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President's Message

By S. Paul Zive



The only constant is change but not change simply for its own sake.

This edition of *Shalom* is obviously dramatically different as compared to the magazine that we have been publishing for many years. The changes in this issue are primarily cosmetic but it is the intent of your executive and the *Shalom* chairperson, **Ed Rubin**, to change where deemed appropriate and enhance the editorial content of future issues. We are excited about the possibilities that are now available to us and fully expect that each edition will be better than the previous one. Happily, this dramatic improvement is accompanied by very substantial financial savings as well.

Since your new executive assumed office just a few short months ago much has been accomplished and even more initiated. For example, we now have a Media Response Committee chaired by **Lee Cohen** that has and will continue to respond to media requests for opinion and position statements on behalf of Atlantic Jewry.

Larry Freeman is chairperson of the Youth Committee with the responsibility of establishing as quickly as possible a meaningful Jewish/Zionist program for the youth of our region. It is planned that this important programming will be available in all communities.

The Camp Kadimah Committee continues to do its vitally important work with **Andrew Wolfson** and **Mark Rosen** as co-chairpersons. Registration for this year's Camp is well underway and staffing is just about complete. This year's

EMMANUEL'S MESSAGE:

Masks off - back to normal



The War is over and Israelis can take their gas masks off and go back to normal.

Purim is over, and we can take our masks off and go back to normal.

Thank G-d, the War is over, and it is over with such miraculous results for all those who stand on our side-The Coalition countries and Israel, of course.

And yet, although very few killed in Israel directly from the Scuds, **thousands** of houses and flats were demolished with damage costs estimated in many millions of dollars.

And yet, thousands of Olim from Russia, Ethiopia and from many other countries kept on coming to Israel in spite of Saddam's attempts to stop them from coming.

And yet, the War is over and our endless hope for peace is as hopeful as ever before.

Pesach is here, leaping 4,000 years from our Exodus from Egypt to the current Exodus of our brothers to Israel.

During the 45 days of hostilities, we in the AJC office received many phone calls and letters supporting Israel's stand and encouraging us to continue our policy of restraining from responding militarily to Saddam's Scuds. I was especially moved to receive such calls from **non-Jewish** people.

Back to normality. As you can see our *Shalom* has a new face and format. We had to do it simply because of budget restraints. We do hope you will find a consolation in the fact that *Shalom* content is just the same as before. It is still very much **your** magazine-ours-which plays a major role in communicating throughout all Jewish homes in Atlantic Canada, and beyond.

Like before, we rely only on your support, on what you write to us and on what we hear that you want us to do. Like before, it is your subscription fee (\$25 per year) that keeps us alive in spite of budget cuts. If you hadn't done it yet this year, please send us your voluntary subscription fee, and allow us to continue offering *Shalom* to you all.

Shalom and Toda,

Emmanuel

Camp will be as the Camp song says "Bigger and Better".

These are but a few of the many diverse activities in which your Council is actively involved. Future editions of *Shalom* will deal with more of these.

The mandate that your executive has accepted is simply stated yet complex; it is to assure the continuation of *Shalom* Magazine and Camp Kadimah, and to initiate meaningful programming on an ongoing basis for not just the youth but for all age groups, to provide the infrastructure for the various fundraising campaigns and to do all of this in a financially responsible way. It is not now, nor will it be easy but with the dedicated staff

at the Atlantic Jewish Council office and an ever increasing corp of able and interested volunteers, it can and will be accomplished.

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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

Letters to and response from the P.M. of Canada

January 23, 1991

Right Honourable Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Dear Prime Minister:

The Jewish Community of the Atlantic Provinces is encouraged by the insightfulness of your recent statements about the current situation in the Persian Gulf/Middle East area.

While all thoughtful people abhor war, there have been and will, unfortunately, again be circumstances where armed conflict is the only answer to bold and cruel aggression. We are proud as Canadians of the forthright position taken by you and your government at this dangerous and challenging time.

Sincerely,

S. Paul Zive, President
Atlantic Jewish Council

atrocities against its people, as documented by Amnesty International. He has launched missiles against population targets in cities in Saudi Arabia and Israel, the latter a non-combatant country. He has abused prisoners of war, flooded the Persian Gulf with oil, and threatened repeatedly to use chemical and biological weapons. He has also made his intentions to obtain nuclear weapons clear.

With each passing day, it becomes increasingly unmistakable both how totally determined he is to stay in Kuwait and how totally ineffectual economic sanctions alone would have been in persuading him to withdraw his forces from Kuwait. All entreaties to him to be reasonable have fallen on deaf ears. Wishful thinking on our part and pacifist policies--no matter how well-intentioned they may be--against any war

would only be interpreted as weakness on our part and make him more dangerous.

Following the invasion of Kuwait, the Canadian government carried out a two-track policy. We worked diligently for peace, especially at the United Nations, by helping to draft and pass 12 Security Council resolutions requiring Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait. We also prepared prudently for hostilities.

Diplomacy was given every chance but proved inadequate in the face of Saddam Hussein's intransigence. Canada became involved because Saddam Hussein's invasion and brutalization of Kuwait is wrong and the world has a moral obligation to stop him. Also, Canada has a vital interest, as a country with modest military means and de-

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February 15, 1991

Mr. S. Paul Zive
President
Atlantic Jewish Council
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Dear Mr. Zive:

Thank you for your correspondence on the Persian Gulf.

Canada is a peaceful country and Canadians do not want war. When it comes to the defence of our values and beliefs, however, Canada is not a neutral country, as we remember formally every November 11. We know from our history that sometimes it is necessary to defend our values and fight for peace. Regrettably, this is one of those times.

Nothing in our experience as abiding, peace-loving citizens of a democratic country like Canada prepares us to respond to a man as dangerous to world peace as Saddam Hussein. His actions demonstrate clearly his indifference to the welfare of his own people and his capacity for unprovoked aggression, terrorism against civilians, and environmental vandalism on a catastrophic scale.

His record is truly appalling. He has turned his country into a brutal police state, launched an eight-year-long war with Iran which cost more than a million casualties, and used poison gas against his own people. His forces have occupied Kuwait and perpetrated terrible

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קרן הימח לישראל

CJC first meetings in Israel a big success

By Mike Cohen, CJC National
Director of Communications



Before the war in the Gulf began, Canadian Jewish Congress held its first-ever National Executive Committee meetings in Israel, from December 31, 1990, to January 9, 1991.

CJC President **Les Scheininger** categorized the eight days of high-level meetings and field visits to relevant locales as "a watershed and milestone" in terms of Canada-Israel relations. A total of 150 people participated in the meetings including Atlantic Jewish Council Executive Director **Emmanuel Zabar**, Israel Action Committee Chairman **Jon Goldberg** of Halifax, **Arthur Saffron** of Springhill and **Mariah Avraham** of Halifax.

"We have 150 people who made a statement," Mr. Scheininger said.

CJC leaders heard from Prime Minister **Yitzhak Shamir**, Foreign Minister **David Levy**, Deputy Foreign Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**, Defense Minister **Moshe Arens**, Housing Minister **Ariel Sharon**, Labour Party leader **Shimon Peres**, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology **Yuval Neeman**, Histadrut Secretary General **Israel Kessar**, Jewish Agency Chairman **Simcha Dinitz**, new Canadian Ambassador to Israel **Michael Bell**, and Palestinian newspaper editor **Hanna Seniora**. There were also briefings from the foreign ministry, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Israel Defense Forces.

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pendent itself on the rule of international law, in the upholding of the Charter of the United Nations. The basic mandate of the United Nations in Article 1 of the UN Charter is for member nations to cooperate collectively to deter aggression and, if aggression happens, to suppress it. It is important to Canada that the United Nations respond successfully to this first challenge to its authority since the Cold War ended. Otherwise the United Nations would be condemned again to impotence, incapable of protecting any country's security, including Canada's, and discredited for decades to come.

