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Jerusalem gates and walls, painted by **Sidi Schaffer**, an Israeli artist
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Atlantic community programming-U-Haul style



This year's AJC programming for Yom Ha'atzmaut was a special and unique event indeed. An Israeli singer, Yehuda Pinto, accompanied by two members of his team, travelled to six of our communities, musically heralding the joy of Israel on her 43rd Anniversary. The communities of Halifax, Moncton,



Yehuda Pinto performs at the Beth Israel Synagogue - Halifax

Saint John, Sydney, Glace Bay and St. John's, Newfoundland, were delighted to take part in the overall excitement, appreciating the really genuine effort done this year by AJC to bring Israel's message home.

This year's experience may also signal a new formula of running programmes in Atlantic Canada, i.e. The U-Haul Way!

As many of the great inventions in the world, it all started by accident, when at the eleventh hour we realized that we could not rent in Halifax a van large enough for both the musicians and their

equipment. In my "despair", I consulted the AJC President who suggested the U-Haul solution, and the rest is known....

I drove my car over 1500 km pulling a U-Haul "box" full of musical equipment, limited by law not to exceed 60 km per hour. Yet, we managed to visit all scheduled communities on time, and to bring the Independence Day message wherever we performed.

This is not the place to mention the technical hazards we had to deal with. The important fact is that we did it!

This new AJC U-Haul formula for programming could not be successful without the work done by the local leadership, at the receiving ends, in all the communities we visited. It was really a true delight to travel hundreds of miles from one community to another and to find everything ready and waiting for us, as planned. It is this kind of cooperation and goodwill that encourages us to repeat the exercise time and again.

At the end of the one week tour, we can be proud, realizing that over 500 members of our different communities in Atlantic Canada shared and enjoyed the Independence Day of Israel. 500 people who say to the AJC that the U-Haul programming formula works!



The new AJC programming formula - the U-Haul!

President's message

by S. Paul Zive



We do live in an age of miracles!

How else can we understand Operation Solomon, the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry by the State of Israel and the Jewish Agency?

How else can we understand the movement of the entire Albanian Jewish Community to Israel?

What other explanation can we give to Operation Exodus, still ongoing, that has hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews emigrating to Israel?

Is it not a miracle that we were chosen to witness these miracles, not the least of which was the very establishment of Israel in 1948 out of the ashes of the Holocaust?

Don't we all walk "a little bit taller" and feel at least "a little bit better" because of these miracles? Of course we do! And that's the way it should be! (No guilt feelings here, Mrs. Portnoy!)

If miracles are to continue—and they must—we have a responsibility. The perfect way for us to show that we care is through the United Israel Appeal campaigns.

The United Israel Appeal is an important source of support for the miracle making process. Isn't it something of a miracle that most of us have the ability to support UIA?

Search your soul and conscience. Balance your ability to give with the importance of the cause. Consider what our world would be like today if Israel had existed before and during the Holocaust. Your gift to UIA is your opportunity to be part of the miracle.

Miracles aren't cheap!

Moshe Ronen-A message of hope and of self-confidence

by Emmanuel Zabar

They say that "Good planning is already half of a successful programme". Do they know what they are saying indeed...

The 1991 UIA Campaign launch in Atlantic Canada was planned for Sunday, May 26th in Moncton with Moshe Ronen, Chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, as our keynote speaker. The major challenge we faced was the remarkable results of the 1990 Campaign, highlighted by Operation Exodus. We had to re-spark the excitement in our communities, to keep them alert and aware of the fact that...the miracle continues, and Jews are pouring by the thousands each month, coming home to Israel.

The idea to ask Moshe Ronen to help in this challenge came from Nardy Nathanson, the UIA Atlantic Region vice-chairman, who also happens to be Moshe's father-in-law! Moshe, a lawyer by profession--who probably spends more time on National Canadian Jewish affairs than on his court cases--was just the perfect choice for the job. His access to all sources of information, here as well as in Israel, at the highest levels of the political life, made Moshe the ideal dignitary to address our communities and to bring them the old-new message.

All was going according to plan, and then, on Friday, May 24th, I received the first coded message on the AJC's fax machine--hinting about what is now known as Operation Solomon. What perfect timing! What wonderful Campaign planning it was! It was just as if Operation Solomon was designed and planned by Nardy, Moshe and myself at the UIA Headquarters at the AJC office...

And the message hit home! Every community we addressed felt the 'historic hour' and responded warmly. In Sydney and in Halifax, a hook-up telephone call was arranged with Albert Ben-Amou, a senior liaison to David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, who participated in Operation Solomon. Hearing Albert's voice telling of the miraculous rescue story gave us all a



Moshe Ronen

sense of sharing the unique 30 hours of operation.

Moshe Ronen's address to the communities of Moncton, Saint John, Sydney, St. John's and Halifax was an intellectual as well as emotional treat. His self-confidence was overwhelming (Moshe is an Israeli residing in Toronto). His political analysis of the Middle East situation gave us all a feeling of privilege and a deeper understanding of Israel's stand and political guidelines. Listening to Moshe's explanations of James Baker's trips in search of peace, gave all his listeners the genuine feeling of Israel's endeavours to carefully go, step by step, towards the desirable solution. It all can be quoted into the one conversation David Levy had with James Baker (as told to Moshe by David Levy himself), in which Mr. Levy asked Mr. Baker the following:

"...Tell me, Mr. Baker, on your first visit you asked us, and we agreed after lots of doubts, to agree to the Russian participation in the peace negotiations. In your second visit you have asked us to agree to a Regional Conference, and although we believe in direct talks, we did agree to your proposal. In your third visit to Israel you have asked us to include the European Leaders as participants around the peace negotiation table, but tell me, Mr. Baker, where are the Arabs?"

Moshe's message to our Atlantic communities was very clear. There is a 'no simple Disneyland solution' to the Middle East conflict, and the major stumbling factor is the Arab countries' refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist as a sovereign country in the Middle East. Without having this breakthrough, nothing can be achieved on a serious and long term basis.

And until then, suggests Moshe Ronen, let us all back our State of Israel and support her ultimate challenge of the ingathering of our Jewish brothers and sisters. Let us all have our own personal share in the undertaking of the absorption of the hundreds of thousands who are coming home, and by this we should feel contributing to Israel's security and stability in the Middle East and hence to her ultimate goal of peace.

The 1991 UIA Campaign in our communities is on its way, fuelled by Moshe Ronen's message and love of Israel. Canadian Jewry must be very proud to have Moshe Ronen leading its National Congress in such a proud style.

Kol Hakavod Moshe!

Community Response

Dear Mr. Zive:

The Board of Directors of Congregation Tiferes Israel (Moncton, N.B.) has asked me to express our appreciation to the Atlantic Jewish Council for its sponsorship of two very exciting programmes that were recently held in our community, the production of *Through Their Eyes* by Halifax members of NAHON on April 13, and the concert of Israeli music presented in honour of Yom Ha'atzmaut on April 22.

Both of these events were particularly successful in conveying the spirit of their respective occasions, from the horror and grief of the Holocaust to the joy and excitement of Israel's rebirth as an independent state. We certainly look forward to more such programmes, which serve to keep us more fully in touch with the broader Jewish community.

With sincerest thanks and best wishes,

Ivan M. Cohen, Secretary

Harold Schwartz, well-known Sydney businessman, retires

Harold Schwartz joined Jacobson's, a Sydney landmark for over three decades, in 1953 at the age of 22, after graduating from Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. At Drexel, he was elected to a National Honorary Retailing Society, Seta Mu Pi.

During his years at Jacobson's, he took a large interest in sports. He was commodore of the Dobson Yacht Club, founding President of the Ben Eoin Ski Club and actively involved in tennis and golf.

Harold is also interested in Community Affairs. He was a fund raiser for

the Sydney YMCA campaign, on the board of the Cape Breton Arthritic Society, President of the Community Concert Association, on the board of directors of Neptune Theatre and later of Festival-on-the-Bay, where he was also chairman of fund raising, on the board of directors of Big Brothers and also a Big Brother. Harold was chairman of the merchandising division of the Canada Games and a fund raiser for the Bras D'Or Festival.

