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Every New Year, Jews all over the world
celebrate the blowing of the Shofar
as a symbol of these holy days.

Every New Year, we listen.

We hear.

And sometimes we forget.

For the sound of the
Shofar often goes in one
ear and out of the
other.

But the Shofar is a
clarion call rousing
all of us to action.

Because we share
the responsibility
for Jews
everywhere.

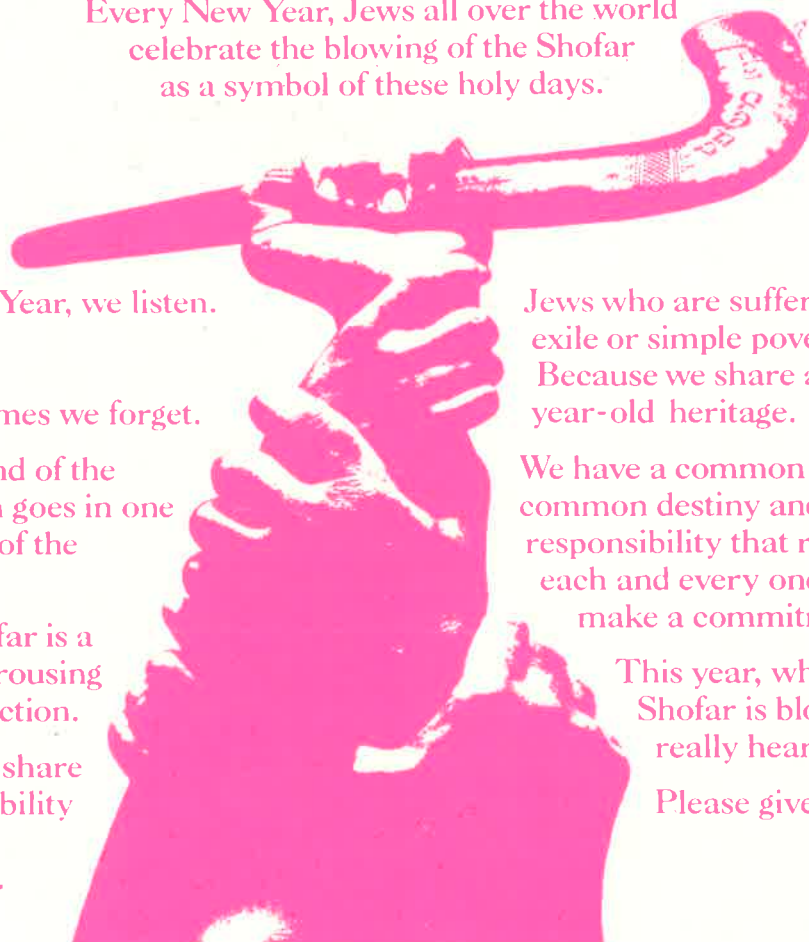
Jews who are suffering from
exile or simple poverty.

Because we share a 4,000-
year-old heritage.

We have a common goal, a
common destiny and
responsibility that requires
each and every one of us to
make a commitment.

This year, when the
Shofar is blown, let's
really hear it.

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New Executive Director for the Atlantic Jewish Council



Emmanuel Zabar

The Atlantic Jewish Council is pleased and privileged to welcome **Emmanuel Zabar** as its newly appointed Executive Director. Emmanuel, a native Israeli, arrived in Halifax with his lovely wife, **Rivka**, and their two beautiful children, **Michal**, 16, and **Avshalom**, 11, eager to join the Atlantic Jewish Community. In the short time Emmanuel has been here, he has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the task at hand by visiting communities, Camp Kadimah, welcoming those who drop by the office and enthusiastically planning exciting events for the future.

Emmanuel comes to Atlantic Canada with a wealth of experience in Jewish communal services. Prior to his arrival in Halifax, he served for six years as the Fundraising Director for the Joint Israel Appeal in London and Manchester, England. During the thirteen years previous, Emmanuel held the positions of Director of Young Leadership Department in the Ma'teh Yehuda Regional Council in Jerusalem (1989-83); Youth & Hechalutz Community Shaliach in Puerto Rico (1980-81); and during the period of 1970-80, he was Regional Youth Co-ordinator for the National Moshav Movement, Director of Regional Community College of Ma'teh Yehuda and Vice Principal of Ein Karem Agricultural School with special responsibility for Social and Cultural Affairs. His military career includes three years compulsory service in the Israeli army, the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War and the Peace for Galilee Operation.

Emmanuel has published three books of poetry—"War I Was" (1978), "A Clue" (1979) and "Out Come of Silence" (1983). In 1987, his English translation of "Out Come of Silence" was awarded the George Webber Translation Prize from the Oxford Centre for Post Graduate Hebrew Studies. A sample of Emmanuel's poetry appears in this issue of *Shalom*.

Included in Emmanuel's experience is the promoting of Israel in the community by addressing audiences of different backgrounds about topics such as Israel, the Jewish World, Zionism, Appeals and Poetry. He fluently speaks Hebrew and English and has a working knowledge of Spanish and Arabic. Emmanuel's objectives are to initiate, create and design events, functions and policies for all se-

lected groups and special occasions, and to promote harmonious human relationships and cooperation in the communities with whom he is working.

Generally, Emmanuel prefers to look for the better side of life in everything he does. His philosophy is to share this optimism with everyone he has the privilege to meet, to know and with whom he works. The Atlantic Jewish Council—and the Atlantic Jewish Community—can only benefit greatly from working with Emmanuel Zabar. We trust that you will all make the Zabars feel welcome in our community.

Message from the President

by **Ivan Levine**

It gave me the greatest pleasure to be able to address Camp Kadimah on Visitor's Day this summer. This was a pleasure for many reasons, but I only focused on one for that occasion. It was, the LOVE of this institution. Camp Kadimah, which has done so very much for not only the perpetuation but also for the enrichment and RUACH of Jews in the Maritimes, as well as for the comradeship of Jews across North America. It is unbelievable how these tiny basic camp grounds, in the woods, have made this large continent so well travelled by campers and staff, as well as our telephone bill so high. It is worth it all!

I had two very pleasant tasks to perform that day. The first was to recognize one of the main principles that Atlantic Jewish Council's survival is based on, VOLUNTEERS. Without our volunteers, we could not survive in many ways. I felt that they give the true flavor of our society. We were fortunate to be able to recognize one such volunteer on Visiting Day. The Camp Chairman, **Andrew Wolfson**, was called forward to receive an inscribed plaque as a token of the appreciation of the Atlantic Jewish Council in recognition of his dedication and untiring efforts in helping to preserve the high ideals of Camp Kadimah. There was also an expression of gratitude to the Camp Committee members who so diligently help the Chairman succeed in this awesome task. The A.J.C. wished Andrew and the many volunteers who help him good health to continue many more years of service to camp and various community endeavors.

My next task was equally as pleasurable. I proudly and officially introduced our new Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, **Emmanuel Zabar** and his wife, **Rivka**.

That A.J.C. Executive and Board Members worked extremely hard, did much soul searching, and should take great pride in their decision in choosing such an esteemed candidate. The labor of the Search Committee, I think will be well worth the time and effort in



Ivan Levine

bringing forth this Executive Director who will enhance the stimulation, perpetuation, and quality of Jewish life in Atlantic Canada. Emmanuel Zabar has a prestigious and successful background, coming to us from Manchester, England, where he worked for the past six years. He was beckoned back to Israel this year, but after persuading certain agencies of our great desire and need for an outstanding Executive Director, we were fortunate enough to have him join us.

Emmanuel Zabar is a warm and charming person with an impressive background which you can read all about in this *Shalom* magazine. Do take note of his educational accomplishments, his successes with youth and volunteers, his many publications and lecture series, his several military services, his organizational and public relations skills, and last but not least, his extraordinary creativity and optimism. To add to the charm of this man comes his lovely wife, **Rivka**, and their two beautiful children, **Michal** aged 16, and **Avshalom** age 11. It is up to each one of us to make the Zabar family welcome to Atlantic Canada with our unbeatable hospitality. Please assist Emmanuel in every manner so that his TASK can bear FRUIT that we may HARVEST.

I take pleasure in wishing each and everyone, a healthy and happy New Year.

Message from the Atlantic Jewish Council Executive Director

by Emmanuel Zabar

Shalom,

In the fall of 1983 I was introduced for the first time to the "Keren Hayesod" world—the fundraising arm of the Jewish Agency—with the intention to work for two years with the Jewish community of London. When I finished my term in London I was asked to move to Manchester to do the same, and this summer when I finished my term of office in Manchester, I was asked to move to your Atlantic Region of Canada.

In a way, I feel as if I have prepared myself during the last fifteen years to be qualified and experienced enough to be granted the job of the Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council in Canada. My University studies as well as my practical experience in community work in 50 small communities spread over the biggest Regional Council in Israel, seems to me now like the best possible professional background I could wish to have for this job I have been offered to do here, in your Nova Scotia.

I have a confession to make. I did not know Nova Scotia before! I could hardly guess where it is located on Canada's map when I was offered the job, but with every passing day I find myself more and more in love with what I hear and see.

The warmth of the people I meet, their genuine support of the first steps of the settling of my family in Halifax, and their response to my professional conduct so far—are encouraging and promising a real creative working relations—for the mutual benefit of your communities as well as for the State of Israel.

But, in a profession like "community work"—you need two to tango! The most qualified field-worker can do only so much if he is not backed by the volunteers, the lay leaders and by the community as a whole—in his endeavours to uplift the cultural, spiritual and Zionist level of activities in the specific community. **Without your help I will not be able to live to the expectations we all have.** I need you—each one of you—to come forward with suggestions and ideas—and to support my promised endeavours to implement these ideas for the benefit of the community. In this sense, I am very encouraged from my first meetings in the region—appreciating those people who came already to me with some very interesting suggestions of activities. I want you to know that I am offering my professional ability at your disposal—asking you to challenge the implementation of your ideas in your community.

The fundraising aspect of my work is most important and vital. We can only do so much—without the financial support needed. Israel has her own burdens to cope with on a daily

basis—and it is up to every Jew—wherever he or she lives—to stand up, to be identified and counted, and to come forward with a financial contribution on an annual basis towards the human terms of our people. It is not a secret that a portion of your contribution is coming back into your own community in the shape of all kinds of Jewish activities initiated either by the Atlantic Jewish Council or directly by our office in Toronto.

The Jewish Agency, on behalf of which I am working, is "investing" new waves of good will and love into your communities, knowing and believing that this kind of investment is the best long-term effort Israel could have. The message which follows my work as the Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council in Nova Scotia is that although spread, remote and distanced from the centre—**You are not forgotten!** You are all as dear and as near as all our brothers and sisters wherever they live!

Delighted to be privileged to work with you for our Jewish People—I look forward excitedly to meet and know and work with you.

I wish you all Shana Tova.

Subscription Time!

By all indications, *Shalom* magazine is well read—and well loved—by those in Atlantic Canada and beyond. The response to our letter for subscriptions is well above any other year, and yet, we would like to see many, many more of our readers supporting the *Shalom* magazine annually. We thank all those who so generously support our efforts.

The following is a percentage breakdown of subscribers, based on Jewish community population:

New Brunswick:

Fredericton	26%
Moncton	25%
Saint John	29%
Smaller Communities	79%
Total New Brunswick	29%

Newfoundland:

St. John's	12%
Smaller Communities	18%
Total Newfoundland	13%

Nova Scotia:

Halifax	24%
Yarmouth	43%
Cape Breton	33%
Smaller Communities	27%
Total Nova Scotia	27%

Prince Edward Island	32%
Outside Atlantic Canada	31%

As you can see, we still have a long way to go. Join us TODAY. Thank you.

Rabbi's Corner

To Be (There) Or Not To Be (There)

by Rabbi Jacob Chinitz

Where a person is can be a matter of life and death. A girl jogs in Central Park and is raped. A girl rides in a bus in Israel and is killed. One of the horrors of modern politics and criminology is a tendency to make the victim share the guilt of the criminal, if not to assume all of the guilt. Thus, in the discussions following the event of the attackers, the psychology of group marauders, the elitist character of the victim, the residence of the blacks who ravaged her, the question was asked: what was she doing in the park at that time of night? I am certain the question was asked about the young lady who was killed in the bus outside of Jerusalem: what was a girl from Vancouver doing in Israel at this time of conflict?

A complicated calculus of life and death probabilities can ensue with regard to where Jewish children should be these days. Where grown Jews should be. Not just as individuals, but where should the Jewish people be?

The national calculus begins when the people leave Egypt. Some of them think it is safer to go out into the desert, even venture to conquer the Promised Land. Others think it is better to remain in Egypt, with the fleshpots, or even just to die there. Later, much later, some

decide to remain in burning Jerusalem and die upon its walls fighting the Romans. Others go out to Yavneh to build a Judaism without Temple and Jerusalem. Or even to write a Talmud in Babylonia, instead of returning to the land with Ezra Nehemiah. For close to two thousands years, Jews lived in Europe, and their choice culminated in the destruction of two thirds of them in six years. Those who left Europe had little difficulty calculating the life and death chances as between the threats of American Indians or Palestinian Arabs.

Today, questions are being asked: What are Jews doing in South Africa? What are Jews doing in Argentina? Are they asking for trouble? When the questions of personal, or national safety, takes highest priority, questions begin to be asked, not only in terms of caution, planning and choice of residence, but also in terms of blame, guilt and complicity in bringing on destruction.

