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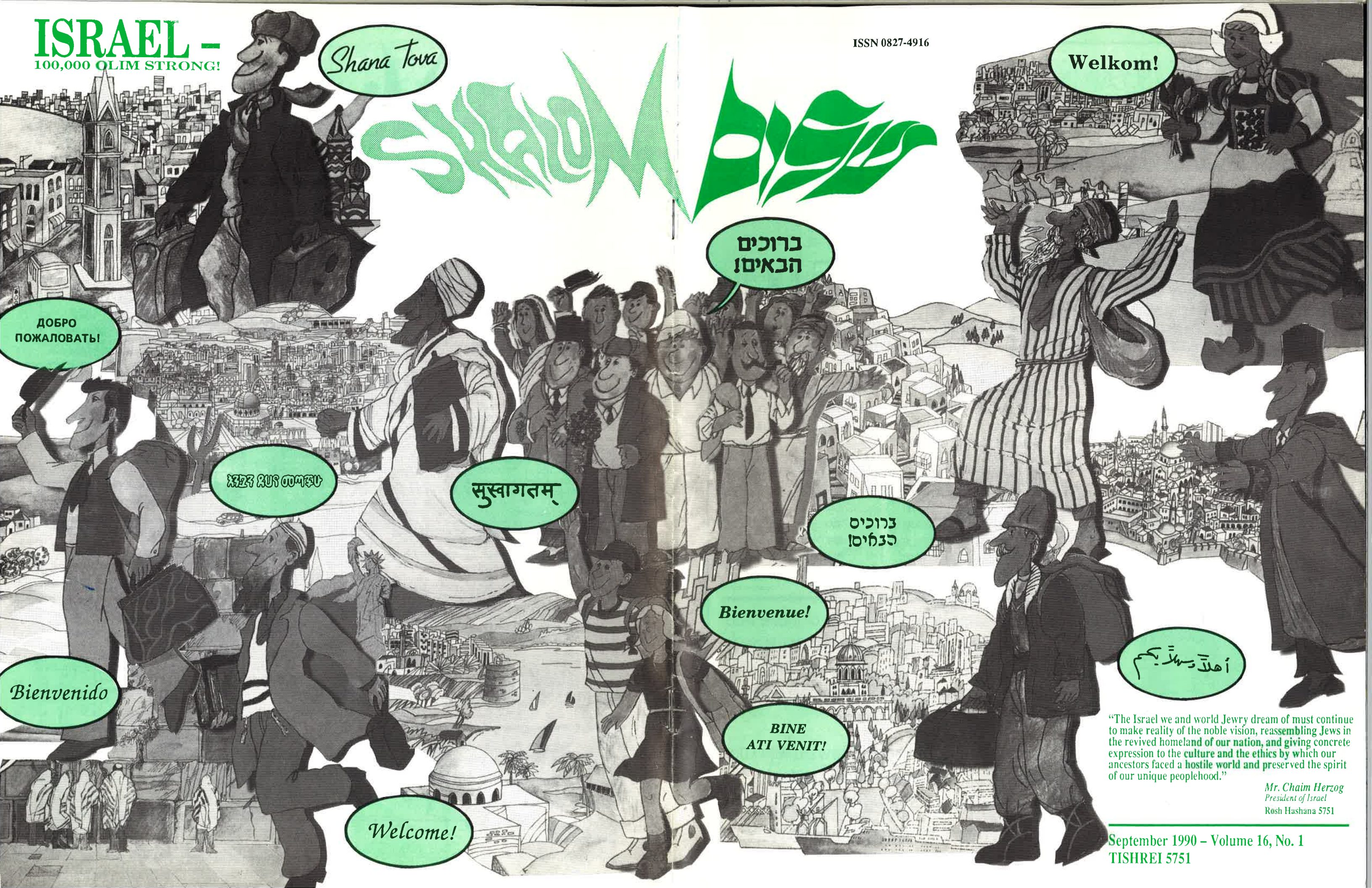
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1990 UIA/OPERATION EXODUS CAMPAIGN
RESULTS IN ATLANTIC CANADA
(As of August 15th)

COMMUNITY	TOTAL	REGULAR	OPR. EXODUS
Halifax, N.S.	\$512,904.00	194,241.00	318,663.00
Sydney, N.S.	227,650.00	109,400.00	118,250.00
Fredericton, N.S.	109,061.00	62,615.00	46,446.00
Saint John, N.B.	19,155.00	8,370.00	10,785.00
Glace Bay, N.S.	10,500.00	2,800.00	7,700.00
Yarmouth, N.S.	8,490.00	4,045.00	4,445.00
Newfoundland	2,075.00	1,275.00	800.00
Moncton (No campaign as yet)	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Prince Edward Island	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Others	1,150.00	525.00	625.00
Grand Totals	901,485.00	387,771.00	513,714.00

IN 1990, WE DO!



Incoming UIA President greets newcomers
Mrs. Julia Koschitzky (right)

If your name is on the UIA list of those who have already sent their contribution this year - you should be very proud of yourself - knowing you played your role in this greatest Jewish miracle of our times.

It is never too late to come forward with your support - if you haven't done it so far.

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Message From The President



This message marks a very significant time for me as President of A.J.C.. As I am in the final stage of my term as President, I have been reflecting upon the accomplishments and the disappointments, as well as the efforts required to ensure that the organization is on a solid footing for the future.

The pride which I have and share with the Executive in some of our outstanding achievements is highlighted first in the procurement of the right Executive Director for A.J.C., Emmanuel Zabar. It took a year of perseverance to locate such a person, but as evidenced in his accomplishments, it was well worth the struggle and has opened new horizons for Atlantic Canada. The Atlantic Haggadah, UIA, and Operation Exodus are a few of the outstanding successes this year. Besides leaving the organization financially sound, we are in the process of reorganizing the *Shalom Magazine*, as is evident in this shorter format which I will address later. Atlantic Jewish Council is in the final stages of trying to obtain a charitable tax number. The Camp Kadimah Committee has done a great job over the last two years and I believe that AJC has provided a stable environment and direction within which the Camp can flourish.

Another positive situation for A.J.C. is the increase in our administrative staff. The expansion in our staff numbers has been effective in working to satisfy community needs. Our staff includes Christina MacNeil as Office Administrator, Tina Wright as Executive Assistant and receptionist, Edie Young as UIA Administrator, our most recent newcomer, Marta Chernin as Program Animator, and of course Emmanuel Zabar as Executive Director. To further add to the efficiency of our staff, we are in the final process of fully computerizing our office, which is always a trying experience but very necessary for future advancement.

One of the major disappointments in my term as President, has been the failure to attract more youth and more women into the Executive decision-making process. I am hoping in the next month, that the Nomination Committee will be successful in working to achieve this goal. It would be extremely helpful if people would volunteer instead of waiting to be sought out. Each volunteer might be as pleasantly surprised as I was to find that by giving of yourself, it can be a very rewarding and enriching experience, as in essence you are trying to better the community in which you live. Another setback was our inability to appeal to many of the subscribers of the *Shalom Magazine* and *Atlantic Jewish Directory*, where approximately only 25% of the people paid their voluntary subscription fees. Since my philosophy is to pay as you go rather than running a deficit, I must recommend discontinuing the use of the expensive format of our previous magazines until there is either more favourable response by paid subscriptions or a more successful means of selling advertisements. I appeal to you to pay your subscriptions now. As to the format and

advertisement, I am making an exerted effort with a committee presently to establish the most cost efficient approach.

Before I conclude this message, I take pleasure in publicly thanking our diligent staff, our active Executive, and the many hundreds of volunteers who have contributed so much to the success of A.J.C. during the past two years of my term. I found my term as President to be very challenging, self fulfilling, and intellectually stimulating. Although I have directed much time and energy to my task, I have gained much more than that from it. It has indeed been an honour for me to have served as your President of Atlantic Jewish Council.

To leave you with a single but meaningful thought, I turn to the simple but thought provoking word - TOLERANCE. If we are to expect tolerance in the world, than we must start first with tolerance amongst ourselves and helping each other.

Thank you for your support. My best wishes to you for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Ivan Levine,
President

Emmanuel's Message



What a year I have had!

Only a year ago I was introduced to Atlantic Canada for the first time - thinking what can I do help our communities? Thinking how can I get to know everyone in such a huge geographical region (compared to Israel!)?

Only one year, and in so many aspects it was a very active and busy year in our communities. I would like to highlight the three most significant elements that we all should be very proud of at the end of this year.

- A) The Atlantic Haggadah
- B) The UIA and Operation Exodus Campaign
- C) The appointment of the Regional Animator - Marta Chernin

A) Well, do I have to tell anyone anything else on our story of success with the Atlantic Haggadah? We all should be very proud of producing it - putting our region top on the list of the Jewish community activities in Canada this year!

B) The UIA and Operation Exodus campaign was, no doubt, the most successful in many years - allowing everyone who participated and supported a share in the ongoing greatest Jewish miracle of our times. (Over 100,000 Soviet Jews already settled in Israel).

