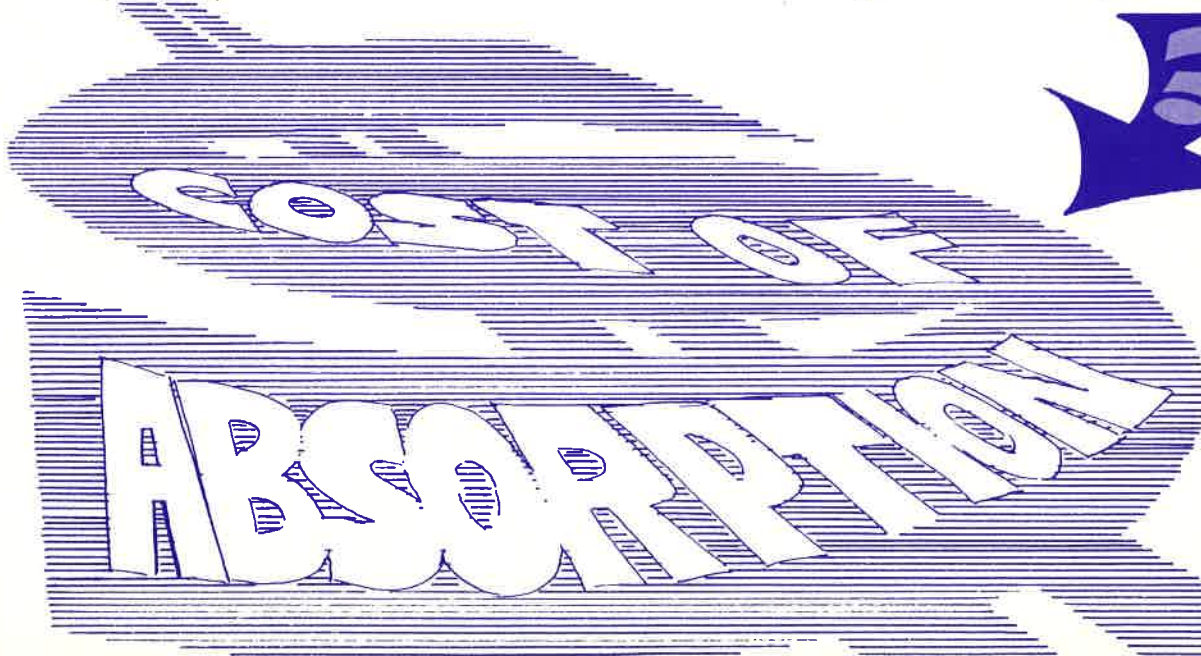


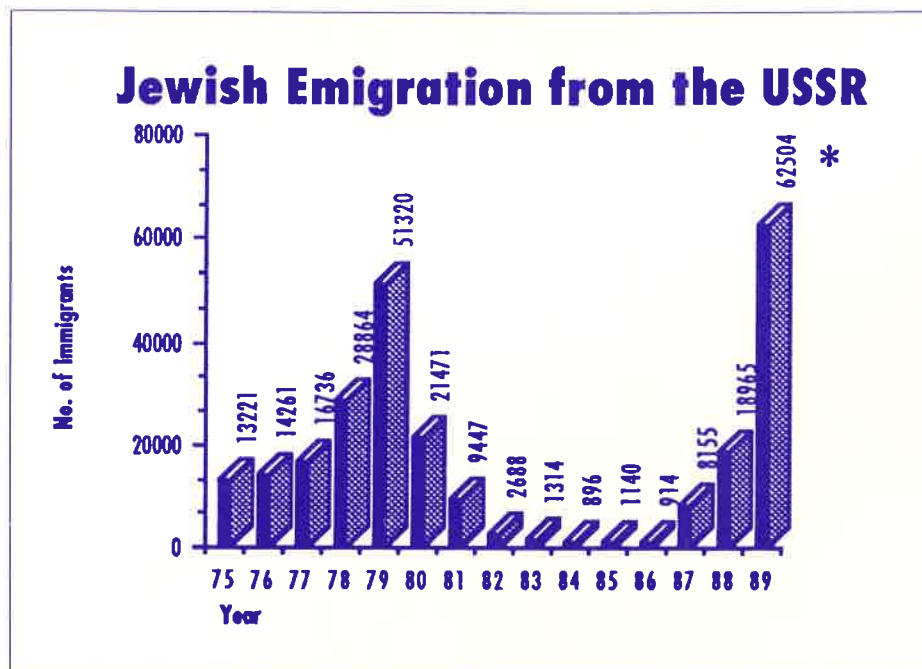


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Message from the President

by Ivan Levine



Ivan Levine

Here in the Atlantic Provinces during the fall, we celebrate two very meaningful occasions. The first is our New Year - with the

inscribing of a new beginning with many good hopes and aspirations. The second is a different type of meaningful fulfillment. It is like an insurance policy that we all should be glad to contribute to - the Jewish Agency and our support of it (UIA) which helps preserve the rights of Jews from all over the world. We shouldn't expend energies to find reasons why we should not give, but rather devote our thoughts on how much we can afford to give.

This year we are privileged to have **Emmanuel Zabar** as our Executive Director. He is experienced in fund raising campaigns and is personally involved in the process here. Once our fund raising campaign is completed (by the end of December, 1989), Emmanuel plans to start implementing a variety of cultural events and activities for the different ages and interest groups in our communities.

The A.J.C. Executive has approved in its last meeting, Emmanuel's programming proposals - including the re-organization of the

youth programmes. His goal is to put Young Judaea back in full force - revitalized by our dedicated Camp counsellors who are promising us lots of fun and happy hours for our kids. Young Judaea will be run by **Karen Zellkovitz** in Halifax and by **Evan Zellkovitz** in Fredericton.

A major community event will be planned for May. Cultural activities in our centres will be geared to and preparations for this will begin from now onwards. Individuals will be asked to contribute their specific talents to the event, which will be based on our own history, facts and tales.

In the "political" field - we are fighting back anti-semitism in our own communities - making sure that "small" incidents are not being ignored and are getting an immediate and appropriate response from us. **Lee Cohen** is chairing these communications and is doing it whole-heartedly.

I trust you too will feel the new wave of action coming from our office - for the benefit of all of us.

Happy Chanukah

Emmanuel's Message

OVER 500,000 JEWS ARE COMING HOME

"...Thereof, behold this day
Let them see brothers coming
lost brothers are coming
crying,
returning."

(You are standing this day)

We are all standing this day - listening to the voices and sounds, seeing the sights, pinching ourselves to believe it is true. We are all amazed to watch the Kremlin walls falling.

Prime Minister Shamir informed the Knesset that "500,000 Jews will be allowed to immigrate to Israel from Russia by 1990"...FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND brothers and sisters will join the building of our Jewish State - Israel. Another 500,000 Jews have already applied for a visa to go home, to Israel, and there is no doubt now that most of them will be granted permission to leave.

This is the greatest miracle we could expect from Chanukah!

During my first term in office, in the last three months, I found myself travelling from one community to another, all over Atlantic Canada - bringing the message to you, asking you to share the pride, as well as the price, of this exodus. Wherever I went I could feel the excitement of the people whom I approached, hearing the wonderful news and responding generously to the call. Although excited, I was surprised to be asked by some of you to explain to them the connection between the fundrais-

ing campaign I was running and my job as the AJC Executive Director!

Our sages taught us the wisdom of "Where there is no sustenance there is no Torah". The straight forward explanation of it is: Where you don't have materialistic support you will not find the spiritual one too.

Jewish Educational and cultural activities in the communities are being prepared and structured and we are looking for a person who will be working with me on these programmes (see ad in this bulletin).

As the editor of the *Shalom* I hope you do notice the new face and image I am introducing to your magazine - both in visual and contents aspects. I hope you too will find it encouraging to put your thoughts in writing and to send it to us to be shared by the readers.

I trust you all can now see the link between the Jewish sustenance and the Torah in my work for you.



Emmanuel Zabar

A Letter From the Keren Hayesod World Director General - Nov. 8, 1989

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Israel's historic commitment in the Declaration of Independence to the absorption of any number of Jews wishing to settle in the Jewish state is once again being tested. Thousands of immigrants are expected to settle in Israel over the next three to five years, as the gates of the Soviet Union and Ethiopia have finally opened wide.

This month alone, some 2250 Jews made Aliyah, bringing the total number of immigrants this year up to 17,456. This presents an increase of 56% over the figures of 1988. Projections are, that hundreds of thousands of Jews will have returned to their historic homeland, by 1993-94.

The absorption of such a large-scale Aliyah into Israel's social and economic infrastructure will not be cheap. Housing must be built, infrastructure created and additional salaries to teachers and social workers will have to be paid. For this, Israel needs the cooperation of Jews around the world. The Government of Israel and the Jewish people must join together in a concerted supreme effort for the absorption of tens of thousands of Jews in Israel.

Compelled by the urgency of the hour, the Government of Israel and the Jewish

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Agency decided to launch a \$2 billion special programme for the absorption of 100,000 immigrants over the next three years. The agreement was reached on October 31, in the presence of **Prime Minister Shamir**, members of his cabinet, a group of prominent Jewish Agency Officials led by Jewish Agency chairman **Simcha Dinitz**, Chairman of the Agency's Board of Governors **Mendel Kaplan** and the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency **Meir Sheetrit**.

The special \$2 billion absorption programme is being augmented by an additional \$1 billion laid out by the government to finance housing, rent and mortgages. Thus, in effect, the total absorption effort amounts to \$3 billion.

The main operational points of this unique agreement are: - 25,000 new housing units and renovation of 5000 others, net cost \$1 billion; - new classrooms and their operation, \$135 million; - vocational training, retraining, creation of new jobs, \$396 million; - direct absorption, \$240 million; - absorption through absorption centres, \$120 million; - transportation and luggage, \$138 million.

Financing the agreement: the Government's budget will include \$1 billion toward these expenditures; the Jewish people through the Jewish Agency, UJA and Keren Hayesod will seek to raise \$500 million; the Government will raise an additional \$500 million from outside resources.

The Jewish Agency has accepted the Government of Israel's request to raise \$500 million of this total sum. To this end, the Agency has asked the United Jewish Appeal and the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, to conduct a special Aliyah Campaign. In response to this request, the United Jewish Appeal has undertaken to raise an extra \$350 million in the United States over the next five years. The Keren Hayesod has undertaken to raise an extra \$150 million over an equivalent period of time.

Increased immigration has put the Jewish Agency budget under tremendous pressure. Recent trends favouring allocation to Projects rather than to the regular campaign has further aggravated the situation. A deficit of \$28.5 million for the 1989-90 fiscal year has already been incurred.

In general, we have asked our campaign leaders and representatives abroad to do their utmost to receive "free money" and to consult the Head Office when or where Projects become imperative. The only Projects which will be considered are those immediately related to the challenge of Aliyah and Klita.

The absorption challenges facing the Jewish State must be met. Israel must be able to absorb every one of the expected 100,000 olim. We cannot afford not to. Apart from it being part of the country's *raison d'être*, the long-term security of the state is as dependent on successful absorption as it is on efficient defence.

The Keren Hayesod World Family must gear itself for this special Aliyah campaign. The necessary funds to bring our Jewish brethren to Israel and provide them with a chance to start a productive and fulfilling new life must be raised. The tremendous responsibility on Israel's already heavily burdened shoulders

has to be shared by the whole Jewish nation. Israel is the only Jewish State we have and we must ensure its continued strength and survival.

Sincerely,
Yaacov Gilead

This Just In!!

Aliyah Forecast

According to the **Jerusalem Post** of November 28, **Prime Minister Shamir** told the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee: not 100,000 new immigrants in three to five years but 500,000 in 1990!

Unprecedented Record

One million Russian Jews have requested Israeli exit visas.

Statements at Knesset Aliyah Committee Meeting

Minister of Finances Shimon Peres:

"We will not reject a single Jew because of a lack in the Budget - Israel is able to absorb new immigrants - We can provide each and every family with accommodation - Today we have a population five times higher than in the 1950's and we only have to absorb one-tenth of what we absorbed then."

United Israel Appeal Campaign-Fredericton

by **Martin Payne**, Regional Chairman

After weeks of successful canvassing under the able leadership of **Weldon Levine**, the Fredericton 1989 United Israel Appeal ended in a very full and enjoyable evening in the vestry of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue on October 25.

Martin Payne, UIA Regional Maritime Chairman, introduced the guest speaker for the evening, **Howard Pearl**. Howard has his PhD in Psychology. He is President of the Tridco Communications Group, an advertising and communications company. He is also a full fellow of the Institute of Dynamic Business Management in Geneva, Switzerland. A warm and outgoing speaker, he reminded everyone that "we must give because we are Jews... We must give from the heart, and not because our neighbour has decided, or not decided to contribute."

Martin Payne gave a very emotional view of his trip to Poland and Israel last May and told us about the 1990 Atlantic Study Tour to Poland, Hungary and Israel, which will start April 18 and end on May 2, 1990. Those of us who will take advantage of this Mission will be most fortunate as this Mission will be linking up with the "March of the Living", a march from Auschwitz to Birkenau including approximately 2000 youths from as many as 30 different countries. This March will take place on Yom Ha'shoah, April 22nd. Our stay in Israel will include Yom Ha'atzmaut and we will rejoice with fellow Jews from across the world, the Independence of Israel. Marty's talk ended with a very moving video, which



Howard brought with him from Toronto—a video of the 1988 "March of the Living", which was professionally done by some of the young people of Toronto that participated.

This evening also afforded Frederictonians a chance to meet and get to know newly appointed Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, **Emmanuel Zabar**. We are all convinced that he will be a very welcome addition to the Maritimes.

Awards of Appreciation were given to **Judy Budovitch**, **Arnold Chippin** and **Ivan Levine**, for their years of devoted and unselfish service to United Israel Appeal.

Special thanks were given to **Bob Brown**, **Amelia Goldman**, **Faye** and **Ben Medjuck**, **Arnold & Rose Chippin** and **Seth Chippin** for their hard work in making the 1989 Fredericton Campaign so successful. The Campaign was held together and co-ordinated by **Weldon Levine**, our 1989 Chairman. To all those that "gave from the heart"—we thank you.

Ze'ev Chafets — A Love Affair with Israel

by David Za'ari

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The dust from the Six Day War had hardly settled when 20-year-old Ze'ev Chafets stepped off the airplane at what was called Lod International Airport to begin his third year of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Twenty-two years later, the kid from Pontiac, Michigan, is a middle-aged Israeli who has lived through wars, triple-digit inflation, two marriages and the raising of two children. He has also been a writer for the Israel Foreign Ministry, director of the Liberal Party's information department and director of the Government Press Office. More recently Chafets has written three books and is completing a fourth. Through it all he has maintained his affection for the Jewish state and a belief that Israel is basically "a good country in a bad neighborhood."

