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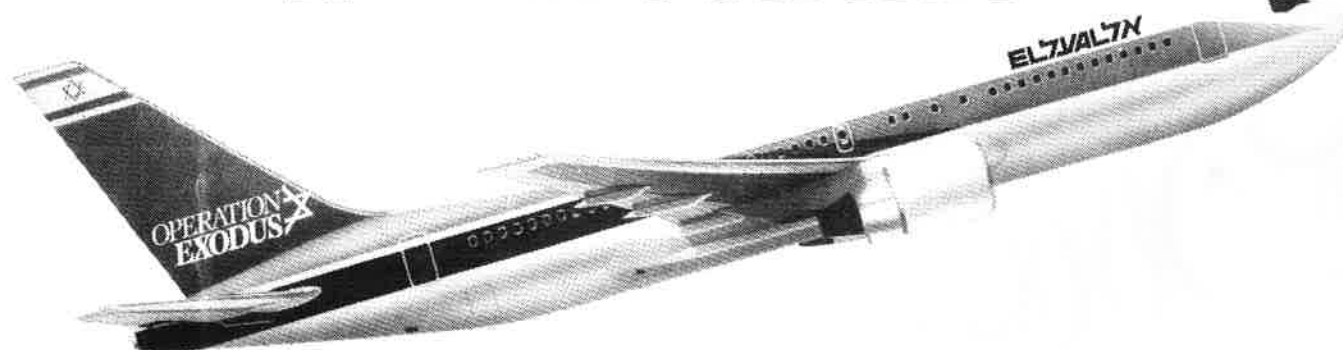
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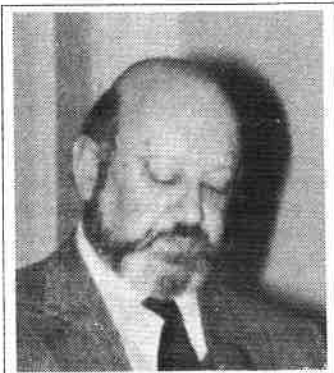
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## Message From the President

By S Paul Zive



S. Paul Zive

In 1975 I had the privilege of presiding over the founding Convention of the Atlantic Jewish Council. The team, of which I was a member, envisioned an organization that would provide direction for the many diverse Jewish interests in our region. In a meaningful way, much of this objective has been realized but there remain many challenges to be met.

Camp Kadimah is the shining jewel of our region. Its contribution to Jewish life is immeasurable. *Shalom Magazine* is a vital link that helps to bind us. Both of these activities will continue their important mission. We will continue to deliver the message of Israel and World Jewry to our regional communities.

The major thrust for the next year will be the further development and delivery of timely and meaningful programmes to all age groups, particularly the youth.

Our relationship with all of the national Jewish organizations, including but not limited to, Canadian Jewish Congress, United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., Canadian Zionist Federation and Jewish National Fund will continue to provide resources which are invaluable to us.

The talents and abilities of our population are awesome. Our challenge is to utilize them in a productive way. When they are combined with the available material and expertise of the national organizations and the very excellent, professional staff of the Atlantic Jewish Council led by our gifted Executive Director, Emmanuel Zabar, we have the ingredients necessary to make the AJC a truly outstanding organization serving a truly outstanding Atlantic Jewish Community.

This is our challenge!



## Emmanuel's Message

### *The Challenge of a New Beginning:*

Our newly elected Atlantic Jewish Council is starting its work, facing the challenge of carrying us all into the 90's. This new Council will have to continue the work done by the many Council members of past years — leading our communities towards a one United Jewish Community of Atlantic Canada.

Unity in spirit as well as in our endeavours to work towards a better quality of Jewish life, is our challenge and goal. The achievements of the outgoing council are indeed remarkable. We move forward with a clear sense of direction towards new horizons, but we still have a long way ahead of us.

The new slate of both Executive and Board Members is impressive indeed. We managed to interest new members of our community in what we are doing, offering them to join our wagon and help us all to approach our new challenges.

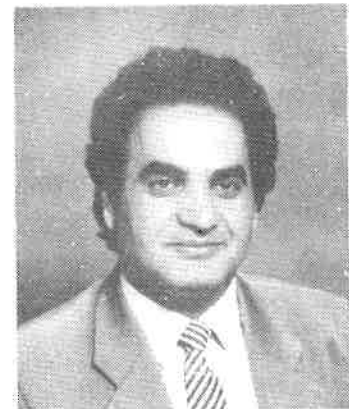
The new Council will have to deal with the 'wisdom of life' challenge of how to **maintain** and keep the progress we made so far — and how to **even improve** it, in spite of some severe cuts projected in our annual budget.

Yes, we still have a long way to go in offering our communities the cultural programming they deserve to get, and pro-

gramming means ... more money allocated to this end of our budget. The new Council will have to see this goal as one of its prime challenges.

Our communities are lined up this year, right in the forefront of the Jewish community of Canada in its performance in responding to Israel's call for help. Top leaders of Canadian Jewry have only words of praise to our achievement, and our demonstration of solidarity with Israel. This sense of unity and pride should be kept in our communities when we face the new era of our newly elected Council — leading us into the '90s.

Knowing and trusting our communities, I realize we are heading towards a very exciting new beginning.



## Greetings from the PM of Canada

Mila and the children join me in conveying our very best wishes for a joyous and festive holiday season.

In communities throughout Canada, family and friends are united through the bonds of love and fellowship that exist the world over. An occasion filled with hope and promise, this celebration reminds us of the blessings we share as Canadians and encourages the spirit of goodwill and generosity to flourish among us.

Our warmest wishes to each of you at this special time, and may the coming year fill your homes with peace and every happiness.





## Atlantic Jewish Council Bi-Annual Conference November 23-25

The Bi-Annual Conference in Halifax began Friday evening with the keynote address by **Itzhak Levanon**, the Consul General of Israel in Montreal. His address, "The Crisis in the Gulf, The PLO and Israel" followed the Friday night services at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue. A lovely Oneg Shabbat followed, hosted by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Jewish Congress.

On Saturday morning, during Shabbat services, **Mr. Levanon** and the outgoing officers of the AJC executive received Aliyahs during the services held at the Shaar Shalom. A Kiddush followed the services hosted by the AJC.

Saturday evening was an evening of "Dancing, Toasting and Roasting", as **Frank Medjuck** delivered witty words of wisdom in tribute to



L-r: Director General of the UIA Canada office in Jerusalem, **Dr. Amnon Shinar**; Consul General of Israel, **Yitzhak Levanon**; and outgoing President of Atlantic Jewish Council, **Ivan Levine**.



"Roastees" **Alan Stern** and **David Attis**.

**Alan Stern, David Attis and Ivan Levine**. Special Guest **Dr. Amnon Shinar**, the Director General of the Jerusalem office of UIA Canada brought greetings from Israel and UIA Canada, and shared interesting information on Operation Exodus and congratulated the Atlantic Region on its successful campaign.

Sunday afternoon, the General Meeting of the Bi-Annual Plenary was held in the Regency Room of the Lord Nelson Hotel. Reports were delivered by the outgoing President, **Ivan Levine**, who briefly reviewed his two years in office, and by the Executive Director of the AJC, **Emmanuel Zabar**, who reviewed the activities within the region, highlighting the Atlantic Haggadah, Operation Exodus, Camp Kadimah, and the recruiting of **Marta Chernin** as our regional Animator.

Greetings were expressed by **Walter Hess**, Executive Vice-President of UIA, both of

whom also congratulated the region for its success and support of Operation Exodus. Their words were followed by the Election of Officers and a few words from the Incoming President, **Paul Zive**, who presided over the rest of the meeting for New Business and Adjournment.

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NEWS ... The Atlantic Region will be well represented on the upcoming CJC Na-



**Julia Koschitzky**, President, and **Walter Hess**, Executive Vice-President of United Israel Appeal present **Ivan Levine** with an award commemorating his outstanding dedication to Israel and to the Jewish Communities of Atlantic Canada.

tional Executive Committee's trip to Israel in December by **Emmanuel Zabar**, Executive Director of AJC; **Jon Goldberg**, Regional Chairman of the CIAC; and **Arthur Saffron** of Springhill, NS. ... **Jon Goldberg** will be staying on in Israel to participate in SAR-EL, the National Project for Volunteers for Israel, for one month. WE WISH JON THE BEST OF LUCK and look forward to his return, when no doubt he will be anxious to share his experience in Israel.

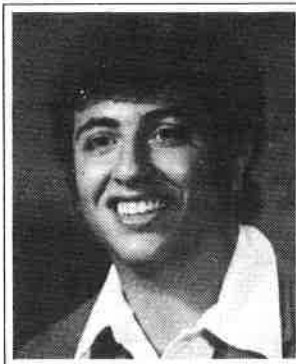
## Another New Beginning — This Time in Moncton!

As the last farewell is said to **Rabbi Michael Wolff**, Moncton gears up to welcome a new rabbi to their community, **Rabbi Fred Nebel**, on December 2.

**Rabbi Nebel**, who arrives from Stoughton, Mass., was most recently working as the field consultant in the office of the Kashruth Commission of Massachusetts. He received Semicha (ordination) in January 1987 from the Yeshiva University, Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Theological Seminary.

**Rabbi Nebel** earned his M.S. degree in January 1987 from the David J Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, and graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Judaic Studies from the University of Massachusetts.

The Atlantic Jewish Council joins with the Moncton community in welcoming **Rabbi Nebel** to his new post.



## Another New Beginning — St. John's

**Yossi Suissa's** parents came from Yemin Ort, near Haifa on the Carmel Mountains. **Yossi** lived there until he attended Yeshiva High School near Kiryat Shmuel. After high school he entered the army via Nahal. He spent one year on kibbutz and military service combined and he travelled all over. After serving in the army he studied at Bar Ilan University, Jewish History. He also volunteered and worked with Ethiopian Jews, helping them to assimilate and learn Hebrew.

**Yossi** is happy to be in St. John's, Nfld., where he enjoys the quieter pace within the community. While teaching and assisting in the weekly services, **Yossi** is attending Memorial University, studying French. He is also a member of the Water Polo Team.

We welcome **Yossi** to our region and wish him the best of luck.

## Itzhak Levanon- Consul General



The Atlantic Jewish Council was privileged to have as a keynote speaker at the AJC Bi-Annual Conference, **Mr. Itzhak Levanon**, the Consul General of Israel in Montreal.