The issue of Canada's support for UN efforts to end Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait has been voted on by the House of Commons on three separate occasions: October 23, November 29 and January 22. The House has debated Canada's participation in the Gulf Crisis three times for about 75 hours, more time than any other democratic Parliament.

I know that all Canadians hope and pray that this war will end as quickly as possible and that our servicemen and women serving so courageously in the Gulf will be home again soon.

The attached texts, which are copies of the statements I made recently, provide further details on Canada's position on the war in the Gulf.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Mulroney

The following is the text of a message sent January 17 by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir following the attack on Israel by Iraq:

"You may be aware that I have strongly condemned Saddam Hussein's missile attack on your country tonight. However, I am writing to you to express my profound sympathy to you and the people of Israel.

"Canada deplores this criminal and unprovoked act. It demonstrates, if anyone was still in doubt, the threat that Saddam Hussein poses to international peace and security.

"The attack on Israel was a clear attempt to provoke retaliation in order to bring your country into the war. I know this will not escape your government.

"Our thoughts are with you tonight. I wish to express the sympathy of the Canadian government to the victims and their families. I convey the best wishes of all Canadians to them for a speedy recovery."



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CJC first meeting

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On the subject of the Gulf crisis, Deputy Foreign Minister Netanyahu pointed out that Iraq's attempt to link this situation to the Palestinian question must be refuted at every opportunity. "How did we get into the West Bank?" he asked. "We were attacked. We were going to be Kuwait, but we fought back. The difference between Israel and Iraq is the difference between aggression and self-defense."

The Canadian ambassador stated that Canada wishes to continue its strong commitment to Israel. Mr. Bell said that Canada is prepared to issue \$500 million in trade credits to Canadian companies wishing to build housing. Tenders have gone out as Israel constructs thousands of homes for the new Soviet immigrants. Mr. Bell also stated that the Canadian trade mission to Israel is now in the planning stages.

Mr. Peres stressed his desire for a resolution to the Palestinian issue. "We have to try and put an end to the intifada," he said. "We must turn to the political side, not the military side."

Moshe Ronen, chairman of the CJC National Executive Committee, believes that the meetings provided Congress leaders with a broad perspective on Israel and the Jewish agenda.

Soviet Jewry and the massive aliyah movement was a recurring theme, as were the issues of the new arrivals from Ethiopia, Nazi war criminals, the administered territories, settlements, Israel's economy and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Scheininger emphasized that the trip was in keeping with the commitment he and Mr. Ronen made at the beginning of their mandate a year and a half ago to place Israel at the top of the CJC agenda.

Upon our return from Israel, communities were forced to mobilize quickly in response to the Iraqi Scud attacks on Tel Aviv. I wish to commend Emmanuel Zabar and AJC president Paul Zive for the historic hookup they arranged throughout the Maritimes as 300 people joined in solidarity in a Halifax synagogue while Jews from the Atlantic provinces were also included via conference call. With today's technology, there is no such thing as being miles apart.

Atlantic Jewish Council- What does it do, why and how?

The idea of establishing an Atlantic Jewish Council was a response to a major need of the community to organize its different activities in a more coordinated manner some fifteen years ago.

Apparently, since its establishment, we have taken too many things for granted, expecting, rightly or wrongly, the AJC to come with all the goods all the time.

I though it would be very helpful to try and put in writing what the AJC does throughout the year-hoping you will find it encouraging as well as explanatory. I believe such an exercise can also help you to initiate an activity in your own community, realizing now what services the AJC can offer you.

I hope you will find this information helpful. -Emmanuel Zabar, Executive Director.

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Islamic Jihad leader:

"No Jew is innocent"

(The following excerpts are from an interview conducted with Sheikh Tamimi, the leader of the Islamic Jihad organization, which appeared in Stern magazine on February 14.)

Stern: In the present war Saddam states that it is the *jihad* (holy war)-but this time are his soldiers really dying for God?

Tamimi: Saddam has gained deep knowledge from his mistakes. He has entrusted himself to Allah, who shows him the way. For every Moslem who sacrifices his life in this war at the side of Saddam, heaven is assured.

Stern: Recently one of your people shot a dozen Israeli tourists on the Israeli-Egyptian frontier. Was this a God-pleasing action?

Tamimi: Yes, certainly. This commando job showed how resolutely and selflessly we are ready to rise against the oppressors of the Arab nations and their accomplices. In Egypt we have already killed Sadat, and our bullets

will also reach his successor Mubarak, who has sold his soul to America.

Stern: Your attempts did not stop at innocent people. What justification have you for the death of Israeli tourists whom your Egyptian follower shot?

Tamimi: No Jew is innocent. All Jews must be killed. They not only oppress the Palestinian people, but have in their long history only brought misfortune to mankind. And our holy war, which we are engaging against them and their allies throughout the world, will finally eradicate this race.

Stern: You are talking like the Nazis, who in their obsessive Aryan racial theories in any case despised the Arabs also as inferior.

Tamimi: Yes, we know that. But Hitler always saw us as honest allies against Zionism. We wanted the reunited Germany to support us this time also.

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AJC

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- Representing the State of Israel, for all intents and purposes, in our region
 - Collecting material, writing and editing the Shalom Magazine
 - Atlantic Jewish community directory update
 - Receiving and distributing briefings from the Consulate of Israel in Montreal
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 - Offering lectures for schools, at their request (12 schools in 1990)
 - Organizing study tours within our region for cultural, educational and informative purposes (i.e. anti-Semitism, Jewish identity, etc.)
 - Updating our leaders with written material on an ad hoc basis
 - Initiating and sponsoring Youth activities in the community-Young Judaea and other youth initiatives
 - Initiating major Jewish events (Chanukah, Yom Hashoah, etc.)
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 - UIA Administrator - Edith Young (Part time)
 - Youth Counsellor - Jonathan Mendleson (Part time)

Young Judaea is rejuvenated in Halifax

By Marta Chernin
Community Animator

On March 2, Saturday evening, I met Shmuel Levkovitz at the Halifax airport, and we made our first stop at Emmanuel Zabar's. This gave Shmuel and Emmanuel the opportunity to meet, to talk, to exchange concerns, issues and ideas regarding youth programming, Young Judaea and the Atlantic Region.

On Sunday, Larry Freeman, Jonathan Mendleson, Shmuel and myself met for a breakfast meeting at 8 am. At this meeting Shmuel talked about his commitment to rejuvenating an active Young Judaeian organization here in the Maritimes, starting in Halifax. From the national perspective, he felt Young Judaea could provide programming material and support; training sessions for madrichim; and he was prepared to send the National Program Director to Halifax for a week to work with Jonathan and the madrichim, to develop and organize their programs for the

coming season. Shmulik also committed himself to coming to the Region at least once every three months to meet with parents, the madrichim, and youth themselves, to provide continuity in the support we will access from Canadian Young Judaea. Shmuel also stated that he would like to participate in the Youth Shabbaton, the AJC is planning in April. Larry Freeman added that if Shmuel wanted to facilitate a program at Camp Kadimah for an evening and a day, focusing on Young Judaea, programming, and activities for youth throughout the school, he is in a position to authorize such a program, as the Programming Chairperson on the Camp Kadimah Committee.

Our next meeting was with parents at the Beth Israel Synagogue. About twelve parents showed up for this meeting, including Judith Goldberg, Myra Freeman, Marilyn Gergely, Karen Sadofsky, Harriette Laing, Andrew Wolfson, Steve Zatzman, Larry Freeman, Emmanuel Zabar and

Jonathan Mendleson. Shmuel outlined his plans and some ideas regarding Canadian Young Judaea in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. He talked about Young Judaea's goals on both the National and local levels. The parents present expressed their opinions, shared some of their ideas and clarified their expectations.