Since his aliya Chafets has witnessed Israel's transformation into a country undreamed of by the founding fathers. Israel to him was conceived in the euphoria of the 1967 Six Day War, born in the shock of the 1973 Yom Kippur War and came of age in the tumult of Menachem Begin's rise to power in 1977. In his book *Heroes and Hustlers, Hard Hats and Holy Men*, Chafets explores this new Israel, where the average guy is more interested in the good life than in the puritanical pioneering values of the country's founders.

In spite of the ongoing intifada, with its attendant violence, Chafets' optimism has not been dampened. "If I had written the book after the intifada started, I would have written it pretty much the same way," he says, sitting in the sparsely furnished living room of his large, airy Tel Aviv apartment. "Basically I think this country has a lot of equilibrium and stamina. Given the circumstances, we're doing pretty well."

Israel, in Chafets' opinion, was a much more heroic place in August 1967—upon his arrival in Israel shortly after the Six Day War Chafets kissed the tarmac, to the great amusement of the ground crew standing nearby.

Prior to his aliya, Chafets' knowledge of Israel came from Bible stories, the movie *Exodus* and "images from the recently televised Six Day War." He arrived with "romantic and one-dimensional images about the country."

He began learning about the real Israel immediately, when on his first weekend in the country he went hungry because "no one had informed me that the restaurants and stores would be closed on the Sabbath."

He expected to find larger-than-life heroes—and he did. Yet, despite this heady romanticism, Chafets had no thoughts of remaining past the school year until a chance meeting with an old pioneer who lived in a house draped with Israeli flags. "Everybody in this country seems to be some kind of hero,"



US born author Ze'ev Chafets
WZPS photo by Lisa Pleskow

Chafets commented at the end of their conversation, in which the old man described his part in bringing the state into being.

In Chafets opinion, "It's harder if one doesn't come to Israel with a strong Jewish background, but it's easier if one doesn't come with a strong Zionist background. Without that ideological tug, you don't have guilt feelings if life in Israel proves problematic and you contemplate leaving."

"The younger you are when you come the more flexible you are and the easier it is; and

if you are outgoing, all the better, because Israelis don't initiate contacts, but they do respond to them."

Israel is not for perfectionists, he comments. "It is very tempting to criticize Israelis and their way of doing things, but you have to come to terms with the fact that this country has different ways of doing things that are just as legitimate."

Chafets began his career as a writer seven years ago, although it was never a profession he considered whilst growing up. His four books stem from personal experience. *Double Vision*, for example, was inspired by his work at the Government Press Office, which serves as liaison with foreign journalists in Israel. The book is a study of how the western press covers the Middle East.

Heroes and Hustlers found its genesis in conversations Chafets had with his publisher, a non-Jew who thought that Chafets' anecdotes about life in Israel would make a good book. "Besides," he adds, "it got boring telling the same stories over and over again at cocktail parties."

His third book, *Members of the Tribe*, is a look at Jewish America, the result of six months traveling in 30 states and meetings with hundreds of people. His journeys included a visit to a Lubavitcher mitzva wagon, a Jewish singles weekend and trek to Louisiana bayou country to meet some Cajun Jews.

Member of the Tribe is a travel book, not a survey of U.S. Jewry. "American Jewry has been over analyzed and under reported," Chafets says. "It's more interesting to describe the community than to criticize it."

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The Advent of the Mega-Mission

Canada's "Unity Mission" started it, soon to follow by Philadelphia's "Mission 1000" and later the 1200 in "California Loves Israel". Now they are talking about an unbelievable mission of 10,000 called the "Israel Mitzvah". It was never thought possible, this phenomenon known as the Mega-Mission.

There are few countries in the world which can boast group travel to the extent of the thousands that will journey to Israel as one unit. And the groups are by no means restricted to the North American Jews who are eager to prove their solidarity with Israel; Christians are making pilgrimages to the Holy Land in equally large numbers. For example the Western Ontario Pentecostal Gathering, November 21 - 26, 1989 already has over 800 registered delegates.

The 750 people recruited from across Canada on last January's Unity Mission were just "pioneers" in the field of Mega-Missions. The impact of their trip was that the public felt more confident to go. A further result was that more and more kids became involved with youth programs.

With the spirit of student travel in mind, the United Israel Appeal and Network have put together an all-inclusive package from January 1 - 8, 1990 called "Homeward Bound" in which 800 - 1000 passengers are expected. The price is a staggering \$625 and includes accommodation at the five-star Jerusalem Hilton, all meals, transportation, taxes, insurance, entrance fees, cruises, shows and entertainment. The subsidized price offers the round-trip fares from Moncton, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

As do most comprehensive tours, "Homeward Bound" includes visits to Tel Aviv, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Kinneret, the Galilee and of course Jerusalem. Highlights include an opening dinner with Benjamin Netanyahu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, visits to absorption centres designed for Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants, a pub crawl and a party on board a cruise ship in the Kinneret. And the Network annual convention is included in this period.

In Canada, the UJA and UIA are more

active than their American counterparts; aside from sponsoring the student mission, they are also aiding the Toronto Jewish Congress in arranging a group for January 9 - 17, 1990 with at least 400 passengers expected.

Group members will stay at the Jerusalem Hilton, Carlton Tel Aviv, and a Galilee Kibbutz guest house. Included are five dinners and Israeli buffet breakfast daily, sightseeing, and service charges. Extension packages are also offered. The travel agents appointed for bookings are All About Travel, Aufgang Travel, Corson Travel, Fisher-Fremont Travel, Intra-Chesswood Travel and Tic Toc tours.

In February the Jewish National Fund with Adath Israel Congregation is running its

own Mega-Mission with at least 800 participants. From February 7th to the 19th the visitors will be treated to an array of parades, celebrations, addresses and special activities. And along the same lines Montreal's UJA is planning an equally-large mission for November 1990.

These Mega-Missions are more than just holidays; they are unique experiences based on community spirit to an emotionally significant destination which awaits them with open arms and warm hearts.

For more information, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, 180 Bloor Street West, Suite 700, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2V6 or El Al Israel Airline, 151 - Street West, Suite 650, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1S4, (416) 967-4222.

The 1990 Atlantic Region UIA Study Tour April 18, 1990 - May 2, 1990

The response to the invitation to have a special Study Tour for our communities is very positive. We are aiming for a one bus-load of participants (up to 40 people) and applications must be sent back to us as soon as possible. Obtaining visas to Poland and Hungary can be a long process as is the case with other arrangements and details concerning the tour.

After visiting Poland and Hungary, the following detailed itinerary is proposed for Israel:

- April 25 Late night arrival. Depending on time, could have speaker
- April 26 Breakfast / Mood of the Country followed by full day emphasizing Jewish agency and programs. Visit Absorption Centre, Youth Aliyah Village - afternoon and evening project renewal in Or Yehuda including home hospitality.
- April 27 Some touring Jerusalem and political situation. We will have two speakers, one from Labor and one from Likud (might be debate at lunch or separately depending on speakers) May include visit to settlement and meeting with Arab speaker depending on political situation then - evening: Oneg Shabbat together with other groups.
- April 28 Walking tour of Jerusalem. Free time. Evening: visit Wall for opening of Memorial Day, dinner and army speaker with other groups on meaning of Memorial Day.
- April 29 Meeting with Prime Minister, visit Yad Vashem and ceremony. Afternoon free - evening Streets and Independence Day dinner/dance with other groups.
- April 30 Independence Day - Picnic with other groups visit Bases - participate in closing of March of the Living. Evening: special concert organized for all groups.
- May 1 Fly to north visit confrontation line Canadian Projects Golan, etc. (Exact program will be worked out later). Late afternoon flight back to Jerusalem. Farewell dinner late departure for airport for return flight.

The registration policy being dealt with is the "First Come, First Served" rule. If you are planning to join our Study Tour, please send your application TODAY!

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Chafets is at present busy revising his fourth book—on black-white relations in Detroit. While the new book has nothing to do with Israel or Jews, Chafets says he feels close to the subject because he grew up near Detroit. Can he draw any more books from his personal experiences? "I may have run out of ideas for autobiographical books, but I'll wait a few years and see."

A question that Chafets asked himself while working on *Members of the Tribe* was, who would he have become if he never made aliya? Would he have been like the Jews he met on his travels, the friends he left behind in Pontiac? What might his path have been? "I was studying philosophy," he says. "I probably would have gone to law school and I'd probably had a lot of dough."

"Jewishly, I don't know. I think I would

have had a problem becoming involved in organized Jewish life. Israel is a much more regimented society than American society, but the American Jewish community is even more so. The great thing about Israel is that you can do anything you want and still be Jewish. In Israel, one can be a truck driver. In Israel, on Yom Kippur, one can go to the synagogue or to the beach. It's all Jewish. That fits me right down to my socks."

Israel Accepts U.S. Secretary of State Baker's 5-Point Proposal

The Government of Israel Peace Initiative of May 14, 1989

The Israel Government's Peace Initiative sets forth the guidelines for achieving a breakthrough towards resolving the Arab-Israel conflict and towards ushering in a new era of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations. The guidelines are as follows:

A) Israel views as important that the peace between Israel and Egypt, based on the Camp David Accords, will serve as a cornerstone for enlarging the circle of peace in the region, and calls for a common endeavour for the strengthening of the peace and its extension, through continued consultation.

B) Israel calls for the establishment of peaceful relations between it and those Arab States which still maintain a state of war with it for the purpose of promoting a comprehensive settlement for the Arab-Israel conflict, including recognition, direct negotiations, ending the boycott, diplomatic relations, cessation of hostile activity in international institutions or forums, and regional and bilateral cooperation.

C) Israel calls for an international endeavour to resolve the problem of the residents of the Arab refugee camps in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District in order to improve their living conditions and to rehabilitate them. Israel is prepared to be a partner in this endeavour.

D) In order to advance the political negotiation process leading to peace, Israel proposes free and democratic elections among the Palestinian Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District in an atmosphere devoid of violence, threats and terror. In these elections representation will be chosen to conduct negotiations for a transitional period of self-rule. This period will constitute a test for co-existence and cooperation. At a later stage, negotiations will be conducted for a permanent solution during which all the proposed options for an agreed settlement will be examined, and peace between Israel and Jordan will be achieved.

1. Based on the Israel Government's Peace Initiative of May 14, 1989, the Israel Government's Inner Cabinet decided on November 5, 1989 to accept U.S. Secretary of State Baker's Five Point Proposal. This decision is an important step forward in the search for a genuine and lasting peace with Israel's Arab neighbours.

2. Israel's acceptance of the Five Point Proposal is based on the assumption that the United States "will undertake that the entire move will conform with the Government of Israel Peace Initiative of May 14, 1989."

3. Through its continuing terrorist actions and declarations of hostile intentions, the PLO is proving that it is totally unfit to be a partner in peace negotiations.

4. Composing the list of Palestinian Arabs from the inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and focusing on the election modalities as the substantive subject in the dialogue will guide the peace process in the right direction.

On Sunday November 5, 1989, the Israel Government's Inner Cabinet decided to accept U.S. Secretary of State Baker's Five Point Proposal for advancing the peace process. The decision is an important step forward in keeping with Israel's unceasing and determined search for a genuine and lasting peace with its Arab neighbours, and is the result of months of intensified and concerted efforts by Israel and the United States to find a way to enhance the prospects for peace negotiations. The Government's basic Policy Guidelines of December 22, 1988 and Peace Initiative of May 14, 1989 provide the basis for the November 5 decision.

The issues now on the agenda are cardinal and highly important, for they pertain to Israel's vital interests. It is with this in mind that the Israel Government's inner cabinet has decided to accept Secretary of State Baker's Five Point Proposal. The proposal, along the lines accepted by Israel, is an important contribution to the peace process, and moves forward to further discussions on ways to expedite the movement towards peace. Israel hopes that the Palestinian Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza will seize the current opportunity and begin the dialogue.



EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
Ottawa.

Israel must Recapture the Initiative

By Norman Lipschutz
Gloucester, N.S.

On the eve of the second world conflagration — a little over half a century ago — the democratic republic of Czechoslovakia was thrown to the wolves. The shameful "Munich Pact", engineered and concocted by the allies, was to spell disaster to the Czech independence. By agreeing to dismember the country and surrender the Sudetenland to Hitler's voracious appetite, the allied powers set the stage for the disappearance of a potential strongly from the map of Europe. Weakened and mortally wounded by the allied betrayal, the Czech state could not conceivably resist the diabolic might of Nazi Germany and the Nazi plan for total submission. The end to the Republic was near at hand, and was soon to translate itself in the iron fist brutally descending upon a remarkable and exemplary people. The Czech state was no more; it had ceased to exist. Its downfall made it easier for Hitler's subsequent subjugation of Europe.

A similar fate is now threatening the free and democratic state of Israel. With allied connivance our adversaries are planning to swallow up Israel's heartland, to be followed in due course by the piecemeal liquidation of the Jewish State, God forbid! Anybody who cannot see it, must be blind. And our tragedy is such, that even many of our brethren — and what is worse, many of our "leaders" wielding considerable influence both in Israel and in the Diaspora — stand ready to participate in the evil machinations. Not unlike Chamberlain, the architect of appeasement, this conniving unholy alliance is shouting from the rooftops that the surrender of the territories will ultimately bring about the desired peace; but this is no more than an illusion and is fraught with dire consequences. Should such a policy be implemented, it ultimately may throttle all our hopes and aspirations. Israel would as a result be laid bare for total conquest.

Our Jewish State has within recent years lost the will and ability to initiate policy; instead it has chosen to react to events, and not always successfully. In order to turn the tide, Israel must without delay recapture the initiative from its Arab adversaries.

First and foremost on our agenda must be the incorporation (or annexation, if you will) of Judea, Samaria and Gaza within the boundaries of Israel. East Jerusalem and the Golan have in their time been declared part and parcel of Eretz Israel. Why should the same principle not apply to Israel's heartland?

The nations of the world and including certain Jewish circles are fond of referring to the West Bank and Gaza as "occupied territories". Such a term is certainly a misnomer. For many centuries all of Palestine was indeed occupied by alien powers. Under the British mandate, fully three quarters (on the East Bank of the Jordan) was declared an Arab kingdom. Jordan subsequently invaded the West Bank, and added a big chunk (Samaria and Judea) to its already vast possessions. It's this territory that Israel liberated from foreign rule in the 1967 Six Day War.

We must at long last turn the tables and declare before all to hear that it is Jordan that bears full responsibility for Palestinian self-determination, for it is on the East Bank that millions of Palestinian Arabs live, and these should be given the right to determine their own fate and future.