**Mr. Levanon** has had an illustrious career and has held posts in many parts of the world. Prior to his appointment as Consul general, he was the Director of the Syria and Lebanon Division, the Director of Foreign Relations Division, Acting Director of the Lebanon Division and Senior Researcher specializing in Egyptian Affairs, all in the Political Research Centre. He has also held posts as Political counsellor in Paris, First Secretary in Bogota, Colombia and Second Secretary in Caracas, Venezuela.

**Mr. Levanon** joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1972 and then became the Assistant in the Middle East Division and later in the Official Guests Division. In 1973, he was a member of the Israeli Delegation to the U.N. in New York.

His appointment to the Consul General of Israel position occurred in September 1990.

## Fredericton News

By Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Amelia & Harry Goldman** — 48 years; **Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro** — 45 years; **Rose & Harry Goldman** — 40 years; **Bella & Ezra Rose** — 36 years; **Valerie & Bernard Chippin** — 33 years; **Lucy & George Chippin** — 30 years; **Leona & Alfred Brown** — 26 years; **Miriam & Warren Cohen** — 20 years; **Rose & Arnold Chippin** — 3 years.

Mazel Tov to the following: ... **Jennie & Joe Chippin** and **Mary St. Pierre** upon the birth of their grandson, **Daniel**, great-grandson for **Fannie Rubin**. Proud parents are **Rose & Arnold Chippin** ... **Roslyn & Stephen Rosenfeld**, whose son, **Andrew Lawrence**, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 27. **Andrew** conducted the Kabbolo Shabbos and Maariv Services Friday evening and Mussaf Service Saturday. Proud grandmothers are **Pauline Melnick**, of Montreal, and **Gladys Finnie**, of Carmon, Manitoba. Best

### Holiday Observances:

Chanukah is the Festival of Lights. We celebrate it beginning December 11, after sundown with the lighting of the first candle. The last candle is kindled the eighth night, December 18. We celebrate it with joy and thanksgiving. Beginning with one candle on the first night, we kindle Chanukah candles in our homes, increasing their number each night by one until the last night, when we kindle eight.

The Menorah is lit each evening soon after sunset while people are still about so that seeing the candles they may be roused to renewed loyalty.

The Menorah should be placed in the window, preferably at the left of the doorway, opposite the Mezuzah.

Men, women and children may kindle the Menorah. It is a good custom to have a separate lamp for each member of the family so that each person may light his own. This is particularly recommended for children.

On Friday night the Chanukah lights are lit before the Sabbath candles. At the conclusion of the Sabbath, the Chanukah lamp is lit after Havdalah.

### The Blessings:

We kindle the lights from left to right, lighting the newest candle first, each evening. On all but the first night we recite two blessings beginning with: "Blessed are Thou, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by His Commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah."

The second blessing expresses thanksgiving ... "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life,

wishes for future happiness. ... **Robert Sanford**, son of **Ivan & Lois Levine**, grandson of **Edyth & Harry Levine**, who was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 10. **Robert** conducted the Kabbolo Shabbos and Maariv Services Friday evening, and Mussaf Service on Saturday. Wishing the family much Naches.

Speedy recovery to **Ben Medjuck**, **Harry Chippin**, **Rhona Ruben**, **Myer Berk** and **Harry Goldman**.

A variety Auction, sponsored by the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO was held in the Auditorium of the Shul on September 6th. A large variety of baked goods and outstanding antiques donated by the members of the Chapter and gift certificates from local merchants added to the success of the evening, both financially and socially. Many thanks to the Auctioneer, **Harry Lang**, who did a terrific job. **Amelia Goldman**, **Lillian Freeman** and **Gladys Swetsky** prepared the delicious refreshments. **Shelley Stevens** was the winner of the raffle.

A combined meeting of the Sisterhood and

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and preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season."

If one did not light candles on the first night, he should recite Shehecheyanu the first time he lights them.

Because these lights may not be put to ordinary use, we kindle them with an additional candle called the Shammash.

Only the light of the Shammash may be used for general illumination.

We conclude our blessings with Haneroth Hallalu: "We kindle these lights because of the miracles, the deliverances and the wonders which Thou didst work for our fathers in those days and in this season, by means of Thy Holy priests. During the eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred, neither are we permitted to make any profane use of them. We are only to look at them, so that we may give thanks unto Thy name for Thy miracles, Thy deliverances and Thy wonders."



Hadassah was held on October 15, at the home of **Linda Payne**. The sisterhood meeting was chaired by **Doris Rauch**. A financial report was given by **Doris**, as well as a report on the Library in the Shul and the refurbishing of the Kitchens. Dues were collected. President **Lillian Freeman** opened the Hadassah meeting with a prayer. Minutes were read by the Secretary, **Shelley Stevens**. A financial report was given by the Treasurer, **Jennie Chippin**. **Nessa Leckie** was welcomed as a Life member. **Roz Brown** and **Edie Besner** were the hostesses. The November meeting was the Creche and was chaired by **Sharon Pinsler**. **Lillian Freeman**, **Lois Levine** and **Marilyn Kaufman** were delegates to the Hadassah Convention in Vancouver.

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.

The following were elected to the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue's Executive and Board of

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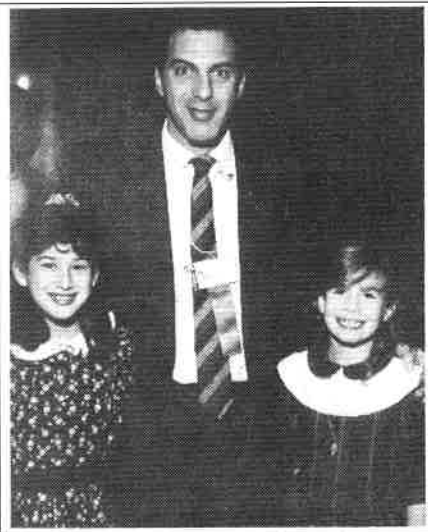
# Baron de Hirsch Congregation Simcha 100 — 1890-1990

By Joel Jacobson, Halifax

"Are we having fun yet?", asked Beth Israel Synagogue President, **Errol Gaum**, of 400 dinner guests at the gala banquet culminating the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Halifax's Baron de Hirsch Congregation.

And, at the head table, the Chairman of the evening heard a resounding, "Yes!"

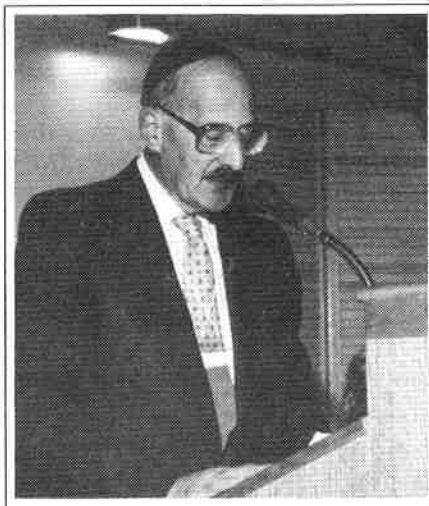
Sure, everyone had fun. It would have been impossible for them not to have had fun. The weekend of dining, dancing, davening and delighting brought together a congregation concerned for its future as membership dwindles and budgets increase.



*Frank Medjuck, Simcha 100 Chairman, with the younger generation Debra Freeman and Ilana Kirsh.*

But the program provided by Steering Committee co-chairmen **Earle Bowman** and **Jayson Greenblatt**, and Simcha 100 chairman **Franklyn D. Medjuck**, and their respective sub-committees, gave no one an idle moment to think about problems or worries.

Friday night, a Shabbat chicken dinner was followed by recollections of memorable moments from former congregation members



*Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, Co-chairman of the 100th anniversary Steering Committee, proposing a toast to the Baron de Hirsch Congregation.*

who travelled great distances to celebrate the anniversary — **Don Harris** from Cleveland, Ohio; **Marlene (Goldfarb) Cherun** from Ottawa; **Semon Jacobson** from Toronto; **Helen (Fineberg) Freedman** from Montreal; and former Beth Israel rabbi, **Dr. Herbert Dobrinsky** from New York's Yeshiva University.

There were laughs and probably a few tears, as the speakers recalled their days at the Robie Street shul, at the Hostel on Quinpool Road, in Hebrew School, and at home.

**Cantor George Leiber**man, now of Fall River, Mass., but for ten years a beloved cantor, teacher and youth leader at the Beth Israel Synagogue read the Torah and led musaf at Saturday's Shabbat services.

A weekend highlight for many was the dedication of 40 stained glass windows, magnificently developed by **Terry Smith-Lamothe**. **Earle Bowman** and **Jack Rafuse** were justifiably proud, for they spearheaded the window program through planning and



*Earle Bowman, Co-chairman of the 100th anniversary Steering Committee, and Jack Rafuse at the dedication of the stained glass windows.*

fundraising stages.

The evening cocktail party and dance surprised the "young" folk who thought their elders would call it quits by 10 p.m. But at midnight, when the five-piece band was packing its equipment, most of the 300 guests were still there, unwilling to leave, wanting to retain the mood that was so happy all evening long.

A Sunday breakfast, sponsored and prepared by the Sisterhood, was heartily devoured but the words of **Louis Greenspan** were even more avidly enjoyed.

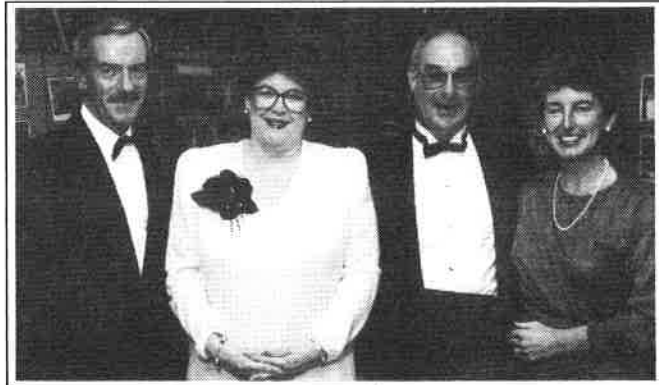
The son of the congregation's former spiritual leader, who served for over 25 years, recalled many fond moments of his youth in which everyone could share. He, too, found an audience almost unwilling to leave. Now a professor at MacMaster University in Hamilton, Louis came "home" and talked about this home life, his years at Camp Kadimah and stories his father told him.