Harold is Past President of B'nai Brith in Cape Breton, past Vice-President of Atlantic Jewish Council and chaired the UIA campaign in Cape Breton for several years.

My thoughts about Harold's career

by Ellie Marshall

It seems to me that Harold Schwartz's career has been covered quite concisely with the above, as for his academic achievements, his business career and his contributions in the "community service" area.

But there is another side of Harold Schwartz's career that perhaps some people don't know about: his athletic career during his high school years. And I can speak about this period, personally, with some authority, because I had the opportunity of playing English Rugby with him in high school.

This particular incident happened in an inter-scholastic final, a "sudden death" game for the Cape Breton Rugby championship in order to qualify for the N.S. championship against the mainland winner.

I was a senior at Glace Bay High, and he was a rookie with Central High of New Waterford. I had a break away, on my way to score, I looked behind me and lo and behold, in hot pursuit was Harold. He tackled me, thereby preventing me from scoring--"You caught me that time, Harold, but we won anyway."

The way I see Harold retiring from business is comparing him with a pro athlete retiring from his particular

sport. They say a lot of professional athletes make the mistake of waiting too long before retiring; when it reaches the sad state of a rookie forcing him out of his position, instead of retiring when you are on top, when you have people remembering an image of you at the height of your career--that's why I think Harold did it the right way and at the right time--on the top of his career. Good luck, Harold!



Harold & Diane Schwartz

Hate video games...

Hon. Otto Jelinek
Minister of National Revenue
Dear Minister:

Canadians deplore the existence and circulation of neo-Nazi hate propaganda in the form of video games aimed at the youth market. I am especially concerned about the impact of such video on youth. It is essential that Canadian government prevent the importation of these video games to Canada. I ask you to take appropriate steps to prevent importation of these video games. I also ask that immediate action be taken under the Criminal Code to prosecute neo-Nazi groups in Canada which are circulating such hate materials.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Mitchell, M.P.

NDP Critic for Secretary of State
Multiculturalism and Citizenship

Dear Mr. Zive:

I would like to share with you my outrage over the news that video games which dehumanize Jews and Turks have surfaced in Germany and Austria. It is even more upsetting to learn that these video games may originate in Canada. Please rest assured that I will push the federal government to investigate this situation.

The Solicitor General has been asked what action he has taken in verifying the possibility that the video games are manufactured in Canada. I have also asked the Minister responsible for Customs and Excise what action has been taken to monitor the possible importation of these vicious games into Canada. You will find enclosed a copy of the statement I made on this subject in the House of Commons. The fact that these games are aimed at young people is reprehensible. Canada is committed to instilling open and pluralistic values in our youth. It is clear to me that these games are intended to promote hatred against Jews and Turks. You may rest assured that I will do all in my power to make sure these games are not available in this country.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely,
Shirley Maheu, MP, Saint-Laurent, PQ

Operation Exodus-My personal gift

by Nathaniel Cohen, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Shortly before last Chanukah the thought occurred to me that I would make myself a really nice Chanukiya, to replace the old brass one.

Having saved up enough I purchased the silver from the refiners, and set to work on the design. Chanukah came and went, and it was on a trip that I made with Emmanuel Zabar that he, knowing of my silver-work activity, suggested that I might make some article of Judaica for sale as a contribution to "Operation Exodus". I immediately thought of the Chanukiya that I was now currently making and offered to donate it to AJC towards the above cause, which was accepted. Now I had even more incentive to produce an article to the very best of the skills that Hashem had blessed me with, and I would spare no effort to make this a unique, and valuable piece.

It is with great pride that having finished it, I donate this to AJC in order to raise funds as they deem appropriate, for "Operation Exodus". I have had it Hallmarked by the "Warden of the Stamp", of the Metal Arts Guild of Nova Scotia; of which I am a member. So that not only has it been marked with the "Sterling Silver" quality mark, but also is officially registered with them, and bears their unique stamp, thus making it potentially a collector's item.

The Menorah is made of solid sterling silver throughout, the arms fabricated with 4 mm square wire, and the base and candle cups cast. The whole soldered together with silver solder conforming to the requirement necessary to allow of



it being stamped as "Sterling Silver", and weighs 207 grams. The box, which I also made, is of cherry wood, with an oiled hand rubbed finish.

In order to make the cast parts of the Menorah, a wax model has to be carved,

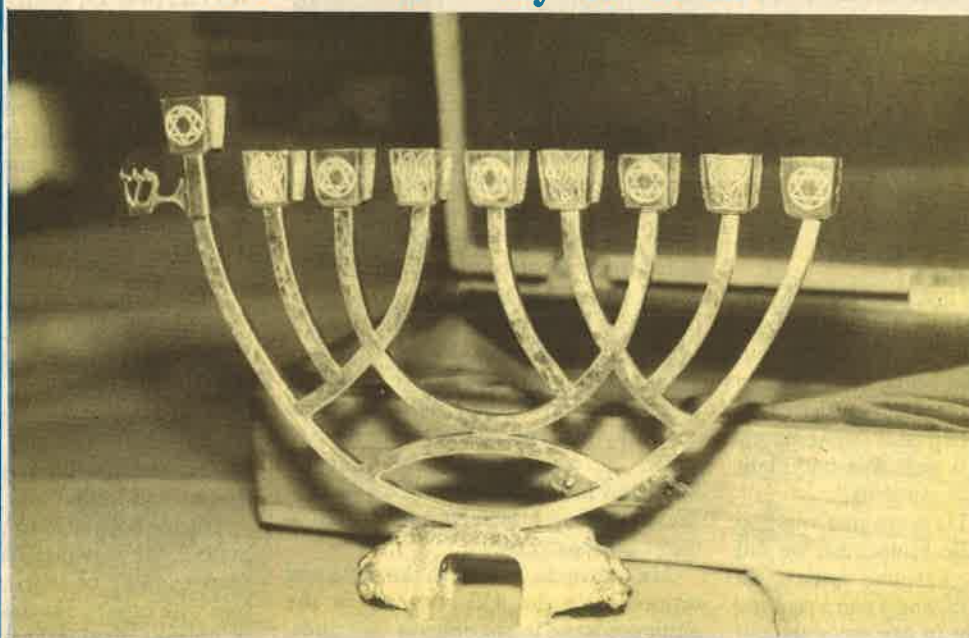
using a special type of carving wax, from which a master casting is now produced and polished. From this a rubber mould is made, which is used for injecting with a molten wax to produce as many waxes as I require. The base is a combination of carving and injection wax married together by the use of heated spatulas. Enclosed with the Menorah is a sample of such carving wax, the master casting complete with sprue, the rubber mould, and a wax from the mould.

An occasional washing in hot water with a mild handsoap will preserve the original finish, and remove any wax. It should not be washed in a dish washer, which is very abrasive, and will quickly ruin it.

Whomever shall be its ultimate owner, I wish them long enjoyment of its use, and remembrance of the worthy cause for which it was lovingly produced, the rescue of our brethren from Russia to our homeland of Eretz Yisrael.

The basic design of the Menorah is the concept of the Hebrew letter "Shin", which has a number of meanings. It may represent "Shalom" the peace which we all ultimately seek, and which is the basis of all our prayer. That peace which our Russian brothers and sisters long for, and for which they give up so much to find its blessedness in our homeland, Israel.

Exodus Chanukiya for Raffle



This uniquely beautiful and original Chanukiya will be the prize of a raffle to be conducted by the United Israel Appeal, with all proceeds to be given to Operation Exodus. There will be 300 (only) tickets printed to be sold through the AJC office, UIA Secretary Edie Young. These tickets can be purchased for \$36 each. Cheques should be made payable to Operation Exodus, UIA. Tax receipts will be issued. The Operation Exodus Chanukiya will be drawn for on September 21, 1991, during the Halifax UIA Appeal Function. Don't miss this chance to be a lucky winner. The cost of the ticket on this lovely Chanukiya is not to be misconstrued as part of your 1991 UIA gift. This "raffle" is over and above our campaign efforts.

