jews from many countries. Originally about 1,000 delegates were hoped for. Because of the short notice given delegates (in our case about three weeks) and because delegates had to pay their own way—skeptics said that no one would come. The skeptics were wrong and about 1,700 Jews from around the world attended. Canada sent approximately 40 delegates—Rose and I were the only delegates from east of Montreal. The United States, naturally, had the largest delegation consisting of 700.

The purpose of the conference was to clearly show that World Jewry is solidly behind Israel in this time of need and that World Jewry firmly backs Israel's democracy in its pursuit of peace. The conference showed that Israel and World Jewry clearly believe in and adhere to the principles of democracy, justice and freedom. This unity and these principles were stated again and again during the conference from people of all political leanings and were clearly reflected in the joint statement passed unanimously by the delegates to the conference.

The conference held March 20 to 22, although very short, was attended by some of the biggest names in World Jewry. The Israeli politicians who addressed the conference were the most senior and most well known. To name a few: **Chaim Herzog**—President of the State of Israel; **Yitzhak Shamir**—Prime Minister;



Rose and Arnold Chippin in front of Bny'ay Haomah (National Conference Halls), where the conference was held.

Shimon Peres—Vice Premier and Minister of Finance; **Simcha Dinitz**—Chairman of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel; **Yitzhak Rabin**—Minister of Defence; **Moshe Arens**—Minister of Foreign Affairs; **Ariel Sharon**—Minister of Industry and Trade; **Gideon Patt**—Minister of Tourism; **Yitzhak Navon**—Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture (former President of the State of Israel).

There are many more people who spoke to the conference but the above names should give one some idea of the level and importance placed by the government on this conference.

Receptions and working groups were also given a chance not only to meet socially with the key element of the government, but also a chance to be heard and express concerns. Statements made by the leaders of World Jewry clearly stated that we back the democratically elected government of Israel and that we honour the decisions of the Israeli voters regardless of whether we agree or disagree with their choices; and that no matter who the Israeli electorate choose, we in the Diaspora will give them our undivided support and respect the democratic principles through which they were chosen. Although we may sometimes question Israel's policies we prefer its system and its principles to those of its neighbours and above all we prefer the idea of a Jewish State to no Jewish State. All agreed that constructive criticism was indeed helpful but that the forum for such criticism is not the world press.

We were given the most up to date information on the situation in Gaza, Judea and Samaria from both high ranking politicians and key army personnel such as the military commander of Judea and Samaria, General **Amran Mitzna**, and the Deputy Chief of Staff, General **Enud Barak**.

The conference was filled with information and the array of speakers from both Israel and

World Jewry was most impressive. The unity and common purpose can best be stated by the declaration of solidarity which was passed unanimously at the conference and was read at the concluding ceremony. It stated as follows:

Jerusalem Declaration of Jewish Solidarity with Israel

"We, the representatives of World Jewry, assembled here in Jerusalem, the eternal and undivided capital of Israel, affirm our solidarity with the State and people of Israel."

"We support Israel's deep yearning in its 40-year quest for a just and lasting peace."

"We are united in our commitment to Israel's continuing security."

"We are unified by our common heritage, the moral values that flow from it and our love of Israel which transcends the diversity of our views. We are proud of Israel's adherence to its principles of democracy, justice and freedom."

"Linked by our common history and shared destiny we support the democratically elected Government of National Unity in its efforts to achieve peace and security with its neighbours."

"In fulfillment of the Zionist dream and responsive to the prophetic vision, 'May peace reign in your walls and within your gates harmony.' After the conference Rose and I linked up with a B'nai Brith Mission and met with more politicians, military personnel, ministers and intellectuals. We travelled in the Judean Hills through many of the towns and villages which I am sure you have seen on nightly news casts. I can honestly say that we encountered no stone throwing and the situation seemed very quiet, in fact quieter than before the Intifada, as many shops were closed due to strikes.

I can assure all of you that it is definitely safe to travel in any part of Israel and when the Minister of Tourism told us during the conference that 85% of Jews had never been to Israel I was shocked.

It is no wonder that world opinion sometimes doubts Jewish Solidarity with Israel. If this alone is not sufficient cause for doubt certainly the fact that the only decline in tourism during the Intifada is from Western Jews. Tourism is down 15% and this can be attributed to a drop in the number of Western Jews visiting Israel. It is embarrassing for me as a Jew to try and explain how in these difficult times for Israel, their support from Christian tourism remains constant but among Jews we choose to run and hide.

Again and again during the conference the need for Western Aliya was mentioned. Israel should not only be seen as a place for broken refugees who have nothing, but also as a home for those Jews who come from the more affluent and well educated societies. We have failed Israel in its continual requests for Aliya from the west and if this is not enough most of us are not even prepared to go there as tourists. We here are prepared to go any place in the winter

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to look for a warmer climate, any place that is except our own.