Mind you, this is not to say that Israel does not share a certain amount of accountability. What is transpiring in Gaza, and to some lesser extent on the West Bank, is a travesty of justice. The stateless Arabs of Gaza, together with those inhabiting the region west of the Jordan, must be given status and dignity. Full autonomy in municipal and cultural affairs is also a prerequisite. Such a policy should have been instituted and implemented on the heels of the 1967 victory. Full rights for the Arabs living in the liberated sectors should have been an immediate priority, but to our regret, our leaders failed to grasp the wisdom of such a policy.

Israel's second opportunity to initiate a settlement presented itself when in recent days King Hussein abrogated his responsibility for our association with the West Bank. In this instance too we let a golden opportunity slip

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History Update

By Nathaniel Cohen
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A few weeks ago a notice in *The Chronicle-Herald* (Halifax) caught my interest, sufficient to a resolution to attend the meeting that this notice was advertising, which was entitled "Christians and the Holocaust", and was to be held at The Atlantic School of Theology.

I had a vague notion that this lecture might give some insight into Christian consciousness over what must have been one of the most heinous crimes committed since the inception of their creed, and as the lecture was to be given by an extremely eminent figure in the academic world, I anticipated a level of erudition and scholarship fit for the subject under discussion. Disappointment would be the classic understatement, although I should have known better, for I would have long since learned that history and scholarship mean different things according to time and perception.

Well unlike speakers that come to our congregations, this gentleman had a fairly full audience; in fact the room was filled to overflowing, and could well have been held in a much larger one. As one would expect there was a very large portion of the clergy, and judging by their apparel some were fairly well up in the hierarchy of the faith. Would only that there would have been a simply attired rabbi in the room, for that was what was sorely needed, as was soon to transpire.

We were told by the introductory speaker, that Sir Owen Chadwick was a Professor in Modern History, a Master of one of the Colleges at Oxford, and an ordained Christian Minister. Qualifications that would make even the most learned, cautious in engaging in disputation. Not this Jew, as I will explain later. Far from being the critical self-analysis of Christian conscience in the wake of the Holocaust, that I in my simple naivete had expected. This was, at least to me, a new chapter in revisionist history. Patently it is ludicrous to deny the Holocaust took place. After all, there

are too many still alive able to testify from personal experience, that such lies are barely worth discussion, therefore a different approach has to be found for this vexatious Christian problem; for that in essence is precisely what it is. Complete denial is as it were, like turning off the light switch in a darkened room, too sudden, better to soften the harsh light of truth very gradually, almost imperceptibly, so that over time the ugly guilt may be expiated, rather than exorcised from the soul by full confession; this the Christian conscience is completely unable to do. This should not surprise us in the least. It is not the whole purpose of "Christ" the "Holy Lamb of God" who "washes away the sins of the world" pivotal to Christian faith? Therefore, instead of denial, our distinguished speaker embarks on a discourse of "decollectivisation of guilt" of those who were "misled by their leaders into committing such terrible deeds, and indeed one may find many examples of courageous and kindly Christian behavior towards Jews among the general population, and that many did not know what was going on, and certainly if this was true in Germany, was it not even more so outside Germany", and he cites many cases in which, as we well know righteous Gentiles did behave with exemplary conduct, and for whose memory we gladly honour at Yad Vashem, but my goodness they were all too few, and did very little to affect the final outcome of those horrible years.

I had no hesitation in stating that which I perceived to be the truth of the subject under discussion, regardless of the standing of the speaker, nor the company I was in. I suppose that this was one outcome that emanated from the terrible cost of the Shoa. The Jew now had a country of his own, real and tangible, as well as spiritual. He could therefore speak out without fear, and be counted. I recall only too well the dark days of "shush, we mustn't be noticed". I've had my fill of that, although I wish there had been more representation from the Jewish community than just three of us. There is no point in quoting my remarks chapter and verse; which were not refuted, except by one character, who interestingly enough was an



Indian of Christian persuasion. Suffice it to say, this gentleman has been totally discredited in the very recent past by communal action for his opinions. He suggested that "We Jews should put all this behind us, and try to learn to live and forget." My experiences in his own country qualified me to inform him in no uncertain manner, that there was absolutely no comparison between events in 1947 and what had been done to Jews in Europe just prior to this period.

Am I angry about this type of meeting, and it's subject content? No, disappointed maybe, and even feeling is not entrenched. In a sense, as I said previously, one should not be surprised. However, such are not my feelings when one of our own indulges in aberrations of the mind inimical to the norm. One such little creature turned up at a meeting wherein I am a legitimate member of the organization, with her protegee in tow. Thank goodness I had sufficient wit to seek our credible companionship prior to the meeting, and I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to them for their presence on both occasions, their moral support was more than welcome. On this occasion we are talking about an erstwhile little Jewish "maidele" succumbing to the enchantments of the Quaker movement; who to my absolute chagrin, pay all her expenses to visit Israel so that she may return here to assist the PLO and to authenticate her views. What you may ask, is the organization that I belong to, who invites these characters to their meetings? That's a fair question, and a simple one to answer. Remember the bit about the two new and novel bombs? Well, they probably may have been my own salvation, however, we have since lived with the "sword of Damocles" of them hanging over our head, and I personally do not think they have proven to be quite the benefit to mankind that others may see them as. The organization that I belong to is dedicated to their elimination, and is composed of veterans of WWII known as VANA; unfortunately, they go somewhat further, in a rather naive,

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by... and the end result was the "Intifada"...

In the event of incorporation of the disputed sectors within Israel proper, we are being warned that this might in time produce a demographic catastrophe for the Jewish State. the thesis being advanced that the Arabs will ultimately outstrip the Jews in population. This may not necessarily come about, should we institute measures to halt the emigration flow of Israelis, drastically reduce abortions and encourage Aliyah from Soviet and other lands. It is of paramount importance that we immediately call a halt to runaway and excessive bureaucracy — a factor damaging to the psyche of both resident and newcomer alike over a period of many years.

A second Palestinian state simply cannot and must not be created. It will encourage Arab terrorists to knife even deeper into Israel. The Israeli Prime Minister is undoubtedly

correct in his opposition to such a scheme and in his determination to prevent such an eventuality at all costs.

The question is posed: Do Diaspora Jews have the right to offer — nay even demand — solutions to thorny problems? Of course we have this right! We have worked long and hard for our Jewish Homeland. From the very beginning we have been partners in the rebuilding of Zion. We in our dispersion are bound to be affected by Israeli policy or lack of same... Israeli shortcomings also cause us great pain and considerable anguish.

A final note: Israel's Finance Minister has in recent times recognized and confirmed our rights vis-a-vis Israeli policy, and indeed called upon Jews everywhere to exercise these rights fully and unequivocally, and I might add: responsibly — with full regard for the consequences.

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and pathetic trust in the United Nation Organization's ability to control world peace, and therefore believe rather implicitly in the effectiveness of total disarmament, which is where philosophically I part company from them.

Another of their outside expert speakers, **Sir Allstair Mackie**, one time head of Britain's Strategic Air Command, assured me blandly, that Israel most certainly had atomic weaponry, and complete capabilities of delivering them with both conventional, and rocket means. To my innermost and unspoken thoughts were, that if you "blighters" had behaved with the slightest modicum of decency, and evenhandedness towards a struggling little State at its formation, they wouldn't have had to pour so much of their precious treasure in the acquisition of such things, in order to try and ensure their survival. I do have my moments of prudence, so I simply thanked him for his intelligence, whilst making suitable "tut", "tut" noises, as I backed away from the exalted presence.

Interestingly just at the time I sat down to my computer to compose this, my copy of the **Canadian Jewish News** arrived in the mail, and as is my wont, I immediately turned to one of my favourite contributors, **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**, to find that his topic for this week's column is on this very subject. He is quoting Prof. of History **Arno Mayer**, another of our bright "brochers", having some identity difficulties, whose thoughts appear to parallel those of the "Noble English Knight".

Think about it, eh?

Gala Kick-Off in Halifax

The Shaar Shalom Synagogue kicked off its Super Draw fundraising effort at a Gala Wine & Cheese Party on November 15 in Halifax.

Jon Goldberg, Chairman of the Super Raffle Committee, has organized a fundraising project that would enable the shul to hold the line on dues and assessments in future years.

Tickets are now on sale, with the winner

having option to win either a 1990 Fleetwood Cadillac (courtesy of Forbes Chev-Olds, Dartmouth, N.S.) or \$40,000. in cash. The price of the tickets are \$100. each, and only 1250 will be sold. Ticket Comptroller and Raffle Treasurer is **Barrie Green**. A \$500. State of Israel Bond will be awarded to the member who sells the most tickets.

In addition to the Super Draw for the Cadillac, to

be held on May 12, 1990, there is an Early Bird Draw on February 14, 1990. The lucky winner will receive a Travel Certificate valued at \$2000. from Canplan Travel Ltd.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. To purchase your ticket, please contact Mr. **Barrie Green**, Ticket Chairman, Shaar Shalom "Super Draw", 1981 Oxford Street, Halifax, N.S., B3H 4A4, or call him at (902) 453-5005 (bus.), 479-3951 (res.), or fax (902) 453-9257.



Jon Goldberg (r), Chairman, presents a raffle ticket for a 1990 Fleetwood to Gordon Dankner, President of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

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A Letter from . . . GAZA!

Editor's Comment: This week I received a letter from a dear friend of mine, who lives in the largest kibbutz in Israel. It could be just another letter which keeps me updated (and homesick) on the current life in Israel, whilst I am serving as your Shaliach in Canada, but . . . I felt that some of this letter's content should be shared by you all. I believe you will find it very helpful in understanding what kind of soldiers we are and what our soldiers have to go through these days.
—EZ.

10.11.89

Dear Zabars:

It has been a long time since we were in touch, and so many things are happening here, so much that the only time I have to sit back and write you is when I serve in Milu'im (military reserves service).

Yes, I am located now in Gaza out of all places in this world. I am not complaining—I have a very interesting job to do. I serve as a military investigating officer in charge of checking complaints of the local citizens of Gaza against the behaviour of our soldiers. If I find them right, I have to prosecute the soldiers involved in violating the IDF regulations. Believe me, it is not an easy job to do.

Let me first tell you about Gaza, the city, so that you will have an idea what our soldiers have to go through. It is amazing to find out how filthy Gaza is. Wherever you look there is garbage piled up for years, and it seems that no one cares about it. You can feel the hatred of the people in the air. It is a silent burning hatred

which is surrounding you everywhere you go in Gaza. As for myself, I was not yet "privileged" to feel the stones thrown at me—but believe me, the air here is full of stones, waiting for their next victim.

In my capacity as an investigator, I found out a new phenomenon of the Intifada. The locals are flooding us with official claims of misbehaviour of our soldiers, forcing us to spend many hours on investigating the circumstances of each claim—only to find out that it is a false claim intended to embarrass and defame the IDF! We, in turn, lay charges against those people and punish them. I can tell you that only very few claims are found right—and in such cases, the soldiers involved are being punished severely. I feel I am contributing something to keep the IDF moral and human image by doing this job. It is very important for me to realize how seriously every claim is being investigated and how no one is trying to cover up mal behaviour of our soldiers.

On the other hand, I feel how ridiculous the situation is. It is simply impossible. We find ourselves controlling these people and their lives—and by doing so, we only add to their hatred of us! The only consolation I have is that I won't be serving Milu'im until next fall!

. . . In the Kibbutz, as you know, I am in charge of all the cultural activities—and this, believe me, is more than a full time job. Just before this Milu'im I organized the month of Tishri activities which included Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Succot festivities. Maybe it is not for me to say it—but you would be proud of me if you would see what I did and how the whole Kibbutz celebrated. On top of the religious holidays, I have organized an evening to commemorate "50 Years Since WW1", which inspired so many veterans, members of my Kibbutz. When I finish this Milu'im I have to plan Chanukah, Tu B'shvat, etc.

Winter is approaching. The days are getting shorter. Green turns into yellow and it seems that everything looks more promising. I hope that we will eventually find a way to have a dialogue with our neighbours, with the hope to live peacefully in our land.

And in the meantime, you keep on doing the good job I trust you do.

Love to you all,
Chezi

Excerpts from Reb Moshe and the Conservatives

By Rabbi Jacob Chinitz
Halifax, N.S.

The "Who is a Jew" controversy in Israel and in North America has heightened the awareness that there is the possibility of a real split between Orthodoxy and non-Orthodoxy in the Jewish community. One wants to agree with the optimists and moderates in both camps who assume that a split is not inevitable, that the divisiveness at least will not increase beyond the chasms already created by two hundred years of modernism and religious ferment. Honesty, however, requires a more sober analysis, not so much in terms of general theological and social issues as in terms of the specified legal position taken by Orthodox authorities and accepted, in the main, by their followers.

Orthodoxy, like the other Jewish religious movements, is not monolithic. We recognize a right, a centre, and a left in Reform and in Conservatism, but the parties are much more numerous in the vast world of Orthodoxy. Levels of observance, and theoretical dogmatics, range from extreme fundamentalism to what we might call extreme moderation. Yet most of the Orthodox Jewish world has recognized the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein as its foremost halakhic authority. His funeral in Jerusalem in 1986 after a long, well-known and revered career in the United States, was attended by one hundred thousand people. A close look at his response would be a fair way

of determining the norm for current Orthodox theory and practice.

Reb Moshe was known within the family circle and in the wider Yeshivah world as a gentle person who leaned toward leniency in his halakhic rulings. By his own testimony, he was not a fanatic:

Everyone is obliged to test the truth according to his own mind . . . No apology is necessary because I am not one who takes umbrage easily . . . Determining the law even in the direction of leniency is a greater obligation than that of studying Torah. (Yoreh Deah, 48)

Despite Reb Moshe's anxiety to be friendly when possible, when he felt that the demands of the law cannot be circumvented he was prepared to make the harsh ruling. Time and again, as we shall demonstrate, in all practical matters, in the final analysis he quite clearly places Conservative and Reform rabbis and their congregations outside the pale of "kosher" Judaism. We shall also discern distinctions made between the disqualification of rabbis and laymen, with harsher standards applied to the former.