Herman Newman at Woodstock High

by Richard Blaquiére,
Woodstock, New Brunswick

I first met Herman Newman three years ago at a Holocaust Studies Institute organized by the New Brunswick Department of Education. The physical setting was the Sgoelai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton, but the emotional setting was Auschwitz, 1942-1944. Mr. Newman had been invited to share his experiences as a young boy in the Auschwitz and Dachau camps with history teachers about to embark on the first provincial compulsory Holocaust Studies Unit in Canada. It was a tremendously intense session, and the warmth and generosity and love of life emanating from this man made him a natural as a guest speaker for our school.

I approached him after the talk and he agreed to travel to Woodstock, about 100 km west of Fredericton on the TransCanada Highway, to address the student body. That was two years ago, and the memory of that assembly has stayed fresh in my mind and in that of my colleague, Bill Hogan. That particular assembly was limited to the Grade 11s and 12s, as we felt that the Grade 10s, not have studied the hell that was the Holocaust, might not fully appreciate the scope and sensitivity of the experience. Before he had left, I asked Mr. Newman if he would be willing to visit us again in two years and he immediately accepted my invitation.

In November of last year, I wrote Mr. Zabar of the Atlantic Jewish Council and again asked to have Mr. Newman address our student body. Mr. Newman has said the he has fond memories of his first Woodstock trip and immediately agreed to a return visit. We had eight days to prepare our students.

As the Grade 11s were just winding up their unit on the Holocaust, we did not have much background work to do with them. Both Bill and I were reading Elie Wiesel's *Night* to our students and we often made reference to Mr. Newman and the memories he shared with us of his experiences in Auschwitz which paralleled those of Mr. Wiesel. Our Grade 12s had studied the unit last year and so had an understanding of the historical significance of the Holocaust. It was the Grade 10s we had to prepare for

the session, as we did not want them going cold into the assembly without some sort of factual framework on which to assess Mr. Newman's words. The response of our colleagues who teach Grade 10 was tremendous. Some of our teachers asked for materials that they could share with the students, while others asked us in to speak to their classes. Before Mr. Newman arrived, all of



the Grade 10s in our school (close to 200 students) had received a crash course on the European Jewish experience from 1933-1945. The school was ready.

The minute the assembly began, all sound in the theatre was hushed. We had asked Reverend Jim Leland to introduce Mr. Newman as Jim has been a tireless proponent of Jewish-Christian dialogue and remains a source of anxiety and frustration for the Holocaust denial network, who persistently attempt to cloud the anti-Semitism of Malcolm Ross and his crowd with claims of suppression of free speech and the usual racist smokescreen.

Mr. Newman walked to the mike and immediately the 450 students in the audience were in the palm of his hands. He has a certain rapport with children which we seldom see even in the schools. His voice has a moderate tone, but the sincerity and humility in his delivery make him accessible to all.

He began by relating some of his early experiences as a young student at the hands of the Nazis. That he was torn

from his family at an age younger than most of the members of the audience made an immediate impact on those present, which bonded speaker and listeners until the end of the session. Tears flowed freely from Mr. Newman and the audience. From my vantage point just next to the stage I watched the young faces, eyes brimming with tears, reach out to this man who survived the fires that they had only read and studied about.

The subject was specific, the Holocaust; but the theme, survival, was universal. When his talk was over one of our Grade 11 students, Tara Calhoun, presented a plaque to Mr. Newman to remind him of his visit to Woodstock High. The plaque read:

"To Mr. Herman Newman, who, through his testimony to the students of Woodstock High, has ensured that we will 'Always Remember' and 'Never Forget'"

It was signed:

"From the Staff and Student Body of W.H.S., May 16, 1991."

After Tara had read the inscription on the plaque, the student body, as if as one, rose in a standing ovation which overwhelmed Mr. Newman. As the students filtered out of the theatre many stopped to embrace and thank him. The emotions were sincere and intense and we experienced a spontaneous love-in, the like of which I had never witnessed in our building.

The feedback from the session has been tremendous. Students, male and female alike, stop me in the hall or on the streets to talk about it. One seventeen-year-old boy who works at a local grocery store told me, in an unembarrassed but obviously surprised voice, that he had wept.

During both visits to Woodstock High School, Mr. Newman has left us with the responsibility of sharing our time with him with others. He has told us that we, in a sense, having heard him, are now witnesses dutybound to witness to others. The town of Woodstock, population 4,500, has now 1000 witnesses to the Holocaust. May the Creator keep Mr. Newman and his family safe from harm; may there be peace on Earth. We thank AJC for lending him to us.

Shalom.

"Through Their Eyes", Yom Hashoah presentation

By Christina MacNeil, AJC Staff

The most triumphant of all programs to arise from the Jewish students of the Atlantic region has been the recent stage production entitled *Through Their Eyes*, an historical docu-drama performed by six Haligonian students: **Jill Borodin**, 18, **Penny Dankner**, 17, **Bena Medjuck**, 17, **Jonathan Mendleson**, 18, **David Ross**, 20, and **Miriam Zitner**, 16. They are all part of the youth group, **NAHON**. Four of the six also participated in the March of the Living. The Holocaust commemorative, composed of historical explanations and personal testimonies, was written by Canadian high school student **Jennifer Brumer**.

The students' tour, which commenced on April 11 and continued until the 14th, began at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton on Yom Hashoah, at the Fredericton High School, where they staged four performances throughout the day to a student body of 1600. In the evening, the group performed for the Jewish community at the local synagogue.

The troupe continued on to Moncton, where they performed at four local high schools throughout the day, to student audiences of District 15 totalling approximately 3400 students. The most remarkable and heart-warming occurrence was at the Harrison Trimble High School, when the capacity audience of 1200 students gave a spirited standing ovation. The next day, April 13, the **NAHON** group were part of an ecumenical community Holocaust memorial service at the Free Meeting House in Moncton. They performed before an audience of 150 people. This event was taped by the local cable station for public television.

One student in Moncton that had seen the performance, had this poignant observation: "I'm extremely worried about the future of our generation. Every week there is a different cause that is popular. I think it is really important that you are here with your play. I only hope that people will realize that it is an important issue next week also."

Cheryl C. Reid, Senior Administrative Assistant of the District 15 Board of School Trustees, wrote to Bena Medjuck, "Your attempts to promote both

Holocaust awareness and racial tolerance are commendable. Please extend the appreciation of the students of District 15 to other members of the group." And from **C. W. Broderick** at Moncton High School: "Unquestionably, the presentation has to cause people to reflect on their own values, prejudices, beliefs and so on. It would be a rare person who would not be more

An interview with Bena Medjuck:

"We were all on the trip for our own reasons, some were just for the acting experience but I think as the trip went on, and as we did the play more and more times, we began to realize how important what we were doing really was, and that we had a job. It was about the middle of one of the performances in Moncton, I was waiting for my cue, was staring off into the darkness, and I realized someone was saying a line, that I'd heard three or four times already that day, several times the day before. It just seemed odd that we kept saying the same words over and over again. And I realized that although the words we were saying were repetitive, for us, every time we would do the play we were doing it for a different audience, for someone who was hearing it for the first time, that it was new for them, it was interesting for them and that we were teaching them something. It was important for us not to lose sight of that, that we had to put our fullest into every single performance because we were trying to bring across a very important message.

"We had very clear cut goals, increased Holocaust awareness and the promotion of racial tolerance among students. It seems that we actually managed to achieve them, in the sense that after each of the performances, students would come up on the stage and talk to us, say things like 'What you're doing is so important', and 'I'm glad you're here'.

"We were doing what we wanted to do and it was important for us. Maybe it comes out of the March of the Living, for me anyway. It was ironic, that one year ago I was in Poland on Yom Hashoah in Warsaw, actually doing the March between Auschwitz and Birkenau, and one year from then, where was I? I was on stage in Fredericton doing *Through their Eyes*. Everyone came out of the March with some sort of commitment, some sort of need to say something, to do something. I had that, but I didn't know what I could do in response to the March of the Living. *Through their Eyes* was my answer to the March, teaching the students something they needed to hear."