What was the talented financier doing in the park in its dangerous night? Implicit in the question is not only the matter of caution, but also responsibility for the tragedy. What was a

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Canadian student doing in Palestine, with its dangers, and also its encroachments upon the rights of the crazed Palestinian who drove her to her death off the Jewish road into the Arab ravine? The lack of condemnation of this act in the press suggests that liberal journalists who are shocked by Jewish soldiers shooting Arab stone throwers, because the stone throwers deserve a homeland, are not shocked when Arabs drive busloads of Jews into ravines, because the Jews should not be there, certainly not Canadian Jews.

When the son-in-law of a prominent former Canadian rabbi was shot down in his Israeli plane over the Baka Valley seven years ago, one of his former parishioners remarked: the rabbi brought it upon himself when he settled in Israel, and permitted his daughter to marry an Israeli air force pilot! On the other side of the ledger were incidents of Israelis being killed in the United States in accidents, murders and a variety of tragedies that are not limited to Israeli circumstances. In one case, a soldier touring Texas, after completing his army duty in Israel, was found dead in his own car, a victim of a felony. What was a nice

Israeli boy doing in Texas?

Some Jews leave North America because they think anti-semitism is on the rise on this continent, and go to live in Israel. Even from North America, from South America, the Soviet Union, Arab countries, India, they came to Israel, not always to build the land, but to find safety, and build their fortunes there. But many, many more remained in the United States and Canada, went from the Soviet Union to North America, and even many Israelis went from Israel to North America, and even to Europe, some even to Germany.

Of course, it is a matter of Zionism, Jewish religion, identification, a wish to survive culturally, and other ideals. But it is also a matter of where is it best to be, not to be stoned, shot, killed in war, attacked by black and white anti-semites, mugged while jogging, or driven off the road into a ravine. One Israeli, who is still a citizen of Israel, and a citizen of his country of residence, put it to me in two ways: he did not want, and did not want his children, to fight in any more Israeli wars. But over the years he formulated an ideology about it: it is not good for all Jews to be concentrated in one place! I asked him why it is that the Belgians never think that way.

These are not ephemeral or selfish considerations. The Talmud has countless sayings, and even laws, about the obligations of living in the land of Israel. And yet it also has one saying which claims that the very act of exile was a charity on the part of God, so that they would not be destroyed in one place, or that they would win converts. The strategy of survival, not always effective for the individual Jew, but for the Jewish group, goes all the way back to father Jacob, who divided his family into two groups, one to fight a rearguard action, the other to flee and survive.

Where should we be? The question and its many answers cover all of Jewish history, the breadth of Jewish philosophy, the depths of Jewish religion, with their geopolitical, theological and social implications. We do not have the space, or the knowledge, to do justice to all the answers. We do have enough space, and common moral sense, not to blame ourselves as victims, and not to exonerate our murderers, by asking what were we, what are we, what shall we be doing, in Central Park, on the road to Jerusalem, in the State of Israel, in the Middle East, or anywhere else? Caution and precaution are in place. But moral self-flagellation is not.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro - 44 years; Harry & Sheila Chippin - 41 years; Ezra & Bella Rose - 35 years; Abe & Evelyn Budovitch - 28 years; Alfred & Leona Brown - 25 years; Warren & Miriam Cohen - 19 years; Lawrence & Roslyn Nudell Wall - 11 years; Stephen & Rhoda Fransblow - 9 years.



Kari Adilman

Congratulations to Kari, 8, daughter of Dave & Anita Adilman, on being a contest winner in the "Colour Cover of the Candle Lighting Chart Contest", sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress Small Communities.

Congratulations to Dave Adilman upon being appointed Grand Representative from

the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada Royal, and select Master to the State of Israel.

Mazel Tov to Joe & Cheryl Abrams, whose son Mitchell Weldon, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Mitchell conducted the Friday night Kabbolas Shabbos and Mariv services, and Mussaf service Saturday. He is the grandson of Vera Singer of Montreal.

Mazel Tov to Arnold & Judy Budovitch, whose son Eric, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 29 at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Proud grandparents are Frank & Daisy Budovitch and Etta Chernin of Sydney, and great grand-mother, Minnie Budovitch of Montreal.

Mazel Tov to Frank & Daisy Budovitch upon the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shauna Budovitch, daughter of Stephen Budovitch of Halifax and Laura Elsenwasser of Chicago and great-grandmother Minnie Budovitch of Montreal. May the families enjoy much Naches.

Mazel Tov to Harry & Amelia Goldman, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Nava Tachia, great-granddaughter for the late Mrs. P. M. Levine. Proud parents are Dr. Macky & Barbara Goldman of Beersheva, Israel.

Mazel Tov to Irwin & Betty Rosenzweig, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Hillery Brooke. A great-granddaughter for Dora Chippin, Mindy & Larry Levine of Boston and Bessie Rosenzweig of Florida. Proud parents are Todd & Simone Levine, Boston.

Speedy recoveries to Joe Tobin, Bessie Brown and Bessie Rose.

The Community was saddened by the sudden demise of Jack Levine, son of the late

Abe & Basha Levine, and predeceased by wife Betty (Tobin). Survived by daughters Rosalie (Mrs. Gary Mintz), Montreal, and Debbie (Mrs. Terry Steinberg), Long Island, NY; sons Lawrence and wife Adele, Toronto and Richard, at home; brothers Lou, Harry and Weldon; eight grandchildren, nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

The Community was saddened by the demise of Ben Budovitch, predeceased by wife Goldie. Survived by daughters Brenda, Fairfield, NJ and Revie (Mrs. Paul Wolman), Kitchener, Ont; sisters Rose Eusler and Lil Cohen, Toronto; brothers Joe and Abe; three grandchildren, nephews and nieces. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

The demise of Blanche Levine (Mrs. P.M.), Honourary President of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah, occurred August 4th at the York Manor. Survived by four daughters, Amelia (Mrs. Harry Goldman), Sylvia (Mrs. Sam Silver), Montreal, Marilyn (Mrs. Ben Gross), Toronto, and Joyce (Mrs. Sam Milrod), Toronto, 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

The closing meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held June 5th at the home of Linda Payne. Meeting opened with a prayer by the President Carol Airst. Minutes were read by the Secretary Harriet Lenard. Lois Levine, Shelly Stevens and Marilyn Kaufman gave reports on the Maritime Conference which was held in Saint John. A financial report was given by the Treasurer

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Lillian Freiman Summer Meeting

by Shelley Stephens

The annual summer meeting was held at the summer home of Edyth Levine. Installation of Officers for the 1989-90 year were announced and welcomed by the President, Carol Airst. She thanked all of the helpers of different committees for their efforts.

The 1989-90 Slate of Officers is as follows: Honorary Vice-Presidents—Faye Medjuck and Amelia Goldman; Honorary Treasurer—Jenny Chippin; Past President—Carol Airst; President—Marilyn Kaufman; Vice-Presidents—Lil Freeman and Marissia Blanchard Soicher; Secretary—Shelley Stephens; Treasurer—Jenny Chippin.

It was announced that Mr. Steve Rogers won the barbecue draw and has accepted it.

The Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 30 at Priestman Gymnasium. Volunteers are needed.

Daisy Budovitch read a thank you letter from Bob & Gwen Velensky expressing their appreciation for the shelf of books that were donated in their honour at the John F. Kennedy Library at Hadassim Children & Youth Village, Israel.

The National Conference for 1990 will be held in Vancouver. The Executive will meet at a later date to finalize plans for honoring artists during Hadassah-Wizo Month '89. The event will be a public relations project by Rosalyn Rosenfeld. A scholarship across Canada will be donated to Mary Bloomfield College of Fine Arts, Israel.

Marilyn Kaufman, New President, thanked Rhona Ruben and Sarah Jacobson for being hostesses and Edyth Levine for her home.

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Rose Chippin. Rhona Ruben reported on the Youth Aliyah Campaign which was a financial success. Presentations were made to Gwen & Bob Velensky who left our community to take up residence in Toronto, and Prof. John & Harriet Lenard, who left our community to take up residence in Kitchener, Ont. We wish both families many years of good health and happiness in their new environments. Lil Freeman, Marilyn Kaufman and Edie Besner are the convenors of the Bazaar which will be held in the latter part of October. The telephone committee of Molly Brown, Lil Freeman, Eta Berk and Bea Sherman were thanked by Jennie Brown for a job which was always well done. Carol Airst thanked the past executive and stated that the new executive will be brought in at a summer meeting of the Chapter. Nessa Leckie, Sarah Lang and Rhoda Fransblow were the hostesses for the evening.

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.



L-r: Naomi Frankenburg, Daisy Budovitch, Bessie Bagen, Jennie Brown, Molly Brown and Amelia Goldman.

60 Years of the Lillian Freiman Chapter— Hadassah

A gala evening was held May 16 in the Fredericton Synagogue, marking the 60th Anniversary of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo, honouring the 60-year charter members, Mesdames: Minnie Budovitch, Dora Chippin, Blanche Levine, Bessie Rose, Fanny Rubin, Rose Satter and Sheindel Spiro; also Daisy Budovitch, Bessie Bagen, Molly Brown, Lil Chippin, Jennie Brown, Amelia Goldman and Faye Medjuck, the 50-year members. Carol Airst, President of our Chapter, was chairlady of the evening.

Toasts were proposed by Warren Cohen, President of the Synagogue to Canada and the State of Israel; by Lois Levine to the Associate Life members and presented each with a boutinaire; and by Frank Budovitch to the Charter members, responded to by mother Minnie, who was Vice President when the Chapter was formed. She received a standing ovation as she was very humorous in outlining the activities which were held 60 years ago.

Marilyn Kaufman, introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Naomi Frankenburg, National President of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo. Ivan Levine, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, extended greetings on behalf of the Council, and also from the Soicher Family of Mon-

treil and the Crystal Family of Toronto. Bessie Rinzier, President of the Massada Club of Halifax, who became a Life Member of Hadassah during her residency in our Community, extended greetings, as well as Teri Levine, regional for New Brunswick. Naomi Frankenburg presented certificates to Bessie Rose and Minnie Budovitch, who were the only two charter members present, and pins to

the fifty-year members.

Lil Freeman and Amelia Goldman were the convenors and were highly praised for their efforts in making the affair an enjoyable



L-r: top row, Marilyn Kaufman, Naomi Frankenburg, Carol Airst; bottom row, Bessie Rose and Minnie Budovitch.

one. Lil thanked Judy Budovitch for the beautiful flowers which adorned tables, Rosalie Goldenburg for the beautifully decorated cake and the committee members who assisted in the preparations. A candle lighting ceremony took place followed by the singing of Hatikvah and the cutting of the birthday cake.

Congratulations

Hedy Michele Levine, granddaughter of Sara Levine, Halifax (Dalhousie class of 1928), recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and academic distinction from Scripps College for Women in Claremont, CA. Ms. Levine was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship which enables college graduates of unusual promise to engage in an initial post-graduate year of independent and travel abroad. Ms. Levine will be travelling to Australia and New Zealand to informally study applied wildlife and natural resource conservation policies and ethics. Additionally, the Slocum Award for superior student libraries was presented to Ms. Levine and she was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.



ON JANUARY 1, 1991, CANADA'S FEDERAL SALES TAX SYSTEM WILL CHANGE.

PLEASE SAVE THIS NOTICE.

IT EXPLAINS THE CHANGES AND REASONS FOR THEM.

IT IS A MAJOR PART OF THE ONGOING PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT.

A new Goods and Services Tax (GST) will replace the existing Federal Sales Tax. It will be charged at a uniform rate of 9 per cent on the vast majority of goods and services consumed in Canada. The existing federal sales tax rate is generally 13½% at the manufacturer's level.

The present federal sales tax system has been pushed beyond its limits and can no longer sustain the demands placed upon it. The structural weaknesses of the system have given some corporations the opportunity to reduce the amount of tax they would otherwise pay. For a tax system with 75,000 tax-paying corporations, there are 22,000 special arrangements and administrative interpretations required to keep the system in operation.

The present federal sales tax system is an increasingly unpredictable and unreliable source of revenue for the federal government. It must be replaced.

Our enormous debt has put pressure on the government's ability to meet other priorities. Canadians know the risks of not acting to bring the debt under control. The size of the debt has left us exposed to increases in interest rates, and vulnerable to international economic shocks. The reliability and stability of our sources of revenue are all the more important in such an environment. The new federal sales tax will secure year by year reductions in the deficit, while ensuring we can continue to provide Canadians with a standard of services that is among the best in the world.

IT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND CREATE JOBS IN CANADA.

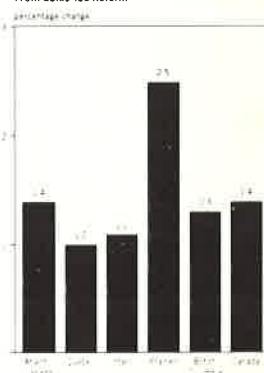
Our current federal sales tax favours imports over Canadian made goods. We are the only country in the industrialized world that is putting itself at such a disadvantage. The existing system also makes Canada's exporters less competitive in the world economy. Our present federal sales tax makes our annual economic output about \$9 billion lower than it would be with the new GST in place.