Sunday night's banquet was sumptuous but the food was even surpassed by Rabbi

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*Scene at the 100th anniversary Banquet.*



*The Hon. Terry Donahue, Cathy Jacobson, Sisterhood President, Joel Jacobson and Mrs. Donahue.*

## PEI Community News

By Joseph Naylor

Emmanuel Zabar, Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, met with our Community on September 15. He presented an informative talk on Operation Exodus, United Israel Appeal and the goals and plans of the AJC.

Emmanuel also distributed material on Operation Exodus and left four video tapes for circulation to our members: *Israel ... The Promise of the Jewish People*; *The IDF Spokesman: The Strategic Equation*; *PLO: The Victim's Story*; and — absolutely essential viewing — *Israel and the Media*.

We appreciate Emmanuel's concern for our needs and for our Community's participation in the Atlantic Community. Thanks, too,

to Evy & Barrie Carnat for hosting this event.

According to Louis Rosenberg's *Jews: A Social and Economic Study of the Jews in Canada*, published by Canadian Jewish Congress in 1939, on PEI in 1939, a census year, there were eighteen Jews in Charlottetown and two in rural areas. The two were adult males; the eighteen evenly divided between males and females, and five were children. No Jews were shown for 1891; there were ten in 1901; thirty-six in 1911, and nineteen in 1921 (one of whom was in Kensington but gone by 1931).

Louis Rosenberg was born in 1893. He came to Canada in 1914 as a Hebrew teacher for the Jewish farm colonies in the West and as the field director for the Jewish Colonization Association. He got involved in the demographics and statistics of the Canadian Jewish Community and basically became *the* demographer of Canadian Jewry and a world-

class demography scholar. He died just three years ago at age ninety-four. [From information passed onto the Carnats by Mel Katz, University of Guelph.]

Thanks to Myra & Jim Thorkelson for hosting a most successful reception, on August 4, for the Youth Exchange Program visitors from Or Yehuda. It was one of our largest events ever, with almost sixty members and visitors attending.

Thanks, too, to all those who participated and made another fantastic pot luck, to Jim for his barbecuing, to Evy and Barrie Carnat for providing housing, and to Eli Rubenstein for coordinating the visit. Above all, special thanks to Revital, Moshe, Yehlel and Delila for their patient and enlightening answers to our many questions. Our hopes and best wishes go with them.

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Directors for a two-year term commencing in November; Executive: President — Ivan Levine; 1st Vice-President — Arnold Chippin; 2nd Vice-President — Arnold Budovitch; Treasurer — Steven Rauch; Honourary Treasurer — Saul Brown; Recording Secretary — Ezra Rose; Corresponding Secretary Laurence Wall; Gabbi — Lou Levine; Asst. Gabbi — Saul Brown and Weldon Graser. Directors: Warren Cohen, Past President; Mitchell Budovitch; Bob Brown; Seymour Kaufman; Martin Payne; Harry Lang; Mike Chippin; Harry Levine; Joe Abrams; Steven Fransblow; Al Ruben and Harold Valensky.

Robert Ivan Cohen, son of Miriam and Warren Cohen, has been awarded a "Canada Scholarship" by the Minister for Science, William C. Winegard. Robert has been selected to receive this prestigious award from a group of students that represents less than ten percent of students from across Canada who are entering their first year of Science or Engineering. Valued at \$2000 per annum, and renewable up to \$8000 over four years, this award is to develop innovative ideas through the application of Science and Engineering. Robert is presently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science program at McGill University. Robie is looking forward to the challenges this award represents along with his previous awards.

Happy Chanukah!

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If you happen to know of another Jewish person, or a family, who are living in Atlantic Canada and are not receiving the *Shalom* magazine — please ask their permission to pass us their names and full addresses so we will be able to share with them our *Shalom*.

Remember, you do not have to be affiliated with a synagogue in order to join the *Shalom* family!

Thank you

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Rabbi Reuven Bulka

Reuven Bulka's address and by the musical history of our congregation.

Rabbi Bulka of Ottawa's Machzikei Hadas congregation, light at times yet sending a message, told the 340 guests to keep doing the same things they've been doing for the past 100 years and the congregation will survive another century. "The formula for the next 100 years is don't look to the experts about how to do it. Drink the same stuff you've been drinking."

Halifax is Jewish tradition at its best, he said, but emphasized that what is done in the home is most crucial. "We must spend quality time with our children, learn together and show that Judaism can be fun."

And for the last half hour of the centenary celebration, Judaism was fun as the Shirley Burnstein-Bunny Shore-produced, Jayson Greenblatt-written musical kept everyone enthralled.

In attendance at the dinner were The Hon. Lloyd R. Crouse, P.C., Lieut. Governor, and Mrs. Crouse, The Hon. Terry Donahue and Mrs. Donahue

representing the Province of Nova Scotia, and His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace and Mrs. Wallace.

Did we have fun? Sure thing.

There was so much about which to be happy as the congregation looks forward eagerly to another 100 years of dedication and community in the Baron de Hirsch Congregation.



Louis Greenspan



The 100th anniversary players.



## Massada News

By Bessie Rinzler

A lunch and registration meeting was held in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue November 11th. Thirty-eight people attended. A vote of thanks was given to **Marianne Ferguson** and **Edith Schneiderman** for the delicious lunch they prepared.

The following guests were welcomed by the President, **Bessie Rinzler**: **Rabbi Jacob Chinitz, Dr. & Mrs. Judah and Flo & Nate Lipkus** from England. **Mr. and Mrs. Lipkus** were made Honourary Members of Massada.

The following are new members who were welcomed into our Club: **Mrs. Etta Lipkus; Mr. Max Fishman; and Fred & Sara Rose.** **Mr. Sam Goldfarb** was wished a speedy and complete recovery. He is a



*Massada members sit down to a delicious meal at a recent meeting.*

patient in the Hospital.

Mazel Tov was given to the following: **Mr. & Mrs. Cieplinski**, on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah; **Mr. & Mrs. Sam Trager**, on the Bat Torah of their granddaughter; **Shoshana Katz**, on the Bat Torah of her granddaughter; **Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Ferguson**, on the birth of their grandson; **Mr. & Mrs. Ike Schneiderman**, on the birth of their grandnephew; **Mr. & Mrs. Simon Spatz**, on the birth of their grandson.

Congratulations were given to all members who celebrated birthdays.

**Sara Yablon** read the minutes in the absence of the Secretary, **Ella Morris.** **Jean Zlatin** gave the Treasurer's Report.

This was a most productive meeting.



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## Some Very Deep Thoughts

By Dr. Errol Gaum, President  
Beth Israel Synagogue

I was away again — it wasn't very happy. I went to Sydney to attend my **Aunt Fanny Marshall Dubinsky's** funeral. When I first told people I was going to the funeral, several people asked innocently "were you close?" It was a logical question to ask. You usually do not get that close to an aunt, especially one that doesn't live in the same city, but with Aunt Fanny and I, it was different.

She had to be the most positive and most humble person I have ever known. I would try to call her at least once every two weeks. When I would call and ask her how she was, even though she was very sick, she would say "it could be worse." If she wanted me to do her a favour, it would take so long for the request to come out. She would say things like, "I know you are very busy with your practice and I hate to disturb you, etc." I would interject, "Aunt Fanny, I'm never too busy for you, how can I help?"

During my recent illness, her positiveness was such an inspiration to me, like it has always been for our whole family. I'm glad that I had a chance on several occasions to tell her so.

Recently, my sister **Helen (Nathanson)** who is one of my best supporters of my messages, gave me a copy of a writing. I must admit when I first read it, I was a little taken back by its contents. After I returned from Aunt Fanny's funeral, I immediately took it out and read it again. Yes, Aunt Fanny could have been the person to write such lines.

May I repeat them for you?

Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched and unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call my by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put not difference into your tone. Hear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without a ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. This is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well.

## Halifax Community Congratulations

To **Miles Rubin**, son of **Edwin & Susan Rubin**, on his Bar Mitzvah September 1st. To **Richard Lipkus**, son of **Paul & Vicki Lipkus**, on his Bar Mitzvah October 20th.

To **Naomi Ginsberg**, daughter of **Ray & Carol Ginsberg**, **Lisa Mendleson**, daughter of **Irwin & Joy Mendleson**, and **Marnina Webber**, daughter of **Henry & Bonnie Webber**, on their Bat Mitzvah on October 7. To **Sheldon & Irene Cohen** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter in England. To **Joanna Trager**, daughter of **Morris & Goldie Trager**, and **Candice Wolfson**, daughter of **Andrew & Louise Wolfson**, on their Bat Mitzvah on November 3.

To **Jim & Marcel Spatz** on the birth of their son, **Avram David** on October 18.

To **Pam & Allan Roza** of Milwaukee, Wis., on the birth of their daughter, **Orlee Sayna**, October 18. Proud grandparents are **Betty & Lou Roza**.

To **Shira Jacobson**, daughter of **Mindy & Borace Jacobson**, on receiving her B.A. at St. Mary's University, October 28.

## Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation Update

By Amir Nevo, President



Another school year is on the go, and so are the Jewish students. I am happy to say that program participation by students is at a peak this year. Among the bagel brunches, parties, discussion, movies, speakers, etc., certainly the most enriching and memorable program was the presentation made by **Mr. Herman Newman** during the Holocaust Awareness Week (first week of Nov.). Mr. Newman spoke to an overwhelming crowd of over 70 students at Dalhousie University, telling of his experiences during the Holocaust.

Upcoming events for the school year include more movies, speakers, discussions, an Operation Exodus Awareness program, a Shabbat dinner, etc., and the big one — a conference for all Jewish university students in the Atlantic region. We're all certainly looking forward to this event, and luckily we will be funded for this convention through a Jewish student organization out of New York. Speaking of funding ... did you know that the Canadian Jewish Congress had cut its funding for A.P.J.S.F. this year to such a small amount, that we have no more money?! Well, if we don't find money soon, the upcoming programs will not take place, and that would be a shame because the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and brushing off students does not make for a better future.

I am looking forward to a great year with great student participation, and if anyone is interested in learning more about A.P.J.S.F., please feel free to inquire at the A.J.C. or to contact me personally at home. Until the next issue, the students are signing off with a mighty Shalom!