The cast of 'Through their Eyes', clockwise from bottom, Jonathan Mendleson, Bena Medjuck, Penny Dankner, Miriam Zitner, Jill Borodin and David Ross.

sensitive to the plight of the victim of the Holocaust and their relatives, and to human suffering generally."

The students concluded their tour in Halifax, with a performance on Sunday evening to approximately 200 people. This group has enjoyed tremendous success in its past productions, which include a showing at Halifax West High School and at a recent university student Shabbaton, also in Halifax. *Through Their Eyes* was a joint sponsorship with CJC Small Communities.

The hidden children gathering

by David Korn

A Reunion of children hidden during World War II took place in New York on May 26-27.

The First International Gathering attracted 1500 hidden children from thirteen countries.



David and Jacob, then and today.

Editor's Note: David and Jacob are living today, with their families, in Halifax, N.S. Their childhood photograph was handed to their aunt at the Auschwitz Camp, by their parents who knew they would not survive. After the war, their aunt, with this very photo in her hand, went to the monastery where David and Jacob were hiding, and took them home to Israel.

Dr. Lilian and Michael Falk and myself (accompanied by my wife Yona) came from Nova Scotia. The Falks were hidden in Poland; my brother and I were hidden in an Evangelical Orphanage in Slovakia.

Each of the 1500 participants represented one thousand innocent Jewish children that were murdered in the Shoa. The children were hidden, usually by ordinary people in convents, orphanages, attics, and sewers. Some, like Anne Frank, were discovered while a tiny minority survived.

Each of them has a unique miracle story to relay, and several in attendance at the conference recorded their stories on tape for the living memorial to the Holocaust, Museum of Jewish Heritage for Future Testimony.

Moses, the first "Hidden Child" was abandoned by his mother in the hope that a righteous Gentile would find him, was rescued by a Queen. In this respect all rescuers are Queens (or Kings) in the spiritual sense, said Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Laureate.

Righteous Gentiles came from Poland, The Ukraine, Holland, France and Belgium. They were greeted by a standing ovation in recognition of the daily risk they and sometimes their children faced from being betrayed by a neighbour or a local Nazi Collaborator.

They were the light in the darkness and the real

Paris after the War and before making aliyah.

My knowledge of the French language was useful, as it enabled me to translate for a fragile 86-year-old resourceful Jewish lady that was the centre of an organization that saved three thousand lives.

She was happy to recount how she managed to relocate 160 Jewish children into 700 Christian homes on their way to summer camp, taking them out of the city and into freedom, all under the nose of the Gestapo.

The most moving keynote speaker was Prof. Yaffa Eliach. I know her as the brilliant high school fellow student in

youth aliyah.

People broke out in tears when she told of her experience of running for cover, hiding under a bed as an unexpected neighbour dropped in for a visit with



heroes of the War, stepping in to rescue children when organizations, governments and religious institutions abandoned their traditional humanitarian roles.

Yad Vashem does not bestow the Jewish rescuers the title of "Righteous Jew", as they were doing their duty. However, many Jews living on false papers risked their own lives to save their Jewish brethren.

O.S.E., the French Jewish organization with financial help from the J.O.I.N.T. rescued several thousands of helpless children and greatly deserve recognition for their heroic deeds.

Interestingly, my brother and I were in one of the O.S.E. orphanages near

the Christian family with which she was hiding. The guest told the hostess "There will be no room in heaven for us Gentiles, as it will be filled with innocent Jewish children."

The survival of the hidden children is testimony that any one individual can make a difference when an oppressive government is corrupt and immoral. Similarly it illustrates that good and morality can overcome bad and evil even in the presence of overwhelming odds. Although the deeds of these rescuers offer hope and role models for the future generations, let us all hope, Jews and Gentiles alike, that no child will ever have to be saved in this manner again.

"One person can have a big effect..."

Dear Emmanuel:

A few weeks ago I was invited by the Principal of Reserve District Highschool to participate in a conference on racism. Since my daughter Amy, age 17, who is a Grade XII student at Sydney Academy, had given a paper on Anti-semitism earlier this year in her History course, she agreed to join me in a joint presentation.

The school was delighted to have her, and I believe she, in particular, had a considerable impact on the students who, of course, knew virtually nothing about Anti-semitism, the Holocaust or Israel's struggle for peace. It was a full day conference, and we made four presentations, after which there was an opportunity for questions.

As part of the expose on racism, I talked about the discrimination against Jews. There are no Jewish students at this school so I wanted to bring the story to these youngsters. I told them about the history of Judaism, about the family of Jews, how the distinction came about between Jesus and the Jews who followed him and the rest of the Jewish population.

We talked about the 8000 years of discrimination against Jews. I gave them a very graphic description of the Holocaust of WWII, what took place in the concentration camps. I explained how the Jewish people were not allowed to enter any country they chose, many countries denied them entry.

I tried to make them see the need for a Jewish homeland, the reason for Israel being designated as such in 1947. Everyone can do something to help erase racism, it starts with you. I urged them not to accept derogatory comments to say "I don't agree with you" if they hear someone malign a person because of their race or religion.

One person can have a big effect. I used Martin Luther King as an example of this. He said, "I have a dream". I too have a dream, I dream that someday we each will look on one another as individuals with respect and dignity.

Best regards,

Avvie Druker

Trumpetplayer in Auschwitz

Memories of Lex van Weren

Mr. Leon Doof, of Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, and a member of our community, was to see me with his wife, Renee, at the AJC office. They handed me a typewritten copy of a book titled Trumpetplayer in Auschwitz, written by Leon's colleague and friend, Mr. Lex van Weren. This is what Leon has to say about it:

"I have known Lex van Weren since 1941. We were both members of the Jewish Symphony Orchestra, which consisted of members of several orchestras, in the Netherlands, who were no longer allowed to perform, because they were Jews.

"After the Orchestra was disbanded, because of the deportation, the Germans used the same Theatre as a gather-

ing place, to round up the Jews. And from there send them to their final destination.

"I managed to escape from the building and went into hiding. Lex was less fortunate; however, he managed to survive the Holocaust. And after liberation he returned to Holland.

"We were again working together in different orchestras. In 1953 I moved to Canada, but we still have a close contact and write each other regularly."



Leon Doof

Editor's Note: We cherish this book and will make it available for the community upon request. We thank the author and Mr. Doof for allowing us to share their experience and educate our community about the horrors of the Holocaust from this very unique personal eyewitness evidence.



Atlantic Region Young Judaea Convention, Saint John, N.B., Circa 1950

Young Judaea

From a taste of history...to a hopeful start

On the weekend of May 10-12, 1991, a leadership Shabbaton was held in Halifax, prepared and conducted by Young Judaea. Fifteen youths experienced the taste of what was once the most important Jewish education programme for our children--The Young Judaeans Youth Movement.

The plan is to continue the leaders' training during the summer at Camp Kadimah, and to start working with the groups, on a regular schedule, from September throughout the year. All the training and programming for this plan is run by Rebecca Glass, the National Programmer of Young Judaea. The Leadership Shabbaton in Halifax was organized by Jonathan Mendleson.

The case against Malcolm Ross

BY DR. SHEVA MEDJUCK

On December 5, 1990, over 12 years after the complaints against Malcolm Ross began, a New Brunswick Human Rights Inquiry headed by University of New Brunswick law professor, Brian Bruce, finally heard the case against school board district 15, the board that employs school teacher Malcolm Ross. The history of the case is long and fraught with many failed attempts at prosecution. While it may be a truism to say that the justice system is slow to respond, this case is an outstanding example of the lethargy of the justice system in New Brunswick.

Because of the provisions of the Human Rights Act, the current charges are not against Malcolm Ross, per se, but against district 15 school board. The complaint by Moncton businessman David Attis was filed in April 1988. (The reason that it took over two years to be heard was a consequence of a series of court challenges by Ross and the school board that pre-hearing statements and publicity had prejudiced their position.) In this complaint Attis charged that the inaction of the school board to deal with Ross's anti-Semitic writings have "condoned his views...provided a racist and anti-Jewish role model for its students, fostered a climate where students feel more at ease expressing anti-Jewish views--thus depriving Jewish and other minority students of equal opportunity within the educational system that the school board provides as a service to the public."