I do think that we here in Atlantic Canada should feel honoured that the Government of National Unity and the Prime Minister of Israel valued our support and opinion enough to invite us to this historic conference. I only hope that this trust has not been misplaced and that we here will rise to meet the challenges that face us. In my opinion our immediate show of support for Israel, in addition to what we are now doing, can best be expressed in greater tourism and Aliya. We cannot wait for others to do these things for us but we ourselves must take the initiative in increasing tourism and Aliya from within our own region and from within our own families.

Anyone wishing any further information about the Conference should feel free to contact either Rose or myself at home or to contact me at work—(506) 457-1360.

OPINION

A Palestinian State is Not the Answer

*by Rabbi David Monson
Chaplain Jewish War Veterans of
Canada, Toronto*

Israel's Prime Minister, **Yitzhak Shamir**, is due in Washington shortly to present his government's peace proposals. Predictably, he has already been dismissed as "intransigent" by an unusual consensus of left-wing and right-wing pundits.

The knock on Shamir is that he is offering only an updated version of the Camp David agreements, or mere autonomy for the Palestinians. That just won't do anymore, say his critics. Israel must negotiate with **Yassir Arafat** and quickly agree to be PLO-run Palestinian state on its border.

Before so cavalierly relegating Camp David to the trash heap of history, we ought to take a closer look. It's worth recalling that the agreement's signatories - the Presidents of the United States and Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel - received the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts. The three statesmen wisely agreed on a transitional Strip. The plan proposed that, for a period of three to five years, the Palestinians living in those areas would exercise a significant degree of national autonomy, consistent with Israel's security. During that period the local Palestinian leadership (chosen in free elections) would begin negotiations with Israel on the final status of the territories.

Most of the Western world once endorsed this go slow approach. Ten years ago there was widespread understanding of Israel's real se-

curity problems. If Israel were to withdraw its military forces from Yehuda and Shomron, it would be returning to borders nine miles wide along the coastal strip - thus surrendering any semblance of strategic depth against a potential juggernaut of three or four Arab armies. NATO governments insisted on the need to station massive American forces in the center of Europe to deter a possible Soviet advance. Was it so unreasonable, then, for Israel to keep its forces on the Jordan river, twenty miles east of Jerusalem?

Israel's offer was also morally generous. Certainly more generous than anything ever granted the Palestinians by Arab brothers. During their occupations of Yehuda, Shomron and Gaza, Jordan and Egypt ruthlessly repressed Palestinian nationalism. There were no local elections and no autonomy.

Had the Palestinians expressed any interest in Israel's Camp David offer they might now have been well along the road to some test Palestinian intentions through deeds instead of words. It still could.

Instead the PLO launched yet another decade of terror against Israel and the West. Each PLO faction had no assignment in this permanent War. Arafat's Fatah murdered an American ambassador and Israeli women and children on buses. Other groups hi-jacked ships and planes, massacred civilians in airports all over Europe and bombed synagogues. The purpose of the mayhem was not to wrest Yehuda and Shomron from Israel but rather the total extinction of the Jewish State.

The terror was failed just as spectacularly as the three conventional military assaults against Israel by Arab states. Consequently, the PLO has taken yet another track - a skillful combi-

nation of diplomacy and new style violence. Palestinians as innocent victims. Then Arafat offers a way out of the violence: give him a state and he will recognize Israel in its nine mile wide borders.

The Western media has helped the PLO's new offensive with its saturation coverage of Yehuda and Shomron, whereas the violence in the Arab world is hardly even reported. In that context the public quickly forgets about the PLO's bloody record or even that the area was occupied because the Arabs used it to start a war of extermination against Israel.

In a stunning moral inversion it is then Israel - of all the countries in the world - which is called upon to honor the "universal principal" of self determination, even at the expense of its own military security. And the demand is that this sacrifice must be made not after any transition period that tests Palestinian intentions, but immediately. For resisting this advice and sticking to Camp David, Prime Minister Shamir has become a media leper, while Mr. Arafat is now celebrated as a peacemaker.

To its credit, the Bush administration has so far stood with Israel in resisting this political stampede. One can only hope that the administration's decision to "dialogue" with the PLO does not represent an erosion of that position.

Israel has earned America's and Canada's support. It has been a most reliable ally and remains the only democracy in the Middle East. Everything we know about the PLO indicates that any state it controls will be neither democratic, nor stable, nor would it contribute to peace. To impose such a state on Israel's borders would be morally and politically irresponsible.

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Hecht added, "Our remarkable 1988 results demonstrate the continuing unity of Jewish and non-Jewish friends in Israel's economic future."

Dobrin and Hecht, speaking on behalf of Bond investors in Canada assured the leaders of the new government in Israel that members of Canada-Israel Securities Limited would redouble their efforts in the 1989 campaign enabling Israel to move forward among the path of economic growth.

Coat of Many Colours

by **Andrea M. Bronfman**

It is hard to believe that "A Coat of Many Colours" will open in just ten months.