## Remembrance Day Service

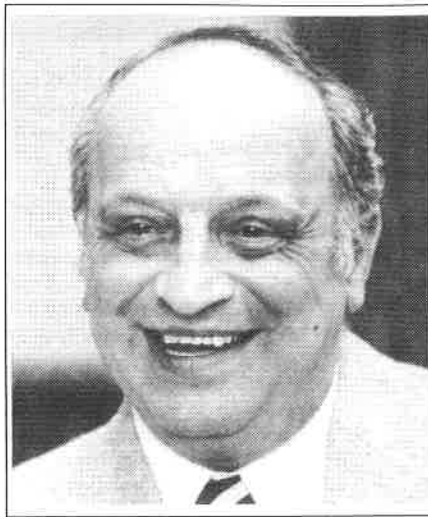
by Dr. Jayson Greenblatt

The annual Remembrance Day service was held this year in Moncton.

The service in the Shul was held November 10th. The service was conducted by **Dr. Francis Weil**, assisted by **Nathan Cohen** and **Aaron Gorber**.

On Armistice Day November 11th the benediction at the cenotaph was read by **Dr. Francis Weil** and the wreath in memory of the Jewish Veterans was laid by **Mr. Mendel Greenblatt**, local Jewish Veterans Commander.

## Jewish War Veterans Welcome the Honorable Senator Jack Marshall, C.D.



Senator Jack Marshall

On Sunday, November 18, 1990, the Halifax Jewish Community filled the Beth Israel Youth Lounge with Jewish War Veterans, families of deceased veterans and associate veteran members. Out of town veterans, **Mr. Jack Yazer**, Sydney and **Mr. Leo Chernin**, of Glace Bay, N.S. were also in attendance.

The Remembrance Day program was highlighted by the first visit of the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, the **Honorable Senator Jack Marshall, C.D.** His topic was informative and interesting as to the organization's future plans in carrying forward the ideals for which the Jewish War veterans responded with all other Canadians in the fight for liberty and freedom. The Senator, a native of Glace Bay, N.S. has a warm personality and a commanding manner which was readily noted by all those present. Our Halifax Post Commander, **Henry**

**Goldberg**, thanked the Senator on behalf of the gathering.

**Rabbi Marvin Pritzker** offered the Remembrance prayer for Jewish men and women who gave their lives for Canada, U.S.A. and Israel. **Rabbi Jacob Chinitz**, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, offered a prayer for the safety of all forces now in the Persian Gulf as well as the Defense of Israel.

**Dr. Errol Gaum**, President of Beth Israel Synagogue, chaired the meeting and stressed the importance of the continuance of the Jewish War Veterans' activities within our community.

**Dr. I. Perlin**, himself a veteran, read reports of recent hatred events occurring in Calgary and Moncton which is cause for great concern.

**Gar Meltzer**, Maritime Post Commander, Saint John, N.B., a driving force for the Jewish War Veterans throughout the Maritimes presented the meeting with an outline of the Saint John's Post numerous activities. He quoted **Sara Yablon's** Halifax statistics to indicate that from all of Nova Scotia there were 191 Jews who registered in the armed forces during the last war. He reminded the audience that 10% of the Jewish population joined the services during the Second World War. He also reflected on the necessity of Jewish War veterans remaining alert to anti-semitism.

As a result of this occasion, a number of former servicemen joined the Halifax Post and some non-servicemen became associate members. Mr. Meltzer urged strong support and encouragement of the Halifax Post for Senator Marshall's national endeavors.

Prior to this event, services were held at the Beth Israel and Shaar Shalom Synagogues of Halifax as well as the Congregation Tiferes Israel, Moncton and the Temple Sons of Israel, Sydney Synagogues, during the Remembrance Day weekend.



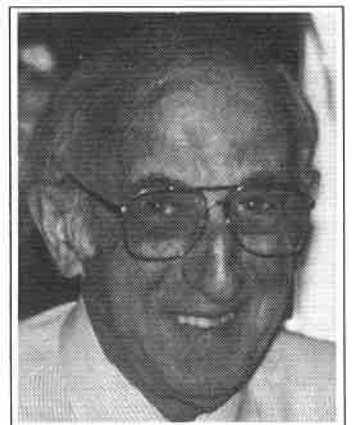
## Here and There

**Dr. Jack Yazer** of the Sydney Rotary Club has been named a Paul Harris Fellow, one of the highest awards in Rotary International.

Retired Sydney businessman **Jack Yazer** has been honored for exemplary service to the Sydney Rotary Club and his community.

He was honored this week during the Rotary Club's annual charter night program. Past President **John Rhymes** told the gathering that Yazer deserves the honor because he accepted without fanfare any task he was asked to do.

Yazer, who received a standing ovation, was moved by the award and assured all that he'll continue to do whatever he can for the betterment of Rotary and the citizens of Sydney.



Jack Yazer

## Sir Sidney's Speech During His Visit to our Communities, on October 1990

Mr. Chairman, distinguished Rabbis, ladies and gentleman. Two or three days ago I was crossing a street in Netanya and I overheard a conversation between a young boy and his grandfather and I heard the boy saying to his grandfather, "You know, zaide, although I'm thousands of miles away from home, every time I see anybody, I feel they are my fellow Jews and I feel I'm very much at home". That is a thought and a feeling that determines the mind and activities of those who are in Israel today — the move of succor and support from the wider Jewish community. If I could personalize that and say that although I, too, am thousands of miles away from home, the fact that I'm staying at the finest bed & breakfast, or in the best first class Hotel in Halifax, (staying at the Nathanson's) makes me also feel that no matter how far away I am from

home, I'm indeed with friends wherever I turn and look at them. That's the lovely warm hospitality that I have had since I arrived here. I feel very much at home here in the Jewish Atlantic Canada.

Ladies & Gentlemen I would like to read you an extract from *The Daily Telegraph*, one of the superior newspapers, dated October 17th 1990, talking about a massacre that took place last week. It reads: "We had to cut the ropes from their hands after the bodies were brought here," said the nurse with a voice of suppressed rage. "Most of the soldiers were found by the Red Cross; there are 18 corpses here. See what the Syrians did," the nurse was screaming her words now. "They took some of these men from their homes after they had surrendered and they made them undress, they murdered them and the killings took place last

week ...". A thought occurred to me why haven't I seen any pictures of it on British T.V.? Why hasn't Mother Theresa of India involved herself in condemning the massacre? Why hasn't the wider world called for the security council to meet in order to investigate this massacre that laid at the door of the Syrians? Could you imagine what would have happened if exactly that same allegations had been made against the Israelis? I want us to realize that we are, at the moment, living in a world where the cards are so unfairly stacked against us, where the majority of the mass media is working against us. All this denies the right and justice of any minority group of people even to expect they will be treated fairly. But my friends, if the world could turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the massacre of 6 million Jews at the time of the Holocaust, why should we really be surprised today that the massacre of 20 or 30 people arouses no concern. If anybody were to say, a year ago, that the situation in the world would be so vastly changed from what it was then I doubt if he would have been taken seriously by anyone.

The world is changing in front of our very eyes. When Iraq and Iran were at each other's throats, hundreds of thousands of people were killed day after day, the Kurds were gassed and attacks being made on both sides of the frontiers. This was something, really, in the Arab world which constantly proclaimed the love and the brother hood for each other. This is the same Arab world which is saying now that the "Kuwait problem" is an "Arab problem" which should not involve the Western world, and should be solved in the Arab world. God help the Arabs if this is the way they treat each other.

If anyone had suggested a year ago that the breaking apart of central Europe and of individual nations was likely to take place, and that the status and position of the Soviet Union, all powerful as it was with only one rival to world control — United States — would be brought to an end, believe me, nobody would be taking it seriously.

If any one would have suggested that anti-semitism, which at least had the lid of the boiling pot kept firmly fixed on it while these individual nations were under Soviet control, and that this situation would end and that the so-called freedom and Glasnost allowed not to individual nations, was going to result in a wide spread growth of anti-semitism — I don't know if we would be taking it seriously.

If anyone would tell us that the day is just around the corner when instead of making appeals to the Soviet Union of "Let my people go", when the Thirty-fives [a Soviet Jewry Committee in England] and other groups had to demonstrate "Let my people go", when I used to lead them down to the steps of the Soviet Embassy in London pleading with them on behalf of Refuseniks, and if anyone would say that the situation would so change that we

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## Webber Receives Dal Law Award



Harvey Webber, C.M., Q.C., of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was awarded the prestigious Weldon Law Award for unselfish public service, at a Sheraton Hotel Dinner in Halifax recently. Attended by approximately 500 guests, the gathering included numerous judges, members of the cabinet, distinguished guests from out of the province, members of Dalhousie Board of Governors and a Who's Who of the Bar Society in the region.

Webber, most noted for being founder of Atlantic Canada Plus, was feted as an example for which the award was first established. Graydon Lally, Dal Alumni Association Chairman, explained the award's background before making the citation. "Begun in 1983, the award is to serve as a tribute to the ideals of the Law School's first dean, Richard Chapman Weldon. Eligibility is a Dalhousie Law School graduate with a record of unselfish public service.

Selection was with a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association from alumni across the country. "As the nominations were Canada-

wide, the win by Webber was thus all the more dramatic," Lally explained.

The citation gave many highlights of Harvey Webber's achievements. For example, in 1964, the Kinsmen Club of Sydney inaugurated a 'Citizen of the Year' Award. As it was the first presentation of this kind, it was decided a citizen would be chosen who had contributed the most up to that time. The unanimous choice stated that of all final nominees, Webber "had the widest range of contribution to every facet of community life." In continuing the citation, Graydon Lally said "This style of unselfish giving of himself continued, for in 1977 Webber was made an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University. Then in 1981 readers of an Atlantic Magazine voted Webber Atlantic Man of the Year. In 1984, he was made a Queen's Counsel by the Province of Nova Scotia; a most unusual honour for a non-practicing barrister. Then in 1987, the then Governor of Canada, Madame Sauve, established Webber as a 'Member of the Order of Canada'.

Nationally, he was on the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, President Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and currently as Nova Scotia President on the Council for Canadian Unity National Executive. As well, he is a Director, Tel Aviv University Canadian Associates and Canadian Vice-President of ORT.

Together with his wife, the former Ethel Nadler of Montreal, he has established student loan funds at many universities in Israel.

*Mr Harvey Webber is currently holding the Regional Chairmanship of the United Israel Appeal in Atlantic Canada for the 1991/92 term.*

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wouldn't be pleading "let them out" but we would be pleading within the Jewish community for money to provide them integration into the life of the community in Israel. This is also a picture that only a year ago I don't know to what extent we would be taken seriously if we would think so.