Malcolm Ross is a Moncton School teacher who has published numerous books and pamphlets concerning Jews and the Holocaust. For example, he argues that there is a world-wide conspiracy to undermine Christian civilization and that the Jews are behind this conspiracy. He denies the Holocaust, arguing that the pictures one sees of corpses are the consequences of diseases that ravaged Europe and the time and not gassed victims.

The Position of the Attorney-General: Despite the nature of his publications, two successive New Brunswick governments refused to prosecute Ross under the Criminal Code for racism, arguing that they were unsure of successful prosecution and that the hate literature

legislation was too unclear to prosecute Ross. (This despite the fact, that both Alberta and Ontario successfully laid charges against Keegstra and Zundel respectively under the Criminal Code and that the Supreme Court of Canada in December, 1990, upheld the section of the Criminal Code that forbids the publications or sale of literature that incites racial hatred.) Although the Premier of New Brunswick himself



stated that "I am not happy with his (Ross) presence in the classroom" and that the controversy was "bringing our educational system and even our province into disrepute", nothing was done by the Attorney General's office against Ross.

The Position of the School Board: The school board, faced with a rather embarrassing situation over the writings of Ross, began to take some measures against Ross, but these had a very limited effect. In January, 1987, the school board established its own Review Committee to determine the effects of Ross's writings on the students and the community. This committee concluded that Ross's writings had no detrimental effect. However, the school board refused to release this Review. This Review was not made public until the Inquiry itself.

In March 16, 1988, the school board issued a gag order on Ross and a reprimand was put on his record forbid-

ding him to publish any more writing which might be seen as anti-Semitic. However, on August 20, 1989, the gag order was lifted and the reprimand was removed. In its place Policy 5006 was introduced, a policy encouraging teachers to develop "positive attitudes that reflect tolerance and value freedom in a safe and stable environment". Shortly thereafter, Ross went on cable television expressing his views on the Holocaust and the erosion of Christian society. In response the board issued a formal warning to Malcolm Ross that he had violated Policy 5006. These school board measures seemed to have had little effect on Ross's writings.

The Human Rights Inquiry: The December hearing heard gripping testimony from David Attis about the anti-Semitism that his fourteen year old daughter, Yona, had encountered in the Moncton school systems. Attis spent five days giving evidence in what was often a very heated exchange with Doug Christie, Mr. Ross's lawyer.

The most emotionally charged moments of the entire hearing occurred when Yona Attis gave her testimony, including an account of death threats against her, swastikas on blackboards and carved into her desk, students giving her "Heil Hitler" salutes and being called vile anti-Semitic names. She was fearful of attending a gymnastic event at Magnetic Hill School where Ross teaches. Under brutal cross-examination from Mr. Christie, Yona broke down and sobbed on two occasions. Leigh Lampert, a thirteen year old Moncton student also testified to a series of anti-Semitic incidents that he had experienced in Moncton schools. James Letcher, lawyer for the school board, argued that the so-called anti-Semitic students cited by Yona and Leigh were society's real victims. He noted the deprived backgrounds of these students and contrasted them to the secure, privileged and loving homes of Leigh and Yona. The Inquiry adjourned on December 14 until April 22, 1991.

The April hearings were less emotionally charged but nevertheless, witnessed a series of sparring matches. Dr. Ernest Hodgson, an expert witness called by Mr. Joe Weir, lawyer for David

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Saint John Jewish Historical Museum

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum is the only Jewish Museum in the Atlantic Provinces. The Museum features several displays including a Hebrew School, Chapel, Art Gallery, Mikvah (ritual bath), Religious Room and three additional galleries which change seasonally.

The mandate of the Museum is to preserve secular and religious articles related specifically to the Saint John Jewish Community, and to educate. This year we are also including a Research Library and Archives. Our collection is comprised of old original documents (correspondence, minute books, busi-

ness records, printed matter, manuscripts, legal papers, maps and photographs; reference materials (books, journals, newspapers, research materials); and genealogical sources; collection of antiquities, all of which record the history of community and religious life as well as hundreds of religious and secular books.

The Museum was formed in 1986 to preserve the history of a diminishing community and has grown from one room to its present size of three floors. The Museum is staffed by two permanent employees in the summer months. We welcome gifts of written

material, documents, photographs and maps. Documents loaned to us will be copied to preserve the information. All records are put on microfilm to preserve them.

The Museum is open from May 6 to September, Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 4 pm. Additionally, during July and August, Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm. We are available the rest of the year for group tours by appointment only.

There is no admission charge. Everyone is welcome.

We have had visitors from all around the world and everyone has shown a great interest in our collection.



A labour of love

In 1987 Mrs. Jack (Anne) Levine of Saint John embarked on a project that would become a time consuming labour of love. As a memorial to her late husband Jack, a prominent member of the Saint John Jewish Community, Anne decided to start (the first of 12 pictures) the reproductions of the Chagall windows that are at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Anne had to buy the silk thread during her visits to Florida and when ill health kept her from her annual

sojourn she had others buy the thread for her. It was a mammoth task and a lesser person would have given up many times along the way, but Anne is not a lesser person. She was determined to finish the job that she started out to do. Anyone who does needlepoint will appreciate the work that has gone into these pictures. In 1990 the last of the 12 pictures were hung in the beautiful little chapel at the Saint John Jewish Histori-

cal Museum with the inscription that follows:

The Twelve Tribes Tapestry
Embroidered by
Anne Levine
In Loving Memory of
Her Husband
Jack Levine
May 1990

This is truly a magnificent tribute of Love!

"ZIM Canada": Israel's ongoing line of commitment

by Emmanuel Zabar

On one of the most beautiful sunny days with which we were blessed, Monday, 13th of May, 1991, a group of dignitaries, politicians, businessmen and other official representatives gathered on the pier to welcome and admire a new beauty--the brand new container ship "ZIM Canada" on its first visit to the Halifax port.

The huge state-of-the-art ship, one of the tenth largest ships of its kind, is 326 meters long, weighing 47,000 tons (unloaded) and is the second ship, out of seven similar new vessels, that ZIM is planning to operate in the near future. A visit to the control deck, even to the layman, is most impressive indeed. The old wooden steering wheel with the heavy brass and metal equipment is long gone--replaced by the most sophisticated computer screens and all kinds of electronic gadgets and buttons. Only there, standing at the top deck and overlooking the sea of containers on its open sky deck, does one realize what a revolution sea navigation has gone through since...

Captain Moshe Bravman looked very proud of his new "baby". The small red-headed man, who was given the power to run this ship over the seven seas, looked more like a friendly high school teacher than the perception we have regarding a "sea wolf" captain. During the official part of the ceremony, when Captain Bravman was given ample stock of trophies and presentation plaques, he seemed even blushing, full of thanks, as if saying to the some 150 guests, "What's this big excitement all about--everyone is entitled to have a toy and this is mine."

The first ZIM line ship, ZIM New York, visited Halifax some twenty years ago, on April 8th, 1972. Since then, the ZIM commercial commitment grew stronger and stronger, establishing a most reliable and competitive line between the Israeli flag ship line and the Canadian counterparts in Halifax. ZIM Canada's visit is the 15,058 visit of ZIM ships to Halifax so far, moving over 500,000 containers between Israel and Canada.

The Jewish community of Halifax has played host to the ZIM captains and

YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP



Pictured welcoming Captain Moshe Bravman to the port of Halifax is Morris Goldberg "The ZIM Ambassador"

crews during the past 20 years. The ZIM Israeli sailors and officers are welcome to attend community events and celebrations, whenever they land ashore in Halifax. The man who does it all on behalf of the community is Mr. Morris Goldberg.

Halifax-born Morris Goldberg, whose association with ZIM goes back some 40 years, was almost the happiest man on the pier. For Morris, this was another dream fulfilled adding such a massive link to his bond with Israel via the ZIM Line Company. As a young Zionist, Morris started his way by arranging all the welcoming ceremonies in the Jewish community to every ZIM

crew arriving in Halifax, and today he walks tall, proud of the great day and the national Jewish sentiment that comes with it. "The ZIM Ambassador, at the port of Halifax", as one of the dignitaries entitled him, Morris Goldberg was really sailing high.