In the meantime, it is exciting to discover how people across Canada are being brought together through the research being done for exhibition. In February, for example, Associate Curator **Sandra Morton Welzman** spoke to an audience at a Calgary synagogue, telling them about the Torah Ark from Glace Bay and burial table from New Glasgow, N.S. One woman in the audience said that **Rabbi Jacobson**, the first rabbi in Glace Bay, was her great-grandfather, and her mother came from New Glasgow! As many of you know, the needs of early Jewish communities required that ritual

slaughter tools that "pure" rabbinical functions. The circumcision and ritual slaughter tools that **Rabbi Jacobson** used when he acted as "mohel" and "sohoicher" have been collected for the exhibition.

Sheldon Posen has uncovered some interesting stories connecting **Hyman Kaplan**, a Kirkland Lake general store owner (after whom Kaplan Township is named), with **Harry** (later Sir **Harry**) **Oakes**. Kaplan and a Chinese resident, **Charlie Chow**, grubstaked **Harry Oakes** before Lake Shore Gold Mines Company was formed. It was the custom then to offer financial backers cash returns or stock in the company—Kaplan took cash, Chow, the stock and became a millionaire. Kaplan, of course, never forgave himself. Later, Oakes

agreed to help Kaplan when he opened the first movie theatre on the condition that the seats not be nailed down. Oakes liked to dance and wanted the option to do so in the theatre. Unfortunately, Oakes only came to dance a couple of times, and after a while, the seats were nailed down.

It is possible that stories like these will become known to more of us as the Speakers' Bureau begins its work. In Ottawa/Hull, where the exhibition will open, a group of volunteers is being trained by the Civilization to speak about the exhibition. Requests for a speaker from the Ottawa area can now be directed to the CMC's Communications Division at (819) 994-0840, for speaking dates beginning in the fall, 1989.

Book Review



Shaping the Flame Imagining Wallenberg by **Joseph Sherman**

Joseph Sherman was born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia in 1945, and raised in Sydney, Cape Breton. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Sherman taught college English in Edmundston, New Brunswick, from 1970 to 1979. Since 1979, he has been editor of the journal *Arts Atlantic* in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Mr. Sherman has had several poetry books published and *Shaping the Flame* is his most recent. Mr. Sherman's poems concern themselves with the life of **Raoul Wallenberg**, and, as the foreword of his book states, a Swede, who lived in Hungary from early July 1944 to Mid January 1945. He worked tirelessly to save Jews from the Hungarian Arrow Cross and from Nazi concentration camps. He operated as a member of the Swedish legation, endorsed and funded by a special committee of the U.S. War Refugee Board.

Fatherless and raised by a devoted and determined mother, he pursued an unfocused life before stepping into the cauldron that was wartime Budapest to offer thousands of Jews the protection of "Swedish citizenships".

Wallenberg's fate is still unknown. An international commission has recently been set up to investigate the fate of this Swede who rescued an estimated 100,000 Jews. Soviet authorities say he died in prison in 1947 but there have been a number of corroborated sightings of Mr. Wallenberg in the Soviet Union in the past 40 years.

Mr. Sherman brings Wallenberg alive in his poems. The intensity, colour and succinct use of words immediately draws the reader in. He writes with an immediacy as though he personally knew Wallenberg. He traces Wallenberg's life from his early days through to 1945 always keeping the reader involved and wanting to read and linger over each rich, crisp image.

The poems make us think about what kind of man Wallenberg was, why he devoted himself to the survival of persecuted Jews and why Jews are persecuted still. A most provocative and thoughtful work.

Emunah Meets the Needs of Jewish Women in Russia

Emunah's program in the USSR was inaugurated on the basis of our conception of the needs of women in that country, both those who are refuseniks and those whose plan of life still includes living there. In line with our general goal of strengthening the Jewish family throughout the world, it became a priority to concern ourselves with women searching for roots, as well as those married to Baalei Tshuva, who themselves had no opportunity to learn. Therefore, in establishing an emunah presence in the Soviet Union, the first step was to organize classes for women. The first Shiurim were under the direction of David Gorochoff who recently made aliyah.

Communication concerning the progress of the study groups carried on by telephone conversations from Israel, again with the aid of Russian Olim, have been adopted by Emunah volunteers.

Another aspect of Emunah's program includes the sending of materials for each of the Jewish holidays to groups of people—again the names having been provided by recent Olim—in five cities, Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa, Tchernowitz. Packages include Rosh Hashana greeting cards, calendars with candle lighting time in these cities; Chanukah candles; Tu B'Shvat fruits; Megillot (special Mishloach manot from Emunah basle); and lastly, Hagaddot for Pesach.

In Israel hundreds of families of Russian olim have been helped to prepare for Pesach with new utensils, food and money. There is a continuous ongoing service to provide help for olim when they leave the hotels to set up their homes. Children in all the national religious network of schools are helped to adjust by Emunah's volunteers. Smachot, which mark the Jewish life cycle (Brith - Brit - bar mitzva - marriages), are a time when our volunteers are present.