I regard the Russian Aliyah as the most important event that has taken place in the history of the Jewish people since the establishment of the State of Israel. I want to say more than a word or two on this particular issue. The Russian Aliyah is going to change the whole of the demographic situation as far as the Jewish-Arab population is concerned and as far as our problems in Israel are concerned. The Russian Aliyah is a completely



*Sir Sidney Hamburger delivering his important message.*

intellectual aliyah. Over 60% of the Russian immigrants are University graduates. What a richness this is of education, of training, of culture, of wealth of knowledge that we suddenly acquired.

I remember the Israeli ambassador to England, Argov, who was attacked by PLO terrorists in 1982 and who, unfortunately, still lies helpless, unable to move, in the Hadassah Hospital, and I only saw him last Friday afternoon. I remember him saying: "When the world is being critical of Israel, as so often it is, let us just remember how rich nations throughout the world 'welcome' their immigrants with a sieve that is so narrow that it's impossible to get through. Just imagine how the world could change if these nations could be as generous as Israel is. Did we ever stop the sick or the aged? Did we ever refuse to welcome those who were in the greatest of need or did we not welcome them with the words in the Haggadah 'Kol Dichfin' — all those that need to come in, please do come in and stay with us. This is what Israel has done consistently since the state was established."

Last Sabbath morning, after Shul, my wife

and I were on the front of Natanya and we were talking as we passed, and we saw a Russian lady with two young children playing with her on the grass. We walked a 100 yards and we saw there a crippled old lady, double amputee, being pushed in a Russian wheel chair. I looked at them and said to my wife Gertrude, isn't it amazing! In a space of a two or three minute walk we see the complete spread of fulfillment, of how the doors of Israel are widely open to any Jew who needs to come in. The little Russian lady with her children, together with the double amputee!

The Russian aliyah is a group of people who are self assured, confident and very hard working. You can see them at the side of the roads setting up their own little stores, selling old broken radios, rusty knives and forks or anything they can lay their hands on. Believe me, they are going to rise to the top of the pack very, very quickly. Go to the supermarket in Israel, go to the railway station, go to the grocery shops or above all go to an estate agent. Everywhere you go today in Israel, everything is written in Russian. These people have to be integrated and the services that are being rendered to them by the Israelis are just unbelievable.

When I look around and see this dream miracle come true, I ask myself: are you really alive? Are you really seeing these things? Can you remember when five years ago you and your wife were together in Russia and went to Moscow and Leningrad, and met the Goldstein brothers and the Palanka family and the many others, and these people turned to you with tears in their eyes and with a break in their voice and said to you: "Tell me, Sir Sidney, when will we get out?" Believe me, I hope none of you will ever be put in that situation again, of having to say in your heart of hearts that you don't know when they will be free. These people are settled today in Israel.

One day we went into a chemical factory in Israel, where we were served by a Russian lady who had been there for about six months. Gertrude asked her how many people were working there, and she answered: about 120. Then Gertrude asked: and how many of them are Russians, and the saleswoman's answer was: "none — there are no Russians working here anymore. We all are Israelis".

We are talking about a thousand and more Jews who arrive at Ben Gurion Airport every night, and really "vanish" into the morning mist. The planes arrive at night and on the following morning, when people come to get on the normal service on those planes, there are no signs of the new Olim. They are going through a whole procedure of becoming Israelis in a few hours. They are being made into Jews by circumcision, and not by virtues is hard even to describe: What does it mean to us,



*At the home with Nardy & Helen Nathanson, Halifax, October 18.*

as a country and what does it mean to us, as people. At the present time, when Russian families arrive they are given a lump sum of money and they have to find accommodations. One can only wonder what is going to happen to many of these immigrants when, at the end of three, or six, or eight months, their money runs out and they are unable to find the money needed to provide that accommodation. Israel is going to have a serious social problem.

I know there has been generous response in your communities to Operation Exodus, but I just want to say that we who live in the diaspora really haven't suffered ourselves yet the real strain and tension that there is in Israel in the wake of this Aliyah.

A few words on anti-semitism. I don't think there is anybody who should fool himself into believing that this is not a major threat to the well-being of World Jewry. I don't know how serious it is over here in Canada, but I know from papers I get from Emmanuel that there has been defacement and desecration of Synagogues in Nova Scotia, and I also know you have a man here, called Malcolm Ross, who teaches the denial of the Holocaust. I've seen the desecration of tombstones in Manchester and in London and I disagree with some of the accepted beliefs that "we should keep quiet about these things". The argument upheld by those who want to keep quiet is: if you let the rest of the world know what is happening there might be a pattern repeated (copycat). Should we turn a blind eye to it? As far as I'm concerned — No! I believe somewhere out there in this wide world, whether in Nova Scotia or England, there must be some decent people, there must be some people who don't know this is happening and if they don't know it is up to us to bring it to their attention. There are some bishops I know who would try to help, and there are some who would condemn, but I believe that we shouldn't hope that people won't see it as if it doesn't exist.

Poland has failed to measure up to its responsibility, of the past Holocaust era, in order to recreate a new sense of belief and honesty of purpose. We particularly went to see some of the concentration camps. Some of these concentration camps have been so sanitized that they become almost like display pieces of an art gallery of our time. The outside

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has been laid out with an enormous green bank with beautiful flowers, shrubs on the top and flower beds on the bottom. There is an enormous number of poles with the flags of all the nations of the world hanging there. If you didn't know what was on the other side you'd believe you came to the finest sports audio-

rium that there had been anywhere in Europe. Having been in there and seeing the actual huts, where much of the gassing took place, no one of the Malcolm Rosses of this world is ever going to convince me that these things didn't take place.

As we were walking along the path to a concentration camp, in the distance behind us, we heard the voices of children singing the Ha'tikva. We turned around and we saw a group of youngsters from Israel coming along the path. They were from a Kibbutz, and they were carrying the flag of Israel. As they walked along this death path that has seen the destruction of so many of our people, they were singing Ha'tikva with enthusiasm, with meaning that really meant to us that Nazism might murder millions of Jews — but Judaism and the concept and the national life of our

people is still alive. I'll never forget that.

I try to contrast the two worlds of Jewish life which I examine. I look at Poland and I see what happened there. I look at Russia and I see what is happening there. I look at Western Europe and I see a growth of Anti-semitism that frightens me. Such growth of Anti-semitism in Russia always arises at the time that peoples gain national independence. I know I don't have to repeat to you the role that the State of Israel is playing in our lives as Jews. Money isn't everything. If you go to Israel today and look at its Universities — you understand the way people live there. They are not only providing a refuge for those who seek it — they are also providing the opportunity for the development for a new breed of Jews. They are developing a new sense of Jewish culture, a new sense of Jewish commitment and a new sense of Zionist dedication — that is what Israel is providing. The Jewish future lies in their hands as well as in ours. Allow me to finish my words by quoting **Shimon Peres** who once said: "The gates of heaven are in the hands of God but the gates of peace on Earth (in Israel) are in the hands of the Jewish people."



*At the home with Garson & Edith Lecker, Sydney, October 24.*

## Seeing Double

Patients at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem may be excused for complaining of double vision these days. Identical twins



*Identical twins, Dr. Shelly Mendelev (Pedi-atrics) and Dr. Doris Ruskin (Internal Medi-cine) receive much help from their mentor, Dr. D. Ollschwang at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.*

**Drs. Shelly Mendelev and Doris Ruskin** are occasionally seen together in the hospital even though the Soviet immigrant sisters work in different departments. Born in Tallinn, Estonia, they both finished university in 1958 and worked in hospitals in Tallinn and Leningrad.

With an increasing number of Russian patients in the wards, Russian is also a useful tool and Shaare Zedek feels doubly privileged to have two warmhearted doctors.



## Get Active in Your Israel Action Committee

*By Mike Cohen, National Director of Communications  
Canadian Jewish Congress*

On November 18 I had the pleasure of addressing a community briefing in Halifax along with Israel Embassy Press and Information Officer, **David Walzer**. It was a frank discussion, focusing mainly on the media and its impact on Israeli affairs.

**Mr. Walzer** and I came to Halifax under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Israel Action Committee. The local Atlantic Region committee, chaired by **Jon Goldberg** of Halifax, hosted our visit. We decided that a community briefing would be more beneficial than a public meeting. This was so there was no need to go "off the record" on any issues. Everything could be discussed. Unfortunately, a similar session planned for earlier in the day in Sydney had to be postponed due to fog at the Halifax airport.

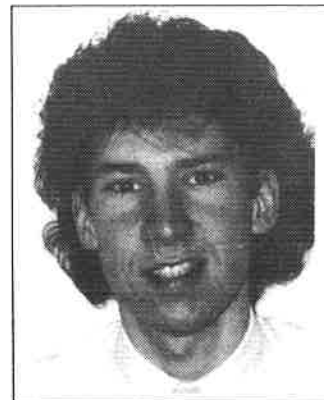
During the briefing, one question came up repeatedly from the Atlantic Region Israel Action Committee members. "What," they would ask, "can we do to combat the negative publicity Israel is receiving in the media?"

The answer was quite straightforward. Those who attended the community briefing were already taking one important step forward by showing interest in the subject matter. The following suggestions are very useful: [1] One must be informed about the issues in order to inform others. [2] Read the newspapers closely. [3] Analyze what is being written. [4] Listen to the radio. [5] Watch the television. [6] Don't be reluctant to respond to a negative portrayal of Israel, either through a phone call or a letter.

The CJC National Israel Action Committee, chaired by **Mira Koschitzky** of Toronto, has held Israel training seminars in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. They have proven most valuable in providing leaders of the respective Jewish communities with well-rounded backgrounders into Israeli issues. The program also encompasses a special media training session, showing the leaders how to act behind the television camera. It is our hope to stage such a seminar in the Atlantic Region soon, possibly by next spring.

**David Walzer** was one such expert who has come to the region. He spoke indepth about Soviet Jewry, the three stages of the intifada and concentrated on the Gulf Crisis. There were questions. Lots of them. And that is good.

I commend **Jon Goldberg** for the leadership role he is playing. And I urge Jews in the Atlantic Region to get involved in the local chapter of the Israel Action Committee.