The Atlantic Ocean's deep blue water gave the Halifax Harbour a sense of tranquillity. The horizon line looked very promising to the ZIM Container Service. The sun shone brightly, a music band added lighthearted notes to the joy of the day, whilst we all prayed, wishing ZIM an ongoing prosperity and safe voyage.

Cohens talk their way to championships

Drop a word, any word, and Jonathan or Matthew Cohen will pick it up, chew on it, and throw it back to you with about 6,000 more words. And they'll go anywhere in the world to do it.

The twins did a lot of word-wrangling recently and people around the world have heard it.

Jonathan won first place in the individual debating and public speaking competition in London, England, in March, besting 50 competitors. A month earlier, he was a member of a Canadian

team that finished third at the World High School Debating competition in Scotland and was a semi-finalist in individual competition.

Matthew was first among 75 students at the Canadian public speaking and debating championships in Vancouver in late April. His first place spot in the English-speaking category earned him a place on the Canadian team for next year's world championships to be held in London, England in February '92.

Attis, severely criticized the quality of the school board's Review of Malcolm Ross and also provided evidence on the teacher as role model. He was ruthlessly cross-examined by Mr. Christie. Mr. Christie attempted to discredit both Dr. Hodgson's expertise as well as his testimony.

The school board called two witnesses, Mr. Carl Ross and Mr. Ross MacCallum. Testimony from Mr. Carl Ross (no relation to Malcolm Ross), head of the district 15 school board, suggested that the board tried to deal with this issue by the reprimands it issued and by the gag order against Malcolm Ross and finally by Policy 5006. According to Carl Ross, it felt pressured by "special interest groups" to act. Testimony from Mr. Ross MacCallum, superintendent of schools for District 15, indicated that there were numerous racial incidents in the district. "Skinheads" were investigated at Moncton High School, and anti-Jewish graffiti on the door of the school board office building in the fall of 1990. Both Carl Ross and Superintendent MacCallum felt that the school board in its actions had handled the problem as best they could and felt that they had been abandoned by higher government powers and had been left to manage the Ross problem on their own.

Mr. Christie called only two witnesses, clinical psychologist Leitia Armstrong and Betty Doucett, guidance counsellor at Magnetic Hill School. Both these women provided testimony to the excellence of Malcolm Ross's teaching and the wonderful rapport he has established with students.

The inquiry concluded on May 9, 1991, after each of the lawyers was given a maximum of three hours to present summations (although Doug Christie was the only lawyer to take almost the full three hours). Joel Richler, representing Canadian Jewish Congress, called on Brian Bruce to use his power to fire Ross. The writings of Malcolm Ross, he argued were not simply religious opinion, as Christie depicts, but rather vicious attacks on an identifiable minority group. Joseph Weir, however, said that his client was not necessarily calling for Ross to be fired, but only to forbid Ross to have contact with students. James Letcher, the school board lawyer recounted the attempts of the board to deal with the Ross issue and concluded that it had in fact done everything that it could in this case. Letcher

called upon Bruce to throw the case out because Attis had not proved his allegations. The New Brunswick Teacher's Federation lawyer, George Filliter, argued that this case is an employment issue and should be dealt with as such. He argued that if a teacher could be fired without "just cause" where would it end. Doug Christie argued that this was a vendetta against Ross. In a lengthy discourse on free speech, Christie argued that "it's a very dangerous thing for courts and tribunals to put people on trial for their beliefs". Mr. Clyde Spinney, lawyer for the New Brunswick Education Department, argued that the school board definitely took action when Ross's writings became public. He encouraged Brian Bruce to dismiss the complaint against the school board. Joanne MacLeod, lawyer for the Human Rights Commission, argued that his was a simple case. It is not a case of free speech but rather a case looking at the right of a child to equal access to education.

The Inquiry itself was at times emotionally charged as tempers flared during the often gruelling testimonies given. The spectators often contributed to this tension as the audience was clearly divided between "Ross supporters" and "Attis supporters". Recesses during the proceeding were often awkward as spectators aligned themselves in their respective camps, while lawyers attempted to make polite conversation with each other or alternatively, answer reporters questions. Even the set up of the room contributed to this tension, with Weir and Attis and Canadian Jewish Congress representatives, Manuel Prutchi and Joel Richler on one

side of the room, and school board lawyer, Jim Letcher and Carl Ross, and Doug Christie and Malcolm Ross on the other.

For Jews living in this region, this tension must be compounded by a profound sense of anxiety. After all this region is our community, a community in which most of us have become very comfortable. We cannot but be troubled by such virulent anti-Semitism in our midst and should be deeply concerned when Malcolm Ross is portrayed as an excellent teacher and role model for students. Most important for me, however, is whether or not our system of justice is able to protect minorities from racism and anti-Semitism. We already have seen that the New Brunswick Attorney General's office has failed to act by refusing to prosecute Malcolm Ross. Whether the Human Rights Commission Inquiry will help dispel these concerns remains to be seen. We anxiously await the decision of Brian Bruce in July.

Editor's Note: Dr. Sheva Medjuck is a most respected professor at Mount Saint Vincent University of Halifax and a member on the Executive of the Atlantic Jewish Council. Dr. Medjuck attended all the April-May hearing and has been following the Malcolm Ross case since 1985. During her academic work on this case, Dr. Medjuck has slowly acquired almost all of the relevant documentation, dating back to 1978.

It is expected that the official outcome of the hearing will be announced soon, and we found it extremely important to service our communities with Dr. Sheva Medjuck's report on the case, written specially for the Shalom readers.

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Shalom's cover picture artist - Sidi Schaffer

Sidi Schaffer is a 1984 recipient of the Edmonton Civic Award in Creative Arts. In 1983 she received an Award of Merit at the University of California-Los Angeles, National Printmaking Exhibition and an Alberta Achievement Award in Printmaking.

Her work is included in a number of private and public collections in Israel, U.S.A. and Canada. Before coming to Saint John, she worked extensively on two mural commissions. One is a multi-panelled mural, *Concert in the Park*, which is located in the University of Alberta Hospital's Walter C. MacKenzie Health Science Centre. The second is a large oil on canvas mural depicting the

history and heritage of the City of St. Albert, Alberta.

Sidi moved to the Maritimes in 1987 with her family and now resides in Saint John. She is teaching Hebrew classes at the Congregation Sharrei Zedek, Saint John. At the same time, she continues to pursue her creativity by working with a wide variety of media.

Sidi Schaffer is the Atlantic liaison for CJC education conference. For information regarding the Canadian Jewish Congress National Education Conference, Sidi can be contacted at her Studio, 3 Bullock Street, Saint John, N.B., E2K 4M7, or at (506) 648-0205.

Rachel Barzilai JNF staff representative to Atlantic Canada

Jewish National Fund of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of



Rachel Barzilai as staff representative to Atlantic Canada. Working part time at the offices of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Rachel will assist JNF in all areas relating to JNF's work on behalf of the Land and People of Israel. While JNF is well-known for its tree-planting, inscription program, involvement in Jewish education, and land reclamation through its most recognized symbol, the blue box, particular emphasis is now

being put on the efforts to absorb the thousands of new olim arriving in Israel daily. JNF is developing the land for new communities throughout the length and breadth of the State. Rachel's appointment is a recognition of the important and substantial role played by the communities of Atlantic Canada.

After receiving her B.A. in Arabic and History of the Middle East from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Rachel joined the Ministry of Education as assistant to the Deputy Director-General. She served as assistant to the Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem and subsequently as Executive Administrator at Tel Aviv's Centre for Educational Technology. Rachel trained in accounting and computer programming in the U.S. and Toronto.

Rachel is married to Jonathan and the proud mother of Dan. She brings to her new position vast administrative experience and thorough devotion and commitment to Israel. The Jewish National Fund looks forward to an increasing presence in Atlantic Canada with the assistance of Rachel Barzilai as its staff representative in this region.