The work in the Soviet Union is very closely related to Emunah's work in Israel. Our goal is to bring as many soviet Jews as possible to live in Israel, can best be realized by the services, the love and goodwill that is extended to those who make aliyah.

Montreal Orphanages Plan Reunion

A grand reunion is planned for former residents of the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans Home (M.H.O.H.) and Westmount Home in Montreal, Quebec, which closed in the 1930's. It will be held in Toronto on Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16th and will feature a special reunion dinner Saturday night at Belinda's Restaurant and a Sunday Brunch at the home of one of the reunion organizers, Myer Gordon. The cost is \$50 per person; hotel extra.

As the whereabouts of many 'brothers and sisters' are unknown, anyone with information about names and current addresses is asked to contact Myer so invitations can be sent. Myer can be reached at 14 Olonzo Road, North York, Ontario M2R 1T5; tel. # (416) 221-3161.

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Ambassador Meir Rosenne Is New President of Israel Bonds

Former Israel Ambassador to the United States **Meir Rosenne** is serving as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the world-wide Israel Bond Organization which began January 1, 1989. Ambassador Rosenne was recommended for the position by the Finance Ministry of the State of Israel and the election took place at the meeting of the Board of Directors in New York. It is a great tribute to our organization and its achievements in behalf of Israel that such a distinguished figure will lead our campaign as we enter the decade of the 90's and meet the new challenge before us of helping Israel to achieve economic independence.

From Left to Right: Mr. Lawrence Bessner, National Treasurer, Ambassador Meir Rosenne, President & Chief Executive Officer; and Julius Briskin, Q.C., Executive Vice-President-Canada-Israel Securities Limited.

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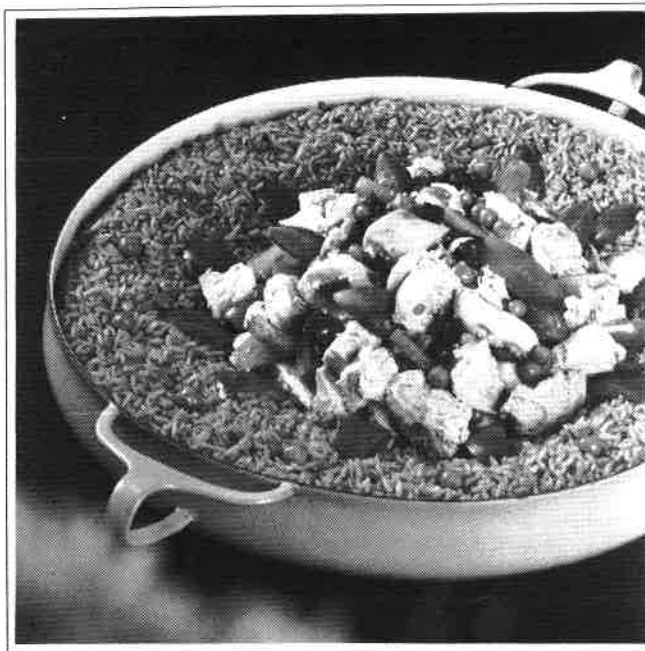
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Chicken Paella

4lb.	chicken	2kg
2	bay leaves	2
2 stalks	celery	2 stalks
1	onion	1
1	carrot	1
2 tsp.	salt	10mL
1 tsp.	pepper	5mL
4 cups	rice, uncooked	1 L
1/2 tsp.	turmeric	2 mL
2 tbsp.	tarragon vinegar	30mL
1/4 cup	oil	50mL
1/8 tsp.	salt	.05mL
1/2 tsp.	dry mustard	2mL
1/4 tsp.	seasoning salt	1mL
1 large	onion, diced	1 large
1/3 cup	celery, diced	75mL
1 clove	garlic, crushed	1 clove
1 cup	button mushrooms	250mL
2 oz.	pimento, chopped	55g
1/2 cup	cooked peas	125mL
1/4 cup	soy sauce	50mL
1 1/2	green peppers, chopped	1 1/2
1	peeled tomato, chopped	1



Boil chicken until tender with bay leaf, celery, onion, carrot, salt and pepper. Remove chicken from bones and cool. Cut into bite-sized pieces. Cook rice in broth flavoured with turmeric, until almost done. Mix vinegar, oil, 1/8 tsp. (.05mL) salt, dry mustard and seasoning salt. Immediately pour onto cooked rice. Let stand at room temperature until cool. Sauté diced onion, celery, garlic and mushrooms. Remove from heat; add 2 1/2 cups (625mL) chicken and rice. Add pimento, peas and soy sauce. Toss together lightly. Turn into a lightly greased casserole, cover with foil and bake at 3500 F (1800C) for 40 to 50 minutes. After baking, add green pepper and tomato. Serve 10 - 12.

Variation

Combine chicken and vegetables. Arrange rice on a serving platter and place chicken mixture in the middle.