*Mike Cohen*

## A Unique Challenge

The wave of mass immigration now flooding the shores of Israel is placing an unequalled challenge before Israeli society and its leadership. The central issues are: housing construction, the creation of employment sources, the expansion of social services (education, health, welfare and others) and social absorption of immigrants from disparate places and societies.

The main sources of expected immigration are from the Soviet Union, from Ethiopia and from South America. This means that within this period the population of Israel will increase by a third or more. It is as if the population of France increased by 17 million and the population of the U.S. by 80-90 million people.

Israel carries with it a sharp memory of absorbing an enormous mass immigration at the beginning of its existence. The 630,000 Israeli citizens at the time of the establishment of Israel in mid 1948 had absorbed some 650,000 Holocaust survivors and refugees from the Arab countries by 1951. Israel survived nearly ten years of hardship; the immigrants lived in "ma'abarot" (transit camps) — tents, cloth-sheds, huts, asbestos constructions and even tin houses; most employment was entrepreneurial and massive unemployment prevailed until the 1960's. The final result was that the mass immigration brought about tremendous economic growth (about 7% being the annual average). But the sons and daughters of the second generation of that immigration carried the memory of that difficult absorption, considered by many to be humiliating to their parents, and this is often cited as a major reason for the fall of the Labour hegemony in 1977.

Nobody wishes to repeat crises of the past. But the government of Israel has been politically paralyzed for some years and carries a twenty year history of economic stagnation. The preparations for absorption of the large immigration — the first signs of which were clear two to three years ago — were minimal. Only the friendly social absorption of the new immigrants by the old timers exists and even that is in danger.

The slow pace of housing construction together with the wave of immigrants which caused demands which vastly exceed supply have dramatically increased the price of housing, both in the rental and purchase sectors. Young couples, including the children of those immigrants of the fifties who didn't succeed economically, face a reality in which they cannot afford housing at reasonable prices. Over the last few months, encampments have been erected in many cities but this time their purpose is to protest the homeless of young couples. This represents a very dangerous social tinderbox.

The government is planning temporary housing (importing mobile and prefabricated homes, using vacant places in remote settlements, army camps, cheap hotels and even kibbutzim), as a step-gap measure for two years until the completion of the construction

which has already begun. Two camps oppose this plan. The Minister of Finance opposes the waste of funds on temporary, non-durable housing, and the Histadrut opposes the importation of pre-fabricated homes from abroad instead of giving work to the army of unemployed, which today numbers about 10% of the workforce in Israel. The Minister of Housing requested the enforcing of emergency measures in the construction sector, but the High Court of Justice denied the request.

The argument in Israel is getting more and more inflamed: the stream of new immigrants keeps on flowing, and following six months of Ulpan (a Hebrew-language course, orientation in the Israeli society and fulfillment of the bureaucratic requirements), the new immigrants will enter the work and housing markets. Tensions will increase, and then further friction is likely between new immigrants and young couples. Today, attempts are being made to avoid this through an information campaign, but its power is limited given the reality. Those who are sensitive to social problems

indicate a further danger, pointing out the fear that an improper absorption might halt the immigration from the Soviet Union, leaving a question mark over its revival. This would be damaging to Zionism, the basic tenet of Israel's existence.

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### What is Zionism?

The basic ideology of the State of Israel is that Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jewish people. In "normal" nations this means the establishment of a sovereign nation state. The Jewish people have a unique condition in that they were sent into exile and scattered around the world more than 1900 years ago. This has created an additional task — the ingathering of the majority of the Jewish people to their historical homeland.

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## Celebrate and Support Israel in 1991 Participate in the JWV-AJEX Convention February 24-March 4

By PNC Robert M. Zweiman, JWV International Officer

You and all JWV members and friends are cordially invited to participate in a unique program in Israel offered from the veteran's perspective. Sponsored jointly by the Jewish War Veterans of the USA and Canada, and the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women of England, the JWV-AJEX Convention in Israel promises to be an inspiring and educational experience.

You can demonstrate your support and commitment to Israel and learn first-hand of the military challenges the country faces (while enjoying the sights and sounds of the Holy Land) during this specially programmed tour and convention for North American and British veterans. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for you to stand tall and be counted as a

concerned Jew.

The tour cost of \$1295.00 includes air fare and hotel rooms, airport transfers, tours and transportation with English speaking guides, daily Israeli style breakfasts, several receptions and dinners, and much more. Your El Al Airline flight departs from JFK Airport in New York on February 24, 1991 at 2:40 pm.

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## JNF Welcomes New Shaliach



**Morris Zilka**, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish National Fund of Canada, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Col. Avner Ilnai** as Jerusalem Emissary (Shaliach) to Eastern Canada.

Col. Avner Ilnai, who was born and raised in Israel, joined the Israeli Air Force in 1968 and graduated as a pilot

from the Air Force Academy Flying School.

He retired after 22 years of service in Zahal, the Israel Defense Forces, where he served in a variety of command positions, both instructive and operational, culminating in the post of Deputy Commander of a large air force base in Israel. Col. Ilnai graduated from the Military Academy, and served actively during Israel's War of Attrition, Yom Kippur War, and in Operation Peace for the Galilee.

Col. Ilnai received his B.A. degree from Bar Ilan University having majored in geography. He excelled in the studies of the history and environmental aspects of the land of Israel, specializing in Biblical botany. Avner's knowledge of and love for the land influenced his decision to accept the position of Jerusalem Emissary to Jewish National Fund of Canada. As such, he will be directly responsible for raising funds for the many JNF projects which reclaim, develop and enhance the land. In addition, Avner will seek to strengthen and increase the work of volunteers at JNF, and to create opportunities for young adults to form important links with their counterparts in Israel.

Avner is married to **Shula**, a social worker by profession. They have two children, a 9-year old son, **Itay**, and a 4-year old daughter, **Tamar**.

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soil erosion. While many, especially in the developing world, are daily losing land and valuable soil as productive assets, Israel is actually succeeding in rolling back the desert.

Many of the record 3.5 million saplings that JNF planted in Israel last year are located in areas of 12 inches an annual rainfall or less. The Yatir and Lahav Forests, for example, each some 7000 acres in size are unique. Nowhere in the world do such large forests flourish on such meager rainfall. Also, with JNF's new methods of harvesting runoff waters, trees can grow in areas where there is even less precipitation.

Furthermore, with less than 50% of Negev rainwater now permeating into the underground water table, while the remainder flows wastefully down gullies into the sea, there is plenty of scope for water conservation. For this purpose JNF has already built a number of stow dams and reservoirs.

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Limited land resources and an environment neglected for centuries have compelled Israel to improve its ecological balance as one of the priorities of nation building. If future generations around the world are to continue benefitting from the quality of life they enjoy today, lessons such as those learned in Israel must be applied elsewhere.

For further information, contact Col. Avner Ilnai, at JNF, (514) 934-0313.

## Biluim Canada 1990

By Marcie Cohen, Fredericton



Biluim Canada is located near Ste. Jovite in the Laurentians of Quebec. It is a summer camp sponsored by Canadian Young Judea. Biluim Canada is the summer home for sixteen year old male and female campers from across Canada.

On June 30th I left Fredericton en route to the best and greatest summer of my life. You may ask — Why was this the best and the greatest? Well, I'll tell you ... For seven weeks we lived in tents with wooden floor boards, portable shelves, electricity and leaky tarps when it rained. On occasion we had a raccoon or two to enjoy the delicacies from within which helped to bring us all together and become as close as we could possibly be. Everyday we had "Hadracha" which is leadership training. This involved some role playing, methods of dealing with younger children, and in general how to become good counsellors and leaders in our communities. We did a lot of programming for the rest of the Camp and had the opportunity to use these programs on the campers at Camp

Kinneret, which shares part of the grounds with Biluim.

Biluim is not what you would call a luxurious camp, and some would say "far from it"; however, it still has good sports facilities — basketball nets, tennis courts, volleyball nets on the beautiful beach and a gorgeous waterfront with canoes and paddleboats.

It was very easy to adjust and meet so many Jewish kids, 78 to be exact, and to feel that Biluim was my "home away from home". The friendships I made from Vancouver to Halifax will be with me a lifetime. The experience of Biluim was truly a positive and memorable one and I recommend it to all future sixteen year olds who are looking for the "summer of their life" and friends they will

## "Through Their Eyes" — Play of the Holocaust

By Penny Dankner

On Wednesday, November 6 six Halifax students, Bena Medjuck, Penny Dankner, Jody Lipkus, Jill Borodin, Jonathan Mendleson and Heather Rinzler, performed a play called *Through Their Eyes*. This play was composed of dramatic readings taken from survivors' testimonies and documents from the Second World War.

Approximately one hundred students were in attendance for the presentation, and all were moved deeply. Many students acknowledged

that they had been previously unaware of most of the information presented.

The group is optimistic about being able to perform the play at other high schools in order to heighten Holocaust awareness and promote racial tolerance.

[Ed. Note: This presentation is the direct response of our youth to their personal experience during The March of the Living of last year.]

## A Personal Opinion: Time for A Change!

By Amir Nevo

When small Jewish communities such as the one in Halifax exist, it is important that the bonds of closeness remain. One mighty Jewish voice is a far greater cry than two smaller, separate ones. This ideology can be reflected in the two synagogues of our community. Over the years, I have noticed such animosity between Beth Israel goers and Shaar Shalom goers that our community is almost split in two. Although most won't admit to this outright, deep inside we all know it's true. I admit I, myself a faithful Shaar Shalom goer, am as guilty as the rest of us. Therefore, I suggest certain changes, that some may view as radical, as an answer to reconciling our precious community.

Only one synagogue is needed in Halifax, used for appropriate religious activity. As for the Hebrew School, there is no question that one is more than enough. Why split up the youth of tomorrow in a community that should build its strength through unity? And what would happen to the other synagogue, you may ask? Simple: It would become a Jewish Community Centre. This would be a wonderful addition to what little entertainment facilities are presently available. This would perhaps, in turn, spark new life into Jewish social activities. The extra membership fees accumulated at one synagogue could be put to better use, and could possibly be used towards renovations and improvements to the would-be Jewish Community Centre.

If the Jewish Community in Halifax is to grow and flourish, change is definitely needed. With such immense potential at hand, it would be a waste to see us continue in our present direction along this dead-end street.