Rachel's work is done at the Atlantic Jewish Council office. Her work schedule is Mondays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 pm. You can reach her at (902) 422-7491 or fax (902) 425-3722.

Hello, my name is Shmuel Levkovitz

EDUCATION: I attended a religious high school in Ramla majoring in biology, where I was the head of the student body organizing student activities. Upon graduation, I studied at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan in the Political Science Department, majoring in Public Administration with a minor in Sociology, for which I received my B.A.



EXPERIENCE: Since leaving university, I have worked as a community leader in the Modiim Regional Council, training as a youth leader, helping students with learning problems, visiting schools, working with senior citizens and organizing community events. After a few years, I worked in the Zionist Youth Movement on a national level being in charge of training youth workers.

MILITARY SERVICE: From 1974 to 1977 I served in the IDF as Commander in the Tank Division.

THIS IS WHAT I CAN DO: I organize weekend training seminars that take place bimonthly during the year, and a two week summer seminar in which 150 school students receive leadership training, guidance methods, etc. I tutor a young leadership group in decision-making and group responsibility. I am responsible as well for programming and administrative movement projects.

I have worked with groups from England, Belgium, South America and Canada, who came to Israel to attend summer camps, and held an international seminar.

I am knowledgeable in scouting, field training, organizing sports camps, seminars, etc. I represent the Movement on the Israeli Youth Council which consists of all movements in the country and also in the Society for the Preservation of Nature.

I am very excited about joining Canadian Young Judaea, and I look forward to serving you.

Shmuel Levkovitz
Young Judaea National Shaliach

The Cape Breton Jewish Club of Toronto

by Sam Newman, Vice-President

The recently formed Cape Breton Jewish Club held its first function on Saturday evening, April 13th, at the Earl Bales Community Centre. A capacity crowd of over 200 came together for the first reunion of Cape Breton Jews living in the Toronto area.

There was an air of excitement as people arrived with the anticipation of meeting friends and neighbours they had not seen for many years. Three generations of former residents of Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford and Whitney Pier were filled with joy and emotion as they greeted each other. People also came from Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Michigan, especially for the event. There were possibly as many Jewish people present as are left in Cape Breton.

Irvin Sherman hosted a program featuring remarks from Club President, Dr. Phil Simon, Rabbi M. Kirshenblatt, who served the Glace Bay Congregation for ten years, an interview with Dr. Jack Land, a physician in Glace Bay and Newfoundland for forty-five years, and a brief history of the origin of the Jewish community by Dr. A. A. (Bucky) Epstein.

Sharon (Shore) Jacobson and Enid (Land) Lesser set up an exhibit of his-



Pictured left to right is the Executive of the Cape Breton Jewish Club, Dr. Sam Newman, Vice-President, Dr. Philip Simon, President, Lisa Green, Secretary and Dr. Buddy Epstein, Treasurer.

torical photographs, documents and memorabilia from down home.

Dr. Buddy Epstein and Lisa (Simon) Green and their helpers worked tirelessly at the registration table to get name tags on everyone.

The generous refreshments arranged by Jack Shore and Dr. Sam Newman

and their hard working committee topped off a wonderful evening.

The Club is planning a Cape Breton picnic this summer and has many ideas for future programs and projects to get Cape Bretoners together and to try to maintain contact with the still vital communities down east.

Farewell Kiddush to the Talmud Torah

by Elliot Marshall, President,
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

Glace Bay Congregation, Sons of Israel, is in the final stages of selling its Talmud Torah Community Centre building, built in 1927, separate but adjacent to the synagogue. It is being purchased by the Town of Glace Bay to be used as a library.

It is a sign of the times. The Jewish community is decreasing in numbers, and it has become too much of a burden, financially, to maintain the two buildings. It is a sad time for us, but we had a "Farewell Kiddush" on April 27, 1991, after the Shabbat services. Combined with that, we honoured Len Schelew, a stalwart, hard-core member, who carried the ball all year, but especially when

one-third of our core members go south for the winter.

I read somewhere: "Blessed is he who expects nothing for he is never disappointed"; that in my mind, is part of Len Schelew's philosophy and it is a good one. Not everyone can rationalize that way because most of us dream the impossible and expect miracles that never happen. You have to make miracles happen, but never expect them. This philosophy also holds true for Len when applied to prayer. You pray because you want to pray, and you pray for yourself; you can't pray for someone else--that is, religious prayer. Len, you and the Talmud Torah. You could say the Talmud Torah was your child; you kept it warm when it was cold, you paid the bills for it,

so it wouldn't be taken from us. You dressed it and kept it maintained to keep its dignity at all times. When someone hurt it, by damage, you saw to it that it was immediately repaired to make it better. That's the way Len made his statement! Len, maybe we don't show it on a daily basis or even a weekly one, but we do appreciate of the work and effort you have put forth, you alone.

Fanny Cohen, President of the Ladies' Aid, spoke on behalf of all the Ladies of the community, commended Len for his fine efforts, and his leadership and direction, especially regarding the synagogue. It has been said and we say it humbly, that our Kiddush in Glace Bay is the finest in Atlantic Canada.

Cape Breton connections...

Editor's Note: *The following letter was received in our office, and we thought it might be of interest to our readers. Dr. Robert Ein is a native of Glace Bay, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Ein. Dr. Ein is currently practising gastroenterology in New Jersey.*

Dr. Robert Ein
Emerson, New Jersey



Dear Dr. Ein:

It takes an entire organization to put together a winning team. As a member of our consultant medical staff, you have served as a vital member of our organization and team. We ask you to assist us from time to time on a moment's notice and we appreciate your expedient cooperation. You have always come through for us despite your busy schedule. We could not field a team and give them the best in quality medical care without people like yourself.

On behalf of the entire Giants organization, I congratulate you as a member of our 1990 Super Bowl XXV team. Thank you for your dedication and I look forward to continued association with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Ronnie P. Barnes, A.T.,C.
Head Athletic Trainer
New York Football Giants



Dr. Robert Ein...
...and his brother David,
AJC Executive Member



Sorry, Helen!



In our March issue, we had published an article entitled "AJC--What does it do, why and how?", mentioning all the organizations affiliated with us and the names of their chairpersons. All but one...

Helen Sinclair's name was missing! Helen is a most dedicated president of the League of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue of Halifax and her charm, as well as her determination, is well known among the congregation.

So, Helen, we hope we are forgiven now.

-The Editor

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CJC prepares for sixth National Education Conference

by Mike Cohen, CJC National Director of Communications

Final plans are being ironed out for the sixth National Education Conference set to take place October 19 to 21 at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel in Montreal. Individuals from across Canada have participated in the formulation of an exciting program for this important three day event on the Jewish calendar.

The theme for the conference, co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Zionist Federation, is Transmitting Our Heritage. Some 300 delegates are expected to attend the event which offers the larger centres such as Montreal and Toronto, an opportunity to share their expertise with other centres as well as for all those concerned with quality Jewish education to focus together on specific areas of concern. Sidi Schaffer of Saint John, New Brunswick, is serving as the liaison person for the Atlantic Region. The last such conference, held in Toronto two and a half years ago, focused on the successful partnership of volunteers and professionals in advancing Jewish education and had good representation from the Maritimes.



Registration is currently under way. The cost is \$214 before August 1 and \$267.50 after that date. The Federal Goods and Services Tax is included. This entitles the delegate entrance to all plenaries and workshops, an opening reception, three meals on the Sunday and two meals on Monday. Kosher dietary laws will be observed. Registration packages are available through the AJC office.

Issues to be examined at the conference will include teacher development, transmitting commitment, student retention, special education, new immigrant students, supplementary schools, education in small communities, recruitment, development and retention of lay leaders, roles of the layperson, lay/professional relationships, parents and educators, building a Jewish family environment, outreach and Jewish youth organizations.

The format for the conference will enable delegates to focus attention on a wide array of these subjects. There will be six workshops held concurrently over four sessions on October 20 and October 21.

Keynote speakers will include Brandeis University's Bernard Reisman, newly appointed Israel Ambassador to Belgium Yitzchak Meir and historian Irving Abella.