C) Marta Sue Chernin, of Glace Bay, joined our work team last April - bringing into the AJC a new drive of enthusiasm and knowledge in dealing with programmes for our communities.

Looking back only one year ago - we all must admit - 1990 was a very good year to the Atlantic Jewish Communities.

Let us all make it our "Lighthouse Route" and let us follow its light to 1991 and far beyond.

Let us pray for another many more SHANIM TOVOT

Shana Tova
Emmanuel Zabar,
Executive Director



Rosh Hashanah Message from Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

"... Nothing must distract us from this historic task of bringing home the masses of our people from the Soviet Union and from other parts of the world. Since last Rosh Hashanah the dream that the Soviet authorities would 'Let My People Go' has become a thrilling reality before our eyes. Tens of thousands have come to the country from all parts of the Soviet Union. They are a positive element, who are happy and excited to be here and ready to do all they can to participate in the development of our State and nation.

I hope that in the New Year all of us together will meet this challenge in an unprecedented manner; that we shall become a stronger people; that we shall deter aggression and prevent war and that we shall continue to advance towards peace, happiness and prosperity for all the House of Israel. Shana Tova!"

To a Hundred and Twenty and Beyond By Rabbi Marvin Pritzker

Each year, we are required to examine ourselves in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which are Days of Judgment in our tradition. On this new Year which marks the hundredth anniversary of the Beth Israel Synagogue, we have the solemn obligation of undertaking a solemn appraisal of our own individual lives and the life of the congregation.

For the while we must strive to raise another generation loyal to the tradition of our founding fathers and mothers. At the start of 5751, one hundred years from the Baron de Hirsch Hebrew Benevolent Society, we must say "Biz a Hundert und tzvanzik!" - "To a hundred and twenty!"



The Atlantic Haggadah

The Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada celebrated their Past, Present and Future in a Gala evening on May 27, 1990 at the Halifax Hilton. A gathering of over 550 people created the first ever such Jewish get together in Atlantic Canada - consisting of four generations of families from all over the region.

An original musical-show, specially written for the event was performed by over 100 people, of all ages, to the sheer delight of the audience. The dramatic events of Operation Exodus were the peak of the Future part of the show.

This event was the highlight of six months work in the communities creating what is hoped to be "a new annual tradition in the Jewish life of Atlantic Canada".

The idea of the Atlantic Haggadah was nurtured and came to life by Emmanuel Zabar, who started his job as the Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council last September. Judging from the enthusiastic response of the Jewish community - it seems certain that a new lively prospect is on the threshold of the cultural life of our communities in Atlantic Canada.

A three hour video tape of the Atlantic Haggadah is now available for purchasing at the AJC office, at a price of \$30.00 per video.

The Atlantic Haggadah booklet is also available - at \$10.00 a copy from the AJC office.

Share the pride of our history in Atlantic Canada - and pass it to many others - by purchasing our video and booklet - The original gifts of our Atlantic Jewry!

Greetings By the Honourable Gerry Weiner Minister of State Multiculturalism and Citizenship

Dear Friends,
Shalom!

I am pleased to send best wishes to readers from the Jewish Canadian community as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Since my childhood, this festival has held special meaning for me, as it does for Jews all over the world. Indeed, the Jewish New Year provides us with a welcome opportunity for renewal as we celebrate the anniversary of creation and look to a future in which justice and peace will reign supreme.

Our Jewish cultural heritage is an ancient one that has withstood the sands of time. It is characterized by a deep love of knowledge and an abiding respect for truth. The contribution we have made to all facets of Canadian life is something that you should reflect on with pride at this special time.

Techee Canada. Techee Medeenat Yisrael (Long live Canada, Long live the State of Israel)

A Thought on Chosenness By Rabbi Jacob Chinitz

"It is probably fair to say that chosenness brought us both suffering and survival. In terms of the last half century, it brought us the Holocaust and Statehood. Are the chances of the State better with normalcy and benign neglect, or with superiority and magnifying glass inspection? Would the United States have supported Israel if it were a state, a country like all other countries?"

Excerpts From: Tribute to Rabbi Wolff

**By Irwin Lampert, President,
Tiferes Israel, Moncton**

Rabbi Wolff, Ladies & Gentlemen,
My task today, as President of Tiferes Israel, is both a pleasant one and a not so pleasant one. It's pleasant because I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the whole congregation in wishing Rabbi and Mrs. Wolff the best as they leave our community and in expressing to them our appreciation for their efforts here over the past 8 years. But it also has its unpleasant side, because we are, in a way, saying goodbye to good friends.

How much our community has thrived and grown and become more vibrant under Rabbi Wolff. For example:

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we now have as many or more members here than we did when Rabbi Wolff arrived. This is a big accomplishment for a Jewish Congregation in Atlantic Canada. We've substantially renovated our Synagogue, and raised a ton of money to do so. Now our new kitchen is being built. We've even acquired a new computer. But, most importantly, we have many young and committed members, who actively participate in community life.

And, Rabbi Wolff, you, too, have thrived and grown during your stay here. You are leaving with a number of things you didn't have when you arrived. For example: a Master's Degree in Social Work, 8 years experience as a Rabbi, a wife and 2 children. I think it fair to say that we've grown and you've grown over these 8 years. It has been a mutually advantageous relationship and a good one.

It's important today to recognize some of the good work you've done for our congregation and with our congregation: you were tremendous with the sick, the elderly and the shut-ins; you worked hard to keep the Minyans going, calling people, pulling them in off the street; you worked hard to keep the congregation informed and stimulated with the Bulletin; you taught adult education classes to us in Moncton and at Mount Allison University in Sackville; you single-handedly taught Chedar for many years, a job which could have easily justified 2 people; you always looked after arrangements for out-of-town speakers and entertainers; and you did the million and one other jobs a Rabbi is expected to do in a small congregation.

And most importantly, you did what you had to do with enthusiasm and to the best of your ability and without complaint.

And now, as you and your family move to Montreal, we wish you well.

Today is a very symbolic day as well. We had the naming of a baby in Synagogue this morning. As our Rabbi is leaving, a new member comes along. And so our congregation continues.

Irwin Lampert



Premier John Buchanan of Nova Scotia speaks at the Atlantic Haggadah 1990.

Congregation Sons of Israel Have A Minyan on the Mira

**By Ellie Marshall, President
Congregation Sons of Israel**

For those who may not be familiar with the area, "Mira" is the resort area of Industrial Cape Breton and there are many bungalows located along the Mira River, some of which are owned by Jewish families.

Many thanks go to Isaac and Toby Ein for offering their bungalow for the occasion of our annual "Minyan on the Mira". A total of 39 people attended the Minyan, from our own Glace Bay community. Services were held at 10 o'clock, led by Louis Freidmen of Sydney, who is an Associate Member of our shul. Then we had a 'L'chaim' along with the beautiful table of refreshments prepared by the ladies.

Ellie & Helen, Issie & Fruma opened proceedings with an appropriate tune and lyrics from the song, "The Bungalow", written and composed from "Summertime Revue", with a few lyric changes by Ellie Marshall.

Then the President Ellie made a few remarks to the crowd about the status of our community.

This is the kind of thing that keeps a community together with a little bit of "Rosh Hakodesh", all together, it gives us a sense of belonging, a commitment to our Shabbos Services, a feeling that our congregation is indeed organized. I don't think it matters if it's a large or small community! I know that as President, so far, it's been a great experience and mostly a real learning experience. We learn as we go along, we learn from each other, and I am learning from my fellow congregants.

I am very fortunate in that I have persons like Zander Zilbert, Sol Shore, Isaac Ein to learn from; I learn from Ben Lipkus; I also get bridge tips and gold tips from Ben Lipkus; I learn from Louis Green and Len Schelew. I learn a lot about administration, Shul procedure, and I read and study Halacha (Jewish Law), Haschkelaw (enlightenment), Kabbalah (mysticism) of Judaism! I also learned a lot from our past President, Phil Simon, as I had the good fortune of serving as Vice-President under his administration for some years! Our future is uncertain, and we don't have the numbers, but we'll go along on a "Do It Yourself" formula, as best we can... Thank you!

Sukkot Traditions

By Phyllis Glazer, WZPS



A religious Jew in the ultra-orthodox Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem, checks a lulav (palm frond) for any flaws, prior to the festival of Sukkot.

The holiday spirit prevails this month with Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

It's autumn now in Israel; the worst of the summer heat has passed, and the evenings are cool and pleasant. Sukkot,

the autumn "Feast of the Ingathering", honours the first fruits of the harvest, and recalls the sukkot, the little booths that served our ancestors throughout their desert wanderings.

On porches and in yards around the country, sukkot dot the landscape, adding eight days of colour to city life. Fortunately, the holiday also coincides with the seasonal trimming of the trees by the various municipalities; consequently, palm and other branches are left in piles on the streets, available for the taking. These will form the roof and often part of the decor of the booth.

The Jews of Tunis make their sukka primarily from palm and myrtle leaves, with a low arch designed to make those who enter bow in obeisance and respect. Moroccan Jews add a chair or stool by one wall, in honor of Elijah the Prophet.