By 11 am the madrichim were arriving for their training session. The following youth participated in the training: Bena Medjuck, Jonathan Cohen, Matthew Cohen, Robin Cohen, Temna Gorber, Lisa Strug, Heather Astroff, Jason Jacobson, Adina Cieplinski, Amy Block, Naomi Rubin and Lisa Gaum. Shmuel started his session by introducing himself and the goals of Canadian Young Judaea. He showed a tape of a news cast from Israel during the Gulf Crisis depicting everything from people wearing gas masks to the debris left behind after the Scud missiles, etc. After

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Morality and the Linkage Debate

By Rabbi Jacob Chinitz, Halifax

From the beginning, it was Saddam Hussein who established the linkage between Kuwait and the West Bank, as if to say: "If I'm going to be a good boy, you'd better force Israel to be good, too."

There then developed differences of opinion. President Carter said there is a linkage. King Hussein agreed, going as far as to claim, in an interview early in August, that the whole accusation against Iraq was a fabrication promoted by the "international Zionist press." The secretary-general of the UN thought there was a linkage.

President Bush said there is no linkage. Secretary of State James Baker said that Saddam "did not go into Kuwait to help the Palestinians." The UN Security Council, while not hesitating to pass several anti-Israel resolutions after the Temple Mount tragedy, did not link Kuwait and the West Bank.

But the entire dispute about linkage seems to be limited to the question of chronology. Saddam says linkage now; Bush says linkage later. In his speech before the General Assembly in November, Bush held out the prospect of a discussion on "other aspects of the Middle East problem" after the matter of Kuwait was settled. The former president of Malta, representing the UN relief organization, visits Israel and insists that "these are two distinct problems," and that there is no linkage; but at the same time, he does not even wait for the Kuwait issue to be resolved. For him, the difference is so clear that even chronology is no problem. He is ready to discuss the Palestinians now.

No one has taken the trouble, or has the inclination, to distinguish, not only between the temporal relevance of the two issues, but between the morality and the immorality involved, the question of who is the good guy and who is the bad guy in both cases, and the utter obscenity of placing Iraq and Israel in the same political and moral boat. Everyone, even Bush, seems to assume that it will be entirely proper to crack down on Israel after he cracks down on Iraq, or Iraq retreats voluntarily from Kuwait.

What are the differences between the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq and the occupation of the West Bank by Israel? The media have not only brainwashed

themselves, the world and universal common sense, but even we Jews, Zionists, Israelis, have to pinch ourselves every once in a while to recall what happened, who did what to whom, and what the real issues are.

Whether Saddam is Hitler or not is irrelevant. The relevant fact is that he invaded Kuwait as an act of aggression, not defense. Whether Kuwait is a democracy is irrelevant. Israel occupied the West Bank as an act of defense in 1967.

What about staying in the West Bank after the initial defense? Isn't Resolution 242 equivalent to Resolution 660, which demands that Iraq quit Kuwait? The answer is no. Resolution 242 did not label Israel as the aggressor. It didn't simply call for withdrawal. It asked for peace negotiations. The Arab states refused to negotiate, and refuse to do so to this day.

What did Iraq do in Kuwait after occupying it? Murder, rape and pillage, and it went on for months.

What did Israel do in the West Bank for 23 years, or at least for 20 years, before the intifada started? It set up hospitals, schools and other facilities; it permitted Jews to settle only in uninhabited places, not in Arab cities. It opened up employment prospects in Israeli industry and agriculture for West Bank Arabs.

While the Israeli left offered a compromise on territory, even the Israeli right offered autonomy. Did Saddam offer autonomy to any part of Kuwait? Or did he almost immediately declare it to be the 19th province of Iraq? Israel never annexed the West Bank or called it a province of Israel.

And what of the original history of the disputed territory? Saddam claims that Kuwait never existed but as an artificial creation of the British Empire. The fact remains, however, that Kuwait had its own government, was a member of the Arab League and a member of the UN.

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Murder, rape and pillage,
and it went on for months.**

The West Bank was never a Palestinian state, or any kind of state. It was part of Mandatory Palestine, occupied by Jordan in 1948, never recognized as part of Jordan, except by Britain. It was designated by the UN as part of the Arab state under the 1947 Partition Plan, but neither the Palestinians nor any of the Arab states accepted the idea. The only state that the West Bank, Judea and Samaria ever belonged to was ancient Israel.

So when we talk about linkage or non-linkage, the issue goes far beyond chronology. The immediate assumption that just as Iraq must get out of Kuwait, Israel must get out of the West Bank is not only an unjustified linkage, a bad analogy, and bad timing, it is also grossly misleading, manifesting historical blindness and sheer hatred of the Jewish state. Only those who are ready to call the Israelis Nazis are ready to link, now or later, the blatant aggression of Iraq against Kuwait with the reluctant occupation, or administration, of the territories by Israel.

The missing link in the linkage DEBATE is morality.

Reprint. The Jerusalem Post,
January 8, 1991.

Just arrived...



A new immigrant from Russia

(E.Z. photo)

Dinitz says scuds are to deter Aliyah

Simcha Dinitz, Jewish Agency head, said on February 22 that Saddam Hussein's principal motivation in attacking Israel with Scuds is "to create an image of tension" that could slow or stop Soviet Jewish immigration.

The Gulf War has slowed the pace of Soviet aliyah, with 17,000 Jews arriving in Israel in the first seven weeks of 1991, versus almost twice that number during the 31 days of last November. Nevertheless, over 10,000 have arrived since the Gulf War began on January 17.

Officials predict a 25% drop in immigration this year (300,000 versus an initially projected 400,000). In addition to the fear of missile attack and war, officials point to recently reduced financial benefits to new olim as a factor. Israel has imposed a five per cent tax surcharge on all citizens, and is counting on increased Diaspora contributions, as well as US aid, to help finance absorption.

Reprint. *Israfax*, Vol. 2, No. 102, February 22.

Just arrived...



A new immigrant from Russia

(E.Z. photo)

Young Judaea is rejuvenated in Halifax

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seeing this tape everyone completed a series of questions on Our Relationship with Israel.

Quite a discussion followed from these questions and answers. Shmuel then showed a tape called *From Kids to Kids*. This was a sample of youth programming that had been organized in Toronto and Israel. Young Judaeans came together to make phone calls to youth on Kibbutz HaSolelim in Israel.

The purpose of these calls was to give Canadian and Israeli youth the opportunity to talk about the Gulf Crisis and how it affects the youth. The program enabled Canadian youth to offer emotional support to the different youth they contacted. After watching the tape, the madrichim were given names of people their own ages who live on a Moshav, and they were to write letters to them. Once again, this offered dialogue between Canadian and Israeli youth.

The final portion of the training involved a tape of the CTV show, *Shirley*,

taped in Toronto a few weeks ago. The show's topic was **Youth and the Gulf Crisis**, and participants were youth from Canadian Young Judaea, Palestinians and youth from many other cultures and representing many points of view. We watched the show in its entirety, focusing specifically on the arguments, comments for and against Israel. After watching the tape we had quite a discussion regarding our own personal feelings about the Gulf Crisis, Israel, Linkage, etc.

We finished the program at 4 pm, and before leaving, Jonathan Mendleson took the opportunity to ask the participating young leaders for a commitment to be involved in rejuvenating Young Judaea/Youth Programming and the Youth Shabbaton. A very promising response was made, after a very positive training day. Young Judaea is back here, and is doing well.

(We hope our services in Halifax will be spread to our other communities).

A real Jewish treasure

The vast Hebrew manuscript treasures of the Russian National Library in Leningrad are finally being made available to Israeli scholars through an agreement signed by the Russian Library and the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL) of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

According to JNUL director Professor Israel Shatzman, the catalogue of

the manuscripts in the Leningrad Library—some 17,000 file cards—will be microfilmed and sent to Israel.

The Russian collection contains thousands of rare and, in many cases, exclusive Hebrew manuscripts, dating back to the 10th century C.E. and originating in Syria, Israel and Egypt. Until now, their contents have been unknown to scholars outside the U.S.S.R..

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(Please see details in the NAHON article in this issue)

All are invited to show their support for our Youth's dedication to keep the Holocaust Remembrance high on our agenda.

Facing the "Big Bang" coming - Are we ready?