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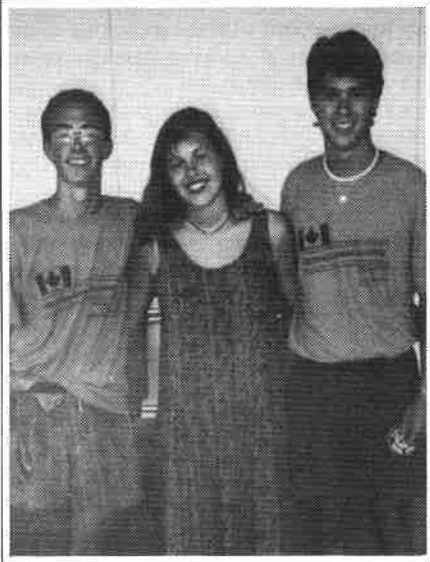
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## A Summer in Or Yehuda

By Allyson Franklin, Benson Gorber and Jonathan Mendleson, Halifax

In August, youth from our community participated in the Youth to Youth Exchange program sponsored by the United Israel Appeal. Part of the exchange program occurred in July, when four youths from Or Yehuda, a town outside of Tel Aviv, visited the small communities in Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces. The other part of the exchange program included nine youth from these communities, who travelled to their twinning city in Israel.



Participants, l-r, Benson Gorber, Allyson Franklin and Jonathan Mendleson.

Within the three week period, the Canadians toured Israel with our Or Yehuda peers, as well as involvement in community work in Or Yehuda. In effect, the visit to Israel was made up of two separate tours, each broken up with time with our host families in Or Yehuda.

The first tour took us to the North, through Tiberias, Haifa, Caesarea, the Golan Heights, Safed and the Lebanese border. Some of the highlights of the Northern tour included visiting an army base, a briefing on security at Kibbutz Misgav'am, swimming and disco boating on Lake Kinneret, river rafting down the Hatzbani, and an exciting descent down Mount Arbal.

The second tour commenced by welcoming Russian olim at 3:00 a.m. From Ben Gurion International Airport, we travelled to Jerusalem. There we went to the Kotel, Hebrew University, Yad Vashem (the memorial to the Holocaust), and

Mount Herzl. Departing from Jerusalem, we went to Massada, the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, and stayed overnight at a Bedouin camp. We experienced camel rides, and the Bedouin way of life. Leaving the Bedouins, we ventured south to Eilat. We went on a yacht cruise to the Coral Island and had the opportunity to snorkel and observe living coral.

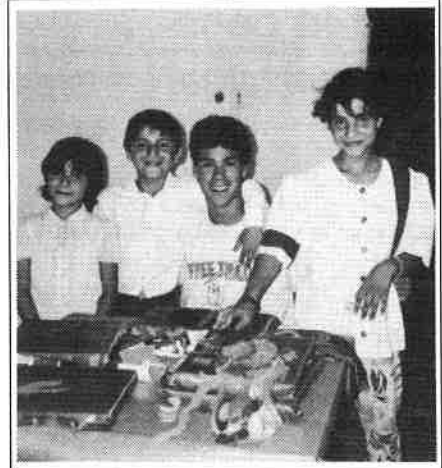
In between the tours, time was spent in the community of Or Yehuda. We met with Russian immigrants living there, the deputy mayor and our host families. Shabbat was spent in Or Yehuda with our host families, and during that time the Israelis learned about the Canadian way of life, and vice versa for the Canadians.

At the airport, during the final hours, both Israelis and Canadians knew that our new-found friends would be lost but not forgotten.

[Ed. note: The three youths representing the Atlantic Provinces were Benson Gorber of Dartmouth, NS, and Allyson Franklin and Jonathan Mendleson of Halifax, NS.]



Jonathan, and his host family in Or Yehuda.



Jonathan is pictured with newly arrived Russian children.



Benson and Allyson with their new friends in Israel.

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programme ..... 20.00, 00.00, 02.00  
Dx Corner-with Ben Dalfen ..... 20.00, 22.30, 00.00  
Israel Sound-Latest Israeli Songs ..... 22.30, 01.00  
Hebrew Lessons\* ..... 23.00

#### Monday

Israel Mosaic-Weekly Magazine ..... 11.00, 20.00, 00.00, 02.00  
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Talking Point-Discussion Programme ..... 11.00, 20.00, 00.00, 02.00  
Communicating-Israel's Media Scene ..... 20.00, 22.30, 00.00  
Greetings From Israel-  
Your Record Requests ..... 22.30, 01.00

#### Wednesday

This Land-The Travel Magazine ..... 11.00, 22.30, 01.00  
Living Here-People Who  
Call Israel Home ..... 20.00, 00.00, 02.00  
Jewish News Review ..... 20.00, 22.30, 00.00  
Hebrew Lessons\* ..... 23.00

#### Thursday

Studio Three-The Arts in Israel ..... 11.00, 00.00, 02.00  
This Land-The Travel Magazine ..... 20.00, 00.00, 02.00  
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## *Devar Torah for Hedy Levine*

Hedy Levine, granddaughter of Mrs. Sara Levine of Halifax, was Bat Mitzvahed this past summer in Australia while she was there to examine environmental policy.

Ms. Levine said, "I am committed to the changes within Judaism that enable me to stand up on the bimah and chant today's parshah — an activity once forbidden to females. I am one more woman taking responsibility for my own actions, vows and personal obligations. In the future, my life will not only be concerned with the protection of the environment but with the continuation of Judaism through prayer, family and the community in which I choose to live.

"On this day, the day of my long-awaited Batmitzvah, I recite a prayer written by Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav that expresses the continuation and strengthening of my faith which is deeply inspired by my experiences in Nature.

" 'Lord, grant by the ability to be alone; may it be my custom to go

outdoors each day among the trees and grass among all growing things, and there may I be alone, and enter into prayer, to talk with the One that I belong to. May I express there everything in my heart, and may all the foliage of the field (all grasses, trees, and plants) may they all awake at my coming to send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer so that my prayer, vows and obligations are made whole through the life and spirit of all growing things, which are made as one by their transcendent Source.' "



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## Statement by the Honourable Gerry Weiner Concerning the Recent Attack on Hasidic Jews

On the evening of November 2 a group of Hasidic Jews were attacked in Montreal. According to reports, nine young people between the ages of 16 and 17 have been arrested in connection with the incident.

The federal government cannot view such an incident but with the gravest of concern, as it takes place against a backdrop of serious and alarming events during the past year. Earlier this year, Jewish cemeteries in Montreal, Quebec City and Gloucester, near Ottawa, were desecrated, and there have been other incidents of vandalism directed against Jewish property in recent months. There have also been rallies of avowedly anti-semitic organizations in both Ontario and Alberta during the past summer.

Any attack motivated because of colour, religion or origin, whether directed at members of the Jewish community or at any other identifiable or recognizable group in our society, is a despicable and cowardly manifestation of a racist ideology that has no place in our society or in the values of our nation.

It has been suggested that drawing attention to such incidents is only encouragement to others to perform similar acts and to give them an importance they do not merit. I cannot share that opinion. Respect for human rights and for the fundamental equality of all peoples as members of the human family, respect for the dignity of our fellow men and women and for ourselves, have never been won by silence.

It is my hope that what happened in Outremont will make all Canadians more aware of the need for better understanding of cultural and religious differences. I also hope that the vast majority of our citizens, who do reject racism and those who preach it, will reaffirm their belief in the principles of an open society in which all may live and participate in peace and without fear, according to their traditions and the tenets of their faith. In this way, all of us can contribute to the enrichment of our country and the life of all Canadians.

## Congratulations

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## Holocaust Awareness in Metro Halifax

By **Jonathan Mendleson**

On Thursday, November 30, a Holocaust display, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, was set up at Halifax West High School. It seemed to be well received. Approximately 500 students and staff viewed this moving display, of which eighty-three responded, most of them positively, to the display.


This display, arranged through Network in Toronto, provided the students with a heightened awareness of this tragic period in History.

The display was also shown at J L Ilsley High School on December 6 and at Dartmouth High on December 11. There are further plans to include other high schools in the metro area in the New Year. The display is being manned by local university and high school students.

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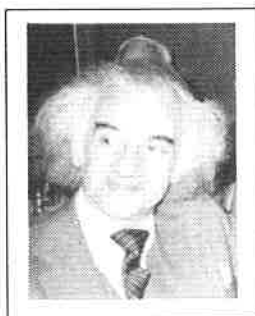
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# The Atlantic Jewish Council's response to the Human Rights Inquiry in Moncton

by M. Lee Cohen

I am the Chairperson of the Board of the Atlantic Jewish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all here for this press statement. The Atlantic Jewish Council is the representative body of the Jewish communities in the four Atlantic provinces. Like the many citizens in the Atlantic provinces, we have been watching events on the world stage and on the local stage with respect to matters involving racism and anti-semitism and, needless to say, our community is very concerned with the evidence of increased incidents of anti-semitism. We wish to comment on this state of affairs and on the human rights inquiry presently taking place in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Democracy, multiculturalism, religious and racial tolerance are all pillars upon which it was intended our country would be founded. These terms are not intended to be hollow concepts. These are ideologies upon which our nation has expressly chosen to govern itself. The Jewish community is committed to these concepts and we will do everything within our ability to assist in the conversion of these ideologies into tangible, practical realities for all Canadians regardless of race, colour, religious background or national origin.

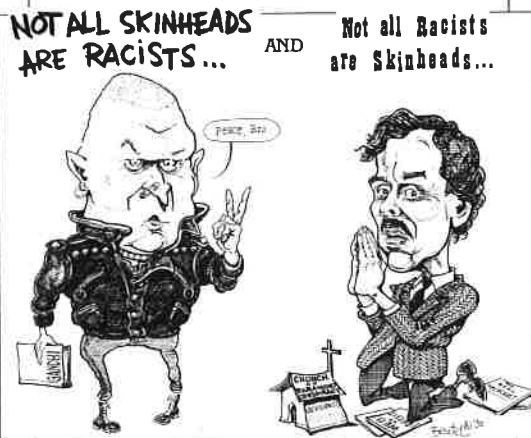
Presently in Moncton, New Brunswick, a human rights inquiry has been convened that in essence will examine the appropriateness of the continued employment of school teacher Malcolm Ross by School District No. 15 in Moncton, New Brunswick. Obviously, it would be inappropriate for the Atlantic Jewish Council to comment specifically on all of the evidence presently before the human rights inquiry. It is appropriate, however, for the Atlantic Jewish Council, in its representative capacity of the Jewish communities of the four Atlantic provinces, in response to the many inquiries we have received, to comment on the larger issues that are the subject of much discussion throughout Canada and indeed are the subject of debate at the human rights inquiry.