Ashkenazi Jews tend to make the walls of their sukkot from fabric, with a palm-leaved roof in order to see the starlit sky. Sukkot-builders of every ethnic background make sure to add an especially colourful touch with strings of seasonal fruits, including pomegranates, fresh dates, figs and apples. "And you shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of leafy trees, and

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willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord seven days" (Leviticus 23:40). These are interpreted to refer to the lulav (palm frond) and etrog (citron) which are taken by the devout to the synagogue and kept in the sukkah throughout the holiday.

Traditional foods for the holiday vary according to ethnic derivation. Tunisian Jews prepare "machmar" - stuffed eggplant in tomato and onion sauce, and a form of couscous. Ashkenazi Jews tend to mark the harvest and thanksgiving days with an abundance of fruit and vegetable dishes.

The seventh day of Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, is celebrated with a special service in which a procession marches seven times around the synagogue. Willow branches are beaten, the falling leaves symbolizing the arrival of rains and the hope of renewed life. A traditional dish for this holiday is "kreplach", pockets of dough stuffed with meat.

On the eighth day of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, prayers of rain and remembrance of the dead are included in the service.

Hebrew Congregation of Newfoundland

By Dr. Michael Paul

Late on March 11, the Israeli Consul-General (from Montreal), **Mr. Chalom Schirman** arrived. His official itinerary began early on Monday, March 12. He and **Dr. M. Paul** were taken by a Government car to Bishop's High School. They were met by the teacher, **Claire Frankel-Salama** who introduced them to her French immersion class. For 1-1/4 hours **Mr. Schirman** talked about Israel, Middle East politics, the problems of the Intifada and other topics. Several of the students asked very interesting and pertinent questions. At 10:30 **Mr. Schirman** and **Dr. Paul** were met at Government House by **Mr. Sidney Epstein**, President of the congregation, for the official visit to His Honour the Lt-Governor, **Mr. J. McGrath**. This meeting lasted about 30 minutes. Many questions were asked by His Honour during this time concerning the peace process and the differences in philosophy of the many Israeli political parties.

Mr. Schirman presented His Honour with an Israeli medallion, as a gift from the State of Israel.

The next call was at the House of Assembly where the group met with the Premier, **Mr. Clyde Wells**. A discussion ensued concerning the Newfoundland Jewish community.

"Cultures P.E.I."

Statement

By Joe Naylor

The following statement on the "History and Activities of the P.E.I. Jewish Community" was issued by the Correspondence Committee at the request of the P.E.I. Multicultural Council for inclusion in the special 15th Anniversary edition of its newsletter *Cultures P.E.I.*:

The P.E.I. Jewish community has always been small in number. At present, about thirty families participate in its activities.

Jewish families on P.E.I. had met informally for social meetings and celebrations of religious holidays since at least the 1960's. A Jewish culture and Hebrew Language Sunday School organized and run by them, with some funding from the Department of Multiculturalism, was begun in the late 1970's for the children of the families. At the request of the school teachers, a meeting of the Jewish commu-

nity was held on October 10, 1982 which organized ad hoc committees for "Holiday Planning" and "Correspondence". A quarterly newsletter was begun by the correspondence Committee at that time.

On October 14, 1984, the Jewish community met and constituted itself as the P.E.I. Jewish Community. Apart from passing minimal rules for holding meetings, the community preserved its generally ad hoc structure instead of instituting a more formal organization. The Hebrew School, Holiday Committee, and Correspondence Committee were re-established, and the community joined the P.E.I. Multicultural Council.

The community's celebrations of the religious festivals Chanukah, Pesach (Passover), and Sukkot are particularly well-attended. In addition to the festivals and the Hebrew School, the activities of the community have included adult Jewish Studies groups, adult Hebrew language classes, and a Holocaust commemoration co-sponsored with Christian organizations.



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Mr. Schirman was most interested in **Mr. Wells**' comments concerning current Canadian affairs. At the end of the meeting **Mr. Schirman** presented **Mr. Wells** with a replica of part of the Dead Sea Scrolls. **Mr. Wells**, in return, presented **Mr. Schirman** with a book on Newfoundland and Labrador.

At 12:30 **Mr. Schirman**, **Mr. Epstein** and **Dr. Paul** were entertained at a luncheon given by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, **Mr. T. Lush**. During the meal, the former Premier, **Mr. Brian Peckford** dropped by and was introduced to **Mr. Schirman**. At 2:00 p.m. the party entered the Chamber of the House of Assembly and were individually introduced to the Members by the Speaker. They were warmly welcomed by all. The party stayed for part of the question period, but had to leave because of an appointment with His Worship the Mayor, **Mr. John Murphy**. At city Hall, **Mr. Murphy** asked **Mr. Schirman** many questions concerning life in Israel, which the Consul-General was only

too happy to explain. That evening after enjoying a light dinner of Newfoundland seafood, **Mr. Schirman** gave a lecture entitled "Power and Powerlessness in Jewish History" in the auditorium of the S.J. Carew Engineering Building at Memorial University. This was given under the auspices of the Department of Political Science and was arranged by **Dr. S. Wolinetz**. **Mr. Schirman** returned to Montreal on Tuesday, March 13.

Recently, Gander has been the site of an increased number of defections from Soviet-bloc countries, especially from Bulgaria. The community has been made aware of at least two Jewish men amongst the group. One of them, a 28 year old has attended the Synagogue. Through the help of the parents of **Dr. Anat Stemmer**, and **Mr. and Mrs. R. Rachamimoff**, the community has been able to communicate with them. As a matter of fact, the Canadian government has recently flown **Mrs. Rachamimoff** back from Toronto in order for her to help with interpretation.

Report of Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo **By Evelyn David, Council Secretary**

On June 20th, a pot-luck supper preceded the annual meeting of the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo. President **Joan Elman** welcomed the forty members present.

A beautiful basket donated by **Barbara Nathanson** and **Shirley Chernin**, was raffled off and won by **Reva Nathanson**.

The Chapter presidents gave their reports. **Fanny Cohen**, of the Glace Bay Chapter told of the sadness in the community over the loss of **Sandra Chernin**. She told us that, because of the superb cooperation of the membership, who are so dedicated to the cause they were able to hold four productive meetings and attend to all business. She praised the organizational ability of **Shirley Chernin** who worked so diligently for the Chapter and the Bazaar.

Edith Nathanson, of the Rebecca Chapter of New Waterford thanked her members for their cooperation. She mentioned that the Chapter had received two bequests — one from the late **Ralph Gaffen** and one from the late **Al Bernick**.

Helen Sherman, of the Queen Esther Chapter of Sydney sent in her report and it was given by **Evelyn David**. The Chapter had a very successful year with seven meetings. The membership participated in all functions. She wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

The President called the Project Chairmen who gave the following reports. **Zelda Yazer** read letters from out-of-town readers of the Hadassah Review, who

enjoyed an update on activities in Cape Breton. The proceeds of the publication were sent to the **Nina Cohen Day Care Center** in Jerusalem. The President thanked **Edith Lecker** and her staff.

Diana Schwartz, reporting for **Sylvia Chernin**, gave us the results of the Medical Services tea, with **Dr. Garson Lecker** as guest speaker. The result was the purchase of ophthalmological surgical glasses for **Asaph Horofe Hospital**.

Youth Aliyah chairman, **Diana Schwartz** with cooperation of **Edith Nathanson**, **Celia Leaner**, **Helen Marshall**, **Etta Chernin** and **Judy Schneiderman** held a luncheon at the Ramada Inn with the Reverend **Dr. Caldwell** as guest speaker. The campaign was very successful.

The J.N.F. project for the year was presented by **Shirley Chernin** on behalf of **Judy Schneiderman**.

Gift card chairman **Lil Nathanson** and Specific Gift chairman **Edith Lecker** thanked all those who faithfully used the serve.

Joan Elman on behalf of herself and **Shirley Chernin** said that in spite of fewer members, our Bazaar did as well as last year. She thanked **Hymie Hirsch**, **Ike David**, **Leo Chernin**, **Charlie Schwartz**, **Garson Lecker**, and **Fred Blufarb** for their assistance.

Joan Elman congratulated the Queen Esther Chapter of Sydney on their new executive with **Edith Lecker** as president and **Faye David** as the new vice-president.

Lena Gaum who is leaving Sydney to live in Ottawa received best wishes from all on her move.

The President closed the meeting wishing all a happy new year!

Saint John Comes Home to You **from Saint John Jewish Historical Museum**

No matter how far you are from Saint John, you can share in the flavour of the community, past and present, by purchasing two delightful books, available now through the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.

From Our Grandmother's Kitchen (\$10.00), contains a variety of recipes mostly from former residents. Original dishes by **Rose Kaplansky**, **Anne Holtzman**, **Frada Cohen**, **Mrs. Stoller**, and **Jennie Perchanok** to name a few, can be recreated in your home with the sentiment of preserving a taste unique to Saint John.