Under the GST, we will be able to completely remove tax from our exports and make Canadian products more competitive abroad. And in Canada, Canadian-made products will be able to compete more effectively with imports.

The benefits to the Canadian economy from sales tax reform will extend across all regions and sectors of the economy. The Atlantic and Prairie regions for example, will benefit significantly because their economies are resource-based and export-oriented - two sectors that will benefit the most from sales tax reform.

The GST will lower the cost of the machines, supplies and equipment companies have to buy to produce their products. This will lead to higher levels of investment and expand our output. Higher output will lead to more jobs.

Long-Run Regional Output Gains
From Sales Tax Reform



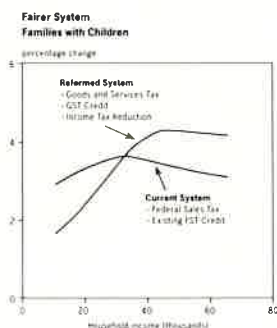
IT WILL HELP LOW INCOME CANADIANS.

Once the GST is in place, families earning less than \$30,000 a year will be better off. This will be achieved through a combination of income tax changes. First, low income Canadians will receive the new GST Credit. Second, the middle personal income tax rate will be reduced from 26 per cent to 25 per cent.

The GST Credit will be paid every three months and in advance of expenses. Eligible Canadian households will receive their first credit cheque in December 1990, before the January 1, 1991 GST start-up date. About 9 million Canadians will receive Credit cheques. The GST Credit will be calculated on the basis of income tax returns. Every income tax return will contain a one-page form showing Canadians how to apply for the GST Credit.

The amount of the Credit will depend on family size and income. The basic adult credit will be \$275. Most single adults will be able to get an additional credit of up to \$140, for a total of \$415. The child credit will be \$100. Single parents will receive an adult Credit of \$275 for one of their children. Canadian households with incomes up to about \$25,000 annually will be entitled to the full Credit.

A family of two adults and two children, eligible for the full Credit, will for example receive cheques of \$187.50, four times over the course of the year, for a total of \$750.



IT WILL ELIMINATE HIDDEN TAXES.

Right now, everywhere in this country every time Canadians buy a good or service made in Canada, they are paying federal sales tax. For example, a substantial amount of sales tax is presently buried in house prices. Under the existing system, it is clearly impossible for Canadians to know how much federal sales tax they are paying. There are four different rates on a variety of different products and the tax is buried throughout the production process.

It will be clear to Canadians when they are paying the 9 per cent GST. The broad base of the GST means it will apply to almost everything. The few exceptions will be widely known.

Some retailers in Canada will have cash registers that are capable of showing the GST separately at the check-out counter, while other retailers will not. The federal government will provide an incentive to retailers to assist them in acquiring the cash registers to show the GST separately.

In all cases, the federal government will provide retailers with signs for their stores that clearly indicate that the 9 per cent GST is being applied.

PROPOSED CHANGES.

1. For consumers, the GST will be similar to a retail sales tax, at the rate of 9 per cent on the retail price of goods and services. The GST will replace the existing federal sales tax, which is hidden at the manufacturer's level.
2. The GST will apply to virtually all goods and services sold in Canada; however, Canadians will **not** be charged tax when they buy the following GOODS: basic groceries; prescription drugs; medical appliances such as eye-glasses and wheel chairs; residential rents and existing houses.
3. Canadians will **not** be charged tax when they buy the following SERVICES: loans, mortgages, securities and insurance policies; health and dental care; most education services; daycare services; legal aid; and municipal transit and passenger ferry services.
4. Newly constructed houses will be taxed, however, most new home buyers will not see a significant increase in the price of a new house resulting from the GST, because there will be a \$900 million GST housing rebate. In many parts of the country price increases will be less than half a per cent. Indeed, many communities should see lower prices as a result of the GST rebate. The main exception will be Toronto, where extraordinarily high land prices may cause prices of new housing to increase by about 1½%.
5. Because the present federal sales tax will be removed, prices will not automatically rise by 9 per cent when the GST is introduced. The prices of some things will be lower, and others higher. The prices of many big-ticket items for example, that are taxed at 13.5 per cent under the present system, will be lower once the 9 per cent GST is in place. The price of other items that are not taxed under the present system will increase.

Finally, well before the GST is up and running, the government will be telling Canadians about the GST and informing them about the kinds of price changes they can expect for key goods and services when the GST replaces the existing federal sales tax.

For instance, here are a few examples of what consumers might expect:

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Brief History of Tiferes Israel Congregation, Moncton's Jewish Community 1926 – 1989

By Joan Sichel

Tiferes Israel Congregation, the orthodox synagogue of Moncton's Jewish Community was built at a cost of \$7000, in 1926 by the founding immigrant families, many who arrived for Lithuania in the previous 10 years.

The founding officers named in the Letters Patent when the synagogue was incorporated on February 15, 1926, were **Sam Borenstein**, **Harry Hans**, **Harry Attis**, **Jake Mark**, **Nathan Schelew**, **Louis Gorbor** and **Max Mendleson**. Soon after, land for a cemetery was bought and the first Jewish person to be buried was **Aaron Coleman** in 1931. It is interesting to note that more than 60 years later, the descendants of these founders still occupy prominent roles in the life of Moncton.

By the 1980's, it was decided to proceed with major renovations and an expansion to the original red-brick building on Steadman Street. In 1986 the half million dollar, 5000 square foot addition with refurbished sanctuary, marble lobby, enlarged basement social hall, renovated library and rabbi's study, was completed. This was done under the able chairmanship of **Betty Druckman**, and made pos-

sible with the great enthusiasm and energy of the members of the barely 100 families, and the financial contributions of the greater Moncton community who generously supported the fundraising projects.

Many notable Jewish people have made contributions to the life of Moncton, but space permits the mention of only a few. **Reuben Cohen** served for many years on the Board of the YMCA. **Mike Baig** was Mayor of Moncton in 1950s, and **Mike Selck** served as City Councillor. **Leonard Gorber** was President of Kinsmen, the VON and the Red Cross. **Jake Klirsh** and **Jack Brodie** were both President of the Lions' Club.

In 1988, **Irwin Lampert**, President of the congregation was named Judge of the Provincial Court. In the 1989 Municipal Elections, **Judy Jacobson** was elected Moncton City Councillor and **Audrey Lampert** won a second term as School Board Trustee for District 15.

Lillian Schelew and **Audrey Lampert** both served terms as President of the University Women's Club. **Louise Cohen** was very ac-

tive in the arts and cultural community, and was on the Moncton Museum Board. **Oscar Coleman** served the Boy Scout movement for 37 years in Moncton, rising to Asst. District Commissioner. **Dr. Francis Well** is dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Université de Moncton. Members of the Jewish community have taken very seriously their responsibility to help feed the needy in their support of the city's food kitchens.

The women of the congregation in the Sisterhood were always active in projects to promote the synagogue, fundraise as well as to provide the wonderful traditional food for the celebrations. Reaching out, for years they prepared dinners that won raves for Meals on Wheels.

Rabbi Michael Wolff, spiritual leader in Moncton since 1982 has been instrumental in raising the public profile of the community with lectures on Jewish subjects and participation in inter-faith education programs. In 1986, annual community Holocaust Memorial observances began, which continue the tradition of reconciliation. **Rabbi Wolff** follows in the footsteps of the late **Rabbi Lippa Medjuck** who was known and well loved throughout the city. In his more than 30 years in Moncton, he was much in demand as a guest speaker, and was very active in building bridges in the community. His name is mentioned to this day.

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The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT

by Barbara Alberstat

Welcome back to all our members and friends after a beautiful summer. We wish all of you a Good Yom Tov and a Healthy and Happy year.

We ended our season with a delightful supper meeting evening at the home of Vicki Lipkus. Closing reports were read and plans for the fall were discussed.

The slate of officers for the forthcoming year is: President-Mindy Jacobson; Financial Secretary - Doris Stone; Treasurer - Miriam Kohler; Recording Secretary - Rose Pritzker and Corresponding Secretary -

Barbara Alberstat.

The flowers for Rosh Hashana project is a great annual fundraiser. The volunteer phone committees will be calling on you soon, if they haven't already done so, so get your list of those you would like to send to, and really give us a good start for the new year. Mindy Jacobson would be delighted to take your order in case we have missed you. Just call 423-2049.

As more schools are started in Israel, and more courses added to the existing curriculum ORT needs your support and financial aid to further the education of ORT Jewish students.

When you wish to send a card for whatever occasion, Barb Alberstat, 422-5526, has ORT scholarship cards and will be glad to take your order and send out the card immediately.

Sobey's and IGA grocery cashier tapes are still being collected, so just give anyone of us a call and we will be there to pick up your envelope of them.

Sobey's on Quinpool Road and Windsor Street allows us space at times for our ORT boxes for this purpose. This is a good income for us and many thanks for all the ladies that do save these.

Final arrangements are being made for our opening and notices of the meeting and membership dues statements will be mailed out shortly.

Shalom to all of you for a good year ahead.

Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo

by Cella Claener

The Cape Breton Hadassah-Wizo 1989 Youth Aliyah Luncheon took place on May 15th at the Holiday Inn, Sydney. Guest speaker for the affair was Mrs. Naomi Frankenberg, National President for Hadassah-Wizo Canada. Chairlady was Mrs. Ellie Friedman, Cape Breton Council President, who welcomed Mrs. Frankenberg, members, guests and gentlemen.

After a tasty lunch, council president called upon Edith Lecker to introduce Mrs. Frankenberg. Mrs. Frankenberg spoke about Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, West Bank and the Golan Heights. Dr. Reuven Fuerstein, who works with children with Downs Syndrome was also mentioned.

Fanny Cohen, President of Glace Bay Chapter, thanked Mrs. Frankenberg for coming to our affair and mentioned how much she enjoyed having her and for her well worded address. She then presented her with a gift certificate.

Reports were then given on the Youth Aliyah Campaigns in New Waterford, Sydney and Glace Bay. A substantial amount was raised. Diane Schwartz, Vice Regional for Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Newfoundland, thanked each and every one for their donation.

Door prizes, donated by three ladies of the New Waterford Chapter were then drawn and were won by Dr. Jack Yazer, Diana Schwartz and Naomi Frankenberg. The National President thanked everyone for their kindness, thoughtfulness and the gift certificate and mentioned how much she enjoyed her visit to Cape Breton.

On June 21st, the Cape Breton Council held their closing meeting in the auditorium of the Temple Sons of Israel, Sydney, and enjoyed a pot luck supper.

In the absence of Ellie Friedman, President, Fruma Shore, Vice-President, chaired the meeting. She welcomed everyone and wished them a healthy, happy summer.

She then called upon Diane Schwartz to give the invocation, Freda Columbus, to give a toast to Israel, and Edith Nathanson to give a toast to the Queen. A pot luck supper was enjoyed which was catered by the members.

Our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Bette Ross, Regional Vice-president of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, was introduced and welcomed by Shirley Chernin. Mrs. Ross was called upon to install the new Slate of Officers. She spoke on Hadassah and the work it involved and then proceeded to call each officer to come forward to accept a pink carnation. Fanny Cohen thanked Mrs. Ross for coming to Cape Breton and presented her with a certificate from the three chapters.

Various reports were given by the members and thanks extended to all the ladies for their hard work and efforts.

Shirley Dubinsky was presented with a plaque, on behalf of Hadassah-Wizo Canada, by the Regional President, for her devotion to the National Executive of Hadassah for the past number of years.

A beautiful needlepoint donated by Nicole Claener was raffled and won by Minnie Nathanson. From the estate of the late Edith Jacobson, Glace Bay, a large bequeath was made to the Lady Fanny Brody Day Care in Haifa. A plaque to be placed in the day care building will be inscribed with the names of Joseph Jacobson and his wife, Edith Jacobson, and her parents, Morris & Bertha Lurie, Glace Bay, N.S.

Judy Schneiderman, Sydney, and her sister, Marlene Burack, Ottawa, honoured the memory of their parents, Nathan & Sara Zelicovitz, Ottawa, by bestowing a donation to the Muriel Small School of Nursing, Israel.



Massada members on tour

Massada News

by Bessie Rinzler

The meetings of Massada resumed at our opening Registration Brunch September 10th.

Twenty-three members enjoyed a bus tour to the Annapolis Valley as our last function before the summer, which took place May 28, 1989. We visited Haliburton House in Windsor Nova Scotia and Prescott House at Starr's Point. We were given guided tours at both these historic sites which was most enjoyable, plus the viewing of the apple blossoms which were in full bloom.



Visit to PEI

by Ivan Levine, President A.J.C.

Last month I had a welcome invitation extended to my wife Lois and myself, from the PEI community to attend a Shabbat Dinner and to address the local Jewish community. Not only was the dinner scrumptious, but we were treated to homemade chalah bread at the home of Evy and Barrie Carnat, catered by Jane Naylor and Ora Kendall. I was delighted to find that even in remote places, Shamar Shabbat and Kashrut were observed.

The Island (Ha-ee) under the articulate hand of Joe Naylor produces a quarterly News Magazine. Further to this publication, Hebrew School is taught by Evy Carnat. Last year they had a highlight of a Passover Sedar for forty people; as well, the community had a well presented and received Holocaust Memorial Service this year.

We also greatly appreciate hearing the PEI news articles in the Shalom Magazine. Now I have experienced at first hand the vitality of the people and the Island itself. PEI can be a wonderful place to live!