It is quite obvious that the decisions which Conservative Jews consider to be offensive and intolerant did not emanate from someone who was extremist or basically intolerant. I personally recall Reb Moshe from the nine-

teen-thirties, when he came to this continent from Europe. His father was Rav in Starobin, in the Russian region of Minsk, where I was born. My father, the late Rabbi Abraham Chinitz, was a Yeshivah *bohur* with Rabbi Feinstein at the Yeshiva of Mir. My mother's uncle, Rabbi Joseph Adler, father of the late Rabbi Morris Adler, was instrumental in installing Rabbi Feinstein as Rosh Yeshivah of Yeshivat Tiferet Yerushalayim, which he headed for the next fifty years until his death in 1986. From personal contact, from the opinions of my relatives, and from all general reports, Reb Moshe emerges as a saint and a scholar, modest, patient, and loving. Still, he clearly was aware of his own worth and assumed the role of decisor, *posek*, for his generation with a sense of historic responsibility.

Unlike the traditional rabbi of a given locale, who ruled mostly in the area of ritual behavior (*issur v' heter*), Reb Moshe was aware that he was ruling for the community, local and worldwide. He therefore was very concerned with questions of personal status; determining who is a rabbi, who is married, who is divorced, who is a convert, and who is a Jew. He openly assumes that there is no pluralism in Judaism. In his view, Conservative and Reform rabbis are, therefore, not rabbis, and he makes the assumption that religious procedures carried out and supervised by them are invalid since the validity is dependent upon the reliability of those who conduct such procedures.

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The Orthodox establishment in Israel has offered the status of a sect to Conservative and Reform Judaism, in a matter which has not yet been settled, but Reb Moshe has already granted them that status. Mere membership in the Conservative rabbinate is enough to label a rabbi as a heretic. This could be represented by members of the Rabbinical Assembly whose personal observance may be more stringent than that of some Orthodox rabbis; but this is to no avail. It therefore seems irrelevant to argue whether or not Conservative rabbis officiate according to halakhah at weddings, divorces and conversions. Reb Moshe and those who are prepared to follow him do not trust a Conservative rabbi to conduct any ritual properly. In any event, they disqualify every Conservative rabbi from serving as a witness, or as a member of a *Bet Din*, or in any function which demands rabbinic status.

All of this is more than annoying to us, of course. Conservative synagogues routinely hire Orthodox teachers, but Orthodox synagogues may not engage Conservative teachers. Orthodox staff members and Orthodox Yeshivot may take salaries and contributions from Conservative Jews, but Orthodox Jews may not worship in a Conservative synagogue. Conservative rabbis who do engage Orthodox teachers for their schools are not honouring their own movement when they permit these teachers to be absent from services in the sanctuary. What are their students to think about their own synagogue? Conservative rabbis consider themselves to be legitimate rabbis, legitimate Jews and their synagogue to be legitimate synagogues, but they permit Orthodox employees to proclaim the opposite by acts of omission and implication, if not by direct statement. And he explicitly prohibits ritual participation by the infidels:

Conservative and Reform rabbis may not be called to the Torah, for their blessing is not a blessing, and no Amen should be said in response. Heretics should not be honoured in the very sanctities which they deny. To do so is to fawn on them. Mere violators of mitzvot, who believe in God and the Torah, may be called to the Torah, for they are merely sinners who have yielded to temptation. But the "rabbis" are the real heretics, defiant sinners, misleaders and inciters. (Orah Hayyim, 21)

It is interesting to note that a Conservative ruling can be more stringent than an Orthodox ruling. It recently came to my attention in my congregation that one of my predecessors had ruled that a certain intermarried congregational leader could not set foot on the synagogue *bimah*. This led to the estrangement of the gentleman in question. Yet Reb Moshe, as cited by Levin in the case of the doctor who had intermarried and whose contributions to the community were in danger of being lost, ruled that the congregation "may honour him with the opening of the Ark. *Even though there is an element of falsity here*, and perhaps also



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of flattery, yet because the prohibition is not crystal-clear . . . *there are grounds for being lenient* if the leaders of the community believe that leniency is in order." Reb Moshe ruled that the intermarried doctor could both open and close the Ark.

In the area of charitable contributions I had some personal experience with Reb Moshe. During the fifties, when I was serving in Detroit, Reb Moshe came on a visit and asked me to take him to all of the Conservative rabbis. He wanted contributions for his Yeshiva, but he insisted on reaching their offices without actually walking through any of their synagogue sanctuaries.

I believe that a fruitful debate with the Orthodox must avoid emotionally laden words on both sides. The Orthodox should refrain from slogans such as these: "Once you begin to change, where will it stop?", "You are simply trying to make the religion easier.", "Your rabbis are inciters, misleaders, destroyers." The Conservatives should refrain from using such words as monolithic, medieval, outdated, twentieth-century, twenty-first century, modern, and keeping up with the times. The novelty for archaism of legal concepts, individual laws and techniques of change are not relevant. The considerations should be in terms of value, humanity, truth, authenticity, continuity, adaptability, legal cohesiveness, need, feasibility and common sense. We should agree that nothing new or old is automatically either good or bad.

It is unfair to judge halakhah, as it is maintained and presented by the Orthodox, by the standards of Western values, science or

philosophy. But it is reasonable to apply a rigorous internal standard, to ask whether a halakhic ruling adheres to rules of inner logic and consistency. Reb Moshe and his school are entitled to follow the Talmudic method and to draw out legal consequences according to the principle of "letting the law penetrate the mountain" (*yikov ha-din et ha-har*); they are not entitled to be inconsistent and self-serving, or to retain laws that are patently absurd in terms of common sense or morality.

Will we ever have the *hutzpah* to take seriously what one of our past Chancellors wrote to us in a missive years ago? "It is we who sit in the seat of Moses!" When I asked him if that meant he had given up on pluralism, he said no, for he still thinks that Orthodox Jews are also Jews. I do not know how to bridge the gap between Reb Moshe and the *Konservativen*, as he calls us, in his response. Better manners would certainly be an improvement, but more than good intentions and kindness is required. Merely to drop the name-calling while asking for tolerance on both sides will not work. The very realization that there is intelligence and sincerity on both sides makes the gap more glaring. The best we can do at this stage is to clarify our own methodology and create a *de facto* pluralism.



Chanukah—Rich in Ritual

by Dvora Waysman
WZPS

I can still remember how unhappy I was as a little girl when December came around each year. Being the only Jewish child in a school of 500 pupils (at the time there were no Jewish day schools in Melbourne, Australia), I can remember being taught Christmas carols, watching Nativity plays and feeling the excitement of all my classmates. In their homes there were fir trees decorated with bright baubles and glittering stars. They would tell me of their preparations at home for the festive meals—roast turkey with chestnut dressing and plum pudding with brandy sauce and would receive wonderful gifts. How bitterly left out I felt, for these customs belonged to a culture and religion that was not mine.

The years have passed, but the memory of that sad little girl still remains. How tragic that I did not know that I too had something to celebrate—equally beautiful and rich in ritual—Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.

Of course, I had heard something about it from my parents and the sterile cheder (Jewish study) classes which I had to attend. I learned that it dated from 165 B.C.E. when Palestine became part of the Hellenist Syrian Empire, ruled by Antiochus Epiphanes. He wanted to wipe out the Jewish religion and substitute the Greek language, customs and god. When he defiled the Temple and forced them to Worship Zeus, they rebelled and, by clever military tactics, the tiny army—led by Judah Maccabee—was victorious. Their first act was to purify the Temple, but all the cruses of sacramental oil had been rendered unfit; only one pure cruse was left. However, by a miracle, instead of burning for just one day, inexplicably it burnt for eight.

But I was never taught about the ritual of the holiday and what could be done to imbue it with the same magic my friends' festival had.

By the time I had children of my own, I was determined that my lack of knowledge would not deny them pride and joy in their own heritage, and so we came to live in Jerusalem, where the Chanukah story happened 2,000 years ago.

Chanukah is truly a Festival of Lights, for each evening at twilight we stand before the window to light tiny colored candles in the eight-branched candelabra—the menorah. On the first night, we light just one candle, the second night two and by the end of the festival, all eight candles are burning brightly. After the blessings, the whole family joins in singing

"Maoz Tsur"—"O Fortress, Rock of my Salvation."

I never received gifts for Chanukah as a child, but here in Israel it is a wonderful time for children. Each day of the festival they are often given a small, modest gift. When my children were small, they received "Chanukah gelt" in the form of a small mesh purse filled with chocolate coins covered in silver and gold paper. They also received dreidels—spinning tops with a Hebrew letter written on each side signifying that "A great miracle happened here".

Due to the miracle of the oil, fried food dominated the festival and for a week we forget about counting the calories and cholesterol level. We revel in "latkes"—potato pancakes, and in Israel, the specialty is "sofganiot"—sugary doughnuts filled with raspberry jam.



A young child is assisted in lighting the Chanukah menorah on the last night of the festival. WZPS photo by Varda.



Doughnuts frying in deep oil in an Israeli bakery. WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.

Over the years, I have learned more about my own faith and its festivals. Chanukah, for example, taught me many lessons, the most important one being that it is fine to be different. Just as our forefathers fought the mighty Hellenist empire for the right to retain their religious traditions, I came to realize that each ethnic group has its own treasures that have special significance just for them.

So now, when December comes, I celebrate Chanukah in Jerusalem with my children and grandchildren. I revel in the colored candles proclaiming a miracle in the night, the laughter of children exclaiming over their gifts and the tantalizing fragrance of pancakes frying.

I am reminded of the story of the little girl who went all over the world trying to find the Bluebird of Happiness, only to return home and find that it lived in her own garden. For me, it lives in Jerusalem . . .

Recipe Corner

All Kinds of Chanukah Pancakes

The following recipe, will serve 4-6.

Traditional Jewish Latkes

12 large potatoes, grated	5 tbs. flour
3 medium onions, grated	3 tsp. salt
4 eggs, beaten slightly	1 tsp. pepper
	oil for deep frying

Using a clean tea towel squeeze out as much of the liquid from the potatoes as possible. (The more liquid that can be squeezed out, the better the results). Squeeze out the liquid from the onions. Combine all the ingredients and mix together well by hand.

In a heavy skillet heat oil a minimum of 3/4" (2 cm) deep. Form individual pancakes by hand and when the oil is very hot slide in enough pancakes to fill most of the pot, but be sure to leave room between the pancakes. When the latkes are nicely browned on one side turn them and cook until browned on the other and crisp at the edges. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towelling. Serve immediately or keep hot in a warm oven. Serve with sour cream, applesauce or sprinkle with sugar.

Variation: To make Polish Ratzelech, add 2 large peeled, cored and grated apples to the batter and fry the pancakes in a large skillet with about 1" (2.5 cm) of hot chicken fat.



Moroccan housewife holding plates of spicy homemade potato pancakes.

The Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora—The First Ten Years

by Carol Novis
WZPS

When Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, opened ten years ago, its founders' intentions were to depict 2,500 years of Jewish life in a way that would be totally different from any other museum. A four story building on the campus of Tel Aviv University, the museum recounts the history of Jewish life thematically, rather than by chronology or geography.

Initiated by Dr. Nahum Goldman and planned by an international team of experts, the Museum, it was hoped, as Dr. Goldmann put it, "discharge its noble role as an historical and educational catalyst, both in its function as

a memorial and as a bridge between Israel and the living Jewish Diaspora.

By all criteria, that aim has been fulfilled, even beyond the dreams of the museum's founders. Some three million visitors have passed through its doors, and awards to the Museum have included the European Council Award, the Silver Otter Award given by the British Association of Travel Writers, the Speaker of the Knesset Award for the Quality of Life, and the Tourism Institute of the Year Award.

Many museum planners have come to Israel to study Beth Hatefutsoth's methods

and consults its professionals, and praise has come from hundreds of visitors: among them Neil Simon: "one of the most inspiring days of my life"; Herman Wouk: "this brilliant museum"; and Valery Giscard d'Estaing: "I congratulate you on your admirable and moving presentation."

One main reason for its success is that Beth Hatefutsoth is not a museum in the usual sense of the word. It has not artifacts, no ancient objects, no original art. Instead, its exhibits tell their story through film, slides, models, dioramas and sound.

Beginning with a replica of the Arch of Titus showing Jews going into captivity from the fall of the Temple, the story goes on to tell of the Jewish family, the backbone of Jewish life. Here are models of the Jewish life cycle—birth, bar mitzvah, marriage, death—and the

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year's festival cycle. Models and films also illustrate the structure of the Jewish community and Jewish faith; famous synagogues throughout the world have been intricately reconstructed.

Other sections include Jewish culture, presenting the Jewish contribution to art, education, theatre; a historical section portraying the interaction of Jews with their surrounding society from first century Alexandria to modern times; and finally the yearning for Zion, depicted in art and pictures. Each floor has its own study section where the visitor can examine these themes in greater detail through video cassettes and computers. Visitors can also receive a print-out of the history of any one of 3,000 Jewish communities throughout the world.

Finally, the museum features a Chronosphere, a planetarium shaped hall where a 25 minute multimedia presentation is projected on the dome. Themes of the show include migrations of Jews, their way of life and culture, and return to Israel.

A relatively new project is Dorot (Generations), the Douglas E. Goldman Jewish Genealogy Center, which employs three staff members, about 20 volunteers and is directed by **Dianna Sommer**. This department has undertaken the ambitious aim of eventually providing a computer link of the whole Jewish family tree.

For \$1 per name (Minimum 50 names), it's possible to record a family history onto the computer. So far, 60,000 names and stories are listed, and the aim is to record a million names by 1990. This will be made easier with the imminent release of a special software disk which after being completed at home, can be copied and sent for recording. Future plans

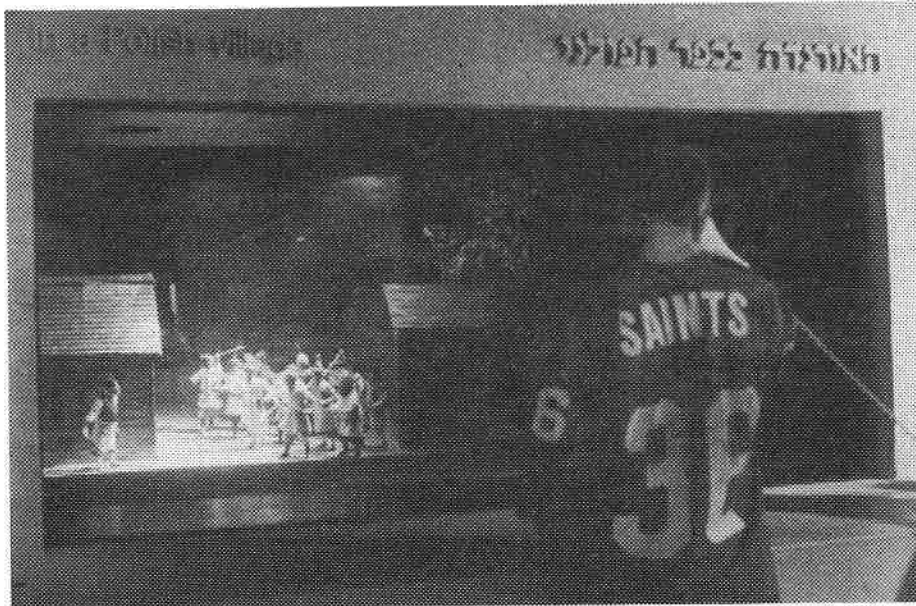
also include the establishment of satellite genealogical centers throughout the world, where data bases will be available.