Weaving The Past Into the Present (\$12.95), by **Marcia Koven, RN., BA**, is a glimpse into the 130 year history of the Saint John Jewish Community. The book is a detailed, thoughtful and touching account of family, friends, and "names" you have heard of and often wondered about.

Both books make meaningful gifts for all occasions, for members of the Saint John Jewish Historical Society, and, more importantly, for their children and grandchildren. Share and provide an understanding of your roots, so that Saint John will live in the hearts of future generations.

Your generous support of the Saint John Jewish Historical Society and Museum is greatly appreciated. Because of you, we can continue to keep our community alive.

Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Society For the Weizmann Institute of Science

On Sunday, September 16th, the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science held an information luncheon at **Shaar Shalom Synagogue**.

The luncheon is the culmination of fund-raising activities to increase an endowment set-up in 1983 to support a cooperative research linkage between the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation and similar components at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

The luncheon featured a panel discussion on discoveries at the cutting edge of scientific progress and what they mean to us. Panelists included **Dr. Alan Fine**, Associate Professor in the Department of Physiology at Dalhousie University and

Dr. Robert Fournier, Vice-President of Research also at Dalhousie University.

Mr. Michael Parsons of Bedford, and the winner at the Canadian Science Fair of a scholarship to the Summer Institute of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was a special guest.

Since the endowment was set up, three pairs of co-operating scientists have taken part in very fruitful exchanges. Increasing the size of the endowment will

allow more frequent visits between collaborating scientists and longer stays in each other's country. To date, the Dalhousie Medical Research scientists supported by the fund were **Dr. Catherine Lezier**, **Dr. Alan Fine** and **Dr. Emmanuel Faust**.

For further information:
Dr. Jayson Greenblatt,
(902) 425-3233.



Atlantic Haggadah 1990.

Massada Bus Tour

By Bessie Rinzler

Massada Bus Tour was enjoyed by 32 members. We went on Route 7 on Nova Scotia Eastern Shore to Sherbrooke Village on June 13, 1990.

We visited the Jail built in 1862 and the Tailor Shop that had been restored in 1900.

The Sherbrooke Village Pottery reproduces 19th century Nova Scotian earthenware.

The General Store has been restored as a typical store of the 1870's.

We enjoyed much more of the restoration area that had been reconstructed to look like the period from 1850 - 1900.



Eastern Shore, Sherbrooke Village, Massada Bus Tour



The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT, Mother's Day Snack 'n Fruit Project

Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's Ort

By Barb Alberstat

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's Ort has been striving to fulfill their assigned budget, and we are happy to report that we have done just that. The latest fundraising project, the Mother's Day Snack 'n Fruit Basket was a great success. As well as serving the Jewish Community, we have been well received in the general public. Our thanks goes to Carol Green and Mindy Jacobson, convenors and a large number of volunteers who helped with phone lists, wrote cards, and husbands who gave of their time to help with the delivery so early Sunday morning. We started the day with a lovely breakfast hosted by Mindy and Bo Jacobson.

Our closing will be in the form of a Tea. We feel that we have had a very successful year through our efforts here in Halifax, we will be able to help restore dignity through education to many students in Israel.

Graduation Congratulations To...

Beth Medjuck, daughter of Shirlee and Ralph Medjuck, graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Menauchem Suissa, husband of Linda (Medjuck) recently graduated with distinction in Civil Engineering from the Technical University of N.S.

Shayna David, daughter of Harvey and Beverlee David on receiving her M.B.A. degree from the University of Toronto.

Wayne Holtzman, on graduating from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Wayne is the son of Janet and Norman Holtzman and grandson of Lou and Celia Newman.

Dvora David, daughter of Harvey and Beverlee David on graduating from Ryerson with a Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree in early childhood education. She was also given the honour of class valedictorian. Dvora will be continuing her studies at the University of Toronto in the Bachelor of Education Program.

Lisa Hans upon receiving her B.S.W. from the University of New Brunswick.

Lisa Fischel upon receiving her B.A. in Commerce from the University of New Brunswick.

Medjuck Donation to Dalhousie University

By Rick Hand,
Media Relations Officer

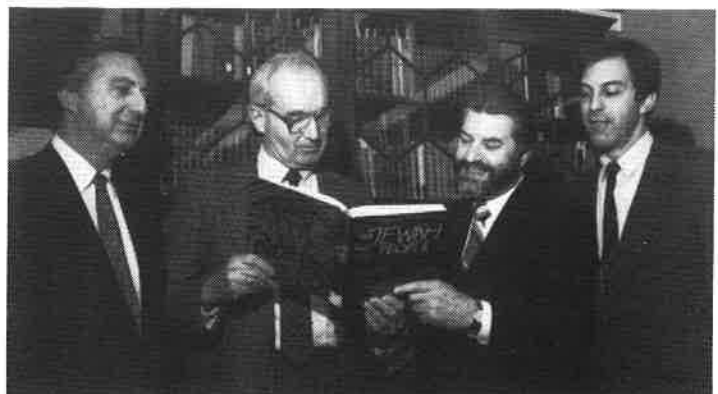
Dalhousie University is pleased to announce a donation to the Dalhousie University Library for the purchase of books in support of the "Medjuck Collection for Jewish Studies".

This donation was made by the three Medjuck brothers in memory of their parents, Blanche and Irving Medjuck, in

recognition of the opportunity that Dalhousie University has provided their family, and also the contribution the University has made to the Jewish community in Atlantic Canada.

The Medjuck family has been associated with Dalhousie University for over 70 years, represented by three generations.

Thus far the Library has acquired over four hundred volumes in Jewish Studies dealing with history, philosophy, religious studies and literature. The collection is kept in the Killam Library.



Left to right,
Ralph Medjuck,
William (Bill) Birdsall,
Dalhousie's Librarian,
Harold and Franklyn
Medjuck.

Photo credit: Carlos

Fredericton 1990 U.I.A. Campaign By Linda Payne

Due to the immigration of thousands of Russian families to Israel and the desperate need for funds to absorb these families into the mainstream of life in Israel, the Fredericton 1990 UIA appeal was combined with Operation Exodus.

On June 20th an evening at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue ended a most successful campaign. Fredericton can stand proud beside the rest of the communities in Canada! Under the capable Co-chairmanship of **Harry Levine** and **Bobby Brown** Fredericton almost doubled their contribution over last year.

Our guest speaker was **Judith Levine**, leader of the Refusnik movement in the Soviet Union. Her talk about life in Russia for Jews today made us realize more than ever the urgency of bringing our people to Israel.

We thank **Edith Levine**, **Lois Levine**, **Rhona Ruben**, **Roz Brown**, **Linda Payne**, **Joan Levine**, and **Barbie Payne** for taking the time to prepare the delicious refreshments that were served. We thank **Marty Payne**, UIA Regional Chairman for his organization and his most informative talk.

Once again, thank you **Harry** and **Bobby** for your time and effort in helping to make the 1990 Campaign one of the most successful we've had; and a most special thank you to the people of the community who gave so generously so that a dream can be realized.



Bobby Brown - Co-chairman UIA

DINNER FOR EIGHT WINNER

By **Marianne Ferguson**,
Beatrice Zemel
Co-Presidents Orah Chapter

The winner of the Orah Chapter Hadassah Wizo "Dinner for Eight" was **Joan Pink** of Halifax.

We thank all those who bought tickets to help us with this project.



Martin Payne, UIA Regional Chairman; Ivan Levine, President AJC; Judy Budovitch, Chairperson, Women's Division UIA; Emmanuel Zabar, Executive Director AJC; Judith Levine, Guest speaker; Harry Levine and Bobby Brown, Co-chairmen UIA.

The 1990 UIA Campaign and Operation Exodus By Martin Payne Regional U.I.A. Chairman

This year I am pleased to announce that the Maritime region has to be re-defined as that area east of Quebec, that has joined the rest of Canadian Jewry, by more than doubling its U.I.A. pledges for the 1990 year, from \$425,000+ in 1989 to over \$900,000 which includes Operation Exodus so far this year. Toronto's figures for the Maritime region do not yet reflect these results as we Easterners are renowned for our slow and deliberate way of life, even when delivering our communications. Our ultimate goal is still \$1,000,000 as not all our communities have been canvassed.

Without intending to blow our own horn, this was no small feat!

It was accomplished by organizing an ardent team of local chairpersons under the auspices of regional chairman **Marty**

Payne and vice-chairman **Nardy Nathanson** who were taught, guided and challenged by our new Council executive director, **Emmanuel Zabar**.

U.I.A. Canada professional leadership in the form of **Walter Hess** and **Barney Harris** deserve a sustained round of applause in the selection and appointment of the very competent **Mr. Zabar**, who was transferred to our region from Manchester, England. A Sabra, whose parents made Aliyah from Yemen, he brought a breath of fresh air and new innovative canvassing ideas to our region that manifested in not only the most financially productive campaign seen in Atlantic Canada, but also in a new community cohesion and unity of spirit and resolve in our efforts to share the Canadian Jewish responsibility for Operation Exodus.