News from P.E.I.: Good news from HA-EE

The Carnats, whose home has been a centre for many Jewish activities, the Hebrew School and many of our meetings, are not leaving us--at least not yet.

Barrie's work is taking him to Moncton, but Evy, Uri, Toby and Daniel will be remaining for another year. And Barrie will be doing a lot of commuting to the Island.

Evy and Barrie have provided community support, Yiddishkeit, and learning to many members of Bar/Bat Mitzvot, Hebrew and Jewish studies, with unstinting enthusiasm and generosity. It is good to know that we have them for a while longer.

A Jewish Bed & Breakfast in P.E.I.

Congratulations to Evelyn and Dr. Sol Feldstein on their opening of a Bed and Breakfast establishment, Dunstaffnage Heights, at Dunstaffnage, St. Peter's Highway. The Community wishes their enterprise every success.

Dunstaffnage Heights will be ready in early June. Bookings may be made at (902) 892-3143 or 658-2658.

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ATLANTIC REGION MISSION - October 7-17, 1991

Under the auspices of the United Israel Appeal, a Mission to Israel (via Romania) is planned for contributors living in our Atlantic Region communities. A minimum annual gift of \$7,500.00 (per couple) is required to qualify.

The cost per participant is \$1,750.00 and this includes all travel expenses, accommodations and main meals.

Some of the highlights of the Mission:

- * A visit to the Jewish Community of Bucharest, Romania
- * A visit to a Transit Centre in Bucharest for the olim on their way to Israel
- * A visit to centres of Ethiopian Jews, who recently arrived --Operation Solomon
- * Focus on Jerusalem, its past and present Jewish life
- * Meeting top Israeli politicians, dignitaries and lecturers

The Mission will be lead by Dr. Richard and Ruth Goldbloom

For details, call Atlantic Jewish Council - (902) 422-7491 or the Goldblooms - (902) 477-7347

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The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT report



Winner of the teddy bear raffle, Sara Yablon, centre, is presented with her prize by left Mindy Jacobson and Barbara Alberstat.

By Barbara Alberstat

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT (The Organization for Rehabilitation through Educational Training) opened for another season in September.

The Flowers for the Holidays project, which has been an ongoing annual fundraiser, was convened by **Mindy Jacobson** and her wonderful team of workers. Many thanks to Mindy and all of her willing workers. This project annually produces much needed dollars which is sent to head office, where it is distributed to our ORT schools in 27 countries, but especially in Israel, where the need is so very great at this particular time.

Barbara Alberstat convened a new project for Halifax Women's ORT--a raffle of a white teddy with \$50 cash and a second prize of a \$50 gift certificate from a ladies' shop in town. This was very successful. We hope to repeat this fun project next year.

Next came the Chanukah meeting held at Mindy Jacobson's. Chanukah candles were lit and a gift exchange was held at the close of the meeting. The

raffle tickets were pulled and **Mrs. Sara Yablon** was the first prize winner. She was certainly delighted, as was the winner of the second prize.

Our annual Mother's Day Fruit 'n Snack Basket project was another success story. This is always a delightful project and everyone enjoys working on it. It is so much fun to see the surprise when the lady of the house is handed a lovely basket early on Mother's Day by one of our smiling volunteers.

Dessert Meeting on June 18th was held as the closing meeting with a very special guest speaker. **Carol Moscovitch** is the Executive Director of Montreal Women's ORT, and we all had a delightful evening at the home of **Vicki Lipkus**.

The slate of officers for this year was: **Mindy Jacobson**-President; **Ella Morris**-Treasurer; **Edith Schneiderman**-Financial Secretary; **Rose Pritzker**-Recording Secretary; **Barbara Alberstat**-Corresponding Secretary and Scholarship Cards. Many thanks to all our members who help make ORT in Halifax a success.

On the World ORT scene, plans are well underway for the upcoming Convention scheduled for October in Toronto.

ORT is preparing to absorb thousands of newcomers and to train them to become working citizens. ORT is preparing to train 1000 newcomers who have college degrees in science and technology who will have a retraining period and will be taught Hebrew terminology, Jewish studies and updated knowledge in their specific fields. They will then be integrated into the various ORT schools throughout the country. ORT's Adult Education System has a great share in the retraining process already taking place among the Russian newcomers.

There is the constant worry that Russia might close its gates; therefore, it is vital to help the Russian immigrants get out as quickly as possible. The Ethiopian aliya is expected to continue in 1991 and hopefully olim will arrive as well from other countries such as Bulgaria, Albania and South Africa. Many of these olim have to be taught Judaism.



*On the National Front, **Barbara Alberstat** attended the recent National ORT meeting in Toronto. She is pictured here with **Joann Smith**, National President of Women's Canadian ORT.*

\$100,000 has been estimated as the cost of the Scud missiles' damage to our ORT schools, so the funds to be sent to Israel are vital.

We wish everybody a healthy and good summer. See you in the fall!

Summary report of Massada Club

by Bessie Rinzler, President

I was the Secretary of the Massada Club from 1979 to November 1984, when I became the President, with the following slate of officers: Doris Stone-Vice President; Edith Schneiderman-Secretary; Jean Zlatin-Recording Secretary; Sara Yablon-Treasurer; Molly Whitzman-Telephone; and Lil Mosher and Clara Dankner on Refreshments. Through the efforts of Doris Stone and Clara Dankner, we were granted permission to hold our Massada meetings in the Shaar Shalom and Beth Israel Synagogues free of charge.

Prior to my retirement as President of Massada Club, I would like to outline some of our major events over the past sevens years.

- June 1985 - We held a Bake Sale at the Halifax Shopping Centre. Our net profit was \$127.15.
- January 1987 - Ella Morris was installed as the Recording Secretary.
- September 1987-The members of Massada travelled to Parrsboro on a bus tour.
- November 1988-Installation of new officers reinstated most of the same slate, with the exception of Jean Zlatin replacing Sara Yablon as Treasurer.
- Donations of food brought in by Massada members was delivered to Hope Cottage by Sara Yablon.
- January 1989-Helene Jockel spoke to the Club on her life in Czechoslovakia.

- February 19, 1989-Massada members were invited to a speakers' program at the Beth Israel Synagogue, that was on the topic of Soviet Refuseniks. Premier John Buchanan was a guest speaker.
- May 31, 1989-Massada members travelled by bus to Annapolis Valley during Apple Blossom season.
- December 10, 1989-Rabbi Marvin Pritzker entertained our club with a video featuring Mike Burstyn in a Yiddish Sing-a-long.
- February 11, 1990-Cantor Yacob Benamou delighted us with his story about his grandfather in Morocco. He also showed slides of Israel during Tu B'shevat.
- March 1990-Edith Schneiderman became our Recording Secretary.
- June 13, 1990-Our bus tour around the Eastern Shore to Sherbrooke Village was arranged by Lawrence Ferguson.
- December 1990-Mrs. Judah, R.N., was our guest speaker. Mrs. Judah has worked for the Department of Health since 1980, and now teaches nursing.
- April 1991-Harry Gardiner spoke to us about Big Brothers through audio-visual means.

Editor's Note: Bessie Rinzler's retirement from Massada Club will follow the last function of the season, on June 23, a catered dinner at the Beth Israel Synagogue. Bessie's hard work and dedication will be missed greatly.

Camp Kadimah is on the march...

by Robin Cohen

Is it already here...? Another outrageous summer at Camp Kadimah!! Grab your sleeping bags and sweats, bathing suits, and baseball mitts and get into the Kadimah spirit! This summer will be better than ever. All year you've been dreaming of this summer--now your dream is a reality!

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Excited yet?

I sure hope you're excited because you're in for the summer of your life! Start the countdown because we're almost ready to blast off!!

Camp Kadimah is on the march...



Halifax youths win science award

Daniel Freeman (left) and Jacob Medjuck of Halifax were gold medallists at the annual Canada Wide Science Fair, held in Vancouver in May. They won their award for "A Skip in the Right Direction", a study of the effects of skipping stones on different surfaces.-



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