Greetings from Canadian Jewish War Veterans

by Gar Meltzer, Jnr Commander
Canadian Jewish War Veterans,
Atlantic Provinces

We welcome Mr. Emmanuel Zabar as the new Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Being an Israeli War Veteran as well, the Canadian Jewish War Veterans are happy to hear he joined our association. I ask our members, especially those in Halifax, to get behind him and give him all the help he may ask of you.

Please attend the November 11th Remembrance Services in your synagogue, whether they are held on Saturday, November 11th or Sunday, November 12th. Make it a point to attend, to show your community we did serve and want to remember those who have passed away.

Please ask our representative in your area to borrow our VCR film, **No Greater Honour—A Record of Canadian Jewish Military Service**. A copy is also available in the library of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy New Year.

March of the Living—April 18 - May 2, 1989

On April 22, 1990, two thousand Jewish teens, from countries around the world, will share in a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they march the three kilometre distance separating Auschwitz from Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built by the Nazis during World War II. You could be there—along with hundreds of other Canadians taking part in this event.

The "March" takes place on Yom Hashoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day—established in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the war.

As one of the marchers, you will retrace the steps of the "March of Death", which

grounds all across Canada, are expected to participate in the 1990 "March". The group will also be accompanied by 50 adults, including educators and community leaders, plus a smaller number of university students.

The "March of the Living" will bring together Jewish youngsters from Israel, Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, France, Britain (and other European countries), South Africa, South America and Australia. Also, there will be groups from Eastern Europe—the Soviet Union, Hungary and Rumania. Canadian participants in the 1990 "March" will have an opportunity to meet many of the teenagers from around the world who are also taking part

in the event. Together you will share in the moments of sadness and joy, as you begin to form new friendships with one another.

All participants in the 1990 "March of the Living" will be carefully chosen and acceptance will be based upon emotional maturity and intellectual ability. Applicants should supply a letter of recommendation from a school official indicating that the student is able to be absent from his or her studies



countless numbers of our people were forced to undertake on their way to the gas chambers at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

This time, however, there will be a difference, for it will be a "March of the Living" with thousands of Jewish youth like yourself making the affirmation: "Am Yisrael Chai—The People of Israel Live!"

You will come to the infamous gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau singing Hatikvah, joining hands, and proudly holding aloft the blue and white flag of Israel with the Star of David emblazoned on it.

From Poland you will proceed to Israel and on April 30th, Yom Ha'atzmaut, you will join with the entire country as they celebrate Israel's 42nd Independence Day.

Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut are two of the most important dates in modern Jewish times. By taking part in this special event along with thousands of other Jewish youths you will share an unforgettable moment in history and bear witness to the undying spirit of the Jewish people.

Those who participated in the last "March" (held in 1988) returned to their homes with a new sense of themselves, their people and their history. It was an experience that will remain with them for a lifetime.

Approximately 400 Jewish high school students, coming from a variety of religious and educational back-

for a two week period of time. In addition, applicants will be requested to submit an essay and attend a personal interview in order to qualify for the program. If you are accepted, you will be provided with several educational seminars that have been specifically created for the "March of the Living". These seminars are designed to equip you with basic knowl-

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Jewish National Fund Announces "Tailor-Made" Tour to Israel

The Jewish National Fund has announced an orientation Tu Bi'Shevat Tour for February 1990. The twelve day tour will immerse visitors in the spirit of the joyous holiday, and take them from Jerusalem to Massada to the historic Galilee and modern cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv.

"This tour will not only excite first-time visitors with a real taste of Israel," says Meyer Krentzman, JNF Executive Director, Eastern Canada, "but, through selected programs, be tailor-made to suit individual interests and preferences such as returning visitors and dif-

ferent professional groups. We're especially pleased to be able to offer the tour at such an incredible price."

The tour, led by JNF Jerusalem Lt. Col. Yaacov Perez, will be highlighted by a special Tu Bi'Shevat ceremony where visitors will personally plant their own trees. Also included are a tour of the Knesset, Yad Vashem, the holocaust museum, and the historic Massada. Of course, no visit to Israel would be complete without experiencing the sensation of floating in the mineral waters of the Dead Sea.

Between stops at the Galilee, Golan Heights and the breathtaking port city of Haifa, the

itinerary will also allow guests to savor Israeli life through meeting with top officials and dignitaries, and shared experiences with Israeli families. Built into the schedule are several blocks of free time to permit individual exploration.

Cost of the tour includes air, hotel, breakfast, 6 dinners, touring by deluxe motor coach and transfers; and is dependent on choice of accommodation. Guests may stay either at the Moriah or Hilton Hotel chains for the all inclusive price of \$1400 Canadian for the Moriah package or \$1600 for the Hilton package.

The JNF Tu Bi'Shevat Tour runs from February 7 through 19, 1990. Further information can be obtained by calling the JNF Montreal office at (514) 934-0313.

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edge and background prior to your departure.

You will leave Canada on April 18th via a direct charter flight to Poland and arrive in Warsaw on April 19th. On May 1st, one day after Israel's Independence Day, you will leave Israel and return home on May 2nd, two weeks after your departure from Canada.

In Poland the program will include visits to the concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka. You will also be taken to historic Jewish sites in Warsaw (the Ghetto Memorial, Mila 18, the Jewish Cemetery), Cracow (the Jewish Quarter, the Ramah Synagogue) and Lublin (the famous Yeshiva, now a Polish medical school). Your stay in Poland will be marked by special observances and conclude with the "March of the Living" itself on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In Israel the program will combine visits to a number of exciting locations and ancient sites, including Jerusalem (the Western Wall), Masada, the Sea of Galilee, Tel Aviv, the Negev and more. Visits to the various Project Renewal neighbourhoods twinned with Canadian communities will also be included in the program.

During your stay in Israel, you will take part in many special events organized specifically for participants in the 1990 "March". On April 30th, Israel's 42nd Independence Day, all of the groups from around the world, joined by hundreds of young Israelis, will come together for one last time, and participate in a colourful and exciting finale, in celebration of Israel's national birthday.

The trip is partially subsidized and the final cost for each participant amounts to \$1395, based on flight departure from Toronto or Montreal. Additional subsidies for individuals who are unable (for valid reasons) to meet the above mentioned fees, will be made available upon request, and kept in strict confidence.

For more information about the 1990 "March of the Living", please contact Emmanuel Zabar at the Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2L2, telephone (902) 422-7491.

CJC Delegation returns from Israel following high level meetings

By Mike Cohen

CJC National Director of Communications



A senior Canadian Jewish Congress delegation recently returned from a marathon week of meetings in Israel to reach a solution the Arab-Israel conflict.

CJC President **Les Scheininger**, National Executive Committee Chairman **Moshe Ronen**, National Executive Director **Jack Silverstone**, and Quebec Region Chairman **Goldie Hershon** held discussions with Prime Minister **Yitzhak Shamir**, Deputy Prime Minister **David Levy**, Vice Premier **Shimon Peres**, Foreign Minister **Moshe Arens**, Deputy Foreign Minister **Gideon Patt**, Knesset Speaker **Dov Shilansky**, Histadrut Secretary General **Israel Kessar**, M.K., and other top officials. There were also briefings with the Israeli Defence Forces, a visit to Hebron in the administered territories, and Israeli border police briefing, and a dialogue session with a leading group of Palestinians.

Mr. Scheininger explained that the paramount reason for this unprecedented visit to Israel at this time was to express the solidarity and commitment of Canadian Jewry for the security of the State of Israel. "We felt," he

said, "it was important to impress upon all parties the urgent need to seize upon the window of opportunity for peace."

Concerning the peace plan, the Prime Minister told the CJC delegation to communicate to the Canadian Government that Israel is prepared to discuss all issues once the principles of the peace proposal have been accepted without pre-determination of the results of such negotiations.

Vice-Premier Peres reiterated his Labour Party's "land for peace" position. He indicated that he would be prepared for the government of Israel to meet with an appointed delegation as a preliminary step to elections, adding that he would not be opposed to the concept of this appointed delegation to include Palestinian Arabs not resident in the administered territories.

Foreign Minister Arens, meanwhile, expressed his concern to the CJC delegation that Israel has yet to receive the whole-hearted support of the Canadian government for the peace plan. He said he will seek such support when he meets with Secretary of State for External Affairs **Joe Clark** at the United Nations in September.

Delving further into the peace plan, Mr. Arens stressed that in the four-point peace initiative, one important aspect was the need for the rehabilitation of the Palestinian population in the refugee camps. He suggested that the financial support of the seven major industrialized nations, including Canada, was a element. The minister requested that CJC utilize its good offices to impress upon the Canadian government the need for initiatives in this area.

Defence Minister Rabin, one of the principal architects of the peace plan, told the CJC

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Poetry Contest Opens \$11,000 in Prizes

Poets may enter the American Poetry Association's worldwide poetry contest now. Over \$11,000 in prizes will be awarded to 152 winners. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to enter.

The grand prize is \$1,000 and the first prize is \$500. Other prizes include cash awards and publication..

"Winners in our contests come from all sorts of backgrounds, so I urge everyone who writes poetry to enter this contest," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association. "New and undiscovered poets are just the ones we are looking for, so we can help them gain public recognition."

Poets may enter the contest by sending up to

6 poems, each no more than 20 lines, English language only, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-64, 250-A Potrero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Entries should be mailed by December 31.

Each poem is also considered for publication in the *American Poetry Anthology*, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

Every poet receives a free copy of "The Poet's Guide to Getting Published," a four-page booklet full of useful information.

The American Poetry Association was founded in 1981 and has run 32 contests and awarded \$145,000 in prizes to 3,040 winning poets.

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delegation that this represents a serious and substantial offer to the Palestinians and expressed the hope that they would seize the opportunity. The minister also discussed the crisis unfolding while the delegation was in Israel involving the reported murder of Lt. Col. William Higgins. Mr. Rabin stated the ongoing policy of the government of Israel to exert all efforts to rescue Israelis held captive by Arabs.

The meeting with the Secretary General of Histadrut, the largest labour union and social-services organization in Israel, involved discussions around the general economic conditions of Israel and the efforts of Histadrut to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of Arab workers in Israeli industry. The relationship between Histadrut, the World Trade Union Movement and, in particular, its relationship

with the Canadian Labour Congress, was also examined.

In talks with a leading group of Palestinians, including Faisal Hussein, the CJC delegation strongly impressed upon them the deep commitment and support of Canadian Jewry for the peace initiative presented by the unity government. CJC also expressed its views that an opportunity for peace at this time was available and should be seized. The CJC leaders expressed disappointment to the Palestinian representatives in response to their insistence upon setting the results of negotiations in advance of a first step towards such talks.

Mr. Scheininger called the week of meetings a complete success. He said this visit will be of great assistance in preparation for scheduled meetings soon with Prime Minister of Canada Brian Mulroney and Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

The Holocaust

by P. Kroon

I heard the screams and cries
Of anguish and of pain,
From Jews, who in those evil camps,
So brutally were slain.

I saw their children
With horrendous cruelty,
Be torn away from parents dear
To pine in agony.

Their rights and freedoms trampled on,
Their homes and kin to lose,
And all that they were guilty of
Was the fact that they were Jews.

It hurts me still, I can't forget,
For it's like burning coal
Have engraved those awful memories
Forever on my soul.

Six million was the final count
So gruesomely to die,
Yet despite historic evidence
Some say it is a lie.

We cannot let this evil
Be nurtured and believed
Lest six million would have died in vain
And the liar's goal achieved.

We must forever tell this truth
And not be swayed by men
Who as their evil minds betray,
Would repeat it all again.

Discriminating seeds were sewn
Quite subtle first, then quickly grew,
That's how the Nazi beast began
It's murder of the Jew.

That's why we can and must,
Together you and I,
Defeat this foe called prejudice
And defender of the lie.

We must together stand real tall
And defend what's right and wrong,
For never again must be allow
Another Holocaust.

For if we're weak and do not stop
Those evil minded men,
That monster of hate and prejudice
Will triumph again.

Be assured, our God who's watching
Judges all mankind,
Not by the colour of their skin
Their wealth or brilliant mind.

The greatest of all God's commands
He long ago made known,
Is that we love our fellowmen
Just like we love our own.

That is the rule He judges by,
His book does plainly tell,
It's love that leads to heaven's gate
And hate to the gate of hell!

If all mankind lived the Golden Rule
As our Maker says we must,
There would never be another war
And no more Holocaust!

Ed. Note: Mr. P. Kroon lived in Holland during the War.

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Celebrating Simchath Torah with Chassidim in Brooklyn

by Norman Lipschutz

It was an occasion that one experiences perhaps once in a lifetime, unless of course one belongs to a Chassidic sect. That memorable Monday night, staunch friend **Reb Usher** led us to Crown Heights to participate in the annual Chol Hamoed Sukkos celebration—a prelude to the upcoming and joyous Simchath-Torah festivities.

First we were directed to the Stolin-Karlin Centre. The merrymaking there was already in progress, with the singing of holiday chants predominant. We were given to understand though that the true celebration is not scheduled to get underway till after midnight. So we made our way to Lubavitch Headquarters. From all directions Jews with their wives and children were streaming towards that locale. Soon we were to witness a magnificent scene. **Uncle Moishe and His Mitzvah Men** were there providing entertainment for the young fry. Lively Jewish tunes and songs conformed with the spirit of the occasion. But the overall excitement was to take on feverish proportions when thousands of men joined in zealous street-dancing and shoulder to shoulder they danced and sang their way round and round, with great joy and abandonment.