One brief example of programming that led to our cultural and financial success this year was the introduction by **Emmanuel** of the Atlantic Haggadah evening in Halifax just after Pesach. This

Haggadah event told the story in poetry, song, dancing and acting of the chronological Jewish history in our region with all the actors and singers being volunteers drawn from our seven Jewish communities. The performance was interspersed with videotaped interviews of senior Maritime citizens whose recollections personified the tale. The event was introduced by **Premier John Buchanan** of Nova Scotia and ended with the surprise visit of **Elena Keis-Kuna** to deliver the kick-off message for the Atlantic Region campaign.

At the beginning of planning for this event, it was estimated that an attendance of 275 would be a resounding success. In fact, 550 people attended the gala affair and many more were turned away due to lack of available seating.

Over this very exciting and dramatic year, we in Atlantic Canada can truly lift up our heads and say proudly, along with the rest of you: We were there. We participated. We participated fully.



Fredericton News

By Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: Daisy & Frank Budovitch - 48 years; Eta & Myer Berk - 43 years; Sheila & Harry Chippin - 42 years; Helen & Joe Budovitch - 41 years; Toby & Weldon Graser - 30 years; Evelyn & Abe Budovitch - 29 years; Sharon & Peter Pinsler - 23 years; Rhona & Allen Ruben - 23 years; Lois & Ivan Levine - 20 years; Lawrence & Rosalyn Wall - 12 years; Shelley & Byron Stephens - 8 years.

Speedy recovery wishes to Harry Chippin, Joe Budovitch, Abe Budovitch, Bessie Brown, Harry Brown, Alfred Brown, Lou Levine and Daisy Budovitch.

Mazel Tov to the following: . . . to Robyn Payne, L.L.B., daughter of Linda & Marty Payne, and to Barry Goldman, son of Amelia & Harry Goldman, upon being admitted to the Ontario Bar. Both reside in Toronto. . . . to Dr. Morton & Marlene Brown of Toronto, upon the birth of their grandson, Joey Maxwell, great-grandson for Saul & Molly Brown, Dr. Samuel & Lillian Newman and Bertha Cappell, all of Halifax. Proud parents are Dr. Mitchell & Amy Brown, Toronto. . . . to Joe Tobin upon celebrating his 90th birthday with his family. . . . to Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro, and to Moishe & Mada Newman of Montreal, upon the birth of their grandson, Aryeh Bezalel, great-grandson for Goldie Katz, Montreal. Proud parents are Louis & Marilyn Newman of Montreal. . . . to Sheila & Harry Chippin and Sophie & Ben Starkman of Edmonton, upon the birth of their grandson, Dennis Anthony. Proud parents are David & Gail Chippin of Toronto. . . . to Amelia & Harry Goldman upon the marriage of their granddaughter, Shaindel, daughter of Jeffrey & Ruth Goldman of Toronto, to Nissan Gluck of Toronto, son of Shia & Leah Gluck.

Robert Cohen, son of Warren & Miriam Cohen, has been awarded the "Fredericton Real Estate Board's Annual Scholarship" for Academic Achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Robie will be entering McGill University this fall in the Bachelor of Science Program. Robert also received the "Sir Edward Beatty Memorial Entrance Scholarship" from McGill. Valued at \$1000 and renewable for four years, this entrance award recognizes academic excellence and involvement in school activities. Robie is a 1990 graduate of Fredericton High School where he maintained a high honours standing throughout his high school career.

Allen M. Ruben of the Fredericton Law firm of Ruben & Kingston, was elected President of the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Bar Association at the Annual Meeting held at St. Andrew, N.B., on July 12.

Rhona Ruben was elected Vice-President of the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce at its recent annual meeting. An active member of the Chamber of Commerce Board, Rhona organized and chaired the Celebrity Auction which netted in excess of \$30,000 profit for the Chamber.

Condolences to Gladys & Lou Swetsky, Freda & Toby Appel of Ottawa, and Pearl & Joe Steinberg of Montreal, upon the passing of their brother, Hyman Swetsky of Saint John, N.B. Condolences to Sheila & Harry Chippin upon the demise of her mother, Anna Aronson of Montreal. Survived by three sons, two brothers, a sister, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Condolences to Sue & Lou Levine upon the demise of her brother, Sam Greenberg of Ottawa. Survived by wife, Jennie, two sons, two grandsons, nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

A dessert meeting for the closing of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO was held June 4th at the Victoria & Albert Restaurant. The President, Marilyn Kaufman, thanked everyone for their help throughout the year, and the convenors also extended their gratitude to the committee members.

Lois Levine was called upon for the Installation of New Officers for 1990/91. The new Slate of Officers is: President - Lillian Freeman; Vice-President - Lois Levine; Recording Secretary - Shelley Stephens; Corresponding Secretary - Sydelle Grobe; Treasurer - Jennie Chippin; Hon. President - Faye Medjuck; Hon. Vice-President - Amelia Goldman; Hon. Treasurer - Jennie Chippin. Portfolio Chairladies are: JNF - Rosalyn Nudelle Wall; Cards - Nessa Leckie; Creche - Sharon Pinsler; Public Affairs - Rhona Ruben; Youth Aliyah - Lillian Freeman; Specific Gifts - Rhoda Fransblow; Membership - Sarah Lang; Telephone - Jennie

Brown; Social - Amelia Goldman; Life Associate - Lois Levine.

Prof. Emeritus Irene Leckie, former Dean of the UNB School of Nursing was guest speaker at the Medical Services Dinner, Hadassah-WIZO, held on July 18. Prof. Leckie recounted the history of health care in New Brunswick. Her talk concentrated on the history of nursing care in Canada, from its beginnings as little more than training in basic housekeeping skills to the professional programs offered by modern nursing schools. She was involved in reorganization of nursing education in New Brunswick and told members of some of the difficulties encountered during that period.

Moishe Smith was recently in New Brunswick's capital city for the formal installation of B'nai Brith Fredericton Lodge's new Executive. Simmy Airst was installed as the new President.

B'nai Brith president Moishe Smith presented a very informative and inspirational talk. It was followed by what can be described as lively discussion and debate. His visit was very much appreciated and it was very encouraging to note that B'nai Brith does take an interest in small communities such as Fredericton. In fact, all three of the past presidents of B'nai Brith has visited here while in office.

On August 21, the Fredericton Jewish Community attended a cocktail reception on the occasion of the 1990 Israel Bond Drive. The guest speaker was Martin Penn, scholar and historian and leading authority on Soviet Jewry. Bond Chairman, Allen Ruben, proclaimed the \$50,000 plus evening a success occurring so soon after the recent Operation Exodus Campaign. The Chairman expressed his particular appreciation to Regional Bond Director, Lionel Segal, for his assistance and Rabbi David Spiro for his cooperation.

Le'Shana Tova Tikatevu.



With Executive B'nai Brith members, 1-r: Warren Cohen, Dr. Steven Rauch, Simmy Airst, Moishe Smith, Arnold Chippin, Dr. Cary Grobe and Lawrence Wall.



Robert Ivan Cohen.

Giving

By Rabbi Michael Wolff, Moncton



The Talmud has a discussion on ways to give charity and says that the best method is to set up a box in a public place into which people can put money and from which money can be withdrawn privately, without others knowing. In this manner, neither the giver knows the receiver, nor does the receiver know the giver. This is the highest form of charity, short of finding someone a job, because the community anonymously provides for the needy without the needy ever becoming known. Then the Talmud notes that in practice the system does not work because usually more people take funds than give them and the charity box is always short of funds. It is an ideal method in theory, but not in practice.

Jewish War Veterans

By Gar Meltzer

Junior Commander Canadian Jewish War Veterans Maritimes and Newfoundland

Head office is sorry to announce the planned trip for World Meeting in Jerusalem of the Jewish War Veterans has been cancelled till 1992 due to money needed for Russian Jews.

Our dear Senator Croll has retired as commander of Canadian Jewish War Veterans and is succeeded by our own home town boy (Gloucester Bay) Senator Jack (Jackie) Marshall.

Sunday July 8, 1990, Col. Marshall visited our post in Saint John, N.B. where he attended a social day at the Franklin Farms, Bains Corner, N.B. hosted by Deputy Commander Mitch Franklin and his wife Janice. Twenty three members and spouses were in attendance.

David Lubin, introduced Col. Marshall, who spoke for 30 minutes, enlightening us with what his intentions will be and what the future holds for the Canadian Jewish War Veterans, many questions were asked and knowledgeably answered. Mitch Franklin thanked the Colonel and invited us to spend the rest of

23-Member Canadian Group Observes Family Celebration on Israel Trip

Tel-Aviv — The observance of three family celebrations encouraged the veteran Yarmouth attorney, Irving C. Pink and wife, Ruth, to bring their clan together to mark the happy events in Israel.