Saint John News

Congratulations and best wishes to : **Harry & Sally Karlinsky**, upon the birth of their daughter, **April Davis Karlinsky**, a sister for **Franny**. Proud grandparents are **Izzie & Ruth Davis...** **Michael & Lysa April** of Halifax, upon the birth of their son, **Alan Garson**, and to grandparents **Lee & Freda April...** **Roderick & Margot Kerr**, upon the birth of their son, **Gordon Roderick**, a brother for **Gregory**. Proud grandparents are **Donald & Lucy Kerr** and great grandparents **Abe & Fena Calp...** **Bruce & Karen Washburn**, upon the birth of their son, **Aaron Hamilton**, a brother for **Daniel**. Proud grandparents are **Sam & Elizabeth Koven** and **Dr. & Mrs. Washburn...** **Philip & Heather Davis**, upon the birth of their daughter, **Leah Claire**, and to grandparents **Abe & Goldie Davis**.

Mazel Tov to those who celebrated anniversaries: **Mr. & Mrs. Louis Michelson**; **Mr. &**

Mrs. Sam Goldstein; **Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Grosweiner**; **Mr. & Mrs. Hymie Kashetsky**; **Mr. & Mrs. Max Fransblow**; **Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Levine**; **Mr. & Mrs. Norman Holtzman**; **Mr. & Mrs. Gary Davis**; **Mr. & Mrs. Sam Milrod**; **Mr. & Mrs. Mal Cohen**; **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Arditti**; **Mr. & Mrs. I.J. Davis**.

Lou & Jen Michelson presented a Sterling Silver "Yad" Torah Pointer to the Synagogue on the occasion of the 45th Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with their son Alan and daughter-in-law Donna in Brookline, MA, in early April.

Mazel Tov and best wishes on the occasion of the following nuptials: **Evelyne Meltzer** to **Michael Gardner** on May 21st; parents are **Gar & Jacqueline Meltzer...** **Mark Koven** to **Crystal McMillan** on June 29th; parents are **Samuel & Elizabeth Koven...** **Dr. Debra Morrison** to **Dr. Laurence Title** on April 29th in Toronto; mother is **Joanne Morrison** and grandmother **Esther Everett**.

Mazel Tov to: **Sara Lynne Levine** who was the winner of the Public Speaking Contest at Saint John High, and the city and District Competition. Now she goes on to compete in the Provincial Contest at Dalhousie, N.B. **GOOD LUCK!**

Heartfelt condolences to those families in our community who have suffered a recent loss: **Murray Goodman** and family on the loss of his father, **Paul Goodman** in Montreal... The family of **Dr. Eli Davis**, who passed away on March 31, 1989

New "Recht" a beautifully written ritual of the last rites, the Recht for burial, was prepared by **Herzi Kashetsky** and donated to the Chevra Kadesha. This will replace the first one done by **Max Kashetsky**. The women's division had it framed.

**International Renowned
Canadian Photographer
Yousuf Karsh
Received Honorary Degree
at 58th Annual
Commencement Exercises
of Yeshiva University
on May 25**

Internationally renowned Canadian photographer **Yousuf Karsh** received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Yeshiva University's 58th Annual Commencement Exercises May 25th at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in New York City.

Karsh, whose career spans more than 50 years, has photographed leading statesmen world-wide. The Ottawa-based photographer is one of six noted personalities who received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters or Doctor of Divinity degrees at the Commencement Exercises.

Other Honorary degree recipients included:

— Prof. **Aharon Appelfeld**, the acclaimed author of 20 books, including *"To The Land of the Cattails"*, and professor of Hebrew literature at Ben-Gurion University in Israel;

— U.S. Senator **Joseph I. Lieberman** of Connecticut, the former two-term Connecticut Attorney General, and state legislator known for his efforts in fighting environmental pollution and consumer fraud. He also delivered the keynote address;

— Prof. **William Z. Low**, Sadie Danciger Professor of Physics at Hebrew University, who has been a visiting scholar at Oxford University and visiting scientist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as a consultant on technology and Jewish law;

— Rabbi **Rafael G. Grossman**, spiritual leader of Baron Hirsch Congregation in Memphis, the U.S.'s largest Orthodox synagogue, and a respected leader in national communal and religious affairs;

— and **Bernice Rudnick**, vice chairman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) Board of Overseers, and communal leader.

Karsh's photo's have appeared on postage stamps in 13 countries. He has photographed such figures as **Winston Churchill**, **Albert Einstein**, **Bishop Desmond Tutu**, **Leonard Bernstein** and **Sophia Loren**.