Chassidim of course, but even pareve Yidden, or those usually lacking religious fervor, were seen to join in the overall enthusiasm, or at the very least encouraged the participants by clapping their hands.

The Klezmer-band struck up one Chassidic tune after another, and the throngs grew by leaps and bounds. Yours truly could not resist the temptation, and with friends and family, joined in the spirited dancing. When the assembly swelled, we found our own circle, which others later joined.

All traffic stopped in the vicinity. Later as we walked along the avenue, we met and were introduced to "Forward" writer, **Rabbi David D. Hollander**, who, with his wife, was enjoying the holiday extravaganza. He was indeed happy to meet a fellow-writer from Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Hollander enquired about mutual friends in Halifax.

Back we came to the Stoliner-shul where we were to witness a most inspiring scene. The hour was nearing midnight. The celebration in progress was about to reach a crescendo. The Hall was literally steaming with exuberance and spiritual uplifting. They danced and they danced with gusto and wild abandon, those Chassidic followers of many colorful sects, in their unique and distinctive holiday attire. Many sported beards and shtraimlach, or fur headgear. Watching them in their ecstasy, one was brought back to that golden period of Jewish life in pre-war Poland, when as a youngster I



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was fond of accompanying Zeide to similar events.

The Klezmer band at Stoliner headquarters would not rest even for a minute. On and on it continued to inspire the zealous participants. The Creator of the Universe surely must have looked from on high with pride upon his followers who submerged themselves but totally in their enthusiasm for the Almighty and His Torah.

I was informed that such celebrations—particularly during the nights preceding Simchath-Torah—usually extend to five o'clock in the morning. I, for one, was too exhausted at that point; so off we went, back to our apartment to rest our weary bones. . . secure in the knowledge that blessed are the people who are able and indeed willing to display such overpowering emotions and make such sacrifices in the service of our Lord and Master.

Come Thursday night and back we went to our family's shul, there to partake of yet another joyful experience. Though conservative in mode of prayer and behavior, this particular

congregation, in honour of Simchath Torah, removed all restraints, and encouraged its members, along with celebrants in Moscow, Paris, London, Buenos Aires, Montreal and Toronto, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, to engage in merriment galore. While the ladies joined the crowds in the women's section, the men and the children danced to their hearts' content in the traditional Hakofoth ceremonial. Young fathers were dancing with their young sons and daughters high on their shoulders, waving holiday flags. Our little **Chanal'le**, eyes shining in wonderment, eagerly joined in the fun. The revellers would stop on occasion to partake of the goodies and drinks, and then continue on with the dancing. And to witness the youthful Rabbi's son dance and sing in front of the "Oron-Kodesh", with his arms outstretched and reaching heavenwards, was truly a sight to behold. His dedication to the cause left no doubt in my mind that young people of such caliber will surely guarantee the future and survival of our people for many, many years to come. In fact, such stalwart believers offer great hope and inspiration to us all!

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The Year in Israeli Politics

by David Holzel

"We went to bed last night with a narrow government and woke up this morning with a national unity government," declared the early morning announcer on December 19, 1988, following the Likud and Labor parties "cobbling together" of a new broad-based government.

Following the statement produced by the November 1 Knesset elections, prospects for a new coalition swung precipitously between a unity government and a narrow government where either Labor or Likud would be accompanied by their left-wing or right-wing allies respectively, plus the religious parties. On December 18th, election eve, however, it was Prime Minister **Yitzhak Shamir** who looked about to form such a narrow government.

The Knesset elections and the rise of Israel's second consecutive national unity government were two of five major events in Israel's political year. Milestones that followed included municipal elections on February 28 that showed massive gains for the Likud; the unveiling in April of the government's peace plan, including autonomy elections for Palestinians in the territories; and the call in July of the Likud's Central Committee to amend the peace plan, which sparked a government crisis.

Eliahu Ben-Elissar is a Likud member of Knesset, chairman of the defense and foreign affairs committee and was Israel's first ambassador to Egypt. In his opinion the two major parties and their respective allies are stuck at about 55 Knesset seats each and not even electoral reform would break the stalemate. "In spite of the deadlock, Israel enjoys not only a democratic system, but quite a dimension of stability," Ben-Elissar says.

Nevertheless, a perpetual national unity regime that can command a 97 out of a 120 vote in the Knesset is hazardous to a functional parliamentary system. "I had hoped the last Knesset would be the last unity government, but the alternative was worse".

The alternative was a narrow coalition with the religious parties. In the November polling, four religious parties won 18 Knesset seats up from 12 in the last election. This victory gave the religious parties unprecedented leverage in coalition deals with the Likud and Labor. As a price for their participation, the religious parties demanded passage of the "Who is a Jew?" bill, setting the criterion for conversion only according to Halacha (Jewish Laws). This caused a furor among Diaspora Jews and rankled Likud and Labor politicians, most of whom are not religious.

When the major parties formed the broad government, they were "choosing the lesser of two evils," Ben-Elissar says. At the same time, the religious parties lost most of their leverage, says member of Knesset **Yossi Sarid** of the left-wing Citizens' Rights Movement (Ratz).

"But it has yet to be seen whether the growth of the religious parties is a one-time phenomenon or the beginning of a process."

Over the years, Likud has replaced Labor as Israel's dominant party, points out Sarid. "The image of Labor has not been clear. It speaks with two voices—Likud and Ratz—but with no voice of its own."

The government's composition reflects Likud's ascendancy. In the coalition agreement, Shamir is to hold the Prime Minister's office for the full term of the government, instead of rotating with Labor Leader **Shimon Peres** as in the previous government. With Likud's **Moshe Arens** as Foreign Minister, foreign policy is firmly in Likud hands, and out of the hands of Peres, who accepted the post of Treasury Minister, a powerful but politically unpopular portfolio. Labor's **Yitzhak Rabin** remained Defense Minister, a highly problematic portfolio due to the ongoing "intifada."

Ben-Elissar says that partnership is an uneasy one. "It can't function well because the main partners are traditional adversaries and don't trust each other. Both are trying to score points, to do better for themselves at the other's expense."

Municipal elections on February 28th only enhanced Likud's dominance and Labor's decline. The landslide included Likud victories in major centres as Beersheba, Petah Tikva, Ashdod and Ramat Gan. Labor-affiliated Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** captured 64 percent of the vote, but his One Jerusalem city council list lost ground to the religious parties

and the Citizens' Rights Movement-Shinui list. Another upset occurred in the Israeli Arab town of Em el Fahem, where an Islamic fundamentalist list swept the traditional communist led local government from power.

Despite agreement on some issues, like the economy, Likud and Labor are divided by fundamental ideology. Regarding the disposition of the administered territories, Labor favors returning them to Arab control in exchange for a peace treaty, while the Likud believes the lands must remain in Jewish hands.

The national unity partners skirted these disagreements when Shamir and Rabin drew up their peace plan that calls for elections for Palestinians in the territories. Shamir presented this plan when he visited Washington, D.C. in April.

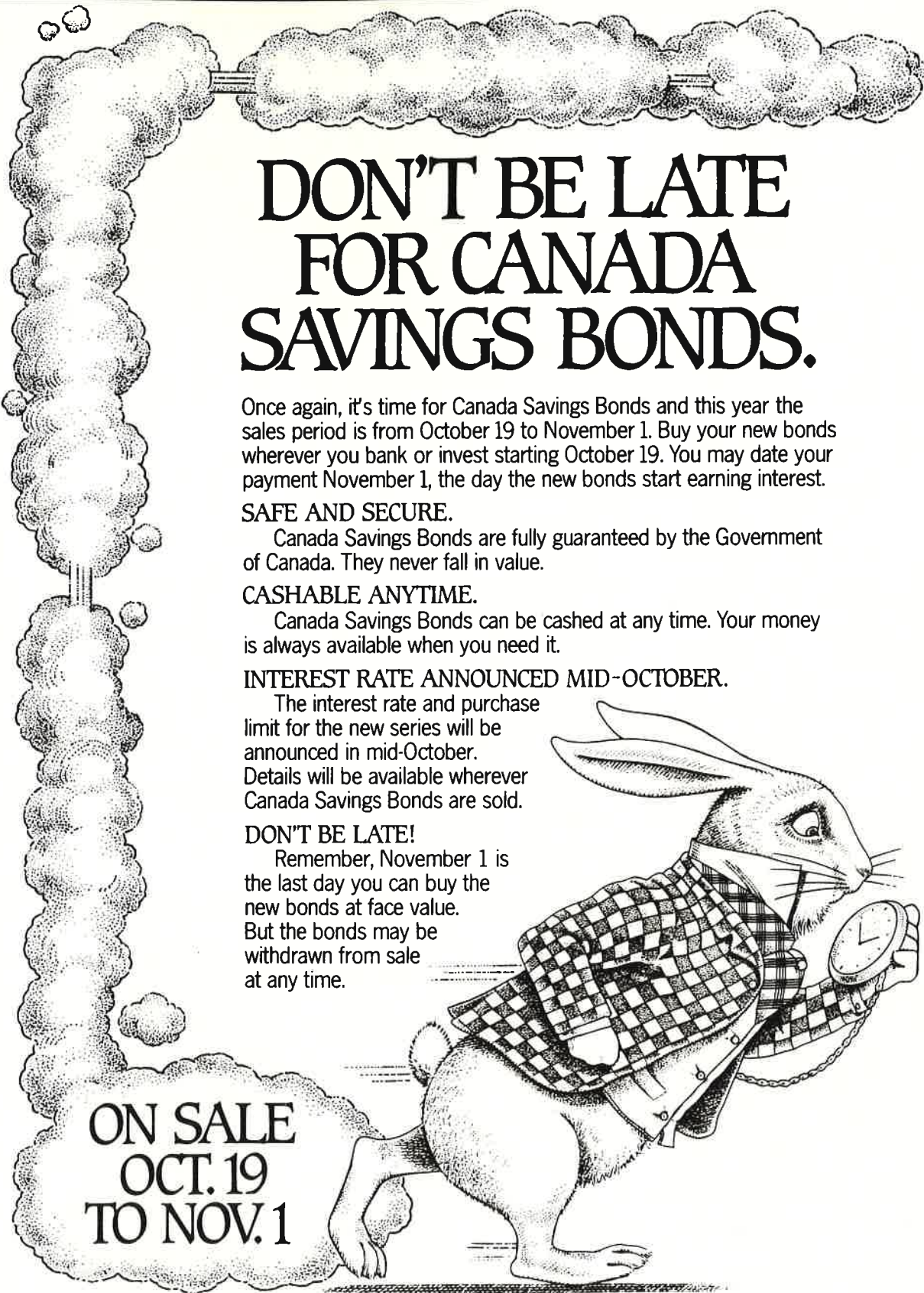
In addition to the election scheme, the four-point plan calls for a reconfirmation of the Camp David Accords by its signatories; it calls for the Arab states to enter into bilateral peace negotiations with Israel; and it calls for a solution to the Palestinian refugee problem.

Both Labor and Likud are able to agree to the plan because it refers only to a short-term transitional period of autonomy for the territories. "The minute we approach the final status we are sure to disagree immediately," Ben-Elissar says.

According to Sarid, both Shamir and Rabin would have preferred the status quo but were forced into issuing the peace proposals out of personal considerations. "They had no choice but to present something," Sarid says. "Rabin doesn't want to be known as the main oppressor of the intifada and Shamir had to take something with him to Washington to avoid problems with the Americans."

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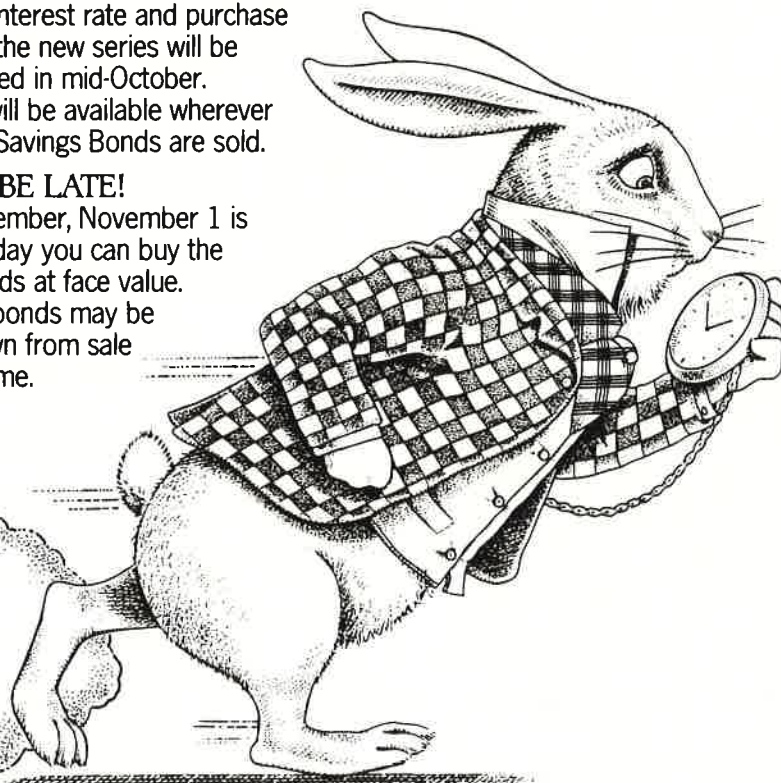
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The Year In Sport

by Simon Grilver

The year 5749 saw impressive sporting successes in soccer and tennis, and Israel came closer than ever before to winning its first ever Olympic medal. At the same time the year was notable for the Barmitzvah Maccabiah, which brought thousands of Jews to Israel from around the world, and for the manner in which sport was used to advance diplomatic relations between Israel and the Soviet Union.