By Emmanuel Zabar

The national euphoria we are all living through these days, seeing the hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters coming out of Russia-coming home-to Israel, is indeed overwhelming. Hidden and concealed tears of the last eighty years are bursting out in joy and happiness we could only share in dreams-until recently, until now.

Whilst in a state of national euphoria, a nation, just like a person, is not able to realistically judge and measure the outcome of the process, nor are we able to clearly 'see through' the many inevitable rough times which are accompanying the miraculous process.

The expected absorption process of one million Jews into the Israeli society in the coming few years is only in the early stage of euphoria-the "Big Bang" is still to come.

Throughout the ages migration of peoples, lead always to the recreation of a new social structure-for better or worse-as a direct result of the fact that people had to uproot themselves leaving whatever they created wherever they were-carrying with them their cultural heritage with the hope to keep cherishing and preserving it as long as they could...and then "The Big Bang" comes-the inevitable meeting and clash between the two cultures; the host culture and the guest one.

The social and cultural idea which lies behind the creation of the State of Israel is one which accepts "The Big Bang" process-and directs it into the well experienced structured social melting pot. Here, during the life span of one generation, all the different cultures developed during 2000 years of diaspora and brought by Jews from the four corners of the earth into the Israeli society are expected to be well shaken, mixed, integrated and poured into the mould of a new shape and form; creating a new society-the Israeli Society.

The melting-pot process is a very cruel one. It breaks generations of very close social links and cultural traditions in a swift. Reality and survival forces the youngest generation to turn their backs on their parents and grandparents 'old fashioned' wisdom-and to challenge the new horizons of opportunities open to them. In this process some very high

would wish to keep our eyes shut and our ears closed to the scenes and the cries-of those who are crushed in the spinning storm of the melting process. We would prefer to count only the visa permits issued in Moscow and the entry stamps at Ben Gurion Airport each month-and to be delighted to realize another 'first ever' record of Olim arriving home since the establishment of the State of Israel...

But we have to face "The Big Bang" reality!

The Israeli society is struggling "to keep smiling" in spite of the unprecedented pressure it is going through these days. On top of the 'regular' security problems and the current 'once in ten years' threat of war, the welcomed flood of olim is taking its toll in every aspect of life in Israel. The new Direct Absorption policy adopted by the Jewish agency puts most of this added responsibility on the average Israeli family-rather than on the government-leaving no

excuse to anyone in Israel to be exempt from helping the absorption of this Aliyah. In these very days the Israeli Minister of Finance introduced the Aliyah-Tax, adding to the already world record of tax burden each Israeli citizen is privileged to bear. Thus, in addition to the social and cultural Big Bang and the security minefield we are at, the Israeli society is struggling to live through the new economic strife caused by this great Jewish miracle of our time.

The world's media, and the Jewish one in particular, is full these days with stories of the pain and the cry of those crushed in the spin of the Israeli melting pot. Stories of the hardships the Olim are facing in the Israeli maze of bureaucracy are highlighted-are making news. Stories of the hopelessness some new-comers are facing due to the cultural and generation gaps they have to go through, are only confirming the high price we all pay living through this historical hour.



emotional peaks are reached with sons and daughters 'torn away' from their families, spiritually and culturally and with parents losing their most natural as well as traditional ground of authority, feeling betrayed and left behind by their own seedlings. Such emotional peaks can easily lead to personal tragedies or to a 'giving up' feeling and to the beginning of an early stage sinking into the human oblivion.

We as wandering Jews, full of historical evidences of this process, almost find our consolation in the fact that this 'generation gap' caused by the wandering from one host society to another-is a most natural phenomena. It is even leading us to believe that the paying of national price in terms of one 'desert generation' is the highest we must be prepared to pay-in order to reach our future and long term national horizons.

And in euphoria like in euphoria! We do not want (or ready) to be interrupted by the pain and the price of the miracle. We would like to continue getting excited by the waves after waves of Jews who reach the safe shores of home. We

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Letters of Support * Letters of Support * Letters of Support

Mr. Emmanuel Zabar
Atlantic Jewish Council
Dear Emmanuel:

Please convey my deep regret and sorrow to the Atlantic Jewish Council over the shocking missile attack on the State of Israel by Iraq. When I first heard the news, I could not keep back the tears from my eyes, and my heart wrenched with anguish and anger.

The shock and pain which must have swept through the entire Jewish community at that time has been the subject of my reflections and prayers.

I wish there was some way in which I could bring some kind of assurance and comfort to you all, but I know that is beyond my capability. However, I want you to know that your pain is mine as well.

If there is at anytime anything I can possibly do for the State of Israel, then, please, let me know. You can interpret that statement as broadly and inclusively as you like, if you understand what I mean.

My prayers are with you all and for Israel. I feel most confident that the State of Israel will prevail, and through whatever storms Israel, unfortunately, must endure, she will emerge and grow stronger. Please keep in mind that the Jewish spirit has never been broken, and it never will. It just grows more stronger, courageous and nobler.

May G-d bless you all. May G-d bless the State of Israel. May G-d bless the Jewish people.

Shalom, Shalom,

Rev. James Leland
Comp. 32, Site 10

R.R. #10, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 6H6

Congregation Shaarei Zedek
c/o Mrs. Erminie Cohen
President
Saint John, N.B.
Dear Mrs. Cohen:

I am not a person to write letters to governments, organizations or any group of people. This I believe a first for me. But, these are not normal times we are now living in; many of us have been doing things we would not normally have done before January 15. I have been trying to write this letter since the Sun-

day following January 15, and a day or two after the first missiles hit Israel.

I'm struggling, even as I write, for the words to fully express my thoughts and feelings at this time in our history. Words are never adequate to express oneself, but they are all I have at this moment. Please allow for my stumbling attempt.

I and many others are very appreciative of Israel's position in this world crisis. The people of Israel have placed their very lives in the hands of the Coalition Forces. They have done this not only for themselves but for the sake of the entire world. This was not, nor is it now, an easy decision for the State of Israel. For the Jewish People have often through very bitter experiences over the centuries found that other nations are not their best protectors. Today as part of their defence in the Coalition Forces, are enemies of the State of Israel. The "path" the Jewish People have chosen to take is greatly to be admired by us all.

The Jewish People of the State of Israel are indeed being given as "a light

to the nations". Her walk is one of great faith and courage. She is a symbol of hope as at her founding after World War II. She continues to burn, even more brightly, for hope in a world which cries for hope. This world is often darkened by evil, it is uplifting to see Israel's light shining so brightly at this darkest hour in our history.

I am a Christian, a follower of Jesus, a Jew. He shone for me once in your homeland. Each day my inner spirit is renewed as I see the people of Israel walking in the way of righteous, justice and peace. My prayer is that the Jewish People of the State of Israel may be enabled to keep her chosen path till all danger is past and peace is once more in the Land, Shalom,

Your brother,

(Rev.) Jim H. McLaughlin-butler,
Chaplain,
The United Church of Canada
976 Millidge Avenue
Saint John, N.B. E2K 2P4

Facing the "Big Bang" coming - Are we ready?

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The above general explanations might ease some frustrations we all have after getting to know what does it pay to live in this miraculous time. It might even give us the national strength we need so much, to be encouraged to keep our doors as wildly open as possible-and to welcome every Oleh anytime.

But these scholastic explanations should not blind us from seeing those who are left behind, nor should it stop us from hearing the cries of pain. Every member of family of the 'lost generation' will never make it. Every tragedy a family of Olim has to go through in Israel is another stain on the beauty of our national dream.

And yet, there is so much each one of us can still do!

Giving money, of course, is very important and it is one thing each one of us can come with in this hour of national call, but there are other things we all can do to ease the pain, and cushion the crush.

Visiting the Olim in Israel is another example of saying to them "I am with you" or "You are not alone" in this struggle. There are many trips planned to Israel these days-join one of them and see the miracle happening with your own eyes.

Adopting a family of Olim in Israel is another example of how you can give a helping hand in real terms. Establishing a personal contact with such a family will give both sides the feeling of "Together we can make it".