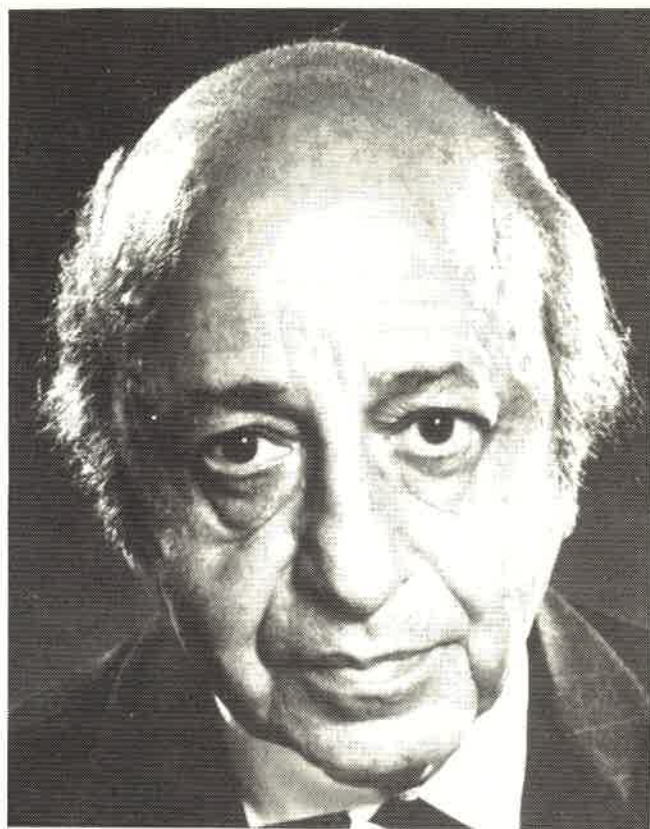
His one-man shows have been held in New York, London, Edinburgh, London, Paris, the People's Republic of China, Helsinki and Geneva.

Born in Mardin, America-in-Turkey, in December, 1908, Karsh emigrated to Canada in 1924 and attended school in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He later studied photography in Boston, MA, under eminent photographer **John H. Garo** before opening his present studio in Ottawa in 1932.

Karsh gained international prominence in 1941 when his portrait of Churchill, taken after the British Prime Minister addressed the Canadian Parliament, was featured on the cover of *Life* magazine.

During World War II, the Canadian government sent him to England to take portraits of leading personalities, including King George VI and **Princess Elizabeth**. Karsh has since photographed such royal figures as **Prince Rainier** and **Princess Grace** of Monaco, **King Haakon** of Norway, and **King Constantine** and **Queen Anne Marie** of Greece. In 1967, Karsh did official portraits of **Queen Elizabeth** and **Prince Philip** for the Centennial of Canadian Confederation.

He and his photographs have been featured in the print and broadcast media in Europe, Asia and Australia. Most recently, Karsh appeared on



the CBS-TV program **60 Minutes**. A 1985 feature film about him will soon be on CBC in Canada and PBS in the U.S.

The photographer's work is on permanent display in leading museums world-wide. In 1959, Karsh was the first photographer to have a one-man exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada.

At Expos '67, he was the only artist with a one-man show, *"Men Who Make Our World."* Later, his collection of Japanese artists and scientists augmenting *"Men Who Make Our World"* was so well received there that the Japanese government requested keeping it permanently. In 1973, *"Men Who Make Our World"* was acquired by the National Gallery of Australia and, in 1975, by the government of Alberta.

Karsh has been collaborator or author of 15 books, beginning with *Faces of Destiny* in 1946 and, most recently, with *Karsh: a 50 year Retrospective*, in 1986. In 1962, he published his autobiography, *In Search of Greatness*.

Karsh has been made a corporate member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, and for many years, has photographed the organization's annual poster child. His meritorious service on behalf of the handicapped earned Karsh the U.S. Presidential Citation.

Among the other prestigious awards given to the photographer are: the Canada Council Medal, the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada, the Centennial Medal, Achievement in Life Award from the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and the Canadian - American relations.

A trustee of the Photographic Arts and Sciences Foundation and an honorary fellow of the Royal Photographic Arts by the Professional Photographers Association of Canada, the first time the award was presented to a photographer.

The honorary degree from Yeshiva University was added to numerous others bestowed upon Karsh from such institutions as: Syracuse University; Boston University School of Law; Dartmouth College; Queens University; Ohio University and Carleton University.

Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, presided over his 13th (bar mitzvah) Commencement as leader of the nation's largest and oldest (102) institution under Jewish auspices.

Human Rights in Israel

Portions of the State Department's report on human rights concerning alleged abuses in Israel were widely published after its release. The following passages did not make the front pages:

•"Israel is a parliamentary democracy with a multiparty political system and free elections"

•"Public debate on issues of concern to Israelis is open and lively. A vigorous free press scrutinizes all aspects of Israeli life and politics"

•"All citizens are assured freedom of religion by law"

•"Israeli law and practice guarantee against arbitrary arrest or imprisonment"

•"The right to a hearing by an impartial tribunal with representation by counsel is guaranteed by law"

•"Israel is responsive to international and non-governmental interest in its human rights situation. The ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice have specially designated Human Rights Offices, and other ministries have officials who respond to human rights inquiries. Human rights groups such as the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, as well as political action groups such as Peace Now, operate openly and without government interference. The Government investigates and responds to most inquiries by such organizations like Amnesty International."