During the Seoul Olympic Games, ace sailors Yoav Sela and Eldad Amir were thwarted in their bid to become the first Israelis to win a medal, not by the opposition but by Yom Kippur. Unable to sail on the holiest of Jewish Days, they finished fourth and almost certainly forfeited the opportunity of winning at least a bronze medal. Fellow Israeli sailors Dan and Ran Tortan disobeyed orders and sailed on Yom Kippur and were suspended from the Israeli team for their pains.

Boxer Ya'akov Shmuel also came close to winning a medal in South Korea. He fought bravely, reaching the quarter final before he was finally defeated.

In fact, Israel won more medals at Seoul, per head of its population, than any other country in the world. This impressive medals haul was not during the main Olympics, but during the Paralympics, held in South Korea immediately after the Olympic Games. Israel's squad of 62 disabled sportsmen proudly brought home 45 medals, placing them 11th in the medals table.

The Jewish Olympics, otherwise known as the Maccabiah Games, was also an exciting highpoint in the sporting calendar, with more

than 5,000 sportsmen and women from 41 countries competing in the biggest ever games. The Barmitzvah Maccabiah also marked the first time ever since World War II that an Eastern European team was allowed to participate. The Soviet Union was represented by 70 sportsmen from the Lithuanian Maccabi club.

Soviet diplomacy was also evident in basketball. At Soviet insistence European Cup basketball ties between perennial Israeli champions Maccabi Tel Aviv and their Soviet counterparts have traditionally taken place on neutral territory in Belgium. However, this year the Soviets agreed to play in Israel, while the return leg against Soviet champions CSKA Moscow took place in the Russian capital.

It was a proud evening as Israeli flags were waved in the Russian stadium and Maccabi Tel Aviv trounced CSKA Moscow. The event was only marred by the refusal of the Russians to grant tourist visas to hundreds of Maccabi fans who wanted to make the trip from Israel.

Playing exhilarating basketball, Maccabi Tel Aviv went on to reach their third consecutive European basketball final. Though they went into the game against the Yugoslav champions, Jugoplastica Split, as strongly fancied favorites, there was disappointment as Maccabi Tel Aviv were defeated by six points.

Inevitably Maccabi Tel Aviv won the domestic championship, and the season also saw the emergence of two homegrown stars—playmaker Chen Lippl and defensive guard Motti Daniel.

Disappointment in basketball was compensated for by success on the soccer pitch. Israel finished top of the Oceania group in the World Cup qualifying competition. Unbeaten with one victory and three draws in home and away matches against New Zealand and Australia, Israel must now overcome Paraguay or

Columbia to reach the World Cup finals in Italy next summer. Israel faces its Latin American opponents as underdogs but nevertheless with a good outside chance of victory.

In domestic soccer competition Maccabi Haifa were once again league champions but were deprived of the double in a thrilling cup final against Betar Jerusalem who eventually triumphed on penalties. Former Maccabi Haifa star striker **Ronnie Rosenthal**, now of Belgium's Standard Liege, was at the center of an unsavory controversy when his transfer deal to the Italian team Udinese fell through over an alleged abnormality in his spinal vertebrae. Some suggested that anti-Israel sentiment in Italy was at play here. Meanwhile, former Betar Jerusalem hero **Eli Ohana** helped his club Mechelen to the Belgian championship and was chosen for a World Best XI which played in a charity match in Russia.

Tennis also saw some commendable international performances. Israel retained its place in the Davis Cup top flight with a comfortable victory over South Korea, after defeat by France, whose superstar **Henri Leconte** and **Yannik Noah** were too strong for Israel's aces **Amos Mansdorf** and **Gilad Bloom**.

But Amos Mansdorf did show the French his calibre last November by winning the Paris Grand Prix, which was with a prize of \$250,000 is one of the world's most prestigious tournaments. Mansdorf disappointed many of his fans, however, when it was revealed that he was registered as a New York resident in order to avoid paying Israeli income tax.

Financial wheeling and dealing aside, Mansdorf consolidated his position as one of the world's best players. At the time of going to press he was ranked 19th in the ATP standings, one off his best position of 18th. Gilad Bloom had a more modestly successful year, finishing in 190th place.

Sports fans also had an off the pitch victory this year when Israel's High Court ordered the Ministry of the Interior to stop blocking construction of the National Soccer Stadium in Jerusalem's Manahat neighborhood. After a decade of wrangling in which ultra-orthodox interests attempted to block what they saw as the "Hellenization" of the Holy City, construction of the stadium finally got underway. Work ceased almost immediately, however, through lack of funds . . .

All in all, then, one can conclude that the sporting year had been an exciting and hectic one, with many achievements and some disappointments, but not enough to discourage serious sport enthusiasts.

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While the Israelis and the Palestinians each have differing ideas of the way to peace, Sarid believes that all parties will accept the government peace plan. "We are all more realistic than we used to be. This is the only key now to the peace process," he says.

The strongest Israeli opposition to the plan came from three Likud ministers: **Ariel Sharon**, **David Levy** and **Yitzhak Moda'i**. Their opposition sparked a coalition crisis in July that lasted several weeks. Sharon convened the Likud's Central Committee which voted that the government peace plan should be altered with the following amendments: that the intifada must end before Palestinian elections can be held; that Palestinian residents in East Jerusalem may not take part in the

elections; and that elections must not lead to a Palestinian state.

Following this vote of the Likud rank and file, Labor leaders met and recommended that the party leave the coalition. On July 23, however, the crisis was overcome when the cabinet adopted, by a large majority, a statement that the government does not favor amending its peace plan.

Why did the sides back down? "The crisis was artificial," says Ben-Elissar. Adds Sarid, "The two sides had no other option."

The US is now expected to increase its efforts to secure PLO and Palestinian agreement to the government's diplomatic initiative, which many people, including deputy US Secretary of State **Dan Kurzer**, feel is "the only option" in the peace process.

Rosh Hashana— Symbolic Foods of Celebration

by Lisa Samlin

Rosh Hashana, literally translated from Hebrew means "Head of the Year" or in simple English—the New Year. For Jews all over the world, Rosh Hashana is the day the creation of the world was completed and the day in which Adam was judged, repented and then forgiven. During this holiday, when our deeds are assessed and our fate for the coming year decided, many symbolic acts, especially in connection with food, are performed.

In "Book of our Heritage", Elyahu Kitov points out that the sages said, "A sign has reality," while the Art Scroll Siddur says, "The custom of eating symbolic foods on Rosh Hashana is based on a Talmudic teaching: omens are significant." Therefore, on the first night of Rosh Hashana, and, in the Sephardi custom, on the second night as well, the table is laid with fruits and vegetables, whose names are a symbolic allusion to good deeds and a good life. For each symbol the Hebrew word is a play upon the Aramic, which is taken from the Talmud.

On the eve of Rosh Hashana, after Kiddush is said, the challah is dipped into honey, to signify a sweet year, rather than the traditional salt, which symbolizes the bitterness of the destruction of the Temple. In some Sephardi customs the challah is dipped into sugar and salt. A piece of sweet apple is then dipped into the honey and the blessings of the fruit of the tree is said. Another bite of the apple dipped in honey is taken, over which the blessing for a good and sweet year is recited.

The symbolic foods which are eaten on Rosh Hashana are not written in the Torah. They were passed down through the generations by word of mouth, (Torah b'al pei), in the Jewish tradition, and are generally practiced by Jews of Sephardi and Yemenite rather than Ashkenazi origin. Recorded by Joseph Caro in the Shulchan-Aruch—the accepted book on Halacha in the orthodox world—the custom is universal, although the representative foods and the order of the prayers may vary amongst different communities.

The ceremony begins with the head of the family and each of the members present holding a piece of the chosen food in their hands while the appropriate prayer is recited. After the prayer is said the food is eaten. The table is arranged decoratively, with an air of festivity fit for welcoming the new year.

Although there are specific foods whose names match the Aramic meaning, many variations are found according to tradition, prefer-

ence and the availability of the specific foods. The Aramic word "silki", meaning to remove, is symbolized by beets or chards, whose Hebrew meaning also means to remove, and the prayer recited is "May it be your will . . . that our enemies (adversaries) be removed." "Karti", meaning to cut down, is represented by the eating of leeks, symbolizing the cutting-down (decimation) of our enemies. "Rubiyah", to increase, is represented on the table by black-eyed peas, so that our merit may be increased, while "Kera", meaning to read in Aramaic, is represented by gourd and the prayer, "that our merit be read (proclaimed) before you," is said. "Tamri" is to consume, and the prayer "may our enemies be consumed" is followed by the eating of dates. For the "rimon"—pomegranate, the prayer for increasing our merits (as the seeds of a pomegranate), is recited.

After these foods are eaten, the head of a sheep or fish is eaten. This is to remind us "that we should be as the head and not as the tail", as written in Deuteronomy, 28, "And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail." Fish

is also blessed and eaten to symbolize fertility—"so that we may also be fruitful and multiply like fish."

In "A Treasury of Sephardic Laws and Customs," by Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky, he writes that it is a custom of the Syrian, Moroccan and Judeo-Spanish Jews to say "Sheheyanu"—the blessing said over something new, such as the first fruit of the season—on the second as well as the first night of Rosh Hashana. Spanish and Portuguese Jews dip the apple in honey and say the appropriate prayer, but they do not perform the "Yehi raron" (the special prayers) over the symbolic foods. Elyahu Kitov notes that nuts should not be eaten on Rosh Hashana since the numerical value of the Hebrew word for nut "egoz" is the same as that of "chet", which is the Hebrew word for sin, "and we refrain from alluding to sin on Rosh Hashana." In the Shulchan Aruch it is written to eat fatty meats and sweets, and avoid eating bitter or sour foods.

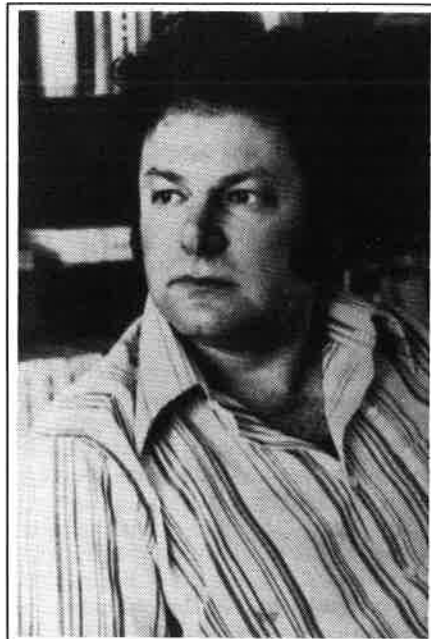
The blessings of the Rosh Hashana meal serve to remind us that we stand in judgement before God, and express our hopes for a sweet year, free from evil (from within and without) and filled with success. Through these symbolic gestures and repentance on the High Holydays, the Jewish people hope to be "Inscribed and Sealed in the Book of Life."

Famed Historian Joins Museum of Tolerance Team

Renowned historian and Holocaust scholar Professor Martin Gilbert, is currently completing the script for the Holocaust section of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Beit Hashoah/Museum of Tolerance, now under construction in Los Angeles. The 165,000 sq. ft. complex will be the first institution of its kind to challenge people to examine prejudice and confront persecution, not only through historical artifacts, documents and photos, but through film and state-of-the-art multimedia technology.

Professor Gilbert, official biographer of Sir Winston Churchill has also authored 12 historical atlases, including "The Atlas of the Holocaust."

"The Museum of Tolerance will be an indispensable reminder, both of the torments of the past, and the need to be vigilant against any repetition of such torments in the future," said Professor Gilbert of the Wiesenthal Center's new museum. "By its scale, its content and its vision, the Museum will guide and inspire those new generations who must ensure man's survival and achievement during the coming century."



Professor Martin Gilbert

First DNA Fingerprinting Laboratory in Israel Now in Operation at Hebrew University Agriculture Faculty

The first laboratory of its type in Israel for positive identification of people, animals or plants on the basis of examination of their DNA patterns is now in operation at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.

The identification method, called DNA fingerprinting, was developed in England and for the past few years also has been used in other parts of Europe and the U.S. The Israeli researchers, however, have been able to improve on the existing method through the development of a new DNA probe with characteristics superior to that of probes currently in use in plants and animals.

DNA is the substance found in the nuclei of living cells that is responsible for the transmission of hereditary characteristics and for the building of proteins. No two living things or beings have the same DNA fingerprints.

The head of the DNA fingerprinting laboratory at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Joseph Hillel, said that the uses for such a probe are many, mainly in the breeding of cattle, fowl, sheep and plants. It also can be used in determining with certainty

paternity in humans and animals, for solving crimes involving rape and murder, for identification of bodies, and for diagnosis of hereditary diseases in animal and man.