When the sound of the wings of the Jewish euphoria will be gone and we will have to face the reality of absorbing one million Jews into the Israeli society - I would like to know that every Jew in the world did his or her best to help in easing the enormous pain we all will have to realize on our way to the creation of the greatest miracle of our Jewish life. Our children will keep asking us what did we do when the Big Jewish Bang happened-and it is up to us now to prepare our genuine answer to their questions.

Letters to the Editor

February 11, 1991
The Editors
The Xaverian Weekly
St. Francis Xavier University
Antigonish, N.S.
Dear Sirs:

I wish to congratulate the Political Science Society for their timely sponsorship of an information session on the Persian Gulf crises. Unfortunately, factual errors were put forward implicitly if not explicitly in the guise of information, which was a disservice both the people in attendance and to the larger issues. I refer specifically to some comments made by Dr. Shiraz Dossa. Dr. Dossa prefaced his remarks with the statement that interpretation can be seen as information and cautioned the audience to hear his comments in this light, a commendable introduction. One is not permitted, however, to distort facts in the service of interpretation.

Specifically Dr. Dossa, in describing his opinion of what he termed the artificial boundaries of the Persian Gulf and their creation by Western powers, mentioned the "Western betrayal of Arabs by creating the state of Israel in the heart of the Arab world." Dr. Dossa speaks as if before 1948 and indeed before the Balfour declaration there never was a State of Israel in this territory and there has not been a continuing presence of Jews indigenous to the soil, history and culture of this area for several thousand years. The Jewish people are the only people in the world today who still inhabit the same land, worship the same God and speak the same language as they did three thousand years ago. As Dr. Burton MacDonald pointed out in a different context, Judaism was born in Palestine some 1200 years before the birth of Islam. In fact, Jewish states have existed in Israel with Jerusalem as the capital city from 1000 BC. The Babylonian conquest of 586 BC ended Jewish sovereign rule until 164 BC. Roman conquest in 63 BC again ended Jewish sovereignty until it was restored once more in 1948. However, even with sovereign rule taken forcefully away at times, Jewish history, tradition, prayer and indeed physical presence nurtured the unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and their land.

The State of Israel is not an artificial creation but is anchored in aboriginal rights with the Jewish people as indigenous to Palestine. To say that forcible dispossession and dispersal disentitles the Jewish people would be to reward dispersals and dispossession. The Balfour declaration and the creation of the State of Israel by vote of the United Nations in 1948 does not represent the creation of an aboriginal right but rather a renewal of the aboriginal rights of an indigenous people whose rights were never abandoned.

A second distortion of fact by Dr. Dossa is found in his reference to the refusal of Israel to comply with UN Security Council resolutions calling for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. This in itself is true! However, a simple glance at UN 242 (and Dr. Dossa must surely have read it) places the demand for withdrawal in a larger context. Specifically, UN 242 also calls for "the termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area."

In fact no Arab state with the single exception of Egypt has complied with this second part of the UN resolution in

which the demand for withdrawal of Israel from conquered land is rooted. When Egypt traded land conquered from it for a peace with Israel they ended the state of belligerency and acknowledged the sovereign State of Israel. Why will no other Arab country do the same?

Finally, I am not certain why Dr. Dossa felt it necessary to introduce the issues of the creation of the State of Israel and UN resolution 242 in what was to have been an information session on the Persian Gulf. Iraq did not attack Iran, its own Kurdish population or Kuwait because of these issues, and their juxtaposition can only cloud the peace process in quite separate conflicts.

I can truly appreciate Dr. Dossa's dream of a single Arab nation, but there are other nations with equally valid dreams. When dreams collide is it necessary to attempt to invalidate one with the inevitable conflict that results? Perhaps if we learned to acknowledge truths and accommodate conflicting dreams we will be at the start of truly peaceful resolutions.

Sincerely,

Ed Pencer, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
St. Francis Xavier University
Antigonish, N.S.

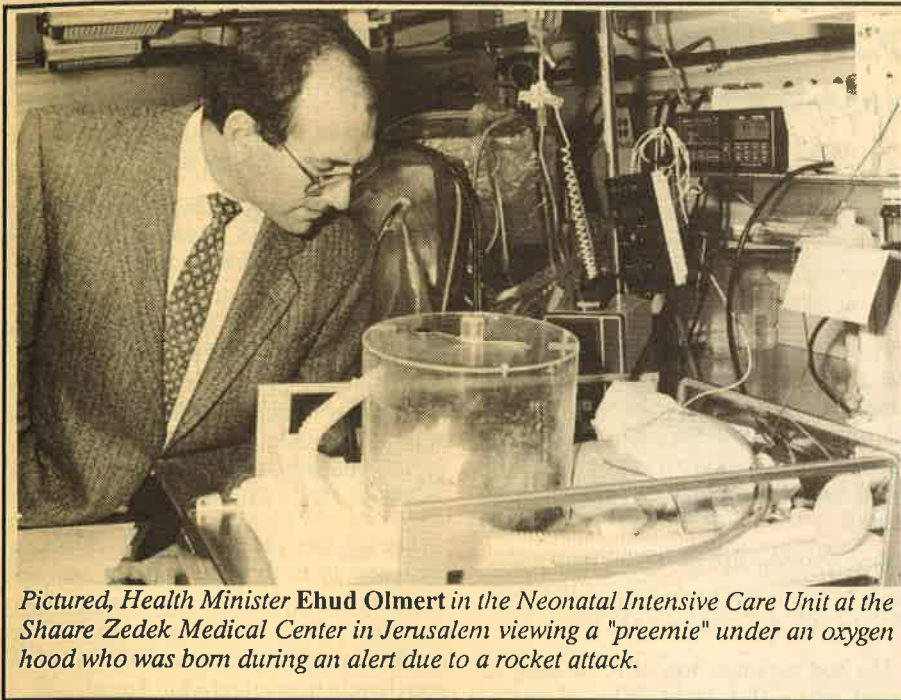
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Babies do not understand sirens



Pictured, Health Minister Ehud Olmert in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem viewing a "preemie" under an oxygen hood who was born during an alert due to a rocket attack.

Israel's Consul General visits New Brunswick

Itzhak Levanon, the Consul General of Israel in Montreal, addressed a large gathering at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton on Sunday, March 10.

The gathering was sponsored by the Synagogue and the Fredericton Lodge of B'nai Brith. Invitations were sent to approximately 30 churches as well as various city councilors and officials. The response was excellent and the hall was filled to capacity.

Mr. Levanon spoke for approximately 25 minutes and then received questions from the floor for about another hour and one half. He was very well received and made an extremely favourable impression on his

audience and the organizers have received only positive comments from those in attendance.

A special thank you goes to Rabbi Spiro who worked so hard getting the people out to this important and timely event.



Pictured left to right: Simmy Airst, President of Fredericton Lodge of B'nai Brith, Arnold Chippin, Director of B'nai Brith Canada, Rabbi David Spiro, and Consul General Itzhak Levanon.

Midrashic miniatures

Honi Hameaggel (1st Century BCE) was once travelling on a road when he noticed a man planting a carob tree. "When will this tree bear fruit?", he asked. "In seventy years," replied the man. "And art thou certain that thou will live seventy years and eat of the fruit?" "No," he responded. "But when I came into the world I found carob trees which my ancestors must have planted for me. So, too, I must plant for my children." *Tannis, 23a*

Just as you cannot tell whether a soldier is truly a soldier until you see how he reacts to battle; so, too, you cannot tell whether a friend is truly a friend until you try to borrow money from him. *Ibn Gabirol, 490*

How much better the world would be if we were only as much concerned with what God sees as we are with what many says. *Rabbi Israel Salanter*

In His mercy and wisdom the Almighty has concealed a number of things from every man. Among them are the day of his death, his financial future, and what his friends really think of him. *Pesachim 54b*

It is an indication of men's unawareness of the true miracles of nature that they are more amazed at the sun's rare eclipse than they are at its unfailing daily rise. *Moses Hayyim Luzzato*

Women honoured

Certificates of Appreciation were given to 10 Saint John area women on March 8 in recognition of their work in the city's hospitals, seniors' homes and community centres.