If all goes according to plan, it may be possible one day for any Jew to enter his name and find his family's history, including perhaps a record of family members previously unknown.

Now, looking to the future, a new building next to the original, which will extend the story of the Jewish people over the last 200 years, is under construction. The Abraham and Edita Spiegel Family Building will cover such topics as the emancipation, Zionism, the Holo-

caust, and record the story of Islamic, Australian and American Jews among others. It will also house educational facilities and additional exhibition halls.

As the late **Arye Dulzin**, president of Beth Hatefutsoth and former Chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency, said, referring to the challenge of the next decade, "Beth Hatefutsoth must exploit its special status—as representative of all that is common to every sector of the Jewish nation—in order to extend and intensify its functions and so become an educational and cultural focus of the entire Jewish people."



A diorama of an anti-Semitic attack against a Jewish merchant in a Polish Village at the turn of the century. WZPS photo courtesy of Beth Hatefutsoth.

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Did You Know Half a Million Israelis Near Poverty?

By GII Sedan, JTA

Close to half a million Israelis live on the poverty line, almost half of them children, according to figures released on November 21 by the National Insurance Institute.

Mordechai Zipori, Director General of the Institute, believes nothing can be done to improve their situation as long as Israel's economic stagnation persists.

"Life around the poverty line means neither living nor dying; it means surviving," Zipori told a news conference.

At the moment, 448,000 Israelis live in what he termed "terrible poverty", and of that number, 223,000 are children, he said.

They live on less than \$7.50 a day, compared to the average Israelis family's expenditures of about \$50. a day.

Without financial assistance from the institute, a fifth of Israel's population would be living beneath the poverty level this year, Zipori said.

Ronni Milo, the acting minister of labor and social affairs, confirmed Zipori's figures. He said the situation was the same last year, and while the trend is stable, there are no real prospects for change.

But Milo sees hope in a bill shortly to be introduced in the Knesset, which would set up a state pension program for elderly people not covered by existing programs.

Atlantic Canada Remembers

In Halifax:

Gar Meltzer, Junior Commander of the Canadian Jewish War Veterans – Atlantic Provinces, in his address at the Beth Israel Synagogue on November 12:

Mr. Peter Herschorn, Chairman, **Rabbi Pritzker** and **Rabbi Chinitz**. I would like to thank both rabbis very much for holding excellent services yesterday in their Synagogues. And a special thanks to Rabbi Pritzker for hosting this service and to **Commander Edwards** for giving up his Sunday morning to speak with us. A special welcome to **Emmanuel Zabar**, our new Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, who is also a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces.

Ladies and gentlemen, it does my heart good to see members of both Halifax Synagogues join together for a joint service to remember their beloved Veterans who have passed away.

The town of Levis across from Quebec City was named after one **Henry De Levi**, Duke of Ventadour, Viceroy of New France, 1625-27. Canadian Jewish War Veterans date back to 1752, fighting alongside the French Canadians. In 1758 **Abraham Gradis** commanded and owned a large squadron of ships in the seven years of war. **Colonel Moses Hazen** commanded District of Montreal. Many others served at that time who are too numerous to mention at this time.

In the 1939-1946 conflict out of 175,000 Jews in Canada, ten percent were known to have served in the forces, the largest group of Ethnic Canadians to serve. For your information, in Atlantic Canada, 199 Jewish men and women joined the forces during 1939-46; in Saint John, 65; in Moncton, 16; in Fredericton, 14; in Yarmouth, 11; in Sydney/Glace Bay, 36; and in St. John's, 10.

A lot of my comrades feel they didn't do enough for the war effort, as they were too young at the time for active participation or they were turned away for health reasons. To them I want to quote **Colonel Strom Galway**, a retired professional Canadian soldier, who spoke on his life in the military service. He summed it up with:

"It is not where you served, or how you served, but that you served, and thank God you're alive to talk about it."

In Saint John, Montreal Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, the Canadian Jewish War Veterans are playing a large role in their centres, helping out in their communities, not only with Jews, but also with their Gentile friends.

"You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too."



In Sydney:

A well-attended Remembrance Day service was held in the Synagogue of the Temple Sons of Israel on November 11th.

Veterans took part in all the aspects of the Shabbos service. The Shacharis portion was conducted by **Max Lubetzki** while **Dr. Phillip Simon**, visiting from Glace Bay, read the portion from the Torah. All those called to the Torah were veterans. **Dr. Dan Nathanson** had the Haftorah—his first in almost 40 years.

The speaker for the day was **Dr. Garson Lecker**, who touched on the vast changes taking place in eastern Europe and the massacre in Tianamen Square in Beijing. He asked that all those who gave their lives in the search for peace should be remembered. A minute of silence followed and **Mr. Maurice Gaum** then delivered the El Malei Rachamim in a memorial to those who died. He also continued with the Musaf service.

At the conclusion of the service, a Kiddush was held in the synagogue auditorium.

In Moncton:

On November 11, Congregation Tiferes Israel commemorated Remembrance Day. A special memorial prayer of El Malei Rachamim was recited during Shabbat morning services for the souls of all deceased Canadian War Veterans. The Jewish war veterans, who were present, received the honour of an Aliyah

to the Torah. In addition, **Mendel Greenblatt**, representing the Jewish War Veterans of Moncton, was present at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park while a wreath was laid for Jewish War Veterans during the annual civic remembrance ceremony.

In the evening of November 11th, **Rabbi & Mrs. Wolff** were invited guests of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 6, at their annual Remembrance Day Dinner. A toast was made by **Comrade Dave Bowbrick**, the Legion's administrator, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust as part of the toast to "Our Fallen Comrades."



In Saint John:

The Saint John Branch of Atlantic Post #4 Jewish War Veterans of Canada, held a memorial service on Saturday, November 11th, at Shaarei Zedek Synagogue. **Commander Gar Meltzer** and **Adjutant I.J. Davis** led the veterans' part of the service with appropriate readings and poetry eulogizing departed comrades.

The special memorial prayers were chanted by **Lou Michelson**, who was in charge of the Shabbat service. We were very fortunate to have the memorial service in conjunction with the Bar Mitzvah of **Keiver Calp**.

The role call of comrades who passed on included: **Maurice Abramson**; **Rabbi A. Babb**; **Harry Baxt**; **Dr. Frank Boyaner**;

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Louis Citren; Emanuel Corber; Morris Corber; Hyman Ellman; Maurice Elman; Zelig Fine; Ernie Gilbert; Louis Green; Jack Kunitzky; Joseph Kunitzky; Robert Jacobson; William Meltzer; Stanley Lieberman; Hyman Marcus; Jack Marcus; Robert Masters; Murray Newstader; Morton Palkowsky; Abe Prilutsky; Nathan Sandler; Norman Smith; Samuel Smith; David Shephard; Col. Joseph Tanzman; Herbert Tobin; and Charles Zatzman.

Those attending and receiving honours were Morris Holtzman; Dr. Arditti; Milton Bassen; David Shaeffer; Nathan Green; Max Fransblow; Ben Cohen; Dr. Moe Polowin; Bernard Bloom; Associate Comrade Bertha Masters; Ella Grosweiner; and Ann Smith.

Comrade David Lubin acted as Jewish Chaplin delivering the memorial eulogy for the Jewish War Veterans at the Cenotaph, escorted by Comrade Mark Reece. Wreaths on behalf of the Jewish War Veterans were laid at the Cenotaph by Comrade Lionel Farrell of Saint John Branch #14 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

On Sunday, November 12, Adjutant I.J. Davis led a memorial service at the Jewish

Cemetery. Memorial prayers were chanted by Comrade Dr. Moe Polowin and wreaths were laid at the Chapel by the Royal Canadian Legion and various church groups.

Individual poppies were laid on the graves of departed comrades, with the assistance of Moishe Granek, Veteran of Israel's Defense army and Comrade Lionel Farrell.

Wreaths were also laid at the Cenotaph in West Saint John and in conjunction with services in other cemeteries in Saint John.

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Excerpts from the address of Colonel John D. Joly, OHM, CD, Deputy Commander, Canadian Forces Base in Calgary, September 17, 1989, to the Jewish War Veterans of Canada:

I am not a member of the Jewish Faith, but I feel at home in this very beautiful sanctuary. I know I am amongst friends because our military fraternity encourages a special brotherhood that is fostered by men who know war.

A very distinguished Canadian, Senator Colonel David Croll, is the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. In his own words, the reason he joined the Canadian army on the outbreak of World War II was as follows:

"The reason I enlisted was the strong feeling of my Jewish roots. My nation was in

danger, and while being a true Canadian and sensing that my country was in danger, the danger to my race was more dominant, more imminent. While most Canadians were enlisting to fight for freedom, I enlisted to fight for the very life of the race of my roots."

Canadian Jews who fought in World War II, followed a tradition established by their ancestors nearly 200 years earlier. Commissary Officer Aaron Hart, together with three other Jewish officers who enlisted in Wolfe's army in New York, accompanied the British General Amherst, entering Montreal and becoming the first Jews to settle in Canada. In that same year of 1759, another Jew, Sir Alexander Schomberg, commanded the ship which covered Wolfe's landing in Quebec at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. As in the War of 1812 to 1814, and the rebellion of 1837, Jews rallied in substantial numbers for World War I. There was also a case of a special Jewish company in Montreal that recruited, trained and sent 400 men overseas in 1917. Of less than 25,000 largely immigrant Canadian Jews in 1914, over 4000 enlisted for active service. In all 100 Jewish Canadians sacrificed their lives, and 84 were decorated in gallantry in the First World War. This heritage of military service is something in which every Canadian may take great pride.

Glace Bay Rotary Club Honours Two Members



The Glace Bay Rotary Club, at a special meeting, honoured two of its members. Dr. Philip Simon (left) was presented with a beautiful scene of Renwick Brook, on the occasion of his leaving the Glace Bay Community. Mr. Max Lubetzki (right) was made "a Paul Harris Fellow", which is the highest award Rotary confers on its members for achievement.

Veterans of World War II

Composed by Mr. Ellie Marshall
President of the Glace Bay Jewish
Community

*This story you tell back when you say,
50 years ago, young boys were they,
Quickly called to duty no time to play,
and ordered to prepare for the tough D-Day.*

*They fought in the air, and on the shore,
as on the football field, they had to score.
The battle of Britain, with the odds unfair,
victory was a must, life and death to share.*

*In the middle of class, at all Canada High,
no questions asked, the strong and the shy.
The tall and the slim, they were ready to die,
at 17 years, and they waved good-bye.*

*As we watch you grow, "Hey kids", we say,
you're not to blame, but the world's O.K.
Keep alert, be just, and take the time to pray,
we only ask that you do it, in your own free way".*

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Congregation Sons of Israel Honour the Simons

By Marta Sue Chernin

On October 29, 1989, Congregation Sons of Israel, Glace Bay, NS, hosted a dinner of tribute honouring **Dr. Phillip & Ruth Simon** for their years of dedicated service to the community. It was a tribute in the event of their leaving Glace Bay and settling in Toronto.

The Chairman of the evening was **Elliot Marshall**, the new President of the Congregation. Friends and family gathered for this occasion in the Talmud Torah. Mr. Marshall opened the dinner of tribute by stating:

"Our President is semi-retiring, but he's still going to be with us, as our Honourary

accolades; roses were presented by **Fanny Cohen** on behalf of the Hebrew Ladies Aid; and **Bella Shore** presented a certificate of honour to Youth Village in Israel on behalf of the Glace Bay Chapter of Hadassah.

Philip's comments to Israel were suitably acknowledged with a plaque in recognition of his leadership and involvement with the United Israel Appeal, which was presented by **Martin Payne**, Regional Chairman of the UIA. Congratulatory remarks were made by **Dr. Garson Lecker**, President of Temple Sons of Israel, Sydney, **Mr. Sol Shore**, past-president

receive a great many accolades. He also projected much praise to the hard core who worked with him during his tenure.

Dr. Simon said the tribute paid was balanced by the fact that he derived a lot of satisfaction, a lot of nachus and an inner agreement with Jewish tradition. He felt his life, his family were all enriched with his association with the Shul. He paid high tribute to his wife who gave him support and was an ardent worker in all ladies' organizations.

A recent visitor to the synagogue commented on the spirit of the congregation, the ability of many members to participate in the services and the general involvement of so many members.

The visitor was told that because we have no rabbi, it is incumbent upon us to do everything ourselves. This has a very positive effect in that it involves and makes members feel more responsible and more dedicated to keep the community viable to perpetuate traditions. Many members who were on the outside looking in have become part of the hard core.

As well, Dr. Simon was behind the arrangements to donate the old Aron Hakodesh to the "Coat of Many Colours" exhibit, depicting 200 years of Judaism in Canada.

He congratulated the new executive, wished them every success in maintaining the synagogue with the traditional values. The evening concluded with the customary Blessings after the meal, followed by Hatikvah. The delicious dinner was complimented by the music of **Jimmy MacNeil**.

Poem Dedicated to Phillip Simon Composed and read by Elliot Marshall

He's a master of the podium
A wizard at the drill
His crafts extend through thick and thin,
With a multitude of skill.
If you mention a certain project to him,
Or even a new pill
He'll make up a script for it
And direct it for the thrill.
The guy is made of stuff and things,
Some hope a lot of drive,
Not just the mere ingredients
That permits one to survive.
It's in those little wishes,
And large amounts of will
That sparks this man to greater heights
And probably until
He earns his worth, but always keep
The Faith, of course, it's Dr. Phil!
We're not thinking he is leaving,
Or even going away.
It's really an extended trip,
Without a cent to pay.
We all say, under his leadership,
It was such a wonderful thrill
Let's hear it for our President,
The perpetual Dr. Phil!



Dr. Phil and Ruth Simon are presented by Elliot Marshall, with a plaque commemorating the donation by their children to Boystown, Israel.

President, as an Associate Member, as a summer resident and many trips in between. What's 1200 miles between drinks today? Who knows, we may hire him as 'Ba'al Kriah' or 'Ba'al Tfilah', for the high holiday."