They are seen at the poolside of the Hilton Hotel where some of their 23-member family group enjoyed a cool break from touring. The Pinks were accompanied by sons; Steven, Joel, Donald and Darrel with their families to observe, in Israel, the Bar Mitzvah celebrations of grandsons, David and Aaron, and the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Rachel. These were celebrated at the Western Wall and in an historic Synagogue in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The three generations of Pinks combined celebration with tours throughout the country, in their "family bus".

"We've been here many times before and

each time is special", Attorney Pink said, "We didn't give any thought to the "Intifada" in making our plans, and everything has gone smoothly without a touch of tension."

Mrs. Ruth Pink is past vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Sons Joel, Donald and Darrel are attorneys, and Steven is a construction project manager.



Mr & Mrs. Irving Pink.

the day as his guest. He was a wonderful host showing us around his estate touring in a bus and riding a fire engine.

Colonel Marshall will do his utmost to help needy Veterans help fight anti-semitism, look for funding for Jewish War Veterans and will answer any enquiries coming to his office.

Mendle Greenblatt and wife were in attendance from Moncton. While a few were suppose to attend from Fredericton, due to a death in the community they had to be excused.

I would like to see many of the Veterans who are dragging behind, please join our ranks, and get behind our Colonel Marshall to show him we're backing him up. He would also like to see the spouses and family members join as associated members, as well as any interested friends to join.

I would like to see all members wearing navy blazers and wedge caps.

Be proud you served you Country. Remember Canadian Jews out of a population of 175,000 had 17,500 join the services besides volunteer services. We had the highest number of Servicemen from any ethnic group in Canada.

I'm proud of them, you too can be proud of them by joining what's left of us today.

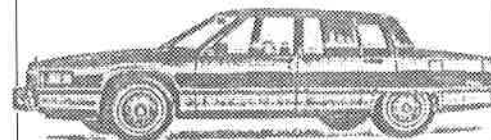
Henry Goldberg, Commander of the Halifax Branch has confirmed Senator Marshall's visit to the Halifax community on November 18th. Details of the event will follow shortly.

My wife Jacqueline and I want to wish you one and all a healthy Happy New Year.

The Shaar Shalom Super Draw Lucky Winner

Mr. Herb Cobrin, of Quebec, is the lucky winner of the first prize in the 1990 car raffle!

The Shaar Shalom congregation extends its thanks to all those who supported this fundraising project.



1990 Fleetwood Cadillac car

Appointment Senator Jack Marshall



Jack Marshall

Senator Jack Marshall has been named National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. A native of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Marshall served with the Canadian Army in World War II and retired with the rank of Colonel in 1968. First elected to the House of Commons in 1968, he was appointed to the Senate in 1978 and is Chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Veterans Affairs. A former branch president, Marshall has long championed veterans causes. The Jewish War Veterans represents more than 17,000 Jewish veterans of World War II. Marshall replaces outgoing national Commander David Croll, who held the position for ten years.

Operation Aliyah and State of Israel Bonds

By Lionel Segal

The Government of Israel has requested Israel Bonds to sell at least \$1,000,000,000 in Bonds worldwide in 1990 in order to help the State absorb the influx of Soviet Jewry to the Jewish nation.

World sales in 1989 soared to its highest level ever at \$789,000,000 U.S. with Canadian sales attaining close to \$70,000,000. This year Canada has been allotted the task of selling \$100,000,000 or 10% of this year's world projected sales.

"Every community in Canada will have to search its inner soul in order to achieve this lofty goal", remarked Julius Briskin Q.C., National Executive V.P. and General counsel of State of Israel Bonds.

"We have been assured by the Ministry of Finance of Israel that every cent in Bond proceeds will be used to absorb Soviet Jews through home building and job creation," Briskin added.

The Answer Is In Your Hand By Rabbi Michael Wolff

The story goes that a little boy caught a small butterfly and trapped it in one of his hands. He held out both of his hands to his father and asked his father to guess which hand the butterfly was in. The father replied "The answer is in your hands."

People tell me that they are sorry to see me leave. They say that while my leaving is good for me, it is bad for Moncton. I usually do not know how to answer but now I give the question back to the community by saying the answer is in your hands.

Moncton is a terrific, vibrant community. We have a renovated Shul building and, soon, a new kitchen. We have a Cheder with 25 children, and 8 more who could start in September. We have a young adult population (ages 14 - 30) of over 30 people. The synagogue has a good percentage of people who actively participate in different, albeit varied, aspects of Jewish life in Moncton. The issue for me is really in finding the ways to keep people involved.

The Moncton Jewish Community, in spite of its size and relative isolation, is unique. It is special because of its togetherness. The entire community interacts with one another. Every member is important and each is cherished. In fact the rabbi is not the backbone of the community. The foundation is the beautiful people who hold the Jewish community together. Each person in their own way helps out and has a role to play. The answer to the community's survival is in everyone's hands.

March of the Living

Eleven children from our communities participated in the March of the Living from April 18 to May 3, 1990.

In Poland, they saw the past - the horrors of the Holocaust - and there they followed the footsteps of our 6 million souls who perished. In Poland they vowed - Never again.

In Israel our eleven representatives saw the future. They saw what Israel could mean to the lost Holocaust generation - they saw what Israel is to every Jew in our generation.

The eleven participants were:

Shayna Allen of New Waterford; Robert Astroff; Amy Block; David Lipkus; Bena Medjuck; Alia Offman; David Ross; Sari Schwartz, all of Halifax; and Maya Walsh of Hunter River, P.E.I.

North Sydney's Anne Blufarb is Looking for her Sister Luba By Emmanuel Zabar



Anne Blufarb (nee Zuckerman) is shown at extreme right in this family photo. She is seeking her sister Luba, seated between their parents, Herman and Freda.

In my travels throughout Atlantic Canada, I reached the North Sydney community where only a handful of Jewish families are living - one of them is the Blufarbs.

Richard and Anne own The Blue Star Traders shop - on Commercial Street, in North Sydney - struggling to keep on living in spite of the daily constant memories of their escape from the Holocaust. "I live with a deep feeling of guilt that I escaped while the others in my family perished," says Anne - who was 17 years old when her family lived before the German occupation. Nightmare memories keep coming of Anne's father, Herman Zuckerman being lined together with other Jewish leaders of their community, shot dead and his body being dumped in a marsh. Memories of her mother, Freda, and two sisters - Leah and Luba - spared at first just because they were in charge of washing clothes for the German soldiers.

"The last I saw of my mother and sisters they were hiding in a basement bunker in the ghetto at Tarnopol, now occupied by the Soviet Union, but one man told me he had met my sister Luba after the war and since then I pray and hope to meet her. Luba would have been 15 years old at that time so she would have memories too of how we survived", says Anne.

Anyone who knows any information relating to Anne's family story is asked to contact her at: 202 Commercial Street, North Sydney, N.S., B2A 1B6 or contact the Atlantic Jewish Council office.

Flowers Don't Know — By Miriam Naylor

(This poem was read by Miriam as part of the presentation by "March of the Living" participants at the Atlantic Haggadah, Halifax, May 27)

Years after, it hasn't been all that long
since It happened
Some people remember the way it was
Friends and family,
now gone forever
remind us with silent screams
and pleading eyes in blank faces
Naked skeletons
now ashes
rest beneath free flying birds
and a blue sky.
Sometimes it rains.

Flowers grow here
pretty and happy
They don't know what they are hiding
underneath
where it is dark and quiet
lonely
They see sunshine, and rain
birds, blades of grass
green
trees
green
now and then a person
they must think all people are sad
because they don't know
they just don't know.

Programming for the Fall

By Marta Chernin
Community Animator

SEPTEMBER

Wed. Sept. 5/90 - AJC office - 5:00 - 8:00 = Youth program with Madrichim (16-21 yrs. old). Any youth leaders (16-21) interested in programming for a new season of youth programs for ages 7-15 please contact Marta Chernin 422-7491.

Sun. Sept. 23/90 - Shaar Shalom at 8:00 p.m. = An evening with David Chinitz.

Mon. Sept. 24/90 - Youth Programming meeting.

OCTOBER

Sat. Oct. 6/90 - Opening Meeting of APJSF (Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation). Social/review programs for Fall/Winter 1990/1991 and welcome new students to the community.

Sun. Oct. 14/90 - Opening Program = "New Jews On the Block" the first of monthly programs in our new series of youth programs.

October 18-23 = Sir Sidney Hamburger will be touring the Maritimes with Emmanuel Zabar for "Thank You" functions - Thanking our communities for their support of "Operation Exodus".

NOTE: There will be a special session for youth, High School and University Students, on Saturday, October 20th from 2-4:00 p.m. in Halifax with Sir Sidney Hamburger.

Thurs. Oct. 18/90 - Public Lecture by Dr. Lawrence Thomas, Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University at Henson College 8:00 p.m. on "American Slavery and the Holocaust".

October 27-28/90 - Half the Kingdom will be previewed by Francine Zuckerman.

NOVEMBER

Mon. Nov. 5/90 - Youth Programming Planning Meeting - AJC office 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 9/90 - Kristallnache Program/Display - Dalhousie Student Union Building. This will be manned by APJSF and High School Youth Leaders.