The certificates, given out by the New Brunswick branch of the United Nations Association in Canada, are presented to women each year for distinguished service in the community outside the political field. The awards were presented in conjunction with International Women's Day events held in Saint John.

Bessie Selby and Erminie Cohen were two of the recipients whose efforts were honoured at a ceremony at the Saint John multicultural centre in Market Square. Janet Mersereau, member of the New Brunswick Women's Advisory Council, presented the awards.

Five women were also inducted into the New Brunswick Women's Hall of Fame.

The awards presentations and Hall of Fame announcement followed the raising of the United Nations flag by Ruth Pierce, president of the Saint John Council of Women. The flag-raising ceremony marked the opening of a full day of International Women's Day events.

The Atlantic Jewish Council extends congratulations to Erminie Cohen and Bessie Selby on their achievements.

Transplanted Cape Bretoner a committed Israeli

By Avvie Druker

In 1947, the United Nations voted to partition Palestine into two states, one for the Palestinian Jews (Israel) and one for the Palestinian Arabs. The surrounding Arab countries tried to prevent Israel from emerging.

At that time, **Lionel Druker**, then 22 and a veteran of World War II, abandoned his studies at Dalhousie Law School to join thousands of other young, idealistic Jews around the world to fight for the establishment of Israel. They succeeded.

His training in the Canadian Army Tank Corps immensely helped the fledgling Israeli Army to win the war.

He had no intention of remaining in Israel after the 1948 War of Independence. But while he was there he met his future wife, **Rachel**, and two years later they were married. They settled in Tel Aviv, a city which was half desert.

Rachel had grown up in the Arab part of Palestine and was one of the thousands of Jewish Palestinian refugees who lost her home and belongings in the war.

Lionel's boyhood was spent in Sydney, where his mother and brother (Avvie) still live. His older brother, Sid, now deceased, served overseas during World War II and later moved to Toronto.

Lionel was a teenager in 1938 when Hitler's Nazis put synagogues in Germany to torch. He was profoundly

moved. He had never experienced anti-Semitism in Sydney, but the Holocaust had a lasting effect on him.

During his army years, he met a young Canadian airman, **Arthur Goldberg** from Vancouver, who eventually became his business partner in Sightseeing Ltd. It consisted of drive-yourself cars and a fleet of buses. Lionel and Arthur contributed a great deal of expertise to the tourist industry of Israel. Besides being business partners, they have been lifelong friends, and Arthur's wife was a childhood friend of Rachel.

Lionel has three sons, all of whom have served in the Israeli Army and experienced war. He has been through five wars himself and is still an optimist. He has four grandchildren and his roots are now firmly transplanted in Israeli soil.

He has never regretted his decision and is still a fervent Zionist.

In a recent conversation with him, we learned that although he and his family were able to leave the country at this time of crisis, they have chosen to remain in Israel to show their solidarity with the Jewish state.

In the more than 42 years he has lived there, he has literally seen the desert bloom and he has witnessed Jewish refugees fleeing anti-Semitism from different parts of the world find a safe haven in Israel.

Few people have the adventurous life that Lionel has had and not everyone would want it. But for Lionel, living in Israel has made his life worthwhile.

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Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation update

By Amir Nevo and Jill Borodin

APJSF is enjoying the end of one of its most successful years ever. Recent highlights include bagel brunches, a Purim bash, movie nights, Operation Exodus day and our regional shabbaton.

The Shabbaton was an unbelievable success, with rave reviews from all seventy-five participants. Students came from all four Atlantic Provinces (ten different cities) to attend the weekend's events in Halifax. The Shabbaton included keynote addresses from Michael Jankelowicz from World Zionist Organization, Rabbi Benji Jacobi from Ohr Sameach in Toronto and Eli Rubenstein from United Israel Appeal; discussion groups on topics varying from the Middle East situation to Jews and the Environment to Operation Exodus; a play on the Holocaust; and a pro-Israel candlelight vigil. The Shabbaton provided a much needed forum for Maritime Jewish students to discuss problems they encounter. Everyone left the weekend sorry to see it ending.

Upcoming events include a Shabbat dinner, Israel Day, Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut programs and a student caravan through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The caravan will be done in conjunction with NAHON and will consist of students performing a play about the Holocaust in various high schools and Jewish communities during the week of Yom Hashoah. It is expected that 2500 people will see this play.

It can honestly be said that everyone who has participated in an APJSF program this year has enjoyed her/himself; APJSF has had its highest attendance in years.

All upcoming APJSF events are posted at the Atlantic Jewish Council office as they are planned. If anyone is interested in attending an APJSF program, you can inquire at the Atlantic Jewish Council. Until the next update, Shalom to you all!



Jon Goldberg, Atlantic Jewish Council Executive Member, participated in the National Executive Committee Meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Israel from January 1-9. Pictured with Col. Shalom Harari (Left).

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JNF emissary visits Fredericton



The Fredericton Jewish National Fund project holders welcomed Col. Avner Ilnai as the new JNF Jerusalem Emissary at an informal evening of dessert and coffee at the home of Warren & Miriam Cohen. An informative talk by

Col. Ilnai on the development of land for housing, new regions for settlement and the economic base for new jobs was enjoyed by those in attendance. Col. Ilnai also brought with him a most interesting video that followed up his talk.

Atlantic Canada leads again!

On Sunday evening, 3rd February 1991, a Regional Emergency community meeting was held in six of the Atlantic Canadian Jewish Communities to hear, to discuss and to share the current situation in Israel, relating to the Gulf Crisis. The big news about this meeting is that it was held simultaneously in all different communities which were "hooked-up" to a Maritime Tel & Tel two-way conference call!

Following the CNN example, AJC President, Mr. Paul Zive, thought it would be appropriate to have an Atlantic Jewish Communities meeting with the technology available, bridging over the geographical distances between our communities. It proved itself right!

Very special guest speaker was the Consul General of Israel in Montreal, Mr. Izhak Levanon, who addressed the some 300 participants from his home,

briefing and updating them on Israel's official policy line—as well as responding to the communities' comments and questions.

This technological success is very encouraging. It shows that living in a small community in Canada in the 90s should not necessarily mean isolation or discommunication from the centre. This precedent in Atlantic Canada should be looked upon as a future potential answer to urgent and emergency needs, as well as to other communal events that might have the immediate merit of such an event.

This success of the Atlantic Jewish Council should lead to a copy-cat reaction in other regions all over Canada, who can plan and implement such events with a relatively cost effective budget, when you think of the alternative of flying in people to a regional meeting.

The following letter was sent to Maritime Tel & Tel to express our appreciation for their outstanding efforts. As well, a similar letter will be sent to NB Tel:

Mr. Phil Eisenhower
Maritime Tel & Tel
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Dear Mr. Eisenhower:

I write to you this letter, commending the most satisfactory service we received from your company in our hour of need.

This week an emergency situation had been developed in our different communities throughout Atlantic Canada forcing us to look for an immediate and urgent communication solution.

When we approached your customer service representative, Ms. Janet Paul, we felt immediately that we were handled by the best possible professional person. Ms. Paul went out of her way to please us, offering us all the different options available at that time, and even suggesting to fly in some equipment from Toronto to make sure our request was being fully satisfied. We could only admire her genuine efforts to please us.

Realizing the tough competition there is in the communication market, we can only praise professionals like Ms. Paul, who really do go this extra mile towards the customer's needs. MT&T should be proud of the professional performance it demonstrated, both in the very short notice of installing the equipment in our communities, as well as in the perfect manner this conference call was executed.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel Zabar

Just arrived...



A new immigrant from Ethiopia

(E.Z. photo)

Yona's nightmare could happen to anyone

By Carl & Ruth Wolpin
Saint John, N.B..

(Ed. Note: The following was written for various Atlantic newspapers, dealing with the Ross/Attis affair from an educator and parental viewpoint.)

Suppose your child starts refusing going to school because she thinks her teacher hates blacks, Acadians, Jews, Catholics, native people...and she is part of the target group.