It has always been the view of the Atlantic Jewish Council that Malcolm Ross' published materials are anti-semitic in content, scope, intention, and are not written in the spirit of scholarship or legitimate or historical inquiry. His material singles out the Jewish people as participating in and contributing to an alleged international conspiracy to subvert Christianity and to control the world. It is the opinion of the Atlantic Jewish Council that published materials of this nature are intended to and do in fact incite hatred against the Jews. It is the opinion of the Atlantic Jewish Council that these published materials should be the subject of prosecution under the hate provisions of the Criminal Code and that the author's continued employment as a school teacher in the New Brunswick school system must be carefully scrutinized and should be terminated.

The views expressed in these published

materials are, in the opinion of the Atlantic Jewish Council, incompatible with Canada's commitment to racial tolerance and Canada's ideology of respect for and between the many races, religions, ethnic backgrounds and varying nationalities that comprise the contemporary Canadian population. It is the view of the Atlantic Jewish Council that these published materials are equally inconsistent with the values which we would associate with school teachers as educators and with school teachers as role models. Our schools should be breeding grounds for tolerance and racial harmony and should not employ disseminators of hate.

While our society must show a willingness to hear and examine all points of view, the point of view of the hate monger or the racist must not be tolerated. Mr. Ross, by virtue of his decision to publish his materials has demanded evaluation and judgement of his views



by the public and the public should not now be offended that a properly convened human rights inquiry has been assembled to scrutinize these materials and their author. Mr. Ross is more than a private citizen. He is a role model and a community leader. When that role model chooses to convey a message that will incite hatred against an identifiable group in Canada then he must be removed from his position of community leader. Similarly, parents of school children and school children themselves must be satisfied that Departments of Education are not encouraging an educational environment that creates an apprehension of fear for any student.

Increasingly we seem all too willing to blur the line between right and wrong; good and evil. Our penchant for intellectual rationalization has been a useful tool for those Canadians who have made it a life's ambition to hate Jews and to encourage others, either directly and overtly or through more insidious means, to hate Jews as well. The failure or refusal of anti-semites to distinguish between events taking place in and around the state of Israel and Jews living in the Diaspora has become a contemporary vehicle by which anti-semitics have expressed their hatred toward Jews. The pseudo intellectual ravings of the

Holocaust deniers, knowing full well the emotional and historical impact of Holocaust denial on the Jews, individually and collectively, has become a second example of a contemporary form of anti-semitism. It has been a convenient disguise for anti-semitic pseudo scholars to confuse the politics of the Middle East or to cloud the history of the Nazi Third Reich and to clothe these bigoted musings in intellectual finery for the expressed or implicit purpose of convincing those among us who are less experienced, less knowledgeable, or less tolerant, that the truth about the Jews, their history, their religion and their suffering is a lie and that the lie is in fact the truth. Regrettably, there are far too many among us who are too willing to find an excuse to hate and these are the people to whom the hate mongers choose to appeal.

The effort to disguise anti-semitism under the cloak of freedom of speech or as a legitimate form of intellectual or scholarly inquiry is an affront to law abiding citizens and to the genuine scholars in our communities who believe that freedom is not simply a license to do or say anything you wish, but freedom brings with it an enormous responsibility to ensure that the exercise of the one individual's freedom does not infringe upon the freedom of another. What is needed in any proper assessment of the limitations on the rights of people to act or to speak is a commitment to truth and an absolute refusal to allow truth to be camouflaged, manipulated or denied in the name of freedom.

A third and slightly more historical source for anti-semitism has been born from the anti-Jewish statements that can be found in the New Testament. Years of dedicated and difficult dialogue between the institutions of the Church and the Jewish community have attempted to come to grips with and understand the expressions of anti-semitism that can be found in the New Testament. This has been the source of continuous Christian/Jewish dialogue for many years in an attempt by both communities to undo the harm that was created by scriptures of this nature.

The cooperation and goodwill that presently exists between the Jewish community and the Christian community in all of its denominations in Canada is unparalleled and continues to grow stronger each year. Our communities are committed to cooperation, understanding, toleration and peace. It is unfortunate and, indeed, destructive when an author decides to write an assessment of Christianity that has as its primary theme the allegation that an international Jewish conspiracy is directed toward the total destruction of Christian society and labels the Jews as the Synagogue of Satan or a cancer within Christianity.

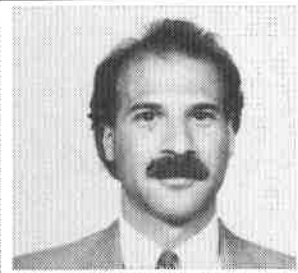
A society that chooses to allow disseminators of hate to do so with impunity, without redress is a society that is not safe for Jews, or Blacks, or Muslims, or Acadians, or any group that would be the target of the hate monger. A society that is not safe for its minorities is a society that is not safe for Democracy.



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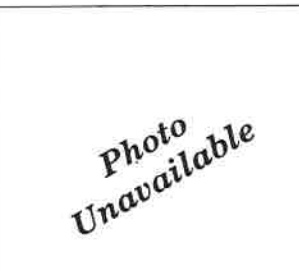
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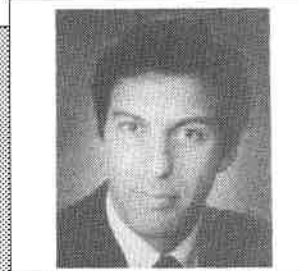
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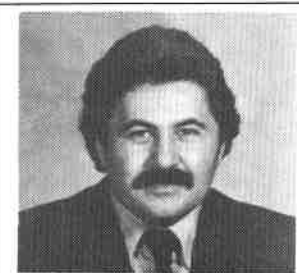
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# Newly Elected AJC Executive

# CAMP KADIMAH

Lake William, Barss Corner

Lunenburg Co., N.S.

**MONDAY, JULY 1  
TO MONDAY, AUG. 12  
1991**

VISITING DAY : SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1991

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

Fees: \$1,800.00\* — Camper  
\$1,800.00\* — C.I.T.

There is a reduction in camper fees for families with 3 or more campers; first 2 campers — regular fees; 3rd camper — \$1,600.00, 4th or more — \$1,500.00

Applications received after March 15, 1991 will be subject to a \$50.00 surcharge, for a total fee of \$1,850.00\* camper or C.I.T.

*\* Plus applicable G.S.T.*

I am interested in Camp Kadimah, Summer, 1991

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

Complete and return to Camp Kadimah

c/o Atlantic Jewish Council  
1515 South Park Street, No. 304  
Lord Nelson Hotel  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2L2  
(902) 422-7491  
Fax (902) 425-3722

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

Age as of December 31, 1991 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed as of June 30, 1991 \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Camp Kadimah Camper? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

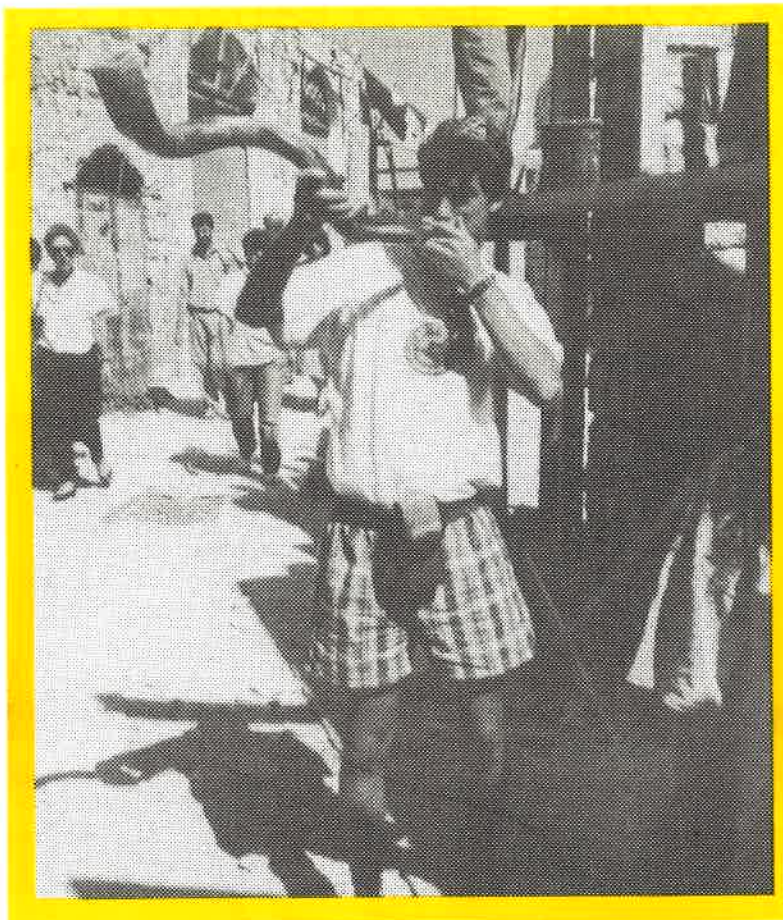
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# PICTURE YOUR TEENAGER IN ISRAEL THIS SUMMER!



*Jonathan  
Mendleson of  
Halifax blows the  
Shofar in  
Jerusalem*

## AN INVITATION TO THE YOUTH OF THE ONTARIO AND ATLANTIC COMMUNITIES FROM THE YOUTH OF OR-YEHUDA ISRAEL

The United Israel Appeal of Canada is now accepting a limited number of candidates for its annual Youth to Youth Exchange Program between Canada and Israel. It will run for 3 weeks, **August 7 - August 28th, 1991**, and is open to all teenagers between 15 & 18 years of age residing in Canadian communities twinned with the Project Renewal community of **Or-Yehuda**.\*

The program's unique features will enable participants to:

- Live with an **Or-Yehuda** family and learn first hand about the Israeli way of life.
- Gain friendships with Israeli youths of the same age, who will work and travel with the group throughout its stay in Israel.
- Travel off-the-beaten path, with an itinerary specifically designed to encompass experiences not available to standard tourist groups.
- Share in the rewards of participating in worthwhile work projects in the Project Renewal community of **Or-Yehuda**.

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The Youth to Youth Exchange Program to **Or-Yehuda** is subsidized, in part, by the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.

\* Including Hamilton, London, Windsor, Halifax, and the smaller communities of Ontario and Atlantic Regions.