•"The Government permits visits to Israel and the occupied territories by representatives of private international human rights groups, as well as international bodies as the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the World Health Organization, and the International Labor Organization (ILO). In 1988, Israel accommodated a vastly increased number of visits from organizations and persons inquiring into human and civil rights issues associated with the uprising in the occupied territories."

•"Women's rights in Israel are protected by the Equal Opportunity Law, which forbids sex discrimination. The Government includes a senior advisor on the status of women. One (previously two) of 12 Supreme Court Justices is a woman. Women are drafted into the army

but do not fill combat-related positions"

•"Israeli workers and employers have freely established organizations of their own choosing. Israel has a powerful free trade union movement, the General Federation of Labor in Israel (Histadrut), and a much smaller rival federation. About 80% of employed Israelis (including 70% of employed Arab Israelis) are members of Histadrut trade unions or covered by its collective bargaining agreements"

•"About 100,000 Palestinian workers living in the West Bank and Gaza work in Israel"

•"Israelis representing almost any point of view are free to assemble and associate"

... AND THE ARAB WORLD

Virtually all of the rights guaranteed in Israel are absent in the Arab world. The State Department documented a number of abuses. The following is a sample.

Iraq

Iraq's record is "abysmal" with "grave human rights violations" that "remained unacceptable". Iraqi troops killed an estimated 3,000 Kurdish civilians with chemical weapons; destroyed villages in Kurdish areas; relocated approximately half-a-million Kurds and Assyrian villagers; and forced thousands of Kurds into camps in northern Iraq.

Physical and psychological torture are routine and "could not be practiced without the authority of senior officials". To extract confessions, people are reportedly beaten with fists and rubber truncheons, electrical shocks are applied to the genitals and other parts of the body, their fingernails and toenails are extracted. "Thousands of political prisoners continue to be arbitrarily arrested and detained".

Jordan

The chief human rights problems were "the absence of political parties, persistent government intervention in the press, the continuance of marital law and the scope of powers exercised by the police".

There were "numerous arrests of Jordanians suspected of organizing rallies in support of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza." The detainees were held—sometimes incommunicado—and interrogated for weeks or months.

Kuwait

The majority of Kuwait's inhabitants are non-citizen expatriate workers, including a

Palestinian community of about 300,000—the second largest segment of the population. "Only a few famous Palestinians who made significant contributions to Kuwait before the early 1970s," were granted citizenship, according to the 1986 Report. Non-Kuwaitis have few civil and political rights.

Non-citizens, even long-term residents, may be expelled without charge or judicial recourse if the authorities consider them troublesome or a security risk. About 15,000 persons were deported for immigration or residency violations.

Saudi Arabia

"As in previous years there were continuing reports of mistreatment of prisoners and incommunicado detention. Civil liberties remained significantly restricted."

Capital punishment is imposed for international murder, adultery, apostasy from Islam, narcotics smuggling, sabotage and, depending upon the circumstances, rape and armed robbery. In 1988, 22 persons were beheaded. "Death by firing squad or stoning may be imposed for adultery, while a recidivist thief may suffer severance of a hand".

Speech and press freedoms are significantly restricted. "Criticism of Islam and the ruling family is not allowed". The media is commanded to uphold Islam, oppose atheism, promote Arab interests, and preserve the cultural heritage of Saudi Arabia. Public demonstrations to express political views or present grievances are forbidden.

"Islam is the official religion. All Saudi citizens must be Muslims". Conversion to another religion is punishable by death. Non-Muslim religious activities and importation of non-Islamic religious materials are illegal. There are no non-Muslim places of worship; foreign nationals may practice their religions only in private.

Saudi Arabia has "no democratic institutions and most of its citizens have no say in the choice of leaders or in changing the political system." Labor unions and strikes are illegal.

Women must demonstrate legally specified grounds for divorce; men may divorce without grounds. Testimony from males equal that of two women. Saudi women must obtain government permission to marry non-Saudis; Saudi men must obtain approval to marry women from countries other than the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Syria

"Syria remains under the rule of dictatorship, and there are no signs of progress toward a freer political system or a greater respect for individual human rights." For 25 years, Syria has been under emergency powers (except for a brief hiatus in 1973-1974) because of its state of war against Israel and threats by terrorist groups including Islamic fundamentalists and Palestinians.

"Widespread torture, denial of freedoms of speech, press, association and the right of citizens to change their government, continued to

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Rights in the Middle East

	Israel	Jordan	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	Syria	Iraq
Democracy	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Free Press	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Public Demonstrations	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Religious Freedom	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Political Parties	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Sexual Equality	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Based on the State Department's 1988 Human Rights Report

characterize the regime's record "In cases involving security or political offenses, arrests are made secretly and there are no legal restraints. The accused has no right to a judicial determination . . . no redress for false arrest, and cannot be contacted by family or friends. . . Exile, sometimes voluntary, is occasionally used to rid the regime of troubling elements".

The emigration of Syrian Jews continues to be banned. At least 10 persons trying to visit or emigrate to Israel were arrested and imprisoned. At least three Syrians Jews were tortured and detained without trial. The government has ignored requests by Amnesty International to provide information.