You try to change your child's mind, but her teacher has published views, even gone on TV and radio promoting his cause.

Your daughter feels otherwise. She is probably sensitive and discerning. Most teachers know there are hundreds of ways their views enter the classroom without teaching them.

They call this the "informal" curriculum. This unwritten curriculum of attitudes involves all those times from sharing lunch together to going on trips when small moments exist for learning and character formation. It also includes who is chosen in class, how discipline is given, tests marked, who receives extra teacher time or even who wins the lead in this year's musical or play. Most teachers strive for objectivity and fairness, but in truly sharing themselves, teachers also share their feelings and beliefs.

Yona Attis and Leigh Lampert recently testifying at the Ross hearing believe Malcolm Ross' views of "Holocaust Denial" and "The Jewish Conspiracy" poison their public school atmosphere in just this way. Even if his beliefs never formally enter the classroom, his publications, media appearances and public school presence encourage a following making it difficult for them to receive an unbiased and non-prejudicial public school educational experience.

The fact that Ross' views concern Jews is incidental. A public school teacher acting as "local parentis" to young developing personalities is placed in a position of trust. He must serve the general public made up of children of widely varying background and experience. Ross' books could have promoted incest, saying that conven-

tional wisdom and religious thought were incorrect-and there was nothing wrong with this form of sexual expression. He might, in fact, assert that children often ask for and desire this type of love from family members.

In this atmosphere no child who experienced sexual abuse (one in four for girls, one in seven for boys), often from family members, can feel safe approaching their teacher for extra help or nurturance. Even if these views were never formally expressed in class, a teacher and a school system which tolerates such views becomes off limits as a safe place to learn.

The New Brunswick Teacher's Federation represents Malcolm Ross in the hearing although the New Brunswick Teacher's Association publicly declares "Holocaust Denial" a form of anti-semitism. Bob Fitzpatrick, a New Brunswick Teacher's Association president explains that once the Moncton School Board refused to respond to complaints thereby leading to a formal hearing, the Federation was then contractually obligated to insure Ross a free and public inquiry. If Ross' books dealt with incest rather than the Holocaust question, Fitzpatrick continued, Federation response would be identical.

Jack McKinnon, executive director of the N.B.T.A. believes it is high time the N.B. teachers' code of ethics is modified or changed. Presently, there is nothing within the N.B. code pertaining to minority rights or a teacher's public beliefs.

The Toronto Board of Education Race Relations Policy contains over 119 recommendations. Its centrepiece, Clause 31, states that "The Toronto Board of Education condemns and will not tolerate any expression of racial or ethnic bias in any form by its trustees, administration, staff or students."

While the system is not perfect, Myra Novogrodsky, Toronto Board Curriculum Coordinator, points out individuals hired by the Board are more careful and conscious about making any statements, particularly public statements, that may be interpreted as racist. A climate is created where it is highly unlikely a Malcolm Ross could exist within the public education system.

The Board backs up its 86-page race relations policy with a series of professional development workshops. Topics include the nature and history of racism, immigration issues and issues concerning minority groups.

Hari Lalla, Toronto Board Coordinator says we try to sensitize teachers to various ways of seeing the world. Issues and points of view are encouraged in the classroom, but certain things are accepted as true and proven by our society. There is enough proof of the extent of the Holocaust by the meticulous records of the Germans themselves, the International Red Cross and the millions missing. To give credibility to the deniers creates a parody of education. New Brunswick and provinces across the country need to include such a clause in their teachers' code of ethics.

It is too costly for all society, and too painful for its minority groups to tolerate the type of situation in Moncton occurring again.

Yona, the courageous Attis child, has received hundred of encouraging letters. One sums up the situation beautifully:

Dear Yona:

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Passover - festival of freedom

By Dvora Waysman, WZPS

I am writing this on January 16th, the first day of the Gulf War, and hope very much that by the time you receive this the anxiety and tension of these days will be behind us.

In a way, it is most appropriate that I should be writing on the theme of Passover, the Festival of Freedom, for freedom is the very first precept stressed in the Ten Commandments:

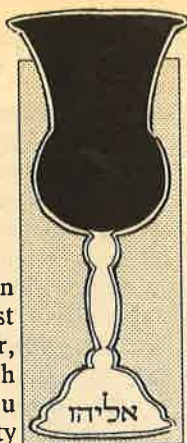
"I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

It is at Passover that we commemorate our exodus from Egypt, our emergence from slavery. The German poet Heinrich Heine wrote in 1834, "Since the Exodus, freedom has always spoken with a Hebrew accent," and the truth is the basic axioms of democracy-human dignity, equality and freedom-are all Jewish precepts and an integral part of the Passover ritual.

The Exodus represents a situation which is seemingly perceptual. The Egyptian Pharaoh, the oppressor, has appeared again and again throughout history-Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler, Saddam Hussein. The journey through the wilderness is also symbolic of our progress towards freedom. The Hag-gadah, which we read every year on the first night of the Passover seder, answers the question of the "wise son" with the words:

"The festival is celebrated because of that which the Lord did for me, when I came forth out of Egypt."

These days are of special significance on the world's calendar as Israel watches and waits. The first days of the war went well for the allied forces but no one knows what tomorrow will bring.



Canadian Rights League finds highest anti-Semitism ever

By Bram D. Eisenthal, JTA

The number of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada has reached its highest level in the nine years since figures were tabulated, according to the Quebec branch of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

At a news conference called in Montreal on February 13 to disclose the findings of its 1990 audit of anti-Semitic incidents, the league reported a total of 210 such acts, up from 176 last year-a 19 percent increase.

A news conference was held simultaneously in Toronto, where racist groups have been more active of late.

The report takes into account acts against individuals or institutions, including harassment, hate propaganda and vandalism of a racial nature, which are reported to the league, which is affiliated with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith in the United States.

Acts of harassment were dramatically higher, up from 113 in 1989 to 150 in 1990, an increase of 33 percent. Acts of vandalism actually decreased, from 63 the previous year to 60 last year. But overall, the statistics have tripled since 1987, when there were 55 anti-Semitic incidents.

Regionally, Toronto experienced the highest incidence of anti-Semitic acts, 78 cases, of which 67 percent constituted harassment. There were 28 cases of anti-Semitic acts recorded in the rest of Ontario.

Montreal was tied with British Columbia for the second-highest rate of anti-Semitic acts, 34 such incidents.

Despite the winter sunshine, I am in a sombre mood. Like every Israeli, I have my gas mask close at hand and have prepared a sealed room in the event of a missile attack. The whole house of Israel has drawn together as a family as it did during the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Our differences today are forgotten-Ashkenazi and Sephardi, new immigrants and veteran Israelis, Likud and Labor sup-

The audit refers to "two disturbing trends": that 1990 represents the third straight year of increased incidents and that anti-Semitic acts have dramatically risen in severity.

The league's report theorizes that increases in anti-Semitic acts may have been affected by 1990 having been a year of social, political and economic upheaval both nationally and internationally.

Moreover, it was noted, in 1990 there was still confusion about the interpretation of the "hate propaganda" section of Canada's Criminal Code. Canada's high court did not uphold the validity of the anti-hate law until December 1990, by which time most of the anti-Semitic incidents had occurred.

At the Montreal conference, the league's Quebec branch president, Concordia University Professor Stephen Scheinberg, said he believed the increase in incidents does not portend a dangerous alignment of neo-Nazi or white supremacist groups in Canada.

"To my mind, the majority of incidents are confined to marginal racist groups among the population," he said. "But these groups are also getting better organized all the time, and we have to remain vigilant."

He singled out several of the incidents, including cemetery desecrations in Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec City over a six-week period last spring, and assaults on Hasidic Jews in Montreal's Outremont suburb last October as among the major incidents affecting Jews locally.

Scheinberg said anti-Semitism in Canada during the 1930s and 1940s may have been much worse than today, but was not reported.

porters, Orthodox and secular Jews-today we are all just Israelis facing a common threat, united by our concerns as Jews have always been in difficult times throughout history.