Sander Zilbert made the traditional blessing over the bread, the Hamotzi; followed by a toast to the Queen and a toast to the State of Israel. In the Chairman's remarks, Philip was described "as a leader known in the sports world as a 'triple threat'; as a spiritual leader in the Congregation, as a dental surgeon, and as an academic in the community." He continued to say that "Phil and Ruth's presence would be sorely missed, yet the impact of their involvement in every phase of Jewish activity as well as their participation will remain forever in our hearts."

Following dinner, presentations were made by members of the community. Philip was made Honourary President of the Congregation Sons of Israel, with a plaque presented by **Sander Zilbert**. In addition to this honour, the Congregation donated a seat in the Savoy Theatre in their name. Ruth received many

of Congregation Sons of Israel, **Mrs. Ruth Hirsch** and **Nate Simon**, family members of the honourees.

A special presentation was made on behalf of their children and grandchildren, as **Elliot Marshall** read the inscription on the plaque honouring Phil and Ruth on this occasion, by making a contribution to Boystown, Israel. **Emmanuel Zabar** brought greetings from Israel and the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Dr. Simon made a heartwarming response as he thanked the community, and reflected on a lifetime of association with the people of Glace Bay.

"It makes me feel proud that Ruth and I have been part of the effort to maintain our Jewish heritage. Although we are moving away, Glace Bay will be uppermost in our minds and hearts."

Dr. Simon spoke about the great spirit in the Congregation. He said he was grateful for the tribute paid him, yet he felt that his predecessors and the many Jewish Organizations and the dedicated leaders who laid the infrastructure of the Jewish Community should

News from P.E.I.

by Joe Naylor

Hebrew lessons for adults are being given by **Barrie Carnat** on Monday evenings.

Mazel Tov to the following: **David & Katie Kassner** on their recent marriage. David is the son of **Ed & Irene Kassner**... **Carol & Stephen Levenson** on the birth of their daughter, **Stephanie**... **Barrie Carnat** on his successful completion of the Masters Degree in Epidemiology at the Veterinary College in Guelph, Ontario... **Miriam Naylor** and her teacher, **Lynn Davidoff**, on Miriam's being selected as a finalist in the woodwind class to represent PEI in the CIBC National Musical Festival held in Toronto in August.

The children of the Hebrew School were filmed recently by the CBC for a special in conjunction with the official opening next

April 4th of the "Coat of Many Colours" exhibition at the new Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec. The special will feature Jewish communities from across Canada.

"A Coat of Many Colours" has been in preparation for three years. It celebrates the history of the Jewish experience in Canada. It will also be previewed at an opening Gala at the Museum on March 31, 1990. Plans are underway for the exhibition to tour through Canada, Israel and New York.

The date for the CBC special is not yet known, but members will be informed as to when it is to be aired.

The Hebrew School meets Saturday mornings.

Excerpt from *The Guardian*, P.E.I. September 6, 1989:

Tel Aviv—Premier Joe Ghiz got a first hand look at the border between Israel and

war-torn Lebanon Tuesday (Sept. 5).

The premier and a group of other Canadian politicians are in Israel on a trip sponsored by the Canada Israel Committee. The group hopes to explain to the politicians why Israel opposes international acceptance of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Canada has recently expanded ties with the PLO.

Premier Ghiz also met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in Tel Aviv.

After meeting with the prime minister, Mr. Ghiz and his Canadian companions, were taken to a kibbutz on Israel's northern frontier with Lebanon.

"We're here to learn, listen and reflect on what we've heard," Premier Ghiz said in a broadcast interview. He also expressed his concern over events in Lebanon, noting that events there may be "a little closer to my heart." The premier is of Lebanese descent.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Harry & Amella Goldman** - 47 years; **Larry & Rose Eusler** - 39 years; **Bernard & Valerie Chippin** - 32 years; **George & Lucy Chippin** - 29 years; **Milton & Sandra Levine** - 8 years; **Arnold & Rose Chippin** - 2 years.

Mazel Tov to **Sam & Jennie Brown** upon the birth of their great grandson, **Ell Maurice**; grandson for **Dr. Murray & Dorothy Brown**, Saint John, N.B. and **Marilyn Calman**, Lethbridge, Alberta. Proud parents are **Lester & Pamela Calman** of Lethbridge.

Mazel Tov to **Ben & Faye Medjuck** upon the birth of their grandson, **Avery Deans Ben**. Proud parents are **Joe & Laurie Medjuck**, North Hollywood, California.

Mazel Tov to **Harry & Amelia Goldman** upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Joshua David Pasech**. Proud parents are **Lionel & Annette Goldman**, Montreal. Also, Mazel Tov to **Lionel**, upon his election as President of the Montreal YMHA.

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro** and **Herman & Pearl Handelsman** of Toronto upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Avi**, great-grandson of **Sheindel Spiro** and **Mrs. Golda Katz** of Montreal. Proud parents are **Michael & Betty Spiro** of Toronto.

Family and friends were saddened by the demise of **Bessie Rose**, at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital after a lengthy illness. Survived by sister **Russa Feldman**, Toronto and nieces and nephews. May the mourners be spared further sorrow.

Speedy recovery to **Carolyn Budovitch**, **Gladys Swetsky**, **Saul Brown**, **Joe Tobin**, **Rhona Ruben** and **Marlene Unger**.

Sheila Unger, daughter of **Dr. Israel & Marlene Unger**, was presented with the Her-

bert S. Lipsett Memorial Award in Biology at the University of New Brunswick's Fall Convocation. The late **Herbert S. Lipsett** was the son of **Nathan Lipshetz** of Saint John.

On August 29, the Fredericton Jewish Community gathered at the Sgoelai Israel Synagogue for this year's Israel Bond Drive. Under the Chairmanship of **Allen M. Ruben**, this year's drive was considered to be one of the most successful in what may be referred to as a non-emergency year.



Allen M. Ruben

Robert Mayer Evans, former CBC News Correspondent and former Moscow Bureau Chief, flew in from Atlanta, Georgia, to address a large turnout, on the underlying factors affecting the recent change in Soviet policy vis-a-vis Russian Jewry.

Assisting Mr. Ruben in organizing and coordinating the evening as well as the pre-

canvass cocktail party, were his wife, **Rhona Ruben**, **Rabbi & Mrs. Spiro**, **Edyth Levine**, **Joan Levine** and **Lols Levine**.

Over \$50,000 in State of Israel Bonds were sold during the course of the evening.

Roslyn Rosenfeld is the current intern curator at the UNB Art Centre in Fredericton. The holder of a Master of Fine Arts degree from Concordia, she has taught art history part time at both Fredericton and Saint John campuses of UNB, and has written reviews for **Arts Atlantic** for several years. Her main project at the Art Centre is the research of the Canadian portraits of Boston artist, **Albert G. Hoyt** (1809-56). He painted **Halifax**, **Saint John**, **Fredericton**, and the **Miramichi** in the late 1830's and 1840's.

The bowling league of the B'nai Brith for the young and not so young members and non-members of the community, has resumed for the season with **Bob Brown** as the organizer.

The Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, **The Honourable Gerry Weiner**, attended the Convocation of St. Thomas University, where he received the Doctorate of Law Degree. He attended the Shabbat services and was welcomed to the Synagogue by **Rabbi David Spiro**, who also welcomed **Mr. & Mrs. Vigod** and son **Raffi** of Toronto.

Best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Chanukah.



Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Fredericton

by Shelley Stephens, Secretary

Welcome to another season with Hadassah-WIZO. Many things have been happening and great things are yet to come.

July was the month where Saint John Jewish Museum Curator, **Marcia Koven**, welcomed a number of our members to tour the facility. Marcia gave us a comprehensive tour of the Jewish Museum, which also included art by **Herzl Kashetsky**. His "Creation" series was a stunning addition to his display. For those of you who wish to see his work, it is presently on display at the UNB Art Gallery in Memorial Hall. **Rosalyn Rosenfeld** can give you further information.

Our group also saw a display on anti-Semitism set up in the shul hall next door. This was provided by the Jewish Federation of Students, York University, Toronto.

Upon the passing of our Honourary President, **Mrs. P.M. Levine**, a specific gift fund was established in her memory.

Faye Medjuck was voted into office as Honourary President of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO at our September meeting. Congratulations Faye. We all look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

Judy Budovitch and **Rosalyn Rosenfeld** are spearheading a project in which we will be honouring local artists in conjunction with a National cross-Canada project in recognizing the highly talented work the Neri Bloomfield Fine Arts College. This program began in November.

At our September meeting, **Linda Payne** presented our members with a realistic look into her travels to Poland. She led us through the ashes of the Holocaust, imparting the realities of those years and relating them to Jewish life in Poland today, which is almost extinct. Her arrival in Israel permitted Linda, with her husband **Marty**, to visit **Dr. Reuven Feurstein**

at his research institute in Jerusalem where his world renowned work with Down's Syndrome children is ardently supported by Hadassah-WIZO chapters across Canada.

A successful Bazaar was held by the Chapter on October 29, at the Priestman Street School, convened by **Lillian Freiman**, and Chapter President **Marilyn Kaufman**. The members worked diligently getting booths ready and were ably supported by their husbands, who deserve credit for their assistance. A raffle was held for a beautiful Gourmet Basket designed by **Judy Budovitch**. Draws were held hourly for grocery orders, donated by the different supermarkets, and a door prize was also drawn. The members outdid themselves when it came to the baking. There was a variety of breads, chalahs, streudels, cakes, cookies, corn fritters, sweet and sour meatballs, etc. Didn't take long for the goodies to be sold! There was also a very nice Treasure Booth, new merchandise, nearly new merchandise, men's department, children's department and good sales people.

Massada Club News

by Bessie Rinzler

A meeting of the Massada Club was held in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on November 19, with 29 members in attendance. Registration took place and **Jean Zlatin**, treasurer, accepted membership dues.

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz presented a delightful musical program, which was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by **Clara Dankner**, **Lil Mosher** and **Molly Whitzman**.

The same Slate of Officers was voted in by acclamation: **Bessie Rinzler** - President; **Ella Morris** - Secretary; **Jean Zlatin** - Treasurer; **Edlith Schneiderman** - Corresponding Secretary; Phone **Lil Mosher** and **Molly Whitzman**.

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT

by Barbara Alberstat

The opening meeting of Halifax Women's ORT was held on November 13, with a good group in attendance at the home of **Martha Marcus**. **Mindy Jacobson**, President, was in the chair.

The report of the Flea Market was read by **Barbara Alberstat**, convenor of the project. The report on The Flowers for Rosh Hashana was read. This was a very successful project again this year, under the convenorship of **Carol MacPhee** and **Mindy Jacobson**, and a multitude of helpers who phoned the community and wrote out the message cards and envelopes. Many, many thanks to all the ladies who helped on both of these yearly projects.

A general discussion was held on ideas and suggestions of fundraising and programs for future meetings.

A reminder that we send out scholarship cards for all occasions. Just call **Barb Alberstat** (422-5526) and she will be glad to send out the card for you. We urge all members and friends of ORT to save their Sobey's and IGA cashier tapes for us, and just drop them off to **Mindy**

Jacobson or give her a call (423-2049), and she will be there to pick them up.

The guest speaker for the evening was from the Atlantic Laser Therapy Group telling and demonstrating the latest methods of weight control and how to stop smoking. The members were most anxious to hear the guest speaker and certainly showed their enthusiasm by their many questions.

The December meeting will be the Chanukah session, which is a 'Give and Get Gift' fun evening. We will ask the members who took the ORT banks last year to bring their banks with them labelled with their name. We will be giving our charitable tax receipts for the enclosed money. If there is someone that would like to take an ORT bank in which to drop their change to offer Tzedaka (giving of charity), I would be pleased to drop one off to you, just call me.

A delightful evening concluded with the serving of refreshments and thanks to **Martha** for having the meeting.

A good year to everyone.

Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo

by Cella Cleaener, Corresponding Secretary

Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada chose September as "Hadassah WIZO month", from coast to coast, honouring an outstanding artist in their own field, viz, painting, quilting, dancing, music, art, etc.

The Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-WIZO held a "Dessert Tea", in the auditorium of the Temple Sons of Israel, Sydney, on October 18. This year, the Council invited **Anne Morrell**, Margaree Valley, Cape Breton, as their honouree. Anne is an outstanding artist in quilting.

Co-convenors of the affair were **Sylvia Epstein** and **Lil Nathanson**, who were commended on their artistic arrangements on the head and individual tables. Through the courtesy of **Edlith Lecker**, the centrepieces comprised bowls of whole pineapple and a mixture of fresh fruit. **Joan Elman**, Council President, welcomed the guest of honour, members and invited guests.

After partaking of a variety of delicious desserts, Joan called on **Shirley Chernin**, second Vice President, to give a run down on Hadassah-WIZO, for the four-year degree scholarship to a deserving student in Israel, at the Neri Bloomfield College of Haifa, Israel. The award is to be in the name of our honouree, **Anne Morrell**.

Diana Schwartz, Co-treasurer, was asked to introduce the guest of honour. She gave a resume and mentioned that quilting was Anne's specialty and that her two sons were involved with her.

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St. John's, Newfoundland News

by Dr. Michael D. Paul

Moishe & Ruth Kantorowitz left St. John's and Newfoundland in late August after 33 years of being stalwarts of the Jewish Community. A farewell party was held on August 20. Many members of the Community turned out to bid them an emotional farewell and to wish them the best for a "new" life in Toronto. They were presented with mementos from the Synagogue, the Sisterhood and Hadassah-WIZO.

Motti Bashari returned in early September to resume his duties in the Synagogue. He spent the summer touring Canada and Israel, with a short visit to London, England. Classes have resumed for the children and adults.

The High Holidays have come and gone. The community turned out in good numbers to usher in Rosh Hashana. Many members generously opened their homes by inviting people for excellently prepared and tasty meals.

Yom Kippur was a solemn occasion with day-long prayers. The Succah was subsequently built by Community volunteers. The Lulav and Esrog arrived from Montreal on time for the holiday.

Simchat Torah was a happy occasion. Many members joyfully participated. The members of the Sisterhood prepared very

delicious and well-appreciated refreshments.

Emmanuel Zabar and **Martin Payne** visited the Community in early November, under the auspices of the United Israel Appeal. They met many members at either their workplace or home.

Sadly, two members of the Community recently passed away. **Mr. Lewis Ferman**, a Community member and worker for over 40 years, who had moved to Toronto a year ago with his wife **Grunya**, died on October 16 at Mount Sinai Hospital. He was a knowledgeable, kind, generous and out-going man, who had been one of the pillars of the Community. For many years he led parts of the services on the Shabbat and Holidays, with his forceful, loud and melodious voice. He will be greatly missed by all members, and condolences are offered to his lovely wife, children and grandchildren.