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National Small Communities Committee

by Shellie Ettinger
National Director

I had the pleasure of viewing the recently released film "The Outside Chance of Maximillion Glick", which I enjoyed tremendously. The realistic portrayal of life for a Jewish family in a small community, and the concerns and dilemmas that it brings to the children and adults alike is to be commended. In my capacity as National Director of the National Small Communities Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, I must say that this is one of the few films I have seen on this subject matter which so clearly and realistically illustrates the varied frustrations encountered by members of these communities to preserve their Jewish identity, culture and heritage and it does so with warmth, sensitivity and appropriate touches of humour.

My compliments to the producers, the National Film Board, and everyone else involved in the production of this fine film. I recommend that it be seen by everyone.



Melvyn A. Dobrin Honoured

Melvyn A. Dobrin, Chairman of the Board of Steinberg Inc., and National President of Canada-Israel Securities Limited, received the prestigious Peace Medal at a major National Gala Tribute Dinner held at The Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Sunday, April 30, 1989. The announcement was made by **Jacques St-Arnaud**, President, St.-Arnaud Food Brokers Inc. and Dinner Chairman.

Charles R. Bronfman, O.C., Honorary Chairman of the Board Canada-Israel Securities Limited, accepted being tribute of the Dinner. In his address to distinguished corporate leaders throughout Canada inviting them to join the Tribute Committee, Charles Bronfman wrote: "Mr. Dobrin is nationally known for his commitment to the economic progress of the people of Israel; for his continued contribution and leadership in a myriad of philanthropic and community endeavours; and as the founder of the Food & Allied Industries Division of State of Israel Bonds. This Tribute Dinner provides us with a unique opportunity for honouring a distinguished Canadian."

Melvyn A. Dobrin, Chairman of the Board of Steinberg Inc., is a native of Montreal, enlisted in the R.C.A.F., and flew thirty-two missions into Europe during World War II. He joined the Steinberg organization in 1950, and served in a number of management capacities before being named President in 1969. Following the death of **Sam Steinberg**, the company's founder, he was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 1978.

Mr. Dobrin holds a number of directorates and, among them, serves on the Board of Montreal Trust and Ivanhoe Inc. He is a Governor and member of the International Board of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and is Vice-President of the Canadian Society for the Institute, a Director of the Montreal Heart Institute Research Fund, and a Director of the Quebec Region, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews which he headed as Co-President for four years. He recently retired as Chairman of the Foundation for Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. of Montreal.

Mr. Dobrin is currently in his second year of service as National President of Canada-Israel Securities, Inc., the organization responsible for the marketing of State of Israel Bonds in Canada, on whose behalf he travels widely in this country and abroad.

He is a member of the Montefiore Club, Elm Ridge Country Club and the Mount Royal Tennis Club.

Mr. Dobrin is married to the former **Mitzi Steinberg**, a member of the Quebec Bar, who heads her own investment and property development firm. Their son, **Lewis**, and daughter **Terry Minzberg**, are practising attorneys; the youngest son, **Ronald**, a graduate in Business Administration, is a business executive. The Dobrins have four grandsons.

Melvyn A. Dobrin also played a key role in the establishment of the Food & Nutrition Research Foundation established primarily to enable Canadian food companies to support educational and research endeavours within their own industry by allowing the Foundation to invest a portion of its portfolio in State of Israel Bonds.

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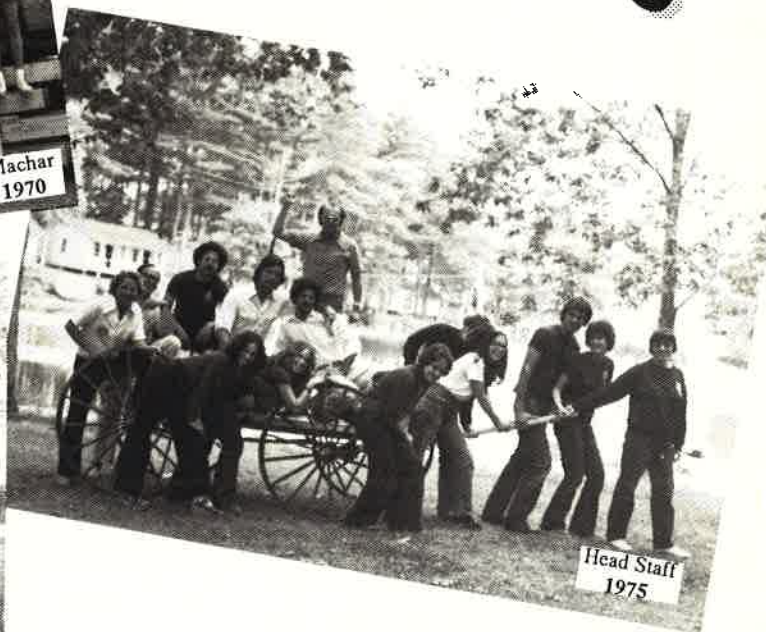


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