Sun. Nov. 18/90 - Program #2 in Youth Series Programs.

DECEMBER

Dec. 11-19/90 - Operation "ORR" for Chanukah - Touring the Maritime Communities.

Dec. 26-30/90 - National Convention of Jewish Students Network - Montreal.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

APJSF - Israel Film Festival = February 6, 13, 20, 27th.

Or Yehuda Atlantic Tour

By Marta Chernin
Community Animator

This summer the Atlantic Region hosted Or Yehudah youth, **Revital, Moshe, Dalila and Yehial**. They were accompanied by **Eli Rubenstein** who acted as their chaperone, tour guide, mentor, and stage manager, on their extensive tour throughout the Atlantic Provinces. They started out in Saint John, New Brunswick, where they were the guest of **Josh & Leona Beutel**; and **Mitchell & Janice Franklyn**.

Their short, dramatic, musical presentation, "Welcome to Israel" was performed in the Synagogue vestry of the Shaarei Zedek.

From Saint John the group travelled to Camp Kadimah, where they participated in the Tisha B'av programming and they enjoyed the opportunity of networking with youth of all ages. From Camp they travelled to Cape Breton, and here they were the guests of **Avvie & Evy Druker**. They were shown true Cape Breton hospitality and enjoyed the beautiful scenery en route. Their performance Thursday night was held in the Temple Son of Israel Synagogue.

From Cape Breton they made a short stop in Englishtown to visit with the **Dubinsky Family**, on their way to Prince Edward Island. Here they were hosted by **Evy & Barrie Carnat**, and the community came together Saturday night at the home of **Myra & Jim Thorkelson**. The entire community enjoyed a Barbecue Potluck and the youth provided their entertaining presentation.

The final stop on their Atlantic tour was Halifax where they were the guests of **Ed & Donna Gorber**. This was their last stop before departing for Israel, last minute shopping for souvenirs and visiting with friends occupied their time. Their presentation was held in the Beth Israel Synagogue auditorium and it was well received.

After **Dr. Phil Belitsky** welcomed the group to Halifax, Eli Rubenstein introduced them. He spoke about the community of Or Yehuda and how it was adopted by several Jewish communities in the Ontario and Atlantic Regions. He continued to share that these youth represent the revival of this community and the new spirit it emanates. **Judith Goldberg** thanked the performers for their enthusiastic message. A brief question and answer period was held where the performers each spoke about their goals, their future and their thoughts on Israel today.

On August 8th the group left Halifax for Montreal . . . Israel. They left the

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National Symposium on Community Development PEI Community Newsletter

Klara Elster and Evy Carnat attended the National Symposium on Community Development held at the Ottawa Jewish Community centre, June 1-3, 1990. The Symposium was open to all members of small Jewish communities and was sponsored by the National Small Communities Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ottawa Jewish Community Council.

Evy reports that the Symposium provided an excellent forum for networking with other Jews from small communities across Canada and sharing ideas about problems and successes in providing Yiddishkeit in small communities. Klara reports that the Symposium showed that small communities actually place proportionately more emphasis on Jewish values and family life than large communities; that smaller communities have more tolerance and emphasize what members have in common rather than their differences; and that parents tend to get more directly involved in the Jewish education of their children in small communities than in larger ones where more community facilities are readily at hand.

The Symposium was addressed by **Gerry Weiner**, Minister of State for Multiculturalism, among others, on initiatives his government is taking now that the Heritage Language Program (under which our Hebrew School received funding) has been cancelled. Other highlights included a tour of the exhibition "A Coat of Many Colours", and plenty of great Jewish food.

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Maritimes expressing a strong desire to return one day, and with a better appreciation of Jewish life in the Small Communities. Accompanying the Or Yehuda group back to Israel were three young people from the Halifax/Dartmouth area: **Jonathan Mendelson, Franklin and Jason Gorber**. They were the guests of Or Yehuda for three weeks.

If you are interested in sending your teenager on this Youth Exchange program, please contact

Marta Chernin at the A.J.C.
422-7491.

Share the pride of our history in Atlantic Canada - and pass it to many others - by purchasing our video and booklet - The original gifts of our Atlantic Jewry!

Calls on Churches to Combat Racism

By Rev. James E. Leland, Fredericton

Sir: It is a sad day indeed in New Brunswick that an act of desecration was committed against the Tiferes Israel Synagogue in Moncton last Sunday [August 19, 1990].

This is but one of several incidents that have occurred throughout the Maritime Provinces. Several months ago, a doll was nailed to a cross with a sign which read, "Juden get out." A Maritime university had a book display during reading week featuring a number of anti-semitic books. And, of course, anti-semitic material has been circulated in the province for several years now.

Last Sunday evening, the anti-semitic word expressed itself in a concrete action against the Jewish community with the spray painting of a swastika and anti-Jewish slogans on the exterior of the synagogue.

Currently there is a wave of anti-semitism sweeping Europe, Russia, South America, the United States and Canada, to name a few areas. Some countries are responding to this menace with strict laws governing the promotion of hate literature. In certain areas of Canada the criminal code is being applied against those who would promote hatred against an identifiable group. However, in New Brunswick the justice department makes the claim that the criminal code regarding hate literature is unworkable here.

Why? Who knows? I think the time is long overdue for that which is unworkable to be made workable. Laws prohibiting the spread of hate literature will certainly not alone stop the spread of anti-semitism and racism any more than laws against committing murder will stop murderers from murdering. However, strict workable laws governing hate lit-

erature would be an important step in the right direction.

Another step in the right direction is already being taken by the N.B. department of education with its Holocaust education program and its global studies course. But more can be done to strengthen those areas with the public school system.

The Christian churches in New Brunswick need to take a united stand against anti-semitism and racism, and prepare an ecumenical statement which not only condemns this social and moral evil, but which will call for provincial government action to begin to seriously tackle the problem that has been festering and manifesting itself in this province these past few years.

The Christian churches of New Brunswick need to also ecumenically prepare educational materials for their various constituencies, and make a solid commitment to educate their congregations in how to combat racism and anti-semitism.

Individual Christians in New Brunswick need to approach their churches and their provincial government with the request to take whatever appropriate steps are necessary to guarantee that racism and anti-semitism are not allowed to flow through the villages, towns and cities. Better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness.

I appeal then to the Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops, the moderators and presidents of the various Christian synods, conferences and conventions in New Brunswick to come together and work out ecumenically a plan to combat racism and anti-semitism in New Brunswick.

Note: Rev. Leland's letter to the Editor appeared in the **Daily Gleaner**, Fredericton, August 25, 1990.

Opinion By Irwin Lampert

I am certain that the desecration of our Shul, which took place recently, was very upsetting to all members. The Board held an emergency meeting at noon on August 22nd and, after 1-1/2 hours of discussing the various alternatives available, decided to offer the reward and to hold a news conference. It was a very difficult decision to make, but I believe that the out-pouring of support given by various local business, political, religious and labour leaders confirmed that our going public on this issue was the correct decision.

On the same topic, late on the afternoon of the day on which this desecration

was discovered, I received a phone call from a **Mr. Hugh Kirkgaard**, who is currently Youth Director of this City's First Baptist Church. He was calling on behalf of the church's Senior Minister, **Mark Parent**, to "offer you our support". He told me how disturbed they were to hear about the incident and concluded by saying "If there's anything we can do by way of support, don't hesitate to call". It was most reassuring to hear that, and I told him so. Especially significant, of course, is the fact that until recently **Dr. A. Patterson Lee** was the Pastor at that church. He will be well remembered for his Letters to the Editor of the **Moncton Times-Transcript**, in support of **Malcolm Ross**.

I hope everyone saw the editorial in the **Times-Transcript** on August 25th. It was a good editorial, condemning racism and the desecration of our Synagogue.

National Committee for Yiddish and Yiddish Culture

**By Judge Phillip G. Glvens,
Chairman**

The National Committee for Yiddish and Yiddish Culture of Canadian Jewish Congress will hold its third conference on Yiddish which will take place in Toronto from Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 21, 1990.

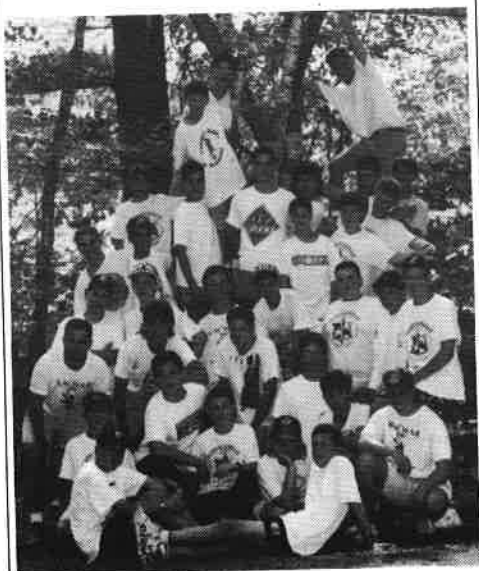
The program will include an Oneg Shabbat, Saturday afternoon study sessions, a festive Saturday evening program, and workshops on Yiddish language and literature, Yiddish in the schools and informal education.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to call Sara Rosenfeld at (514) 931-7531 ext. 263, 264 or Bess Shockett in our CJC Toronto office at (416) 635-2882 ext. 188.