Mr. Leonard Levits died on Yom Kippur in Montreal. He was a Past-President of the Hebrew Congregation and was instrumental as one of the planners for the present Synagogue building on Elizabeth Avenue. Burial occurred in St. John's. Condolences are offered to his wife, children, brother and sister.

Camp Kadimah Update

Mark S. Rosen - Andrew S. Wolfson
Co-Chairmen, Camp Kadimah Committee

It seems like only yesterday that Camp ended and yet things are well under way for the 1990 season.

The Camp Committee has been meeting regularly in order to plan for the coming summer. By the time this report is read, the majority of staff contracts will have been sent out. As well, camper applications will have been delivered to our most prized resource - our campers.

We are happy to report that **Sheldon Cohen** will be returning for his 10th season as Camp Director. He'll soon be approaching **Gordie Howe** and **Nolan Ryan** for longevity - certainly quality. Having recently attended the National Camps Conference for Young Judean Camps and bearing witness to the many changes which occur at the Director's level, we are extremely fortunate to have the dedication and continuity of Sheldon. His involvement is not simply for the six week plus period during the summer, but continues throughout the year with camper recruitment and staff hiring.

We are also happy to report that **Evan Zellkowitz** will be returning as Program Director, **Selig Wilansky** as Waterfront

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Anne said that Nova Scotia has declared 1989 as the Year of the Quilt. After a question period, Anne explained to us what type of material was used in quilting and that she made 18 quilts a year on average. Her quilts were displayed at the Tea and have been across Canada, to Germany, the United States and other countries.

On behalf of the Cape Breton Hadassah-WIZO, Diana presented Anne with the award, who in turn thanked everyone for their kindness and how much she was pleased to receive the award. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Garson Lecker, Sydney, when the Cape Breton Council held their 6th Annual Medical Service Tea on November 8. Convenor for the affair was **Sylvia Chernin**, who welcomed everyone and an out-of-town guest, **Robert (Elman) Pease**. Sylvia then called upon **Reva Nathanson** to introduce the guest speaker.

Reva mentioned that all proceeds from the Tea were to be donated to the Department of Ophthalmology at the Asaf Harofe Hospital in Israel; therefore, it was appropriate that our guest speaker would be **Dr. Garson Lecker**.

Dr. Lecker is a doctor of Ophthalmology, who is held in highest esteem by his colleagues from across Canada. He is a past President of both the Nova Scotia and Canadian Associa-



"Cape Breton Album Quilt" by Anne Morrell, portrays scenic Cape Breton Island, its culture and lifestyles.

tions of Optometrists and a member of the Israeli Optometric Society.

Just about four years ago he was invited to join the American Team to visit China as a specialist in Children's Vision Problems and he is also a lecturer in the field of Children's Vision. Dr. Lecker, in turn, mentioned that he is a Life Member of Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada and then went on to explain the difference between Optometry and Ophthalmology in the vision-of-the-eye disease which is worse in Israel than in Canada. He also mentioned that diabetes causes glaucoma and cataracts in one's vision.

Fanny Cohen, President of the Glace Bay Chapter thanked our guest speaker and then made a presentation on behalf of the Council. Joan Elman, on behalf of the Council, presented Diana Schwartz, past recording secretary for the last ten years, with an award for her efficiency and service. Diana thanked everyone for her surprise and the kindness extended to her. Diana is now co-treasurer.

Due to the generosity of our hostess who kindly donated a raffle prize, which was won by Sylvia Epstein, a large sum of money was realized that is earmarked for the Medical Service Tea project.

Caroline Simon

Caroline Simon believes that the secret to her success in attracting vital sums of money for various projects at Ben Gurion University is her firm belief in the cause. "My good fortune," she says, "is that I manage to convey my excitement to others. Those I turn to find out very quickly that it's easier to say yes than no. Also the fact that I myself am contributing gives inspiration to others."

Born in the Welsh city of Cardiff, Caroline made aliyah "by accident." She came for a short visit in 1955, met Arnie Simon, of Halifax, N.S., at that time doing his military service after making aliyah from Canada in 1949, and married him.

When Caroline Simon found out that children's lives were being lost because of the lack of children's intensive care unit at Soroka Hospital, she took it upon herself to create such a unit and provide it with equipment and trained staff. The unit was opened in the name of the Simon family in 1982.

Caroline herself is no stranger to the medical profession. After the Yom Kippur War, she worked as a volunteer with young soldiers suffering from head-injuries, in Beit Levinstein Hospital. She devoted herself to them for two and a half years, working every evening from six to midnight. Looking back at that time, she says: "It is my feeling that even if I had done nothing else, that service would



Caroline Simon (right) at recent Board of Governors Meeting with members of the Canadian delegation. From left: Michle Zwaig, Marion and Ed Vickar, and Melvin Zwaig.

have made my life worthwhile."

Caroline Simon makes it clear that she is working with the full co-operation and encouragement of her husband. She puts her

enthusiasm down to complete egoism. "I enjoy helping and giving," she says. "That's why I do it."

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Director, **Michael Soberman** as Rosh Ma-char, and **Mitchell Dankner** as CIT Director/Administrator. Mitchell will also be working in the Atlantic Jewish Council office prior to Camp, helping to get the season into gear. In future reports, we hope to advise of other staff, both old and new, who will be part of the Kadimah family for 1990.

Remaining on a positive level, we can advise that Camp has been holding the financial line. While we cannot survive without income from the renting of our facility, we have been able to maintain a break-even level for our Camp season. However, much work needs to be done to keep the facility in working order and certainly to make the required improvements. With 40% of our enrolment being out of region campers, we not only have to be cognizant of facilities offered elsewhere, but, naturally, of competitive costs of other camps. Yes, we are far, far from the days of camper fees in the range of \$400., however, by comparison we remain the least expensive of our sister Judaeen camps and certainly of other Jewish camps in the Ontario/Quebec region.

This winter we have embarked on a project to upgrade our sportsfield and, by the time the first fly ball is hit in late June, campers and staff will enjoy a newly sodded outfield (artificial turf being bad for the knees!). Additionally, we hope to improve the waterfront facility and if all goes well, waterskiers shall be effortlessly pulled along by a different boat.

All of this costs money - no new revelations here. In order to meet the needs of our campers, we require changes to our facility. If Kadimah is to survive and continue into the 21st century, we must continue our efforts to support it. Words of encouragement are not enough.

At the present time, the Camp Committee is rejuvenating a "dormant" capital funding campaign. This campaign is not to repay debt - we are fortunate, good fiscal planning and proper budgeting have left us with no debt. We cannot, however, increase fees to the necessary levels to meet our campers' and parents' increasing needs. Certainly if we are to continue pulling in a large percentage of our campers from outside the Maritimes we must compete with other camps, not only in programming but with facilities to better our programming. To this end we shall be approaching our ever enlarging Kadimah family - young and old - to give generously. No amount is too small and certainly none too large! You will be advised of special projects to which you may direct your donation - charitable receipted.

We are fortunate, most campaigns request funds for projects we may never see. Kadimah's campaign is for our future, and our children's future, and hopefully their children's future. Without Kadimah, we hesitate to think of the state of Maritime Jewry. Simply put - we shall be asking ourselves to give from the heart so that generations to come will recall fond memories of Kadimah as we do now.

We wish you all a Happy Chanukah. See you in the New Year!!!

Atlantic Network Update

by **Amir Nevo**, Regional Chairman



In this update, I would like to discuss several things. Firstly, this year Network is planning their National Annual Convention in Israel. Thanks to the help of Sabra Tours Ltd.

and El Al Airlines, students from across the country have been given the opportunity to participate in a fun-filled week of travelling and education in Eretz Israel. A tremendous response has been shown nationwide, and I am pleased to say that students in the Maritimes have greatly expressed their interest in this project. I am certain the trip will be a great success.

Secondly, there is a list of University students from across the Maritimes at the AJC office in Halifax; however this list is by far incomplete and your help is needed in order for us to locate all unaccounted-for students. If you are a student, or if you know of any students who are or are not in residence, that may be interested in being on our list, please contact me at the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Finally, I would like to thank all the students who have taken part in our activities this year. So far, they have been well attended, and I hope that the future ones will also be as successful.

4th Annual Men's Camp - 1989 Revisited



for anything more!
♪ (Better cards, maybe!)

Once more, the boys of summer invaded the hallowed grounds of Kadimah to wallow in punch and speak of times long, long ago and far, far away. A legend in our own minds, one could say. Perhaps, but who's complaining. The week-end retreat allows one to do as they please, the cone of

Ah yes, I remember it well. The sweet summer breeze wafting over the centrefielder's head as he ponders whether to chase down a fly ball or quaff another cold one. **Brian**, athlete that he is, could do both.

Midnight swims, double-headers (that's baseball lingo), tennis championships, cold ones, basketball shoot-outs, floor hockey madness, more cold ones, canoeing, swimming, sailing, more cold ones, waterskiing, tubing, more waterskiing, and yes, more cold ones.

The food, as usual, was plentiful and great. **Ivan's** punch was also plentiful and great. We think **Barrie** was there but we can't remember. **Ellot** was and we can't forget.

A movie or eight, some more baseball in between skiis and then something to quench the thirst. Not a bad time for a shmere \$150. All this good fun and hot sun, ♫ *who could ask*

silence protecting the innocent.

All of which belies the intent. Good Fun! Hot Sun! maybe a brew, maybe two - who's counting and, as the ground rules state, no one drives - all car keys are deposited upon arrival. Ask **Andrew** (historical note - Men's Camp Inaugural Season).

Well, not much else to say, no rumour mongering here. We'll see y'all next August at our 5th Anniversary Special. Same time, same station. As the phrase says - Every Picture Tells a Story, Don't It - **Rod Stewart**. By the way, did anyone close the gate?

Mooseheadingly yours,
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P.S. The generosity of the revellers raised \$3250 for Kadimah's bank account. Well done, amigos!

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Or Yehuda - Youth-to-Youth Exchange

by Matthew Beutel
Rothsay, N.B.

In Jerusalem, some of the Israeli host teens and Matthew Beutel (far right).

A trip to Israel for the first time usually instills certain fears or apprehensions in a person because of the violence so often depicted in the media. Three weeks before my trip (August '89), a bus was hijacked and steered over a cliff. Despite that tragedy and the other constant reports of violence, my apprehensions lay in that I would be staying with an Israeli family and knew not what to expect.

I took part this past August in the Youth-to Youth Exchange Program, an extension of Project Renewal sponsored by United Israel Appeal. A group of seventeen of us from smaller cities in Ontario and from the Atlantic region went around the country with the Israeli kids who hosted us for half the time and stayed in Or Yehuda the other half.

I am sure that others felt the same way I



did at the start and I am also sure that the fears dissipated quite rapidly as they did with me since we met our hosts. My host teenager and his family, the Morads, were so warm and gracious from the very beginning that I didn't know what I was worried about.

The town of Or Yehuda by Canadian standards would be considered very poor. The sidewalks are littered with garbage and dirt as are the inner courtyards of the stucco apartment complexes that are the majority of homes

in Or Yehuda. Stray cats and dogs are everywhere; from my window at night I often heard the cats fighting in the street. In contrast to the town's appearance, the people are full of spirit and life. People you barely know greet you with handshakes and pats on the back. Everyone is friendly.

One great advantage in participating in such a trip that you get to experience social differences first hand. I found that Israelis in general are much more open with their feelings. If you show a bit of willingness to be friendly, they give it back to you in triplicate and they accept you for who you are. There is an atmosphere of togetherness that is very welcoming. On the other hand, though, they sometimes show little respect for the individual. All the Canadians were a little taken aback by the treatment of women. Canadian girls were often embarrassed by the verbal openness, young and old. I think a mixture of the best of both societies would be ideal.

Part of our program was to do some community work. We constructed four large cement heads as "new wave" art outside a scout group's centre. Hopefully we made a worthwhile contribution.

This trip changed everyone who took part, I think. We all got to experience a different lifestyle and a different way of thinking. Bonds were made between many of us that will last a lifetime. The ties made with Or Yehuda are a part of each of us forever.

Young Judaea Revived in Halifax

Karen Zellkovitz
Halifax, N.S.

On Sunday, November 26, Young Judaea had its opening rally. It was held at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, from 1 to 3 p.m. For the first rally of the year, or rather the past few years, the turnout was quite surprising. Approximately 40 youth attended. The Young Judaea leaders were pleased and had every right to be, for they worked extremely hard, and deserve the gratifying results.

The program was generally concerned with bringing the Jewish Youth together. For some it was the first time they had seen their friends since Camp Kadimah ended last August.

We started off the program by serving refreshments, which were quickly devoured in a matter of minutes. We then showed the Kadimah video, which was exciting for the staff and kids. They got to see themselves, as well as their friends from out of town. A special thanks to Joel Jacobson for letting us use his wonderful video. We then divided the kids into two groups, 7-10 and 11-14 years of age. With the younger group we played games which were based on introducing everyone to each other. The older kids were brought together to share their ideas. The older youth are the future Young Judaea leaders. It was nice to hear so many innovative ideas.

As the program came to its close, it was

evident a good time was had by all. It was nice to have everyone together, sharing so many things in common, which should never be forgotten. The togetherness was the way I have heard my parents talk about their Young Judaea days — the way Young Judaea should always be remembered.

As well as I feel the program went, I was disappointed in the attendance. I cannot understand why Young Judaea is no longer a priority for parents today. Some of the excuses I received from those who did not attend were not acceptable to me. Those of you who weren't there were definitely missed, and I hope to see you all at our next program. It is you who will make Young Judaea last. Let us not see it dis-

appear. It is vital for our Maritime youth to have this organization as a strong and working unit.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank those of you who were such a tremendous help the day of the rally. To name names would serve no purpose. You know who you are, and I'd hate to leave someone out. There is one person, however, who I must name. Chris, of the AJC office, you are wonderful. I never could have planned this rally without you. Thank you for your invaluable help.

Hope to see you all at the next program.



Canadian Jewish Congress: What Does it Mean to You?

By Mike Cohen

National Director of Communications
Canadian Jewish Congress



The question has been asked recently concerning Canadian Jewish Congress and its connection to the Atlantic Provinces. Well, we have very strong ties and I would like to fill you in somewhat.

CJC, as we are commonly referred to, serves as the national representative organization for the Jewish community of Canada. Since our creation in 1919 we have acted on a myriad of issues and concerns affecting Jews in this country and the world over. Throughout our history we have fostered a dynamic interaction between the interests and needs of the Jewish community and Canada and Canadian society at large, actively fulfilling the role as a vehicle for national advocacy on a broad range of political and social-justice issues.