In Britain, as well as in other European countries and in the United States, the establishment of paternity and of positive identification in criminal cases on the basis of the DNA patterns has become an accepted scientific approach which has been adopted as a means of legal proof in the course.

The method is based on analysis of the DNA material in blood and tissue samples through the use of a DNA probe. The probe now in use in the world for this type of analysis

is produced commercially, but its use is relatively expensive and the DNA fingerprinting preparation can be carried out only in laboratories in England and the U.S.

A group of geneticists from the Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture, headed by Dr. Hillel, has been involved for the past four years in DNA fingerprinting work. Within the framework of the doctoral research project carried out by Alon Haberland, supervised by Dr. Hillel, and with the assistance of researcher Ola Joffe, the staff was successful in developing its novel probe.

The Hebrew University researchers are now in the process of developing methodology for using the probe for animal and plant breeding. In addition, they are involved in the establishment of commercial services for individual identification and paternity tests in humans and animals.

Project Tehila— Giving Illiterate Adults a Basic Education

by David Ya'ari

What is it like for someone who can neither read nor write? Just ask Esther Victor. It wasn't so long ago that she couldn't read a street sign or take a telephone message. Now Victor, a native of Iraq, sits in a classroom with a dozen other women, reading from the Tanach (Torah) and answering questions put to her by the teacher.

Victor is one of 15,000 Israelis enrolled in Project Tehila, a 12 year-old program operated by the Ministry of Education in centers around the country. Tehila—a Hebrew acronym for "Special Education Programs for adults"—was conceived as a way to bring Israelis who had missed out on a basic education into the mainstream of society.

"When I started, I knew nothing," says Victor, who studies in the second of the five levels that Tehila offers. "Now on Shabbat, I am able to read the Torah for myself."

The knowledge taught at Tehila has opened up the world to Victor and her classmates. "When a letter comes, I know who it's for now," says Mazal Cohen.

"Now I can make a list to take to the market. I'm not always forgetting to buy things," says Sarah Yeshayahu.

Aside from freedom from total dependence on others, the fruits of Project Tehila have meant for students—most of whom are women—freedom from shame. Before she learned to read, Esther Victor didn't know one bus from another, before she learned to write, her signature was her thumbprint.

The program was developed to teach reading and writing says Dr. Meir Peretz, director of the program for the Ministry of Education. But very quickly other benefits became apparent.

People who spent their lives at home now found a learning and social community in the Tehila classes that meet twice a week for a total of six hours. Family relations were strengthened as communications improved between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren. "Now the family began to listen seriously when the women had something to contribute to discussions on, say politics," Dr. Peretz says.

Tehila also encourages its students to volunteer in the community and awards annual prizes to the best volunteers.

Project Tehila was originally a joint program of the Ministry of Education and Project Renewal. Until Project Renewal withdrew from the program, tuition was free. Now students pay 150 shekels a year (about \$80) for tuition, plus the cost of field trips and supplies. These funds pay for about 20 percent of Tehila's 2 million shekel annual budget (about \$1 million). The ministry pays for the rest.

Students learn a variety of subjects, including history, geography, Tanach, current events and arithmetic. In higher levels, students learn accounting. One upper-level class teaches health and nutrition. Students learn about current events from "Sha'ar L'matchil", a ministry-published newspaper in easy Hebrew.

It would be easy to treat paternalistically adults with the literary level of small children. Tehila, however tries to avoid that trap, although Dr. Peretz admits it's a difficult thing to do. Classes are not held in schools—where desks and chairs are undersized—but in community centers and buildings of voluntary groups equipped with adults in mind. Texts were prepared specially for Tehila students, Dr. Peretz says—in simple Hebrew for adults, not simple concepts for children.

How does one teach an adult to read? Systematically, says Dr. Peretz, or else the students will forget from week to week.

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Israel — World's New Movie Star?

The Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto has a newly-enlarged library of films and videos stocked for loan by travel agents and wholesalers. The old stand-bys are still available but new topics are being presented as part of the Ministry of Tourism's aim to expand venues for tourists.

Several excellent pilgrimage and religious films are on hand along with footage of specialty areas such as scuba-diving in Eilat at the Red Sea; convention and congress facilities including special coverage of this year's ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) convention; health tourism including treatment descriptions of psoriasis, arthritis, rheumatism, and spas for beauty treatments; Mediterranean beaches, Israeli folk songs with scenic-cape backgrounds; Christmas in the Holyland; agriculture, and a focus on various cities such as Tel Aviv and Netanya. Of course, there is much general, all-encompassing footage too, and many of these subjects can be used for television on 3/4" format.

For loan of these audiovisuals, simply contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, 180 Bloor Street West, Suite 700, Toronto M5S 2V6. Loans are free of charge but must be arranged at least 3 weeks prior to intended showing date. They go out prepaid and insured by mail or courier and must come back the same way. Contact Debbie Vadas for more information.

Putting Jewish Humor on the Map (of Israel)

by Ava Carmel

"I've always wondered what Jewish humor is, exactly," he says.

"What do you think it is?"

"It's a way of yelling."

"What use is it?"

"The power of cries is so great that it will shatter the rigors decreed against man."

from "The Dance of Genghis Cohn"
by Roman Gary

"I take humor very seriously," says Dr. Avner Ziv, fingering an unlit cigar. "Jews are considered by everyone in the world to have the greatest sense of humor, but what is Jewish humor and in what ways can it be differentiated from other types of humor?"

Relatives are gathered for the reading of the will.

"And to my cousin Louie whom I promised to remember in my will—"Hello Louis!"

Dr. Ziv is Associate Professor of the School of Education at the Tel Aviv University. He is also the driving force behind the Third International Conference on Jewish Humor, which took place in June of this year, at the univer-

sity. Twenty-six scholars from around the world presented papers and one question raised was, "What happened to Jewish humor in Israel?"

Israel wants peace—a piece of Lebanon, a piece of Jordan, a piece of Syria.

"Twenty years ago, I was part of a team of psychologists sent to Israel's northern border, to study the effects of anxiety on the children of the kibbutzim", explains Dr. Ziv. "The Syrians were bombarding constantly and children were literally living underground, in the shelters. We found that on kibbutzim where humor was used, the level of anxiety was lower. Intrigued, I set out to study why this was so, but found that absolutely no research had been done on the subject. This I found strange, and when a Jew sees a strange phenomenon he jumps right in." Professor Ziv has since written eight books about humor.

Moshe returns from his first day in grade one.

"How did it go?" asks his worried mother.

"Not so well. I have to go back again tomorrow."

Through conferences like these, he says, "I

hope to show people that this is a serious question—why people laugh and what laughter can do in personal relationships. For example, What keeps couples together? What causes problems in relationships? Most people use humor to diffuse tension, but husbands tend to use it more. Wives who appreciate their husband's humor are likely to be more satisfied with their marital relations."

"Morris, please shut the window. It's cold outside".

"And if I shut the window, will it be warm outside?"

"In my lecture, 'No place for the Shlemiel: Israeli Humor and Character', says Dr. Ziv, "I tried to explain what the shlemiel is and how he became a hero, or rather an anti-hero in Jewish humor. The shlemiel is rather naive and doesn't play by the rules. He believes that might is not right and justice will prevail in the end.

A Jewish tailor was beaten up by two members of the Gestapo, who asked him, "Who was responsible for our defeat?"

"The Jews and the pretzel makers", replied the tailor.

"Why the pretzel makers?" asked one of the Nazis.

"Why the Jews?"

This type of minority humor developed in the shtets of Eastern Europe. The shlemiel also prospered in America, where he has been perfected by Woody Allen. Dr. Richard Freedman, of the University of Western Australia, gave a lecture entitled "Love Among the Stereotypes, or why Woody's Women Leave". His theory is that women are attracted to the Woody character because he is a lovable shlemiel, but eventually have to leave him because of "sexual obsolescence", that is, precisely because he is a shlemiel. Following the lecture there was an animated discussion about whether Woody Allen is himself a shlemiel. No, was the unanimous decision.

In Israel the shlemiel hasn't fared so well. He was present in the early years of the State, especially in the humor of Levi Eshkol, Israel's third Prime Minister, whose daughter Ofra Nevo-Eshkol has just published a book of his anecdotes. She considers him "a link between the Jewish humor of the Diaspora and that of the Zionist movement." This is just the kind of self-disparaging humor that is sorely lacking in present day Israel.

One year, in his Independence Day speech, Eshkol announced,

"We are on the brink of an abyss". The next he announced, "We have taken one giant step forward."

"Those who immigrated to Israel came to build a new country and a new Jew", says Dr. Ziv. "Immense changes also took place in the functions humor fulfilled in their lives. The characteristics of Israelis are exactly the opposite of the shlemiel. You have to be strong, never show your weaknesses. Might is right. So in present-day Israeli humor we have virtually no trace of the shlemiel."

The military operation began at dawn. As

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According to Shifra Goldman, director of one of Tehila's Jerusalem centers, educators have developed learning games to help students through the boring early stages of learning to read. One game consists of three cubes, arranged side by side, each side marked with a different letter. Turn a cube and a new letter appears, creating a new word. Students also play bingo, which helps them to identify numbers.

Dr. Peretz believes Tehila has succeeded in its aim of opening up the world a bit for its students. Success, he admits, is hard to measure, "but it's easy to check progress in reading

and writing. On the other and, if a student spends six hours a week in the centre, but 200 hours a week watching television, how do I know if what he learns is from the centre or from the outside?"

The Education Ministry is thinking of expanding Tehila's focus in the future, to include literate Israelis whose education ended early. Goldman is enthusiastic about the progress she sees in her students. Women who now eagerly read a passage from the Torah or complete a written assignment came to the program with "eyes that couldn't see." Tehila has helped and continues to help those eyes to see.



A lesson in writing for participants of the nationwide Tehila program

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He's got the itty-bitty baby
in his hands ...



... He's got you and me sister,
in his hands ...



... He's got the **WHOLE WORLD**
in his hands ...



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the trucks were moving out, one officer asked another, "What is our objective?"

"The Suez Canal".

"And what do we do in the afternoon?"

"Israeli humor today is aggressive and cynical", says Professor Ziv, "and reflects the present state of the country." No longer daring to laugh at themselves, Israelis poke fun at politicians, especially Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, who has been the butt of countless jokes.

David Levy brought a new oven. Several days later he returned to the store, claiming it didn't work.

"I put in a chicken casserole", he said, "turned it to 'off' (chicken in Hebrew) and nothing happened".

How could humor be used constructively in Israel? Ofra Nevo-Eshkol related a story about soldiers in Judea and Samaria. "Some Arab children were throwing stones at the soldiers, who had orders not to shoot, only to chase and try and apprehend their attackers. It was like a children's game, with the villagers watching and taunting from the sidelines. When a stone was thrown at one soldier, he fell down, screaming in mock pain, and rolling on the ground in exaggerated agony. Everyone began to laugh, which greatly eased the tension."

Summing things up, Dr. Ziv advocated the return of the shlemiel! "Even Israelis are really shlemiels, but they're afraid to show it. They take themselves too seriously. If we could be more human, we could laugh at ourselves and see how ridiculous we are. We need people from the Diaspora to help us get back our Jewish sense of humor."



Josh Beutel

Josh Beutel was born and educated in Montreal, Quebec. He majored in Drawing and Painting, graduating from Sir George Williams University (now Concordia U.) in 1966. He taught art in high schools in Ontario and Labrador while freelancing political cartoons for various weekly and daily newspapers.

Since the autumn of 1978, Josh Beutel has been the cartoonist for the **Saint John Telegraph-Journal** and **Evening Times-Globe**. His work is syndicated in the U.S. and Europe by Rothco Cartoons Inc. Cartoons of his have been published in **Newsweek**, **The Financial Post**, **New York Times**, **Chicago Tribune**, **World Press Review**, **London Observer** and other publications, as well as in a number of textbooks and collections of political cartooning.

Josh Beutel has produced three books, **Cartoons by Beutel** (1981), **Best of Beutel** (1983) and **Say Goodnight, Dick, A Collection of Hatfield Cartoons** (1985).

Dialysis Treatment in the Holyland

For those who have not been able to fulfill the dream of visiting the Holyland due to dependence on dialysis treatments, the Dialysis Institute offers a long-awaited solution.

Located in Tel Aviv's Sinai Hotel, this modern and fully-equipped facility is based on Gambroak-10, Cobe Century 2, which also supplies B Carbonate treatment combined with reverse osmosis.

Professors Levy Joseph, head of one of the largest nephrological departments in Israel, and Saki Shapira, chief of the transplantation department at the Beilinson Hospital are heading up the Institute.

Dialysis treatment is offered 24 hours a day by experienced, competent staff. Hot and cold meals may be requested during treatment. Any guests receiving treatments are entitled to substantial reductions in room and meal charges at the Sinai Hotel. The hotel and dialysis institute are located in the centre of Tel Aviv, just 45 minutes from Jerusalem.

Yehuda Shen, Director of the Israel Government Tourist Office notes that many people from all over the world who were in need of dialysis have already combined a wonderful visit to the Holyland with the outstanding medical support of the Dialysis Institute. "From now on, there is no need why one should deprive oneself and one's family of an unforgettable trip to Israel while at the same time carefully watching over one's health and medical condition.