To Whom It May Concern

I am looking for my mother's girlfriend. She was said to have been from Nova Scotia and from a family who owned a paper mill sometime around 1950-1960. The family name, as known to me, was Fuchs. Today she would be about 50 years old. If you have any information on paper mills in the area or of such a person I would appreciate if you could send me this information.

Please send any information to:
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Now Do You Understand?!

from The Canada Israel Committee's Insider

Among the reasons for hostile Arab talk are: the competition between Egypt, Syria and Iraq for leadership of the Arab world (Saddam Hussein's threat to incinerate half of Israel, for example, captured the imagination of the depressed Arab masses, making him an instant hero); Iraq's need to show its military prowess to deter Iranian aggression (by threatening Israel, Saddam indirectly warns Iran of his might); Saddam's growing fear of Israeli strikes against his chemical and nuclear facilities; Mubarak's fear that a conservative Israeli government will put an end to the process of Arab-Israeli negotiation that he has championed, thereby undermining Mubarak's claim to pivotal leadership in regional affairs; and real or imagined Arab fear of the "threat" of Soviet Jewish aliyah.

King Hussein, in particular, has undergone a transformation from pro-American "moderate" to pro-Iraqi belligerent. Hussein, apparently, really fears that the Likud agenda aims at effecting the "Jordan is Palestine" thesis. Soviet Jewish aliyah, he thinks, will overwhelm the territories, forcing the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from the West Bank to the East Bank, fomenting revolution in Jordan, and lead-

ing to the demise of the Hashemite Kingdom.

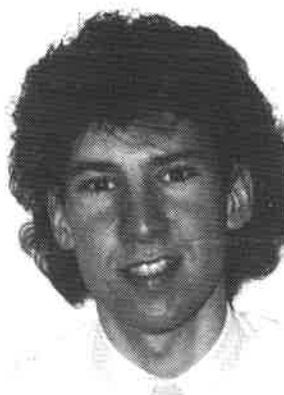
So, King Hussein has gone on the offensive, accusing Israel of leading the region to war. And, in order to protect himself he's embraced Iraq, allowing the establishment of a joint Iraqi-Jordanian air force squadron, and going along with the hard-line rhetoric of the Baghdad summit. He's even taken to re-writing history, telling the *New York Times* that the Six Day War was a deliberate "trap set by Israel into which the Arabs fell". He then went on, to warn that the Arabs may again "fall" into war. "(We) may have no other choice", Hussein said.

Some analysts believe that Hussein's real design is to scare other Arab countries into providing him with massive financial assistance as a "frontline confrontation state" against Israel. In order to squeeze the badly needed funds from Riyadh and others, this analysis posits, Hussein has cynically manufactured false fears of Israeli aggression and impending regional war. The trouble is that having created a bogey, Hussein and other Arab leaders may be forced to follow through on their threats against Israel in order to prove their "virility" to the masses.

Now Do You Understand????!

Jews in Arab Lands A Concern for CJC

**By Mike Cohen, CJC National
Director of Communications**



The National Jews in Arab Lands Committee of CJC is concerned with the welfare of those Jews who live in Arab countries. The Jews in these communities exist in a variety of conditions, ranging from the harsh, repressive regime of Syria to the relatively enlightened monarchy of Morocco, where Jews live comfortably and Israelis can visit. For the most part, the circumstances in these Jewish communities are not well-known in Canada. Many of its Jews live in isolation, cut off from their own families who have emigrated,

and from other Jewish communities. The committee, chaired by Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, is mandated to collect current information about Jews living in these lands, to educate the Jewish and general community, and to consider appropriate action that might ameliorate the situation.

Jews have lived in what is today Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Iran, Iraq and North Africa for over 3,000 years. Under Arab rule Jews have known decades of prosperity and growth as well as anti-Jewish discrimination, violence and severe persecution. In 1945, there were more than 870,000 Jews living in these lands. Today, less than 80,000 Jews remain in the Moslem world.

The committee has representation from across the country. The Atlantic region rep is Messod Salama of St. John's, Newfoundland.

The National Jews in Arab Lands Committee welcomes new members. For more information contact the Atlantic Jewish Council or the committee's director, Janice Bergman in Montreal at (514) 931-7531.

Recipe Corner

Special for Rosh Hashanah

By Freda Perlin

BLUEBERRY CAKE

4 eggs 3 t. baking powder
1 1/4 c. sugar 1/2 c. orange juice
3/4 c. oil 2-3 c. dry blueberries
1/2 t. salt rind of 1 or 2 oranges
2 1/2 c. flour

Mix berries with 1/2 c. flour and set aside. Beat eggs about 2 min. and gradually add sugar. Beat really well. Add oil and then flour and orange juice alternately. Then fold in rind and blueberries.

Bake in well greased 12" Bundt pan or can be baked in 13x9x2 pan. Bake 350° for 45-60 min.

Can be iced with any icing you prefer!



ALMOND STICKS

2 c. flour 3/4 c. butter or
2 tsp. sugar parvenu margarine
1 egg 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt 2 pkgs. (100 gram)
1/2 c. sugar unblanched almonds
1 egg white

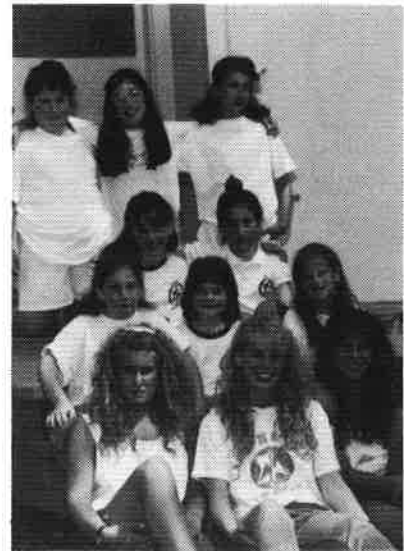
Method:

Either in processor or by hand cut butter into dry ingredients. Add 1 egg and knead well. Set aside.

Meantime coarsely chop almonds and add 1/2 c. sugar and mix well. Beat egg white stiff and fold almond mixture into it. Roll dough medium thick (1/4") spread wet mixture over dough. Then cut into fingers either by sharp knife or rectangular cookie cutter.

Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet on 375° oven 15-20 min. (watch after 10 min.).

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December 13, 1989

Dear Comrades:

I write to you, in Riga USSR, most excited about the fact you have re-organized yourselves proudly under the banner of your Jewishness - an act you could not take until recently.

I am very moved to learn from Dr. Sol Fleisher, a member of the Jewish community of Halifax - about your new movement and especially about your new VEK Magazine. I must congratulate you for the fine and professional job already shown in the few editions published. It shows how the Jewish spirit cannot be silenced... even after so many years.

Here, in the Atlantic Jewish Council, we have our own Magazine called "Shalom". I am enclosing our last edition for you interest. I thought it might be an exciting idea for us to "adopt" your Magazine - and by way of exchanging our bulletins - to keep a continuous contact of Jewish information and thoughts. I believe it will be very interesting for our readers to read news coming from your Jewish end as well as it will be for your readers to share our news.

If you like the idea, I would ask you, please, to confirm it to me as soon as possible - so that our mutual interest and love of our people can be implemented by this way too.

I salute your new freedom of speech.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Levine

Ivan Levine
President
Atlantic Jewish Council

Dear Sirs,
We have got your letter dated 18.06.90 only the 18. July and answer you immediately.
We are very glad that you know already about our work in the LATVIAN SOCIETY FOR JEWISH CULTURE. We shall be very glad to send to you our Magazine and get your "Shalom". We send now to you the magazines Nr.2, 4 and 5 (the price is Rubl.2 for a number). The numbers 1 and 3 are already sold out. If you are interested in other editions - we have here the Moscow newspaper "VEK", whose price is 50 kap. for a number. If you are interested in it, please write to us, and we shall send you regularly.
Our children choir "KINNOR" is now going for one month to give concerts in Israel.
Our Jewish school is working in 2 sheets. The school house is very small, two classes also in 2 sheets are working in the house of our society. From the 1. July the house in which we are working and where there was before the war the Jewish theatre is now belonging to our society but we have to give rooms to the doll-theatre, whose house is now repairing. We hope it will be ready till the end of 1991.
Next year we expect to get for our school the house of the pre-war Jewish gymnasium. Now there is a school for disabled Latvian children for whom the government is searching a new house. Of course, we need a lot of money to bring the house in order, to get enough books for the children.
We have now a library in our society, we have got many books from Israel, Canada etc., but we have to find a bigger place - now the library has only one small room in our society.
Now I want to finish. If you are interested in some more news about our work, please write to us, and I shall try to answer to all your questions.

With the best wishes, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Chief of the Latvian Society
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