The national headquarters of CJC is Montreal's Samuel Bronfman House, also home to the Quebec Region. The other regions are Ontario, Pacific, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the one most pertinent to *Shalom Magazine* readers, the Atlantic. CJC's Ottawa affiliate is recognized as the National Capital District. We also have our own office in Ottawa which handles legislative analysis of matters on Parliament Hill.

In the Atlantic Region, the Atlantic Jewish Council is Congress. Part of its mandate is to undertake CJC activities on a regional basis. David Attis of Moncton is the regional chairman. AJC President Ivan Levine of Fredericton, his predecessor Lee Cohen of Halifax and Judge Irwin Lampert of Moncton are all national officers of CJC. Judge Irwin Lampert was elected at May's National Plenary Assembly as honorary legal counsel.

The activities of CJC are undertaken by 15 standing committees, with the Atlantic Region playing a key role in two of them. Lee Cohen is the National Resolutions committee Chairman and was front and centre as a co-

chairman of the National Small Communities Committee.

Other CJC standing committees are: Archives; Campus Services and Youth; Joint Community Relation; Education and Culture; Ethiopian Jewry; Holocaust Remembrance; Israel Action; Jews in Arab Lands (Task Force on Syrian Jewry); Law and Social Action; Religious and Inter-religious Affairs; Soviet Jewry; War Criminals and Yiddish.

Through their presence at meetings of the National Officers Committee and National

Executive Committee, AJC officials have played an important role in formulating the agenda of CJC. We look forward to continuing this relationship.

CJC President Les Scheininger, National Executive Director Jack Silverstone and myself plan to visit the region in the New Year. We look forward to meeting with as many people as possible during that time.

As National Director of Communications for CJC, I enjoy writing this column in which I try to keep up to date on our activities.

If you would like to become more familiar with CJC activities, just specify what your precise interest is and drop me a line at 1590 Avenue Dr. Penfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5 or call (514) 931-7531.

The Rothberg School for Overseas Students

from Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University

There are more students from around the world, and specifically from Canada, enrolled this year than last year at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, according to the National Academic Affairs Coordinator of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

In an interview, Tova Glass said that, although many of the 100 Canadians at the Rothberg School are from Toronto and Montreal, representation from smaller centres, such as Ottawa, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Victoria, continue to grow.

Glass, who helped the Canadians get settled in Jerusalem this summer, said they were "eager and excited about studying at the Ulpan and learning the Hebrew language, not to mention being in Israel".

Courses at the Rothberg School have traditionally made Jerusalem and Israel "a classroom, by field trips in conjunction with course work. Glass said this has expanded to include field trips outside of Israel.

Students studying "Ancient Israel between the Superpowers" will have the option to spend time travelling in Egypt. Those taking "Sephardi Diaspora after the Spanish Expulsion" will visit Turkey. A trip to several European centres, including Warsaw, Budapest and Vienna goes along with studying "Hapsburg and Russian Jews".

Glass has already started visiting campuses across Canada to recruit students for both the 1990-91 academic year and the 1990 summer courses.

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Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion

The Future Hope of An Industry

by Carol Novis
WZPS

Textiles and fashion are a major source of export income to Israel, but where does the new talent come from to staff and develop the industry?

For almost 20 years, the professional backbone of Israel's home-grown "shmatte trade" has come from the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion, a degree-granting college with 364 full-time and some 1,200 external students.

So popular has the college become that only a fraction of those students seeking admission to the fashion and design department can now be admitted. In fact, claims its president **Professor David Samuel**, "Shenkar is harder to get into today than medical school".

So why doesn't Shenkar admit more students? "Because", say **Professor Bernard Katz**, the college's ebullient international relations advisor, "that wouldn't help the industry. We only admit the number of students who can be absorbed in the marketplace, and up to recently, almost all our graduates have been snapped up by Israeli manufacturers. That also explains why only a miniscule percentage of graduates leave the country."

Katz, a marketing specialist, originally from Chicago, rates the school among the top textile institutes in the world, and probably among the most unique. The reason for its uniqueness, he believes, is Shenkar's joint emphasis on technology and design. "Most schools—and there are no more than 50 good textile schools in the world today—specialize in either design or technology. We teach both. Our approach is integrative. Although we may have an image as a fashion school, we are strongly geared towards modern industrial operation in the textile and fashion field. In fact, our biggest department, with one third of the school's students, is industrial management."

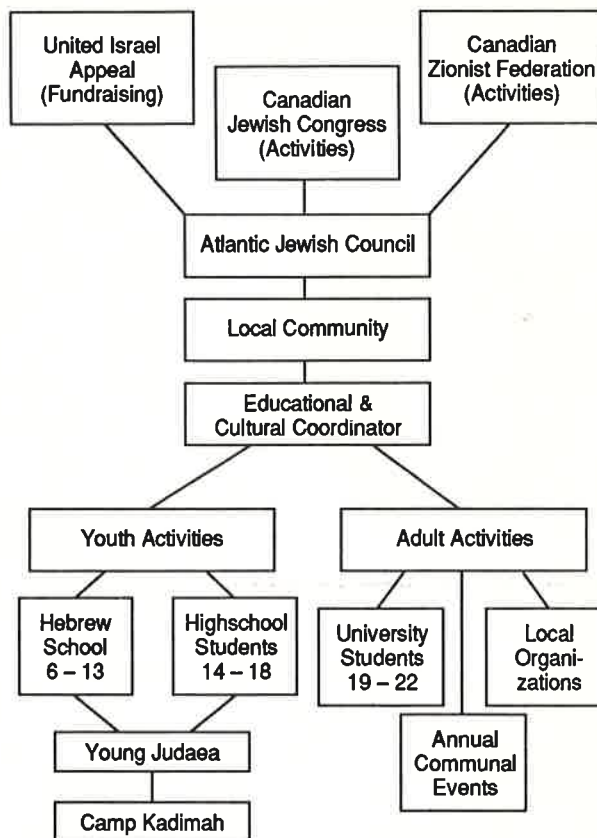
A tour of the busy Shenkar College in Ramat Gan, just outside Tel Aviv, reveals the sewing machines and patterns, the silk screens and photo labs one might expect to see in a textile and fashion school, but it also shows a surprisingly strong emphasis on basic science and research.

Israeli plants often turn to Shenkar for research and technological help, a source of income which helps the school make ends meet on its chronically low budget.

Computers, of course, are the wave of the future in the textile industry, and Shankar is well aware of that. Gone are the days when pattern makers cut and arrange their pattern pieces by hand, and then cut them with shears. Today's students can experiment with sophisticated computers that size, lay out and cut patterns at the touch of a button, though they have to be familiar with the basic skills too.

"We teach fashion design not just as an art, but as a pragmatic course in which industry is integrated. All students have to learn to manufacture their own designs, and they all serve an in-plant internship in their third year," says Katz.

In less than 20 years, Shenkar has progressed from a school of "shmatte" workers to a dynamic source of creative energy for the entire Israeli industry. More than a school, it has become no less than a vital link in Israel's economy.



This is how we should function in our ideal world. We wanted you to know it — so that you can see for what we are aiming in both the short and long term goals. — AJC



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Visitor's to Israel meet many Israelis – true, and yet also false, because frequently the only Israelis with whom they are in touch are guides, waiters, taxi drivers and the like. For many this is not enough – they want to get acquainted with the average Israeli, see his home, chat with him, hear about his day-to-day life and problems, as well as his opinions on subjects which matter to him. In the Meet the Israeli programme, conducted by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, the tourist has an opportunity to do so.

In Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Elat or Netanya host families welcome guests from abroad for a cup of coffee and cake and a chat. Tourists have only to call in at one of the Tourist Information Offices in these cities, and the arrangements are quickly finalized – the hosting families are indexed according to language, profession, hobbies, etc. to facilitate the process.

After visitor and host are matched, the tourist is given the name, address and phone number of his host.

The tourist must phone the host in advance to confirm the invitation so that both parties can finalize the arrangements and avoid misunderstandings. The tourists get to their hosts' houses by their own means, aided by a map from the Tourist Information Office, on which the address has been marked. If they wish, they may bring flowers, candy or a small gift from their own country, but this is entirely up to them. As everywhere in Israel, they dress casually. Frequently the host also invites other Israelis over to meet the visitor.

Initial contact with the Tourist Information Office should be made two or three days before the requested date so that arrangements can be made.

The Meet the Israeli programme is also available to groups. Travel agents (in Israel or abroad), or group organizers should present detailed lists of the members of the group to the relevant Tourist Information Office at least three weeks in advance. The guide or tour leader should phone each host family, one or two days before the appointed day, to finalize the time and location of the meeting, together with transportation arrangements. The host family should be notified in the event of cancellation to avoid any inconvenience. Groups are divided into smaller groups of up to half a dozen persons, each of which is introduced to a different host family. Home hospitality is frequently a highlight of a visit to Israel, and in many cases, it has led to lasting friendships.

Home hospitality can be made through the following Government Information Offices: Elat, Commercial Centre, Tel: 059-72268; Hatmarim Blvd., Tel: 059-76737; Haifa, 16 Herzl St., Tel: 04-666521/3; Jerusalem, 24 King George St., Tel: 02-241281/2; Tel Aviv, 7 Mendelev St., Tel: 03-223266/7;

Tiberias, 8 Rehov Alhadeff., Tel: 06-720992; Ashkelon, Commercial Centre, Afridar, Tel: 051-32412; Netanya, Ha'atzmaut Square, Tel: 053-27286.

For more information please contact:
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Book Corner

The Last Enemy

A novel by Rhoda Kaellis

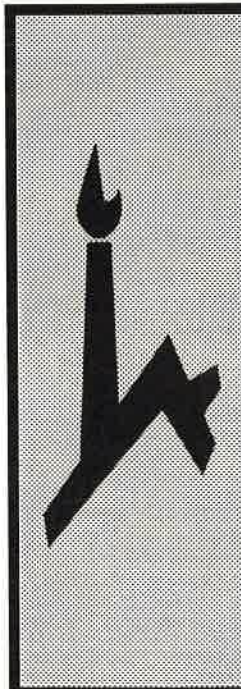
Pulp Press Book Publishers of Vancouver is pleased to announce the publication of **The Last Enemy**, a provocative and moving novel about kinship and lost innocence amid the ruins of the Holocaust. Sarah Cardozo is a twelve-year-old-girl, the only child of a Jewish family living a safe and uncomplicated life in post-World War II New York. Into their lives comes Lilly, Sarah's Belgian cousin, who comes to live with the Cardozos after her parents have been murdered at Auschwitz. Their relationship is tenuous at first, as the

fragile Lilly slowly comes to terms with her tragedy, but a deep friendship eventually emerges, propelling Sarah from the innocence of a young girl to the quiet and profound lessons of adulthood.

Rhoda Kaellis is a freelance writer who writes a weekly column with her husband for **The Vancouver Sun**. **The Last Enemy** is based on interviews she conducted with fifteen Holocaust survivors. It is her first novel.

Rhoda, and her husband Eugene, have been very active with the Small Communities Committee both regional and nationally. She is a contributing editor to "Canadian Jewish Viewpoints" and has published in "Midstream" (periodical of the Herzl Foundation, N.Y.C.).

The Last Enemy, a story about children of the Holocaust, was inspired by fifteen interviews Mrs. Kaellis did of Victoria, B.C. Holocaust survivors.



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Half the Kingdom – A Studio D/Kol Ishah Film about Judaism and the Feminist Perspective – Premieres Across Canada

Directors: Francine E. Zuckerman,
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Beverly Shaffer

Judaism is still a religion in which men thank God every morning for not making them female. *Half the Kingdom*, a one-hour documentary co-produced by Kol Ishah Productions and Studio D - the women's unit of the NFB - profiles seven Jewish women and documents their struggle to reclaim a role for themselves in Jewish life without compromising their feminist principles.

"Half the Kingdom is about choices, diversity and pluralism," says **Francine Zuckerman**. The viewpoints expressed in the film are radically different. One is that women have to work within the system, to make changes to Judaism without altering its basic essence. The other is that in order to include women, Judaism would have to be changed to such a great extent that it would no longer be recognizable. Although these women have different approaches, they share a common goal - that of forging a place for women within the Judaic structure.

Seven notable women from Canada, the United States and Israel engage in a struggle to encompass their Jewish heritage with a feminist perspective. Bringing radically different approaches to this process, the women share a profound respect for each others' endeavours.



Viewers of any cultural background gain insight into women's role in society and religion from this exploration of the enormous complexities in Judaism today.

Half the Kingdom shows women reclaiming a role for themselves in Jewish life, rediscovering rituals and stories that have been forgotten through the centuries, and creating new ones. Though the women come from varied backgrounds, and at times differ ideologi-

cally, they share a common goal - that of forging a place for women within the Judaic structure. It is a quest they share with women of many backgrounds. Whether Jewish or not, all women will gain inspiration from the seven indomitable women portrayed in *Half the Kingdom*.

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Sabbath Walk

*by Frances Doak
Moncton, NB*

Along a summer road I walked
Beneath the sun-filled sky,
Thinking only Sabbath thoughts
Though people passed me by.

Toward the hills my eyes beheld
Trees with uplifted brow.
Did Moses wonder as he walked
The thoughts I'm pondering now.

When David sang his psalms so dear
In plaintive tones, and pure
Splendor must have touched him
As home the Ark he bore.

O splendid Torah, Ark so high
Share your great love with me
That I may enter to the gates
That surely set me free.



Sabbath Memory

My thoughts at times drift far away
Taking me back to another day.
When, with my family I would sit
At Sabbath Eve, with candles lit.

The candles spread a calming grace
Upon my Mother's loving face.
All day she'd polished, then she would cook
With loving hands, not from a book.

Sabbath candles make me again
The loving child, as I was, when
My Mother blessed with smiling grace
The candles standing in their place.

Sabbath candles bring me to G-d
Where once my Mother's feet had trod.



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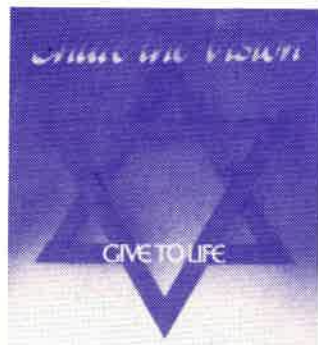
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A New Life Begins. . .



The Zhilin family faced a difficult decision. They had uprooted themselves from their home in Riga, capital of the Latvian Republic of the Soviet Union, leaving friends and family behind. Alexander Zhilin gave up a good position as a deisel engine mechanic. Now they were free. Free to decide where they would begin their new lives.

Saana Zhilin and her husband Alexander, along with Saana's parents and her grandmother, had been in Vienna for only two days. On the second morning there, Sanna and Alexander informed the Jewish Agency office of their desire to settle in Israel. Hours later, the Zhilin family boarded an El Al flight to Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv.



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