For Israel, freedom is an unremitting endeavour. That is why, year after year, century after century, we must go on recounting the story of the Exodus from Egypt, so as never to minimize the importance of our freedom.

Model United Nations at Chester High School

By Nathan Cohen

Students at Chester High School in Chester, N.S., holds a "Model United Nations" every two years in which they try to simulate the kind of debate that obtains at the UN. The purpose of this is to encourage the understanding of other cultures and the problems encountered by other countries of our world and to create an awareness of the functions and importance of the UN in attempting to solve world problems. This year the team representing The Peoples Republic of China submitted Resolution 4001. The students invited representatives from both the Arab and Jewish community to speak -Dr. Ismail Zayid for the Palestinians, and two members of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Emmanuel Zabar and Lee Cohen. As Lee had to decline on very short notice, Nathan Cohen was his replace-

ment. Dr. Zayid spoke in the morning, and we in the afternoon. We were welcomed very warmly by Mr. Peter Straubel, the Principal.

Naturally, the very first thing that Emmanuel did was to resubmit Resolution 4001 with all of "its missing parts", as an amendment annotated Resolution 4002, which is what he addressed. Emmanuel's amendments added to each paragraph the historical facts and figures, contradicting the original statements and making a mockery of the attempt to re-write the history of events in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Being an Israeli, Emmanuel was very effective and authentic, which was not lost on the students.

I followed Emmanuel, pointing out that the Middle East was not the only area that needed UN attention-Cambodia, East Timor-Indonesia and the

attack by the IRA on the British Cabinet-and tried to give a brief historical overview of the situation.

The students take this program with the utmost seriousness, going as far as wearing the authentic dress and costume of the countries they are meant to represent and then they are formed into delegations. "Our Israeli Delegation" included Alison Perry, speaker, Lori-Lee Lenihan and Melissa Meisenor. "She has to be Jewish," I thought. In fact, I had indeed to ask her this after her presentation. No, she was not Jewish. "Well," I added, "where did you learn so much about the situation to be able to present such a remarkable address?"

I am extremely gratified to be able to report that the motion was defeated. Emmanuel and I probably left a remarkable impression on the Chester United Nations.

Small communities' activities, December-March

By Marta Chernin

In the first week of December, I had the opportunity to travel to St. John's, Moncton and Saint John with Rabbi Nosson Westriche, to deliver a Chanukah program in each of the mentioned communities. In both St. John's and Saint John, we had a wonderful time with the children, as Rabbi Westriche facilitated a program on Chanukah. In St. John's and Moncton, we met with young adults and parents, and Rabbi Westriche delivered an exchange on **Being Jewish and Being Different and Reactions of Personal Anti-Semitism**. I would like to add that we arrived in Moncton as the Malcolm Ross Hearing was beginning and spent two half days observing this process.

I secluded myself to complete a special assignment given to me by the Board of Directors, to complete a report on all the activities of the Atlantic Jewish Council, to support the AJC's application for a charitable tax number. I was able to pull together a rather impressive 50-page report, backed up by many appendices, references, etc. I completed this by the end of December, in time to assume more office responsibility while Emmanuel Zabar was in Israel.

Once Emmanuel was back I was then able to give attention to the Jewish National Fund Telethon that took place on January 27. The constant support of

both Neil Franklin and Peter Herschorn encouraged me to work harder, and I am proud to share that we raised over \$12,000, and I want to thank not only the volunteers who gave of their time and energy, but also members of the Halifax-Dartmouth community for responding to our Tu B'Shevat Telethon, especially at such a crucial time in Israel's history!

In February, I organized a Maritime Tour of the movie *Half the Kingdom*, and its film producer, Francine Zuckerman. She travelled to Prince Edward Island, Halifax and Moncton to speak about Women in Judaism, Jewish feminists, and many issues that are related to the film and to the needs of women in Judaism. Once again I had the opportunity to travel to Moncton to deliver this program with Francine, not only to the Jewish community, but also to several Religious Studies classes at Mt. Allison University. It was very interesting to note that women of all religions seemed to relate to the many issues *Half the Kingdom* tried to address.

I spent the latter part of February organizing a visit with Shmuel Levkovitz - the Young Judaea Shaliach to the Halifax area.

A personal note...

While I reflect over my past year at the Atlantic Jewish Council, from my first days of working non-stop for three months on the Atlantic Haggadah, to my travels to the smaller communities outside of Halifax, and my participation in Congress' conferences, meetings throughout the year, and meeting people, I want to thank everyone who helped me in their own way, especially the many people in the small communities who provided home hospitality, kosher meals and moral support when I was on the road. I also want to acknowledge the support I received from both Shellie Ettinger and Murray Schwartz.

I appreciated working at the heart of the Atlantic Jewish community and I am glad that I had the opportunity to give my time, energy and ideas. I saw this as my way of saying "Thank you" for providing me with Jewish support as I grew up, Camp Kadimah and Young Judaea. As I move on to other challenges and opportunities close to my heart I wish the AJC continued success.

Marta

An editorial from the Beth Israel Synagogue

By Joel Jacobson

A sparsely-attended annual meeting of the Beth Israel Synagogue resulted in the usual fireworks, loud words, long-winded addresses and, of course, decisions. One of the major results of the meeting was to re-roof the building—something definitely required after 33 years of sitting under the same covering which is now showing its middle-age and starting to weep with pain and agony, as evidenced by the occasional drop of moisture falling on our heads or floors.

A report by Past President and construction engineer Earle Bowman indicated the cost for re-roofing would be about \$80,000 and immediately the harangues started.

"How do we pay for it?" called out the masses (excuse the expression in a shul bulletin). "Where will the money come from?" cried others.

There were a couple of alternatives tossed out as bones to a hungry mongrel. "Let's use the Endowment Fund. Borrow from ourselves at no interest. We raised money during the 100th anniversary and can use those funds for the roof," said a few. Others booed and hissed and said the Endowment Fund was not for capital expenses or even operational expenses and we could only use the interest.

"Let's go to the bank and borrow," said another few. But naysayers said we shouldn't build up our interest charges after we worked so hard to get those charges to a working level.

Someone, with wisdom, said, "Let's not be lazy. Let's fundraise." But again, naysayers expressed concern, people would be tight fisted because they had just completed (or were in the midst of completing) an assessment on dues to help cover the shortfall from last year, AND several (40) families had invested amounts up to \$5000 on stained glass windows. Thus no new investment money might be forthcoming.

Shaarei Zedek Synagogue holds CHANUKAH PARTY

By Teri Levine

On Tuesday, December 11, 1990, Shaarei Zedek Congregation in Saint John, N.B., held its annual Chanukah party. The Hebrew School children presented a short program which included a history of Chanukah and traditional songs. The candles were lit and the blessings were recited by all who attended. The children had made their own menorahs out of clay and each child used his own.

There was a dedication of the Chanukah lights with several members of the community lighting candles to represent the history of the Jewish people and their struggle for religious freedom.

The entire community was present. A delicious supper was served and the evening was a great success.



L-R: Keri Calp, 10; Robbyn Fallon, 7; and Micah Tait, 7, light their own home made versions of the Menorah, signifying first day of Hannukah.

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Dr. Felix Kochubievsky (right) and Yaacov Katz, two immigrant scientists, at work at "Satech" in Jerusalem, an innovative research and development firm where Soviet Jews are organizing their own job opportunities.

Marina Rabenko and her infant son Daniel. She and her husband Edward are from the Ukraine. They came to Kibbutz Ramat Yochanan through a special absorption program conducted by 70 Kibbutzim around the country. Marina is a computer programmer.

At a Jerusalem hospital, an immigrant doctor from the Soviet Union (right) examines a patient while Israeli doctor and nurse observe. Retraining courses for physicians and other professionals prepare immigrants for work in Israel.

A dramatic increase in the Aliyah of Ethiopian Jews brings 1,000 to Israel every month. But thousands are still anxiously waiting in Addis Ababa to be re-united with their families in Israel.

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