Operation Solidarity A Growing Success

Operation Solidarity, the project to recruit tourists to Israel, is emerging as a great success. Since January of this year, Operation Solidarity participants have recruited at least 407 travellers to Israel. In addition, 139 more tourists have already signed up for trips to Israel through the efforts of Operation Solidarity in the fall and 1990.

Among the group trips that have taken place are an Israel Painting Workshop; a Magical Mystery Tour; the Israel Discovery Tour for Educators; the Jewish Heritage Tour. Missions organized through Yad Vasshem, B'nai Brith Canada, State of Israel Bonds, the Jewish National Fund, Na'amat were also the direct results of the promotional activities of Operation Solidarity "Ambassadors of Tourism to Israel".

All participants undertook a three-year commitment to promote tourism to Israel as "Honourary Ambassadors". They are carrying out their mandate by encouraging individuals to go to Israel and by organizing group trips through their affiliate organizations or their families and friends. Currently, 14 trips are in the works for the Fall of 1989 and early 1990. Due to the success of many of the recent trips, plans are underway to repeat them on an annual basis.

"It has been most gratifying to hear from

those who have returned from Israel in recent months. The hard word and commitment of the participants has already yielded tremendous results and there are many trips still to take place in the upcoming months," said Ellen Kachuck, director of B'nai Brith Institute for International Affairs.

Followup committees have met in Toronto and Montreal to facilitate the promotional activities of the Operation Solidarity groups.

"Much credit for the success of the project goes to Operation Independence Executive Vice President Peter Golick who has been the driving force and inspiration of Operation Solidarity," said Susan Charendoff, leader of the Toronto follow-up committee. "We are grateful for his expertise and the opportunity this project has provided to enable us to assist Israel in a very tangible way. The organizations involved in sponsoring this endeavour have made a significant impact on Canadian tourism to Israel. Their commitment must be highly commended."

Operation Solidarity was sponsored by Operation Independence, B'nai Brith Canada, El Al Israel Airline and the Israel Government Tourism Office.

For information on future trips through Operation Solidarity contact B'nai Brith Canada (416) 633-6224.

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Memories of Camp Kadimah '89

Giborim

—Camp is the best place I've been all year. The food has been quite good! Considering the cook has to make for 300 people. Camp Kadimah has lots of activities to do. I plan to come back next year for an exciting summer. See ya all next summer.—**Debra Freeman** (Halifax)

—I don't know anywhere that you could have more fun that at Kadimah. This is my second summer here and I love it. I hope that everyone loves it as much as I do especially Cabin C. We have won the most Shabbat clean ups this year. I hope that more people can come here to learn.—**Noah Watson** (Halifax)

—This is my first year at Camp Kadimah. I have come a long way. All the way from Dallas, Texas. I've made lots of friends and hopefully no enemies. I would like to say thank you to my counselors—**Andrea Beck, Julie Brayer and Allison Gurevitch**. I would also like to say thank you to my section head **Maxelle Yablon** and to all my friends for a great summer.—**Maya Cohen** (Dallas)

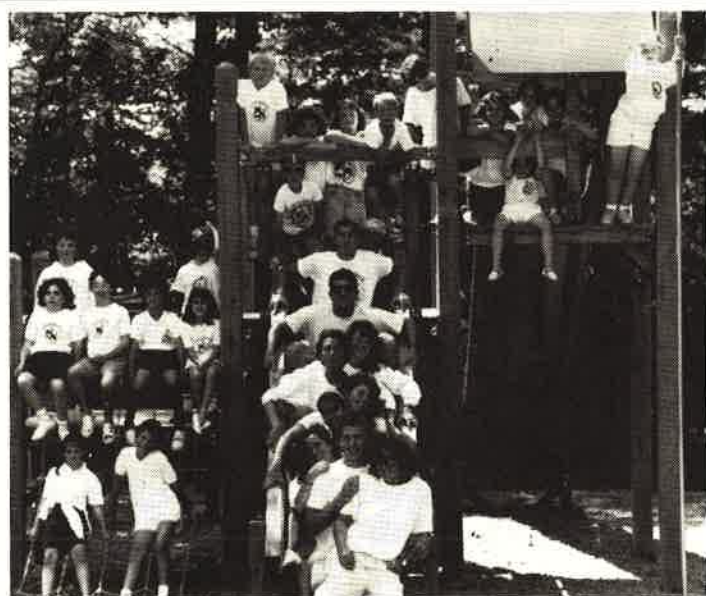


Goshrim

—Now we have a story we'd like to tell
About this camp we know so well!
This camp is lots of fun,
You can swim you can relax and you can run.
We spend six weeks here and we make lots of friends
So we can depend . . . Kadimah! —**Ezra Wexler and Josh Raskin** (Halifax)

—Here in Camp we're having lots of fun
And though three weeks have already passed
There is still lots to be done
Sheldon and Freda are the heads of this place
And without them
Camp would be a total disgrace.—**Aaron Bates** (Moncton) and **Scott Sherman** (Stamford, Ct)

—Melyad is my favorite peulot because we get to make really neat things. I can never wait until next time. Some of the things I made are the following: a sundae, popsicle boxes, clay things, earrings, bracelets, necklaces. Thank you Esti and Ali for running such a great peulot.—**Rebecca Wolpin** (King's Co., N.B.)



Kochot

—Club Kadimah was one of the most fun days in Camp, more than all the other days. There was a trip to the general store and then a sailing adventure with water balloons all over. Then we played sink the swiss navy, then sailing adventure with water balloons again, but my boat had a hole in it and sank. Then we had a banquet (Hawaiian). We had a limbo contest. I did pretty good and I hoola hooped. I had a great day and I hope they do this program again next year.—**Aaron Pink** (Halifax)

—It's going to be very hard to say goodbye on the last day of Camp. This Camp has so much ruach and koach, it's amazing. This Camp should be known worldwide. I am sure I'll be coming back for a long time. Kochot is the best section. I love all you guys. Kadimah '89 I love you.—**Natalie Brothman** (Bala Cynwyd, Pa)



—Well, I got on the bus for Camp and waited for the bus to get to Camp. Finally we got to Camp and it was the same great place. When Heidi and I got to the Cabin we met the counsellors, and asked where everyone was. They were all on airplanes!. We went to lunch and did our shelves. Finally the plane people came. We said hellos and did the usual. Camp passed and it got better but our cabin got

messier. Maccabia's here. Oh great! It passed and we were very grateful. Camp is going very quickly. It is Club Kadimah Day, Boy! The lemonade stands, board games, general store, movies. Well, it is Visitor's Day so I can't write until I find out more.—**Shelby Hirsch** (Sydney)

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♠ Machar

—Dear Machar: This is my last year at Kadimah. I have been here for four years and this was definitely the best. The chevra and ruach are by far very special. The friendships, staff, programs, and the campers were the best ever. Despite all of the small incidents that I had here at Camp I had truly the best summer of my life at "Kadimah our second home". Goodbye and I love you all.—**Adam Block** (Halifax)

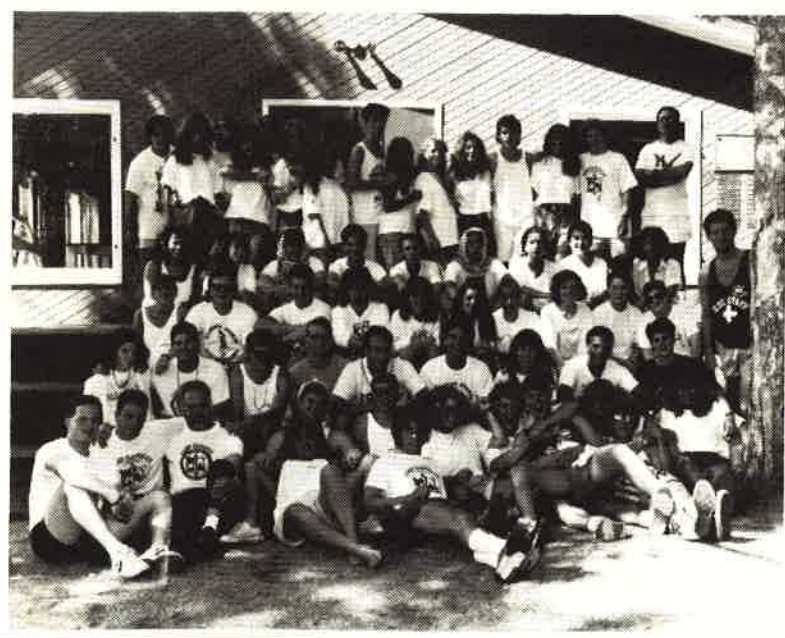
—Dear Machar: This is my first year at Camp Kadimah, and I'm a first year Macharnik. I've been going to camp for seven years, and this is the third camp I've been to. I have to say out of all the camps I've been to, this is truly the best camp, with the greatest people. I love this camp and I'll see you next year in Machar.—**Robert Matlow** (Waterloo, Ont.)

—Dear Machar: My worst nightmare is that last day of Camp when we're all separated on different buses going back to the city, we all look back on those six weeks which just flew by us, it hasn't hit me yet that this nightmare will take place in 10 days. I look back on the summer now and think of all the good and bad times we've shared which brought us closer together. I became really close with a lot of you which makes it even harder to leave. I wish I could be in Machar forever but I know I can't and that's why I take advantage of the times we do have together. My friends at Camp are my friends forever. It's incredible how close we all became in one summer. It's upsetting to think that my camper years are over and I can't believe that when I return to camp I'll be on staff. Well, let's all make the best of the last days we have left together. I love you all, you mean a lot to me.—**Happy Blitt** (Hampstead, Que.)

Counsellors-in-Training

—This is my third year in Kadimah and maybe the most difficult. I never thought that being in the situation of not knowing where I stand could be so confusing. The beginning of Camp was the hardest. I'm not a camper, and I'm not a counsellor so what am I? . . . My favourite times were being on placements in Cabin 28, Gosh girls, you were great, hope to see you next year.—**Aviva Rubin** (Montreal) P.S. I know who I am now!

—What could C.I.T. life be without?:—Jack's sense of humour; Sheri's flirting; Joelle's personality; Aviva's laugh; Aaron's Metallica; Michael's poker chips; Brian's WWF wrestling; David's Dave???? P.S. Dave where are you?



◀ Staff

— **Friendship by Jason Rothstein** (Montreal)

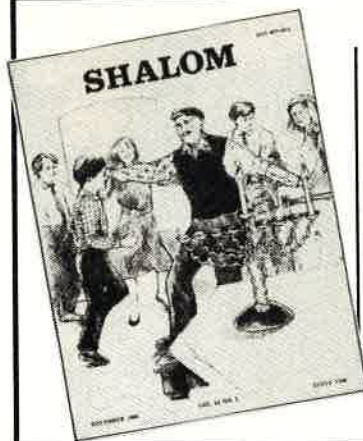
Grains of sand slip quickly through the hourglass
Thoughts that reappear as memories
Our friendships and our dreams are meant to cast us
And to stay with us for all eternity.
Kadimah days have again gone by
Six weeks of fun have suddenly come to an end
And if one thing is to be remembered
Is that each of us has gained a new friend.
Friendship is not only six weeks long
Nor is it a fad or a trend
It is something in a class of its own
Because a good friendship should never end.
I hope everybody has earned a new friend this summer
Because friends are what get you by in life
Do yourself a favour and keep in touch with each other
Because if there is one place to find a friend
It is here at Kadimah.
No matter how many years you come back,
You will always meet a new friend.



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I Was There

by Emmanuel Zabar

Today, when they are pointing their fingers at me suggesting
recommending and daring to tell me what to do and how to
behave . . . I look at them straight into their eyes and
in my best very frank way

I Say:

Save your words

I am that Jew

and I was there.

When they combed with iron combs Rabbi Akiba's body
torturing him to death,
chasing his followers and slaughtering them
for learning Hebrew and studying the Torah -
I was there,
Oh yes, I was there.

When they marched through Europe in the name of
their Christ heralding and introducing the Inquisition
dungeons to my Jewish brothers
who refused conversion—
I was there, too.

When they sent the mobs to enjoy themselves by storming
my shtetels in Eastern Europe, pogromming,
killing, raping and humiliating my people—
I was there.

When they looked for the Final Solution to my problem—
annihilating six million souls of my flesh—
and while the rest of the world was not there—
Oh yes, I was there,
Yes, I was there.

When they turned their backs to my Exodus convoys—
spurned, sailing from one shore to another
in their search for one safe shore, one safe shore—
and when they all were human enough
to expel them by the thousands
back to the concentration camps—
I was there on those ships,
Yes, I was there.

When they rejected any Partition Plan for my Declared Home
insisting on having it all for themselves

with "not even one square inch" of compromise.

When they declared their Holy War against me
and trained, equipped and sent their
murder squads to kill wherever
and as many—spreading their
wisdom of terror throughout
the world—and when
everyone was trying only
to save his own skin
I was there, alone,
I was there.

And now when they kill every one of their own leaders
who dares to mention a peaceful solution.

Now, when they are using women and children
as their front line to stab, to stone
and make use of home-made petrol bombs—
killing and burning to death
my people—
I am still there
proudly
I am there.

And in their current seasonal Sale when they
come to teach ME now

their nicely packed moral lesson . . .

I simply look at them
straight into their eyes and,
again, using my best very
frank way of putting
things right, I say:

Save your words, world,

and thank God,

I am still Here

and,

OH YES I WILL.