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Message from the President

by S. Paul Zive

Ambition is an admirable characteristic but reality requires that our goals be within our reach. With only approximately 4000 identified Jewish people living in Atlantic Canada, are our ambitions realistic in relation to our resources, both human and financial?

Virtually every area of world-wide Jewish concerns has some form of organized identity in our region. There are nearly 50 different fund raising campaigns for "Jewish dollars" each year in support of everything from the local synagogue to a small Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Without arguing the point, let us assume that all of these causes are legitimate but let's also consider our priorities.

It is probable, without dissention, that we can all agree that support and therefore perpetuation of our local synagogues is vital. We can probably also agree that Camp Kadimah is equally important. The unanimity ends there! Almost all other areas of Jewish concern provoke argument worthy of the most learned Talmudic scholars.

Perhaps, in so far as fund raising appeals are concerned we might consider whether the soliciting organization is putting anything back into our community in the form of meaningful programming. If we were to use this



criteria then our resources could be redirected to organizations that do add to our quality of Jewish life.

In other words - Can we be all things to all people? We, as individuals and as an organized community, must recognize the constraints of our reality.

The Atlantic Jewish Council, in its role as the coordinator of non-religious Jewish activity in our region is asking these questions of itself. The Board of Directors of our Council will be meeting in the near future for the expressed purpose of redefining our goals. By virtue of the geographical representation on our Board we should get a good idea of the priorities to be addressed. Your ideas are important to us - please communicate them to your regional representative.

Help us to help you!

Emmanuel's Message:

The strength of our Jewish heritage

The cycle of generations is continuing, with worldwide events happening in front of our eyes, making it quite difficult to follow their real long term meanings and consequences.

We've just celebrated Chanukah, the freeing of the Jewish people from the Roman Empire of the day. In the cycle of generations, powerful empires are rising and falling, and we survive and keep on going, though not without paying the price.

Our Jewish heritage bonds us together in spite of all the differences we have from without as well as from within. A few weeks ago I was invited to read the Torah at the Glace Bay synagogue. I believe that my Yemenite style of reading it there, just as I read it in the Halifax synagogues, created another bond of Jewish heritage between us all.

As far as the Jewish world is concerned, we too are spinning with the political earthquake the world is experiencing. Jews are seeking our help again in their search for a safe shore. Israel is realizing her best hour of fulfilling the ancient dream of homecoming, but not without the painful toll of the economic burden of this miracle. Our 1991 fundraising campaign is over, but we all know that the call will be repeated next year and our Jewish heritage will continue teaching us to respond to it with open hearts.

I hope and pray that our next year's theme for the different campaigns for Israel will be "The price of peace".

Amen.



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"Part of the miracle"

by Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, Halifax

Our sisterhood recently celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary as a formal, affiliated organization. The occasion was beautifully catered and programmed by the women as one would expect, knowing their history and continuing work.

The Festival of Chanukah, reminds me of a statement in the Shulhan Aruch, the code of Jewish law, which says that women also light the candles for Chanukah for they were "part of the miracle". Of course! Almost all are familiar with the sacrifice of Hannah and her seven sons and the story of Judith, daughter of the high priest, who slew Antiochus' general. The heroines of old, hold an honoured place in history along with Judah the Maccabee and his valiant brothers. Without their aid, the miracle of the lights could not have taken place.

The association of thought makes me think of our sister organization for they are a substantial part of the ongoing life of the congregation. Their



Rabbi Marvin Pritzker lights the chanukiyah while Rabbi Oren Ismailoff looks on.

projects for beautifying the Synagogue have made impact in the social hall, the wall lights, the drapes and the stage curtains, all this accomplished by hard work and the fund raising programs, old and new, that never cease being their concern. Some projects are small and some grandiose, but none are unworthy of consideration, because labours of love never tire them. The

Chanukah Book Fair, backed up by the working crews of women, evoke the admiration of all. The Hebrew School party celebrations for Simchath Torah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover, as well as weekly Shabbos Kiddushes are a constant reminder of how they are part of the miracle of a vibrant congregation.

"Festival of Lights" - Chanukah 5752

by Nancy Cieplinski, Halifax

The annual community candle lighting ceremony, sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council, was held on

December 2, 1991, at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue. Members of the Halifax community were invited to bring their own chanukiyah to join together for the lighting of the second

Chanukah candle. Paul Zive, president of AJC, welcomed everyone and acted as master of ceremonies. Rabbi Oren Ismailoff led the blessings over the candles. Rabbi Marvin Pritzker lit the candles on a large chanukiyah on behalf of the whole community and then chanted Hanerot Hallalu. Following that, Rabbi Jacob Chinitz spoke on the significance of Chanukah, relating each of the candles to an important event in Jewish history: the Light of Creation; Let there be light; the Light of the Maccabees - the first war for religious freedom; the Fires of the Holocaust; and the State of Israel - the Light of the Future.

Naomi Judah lit a very special family menorah, which had been made by her father in India about forty years

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Paul Zive, AJC president, and the Festival of Lights

ago. She explained some of the customs of the celebration of Chanukah in India.

Bracha Koren led a sing-song of Chanukah tunes, assisted by some of the children of the community. Keep practicing those songs so we will sound even stronger next year!

It was wonderful to see the combined lights of all our menorahs glowing. Thanks to all who participated, to **Erwin Wanderer** who converted an unused chanukiyah to a thing of beauty and to **Yona Korn**, who helped with the arrangements.

Editor's note: We also extend a very special thank you to **Nancy Cieplinski**, who coordinated this successful event, and also arranged a display of menorahs from private collections in the lobby of the synagogue.



Naomi Judah spoke movingly of her family menorah.

Chanukah greetings

by **Barbara Paton**, outgoing president

Shaar Shalom Congregation,
Halifax

Chanukah, the time of celebrating the festival of lights, is upon us: it is when we recall the history of survival of the Jewish people with only enough oil for eight days. In the modern era, this festival takes on a new meaning. The Chanukah lights now symbolize a renaissance of the Jewish people. Such continuity is not however guaranteed by mere existence alone. It is not produced by just Jewish sociability. It needs a concerted, thoughtful effort. It calls for definitions, thoughts, ideas, and a plan for positive action.

Creative Jewish continuity may be difficult, but the problem of the preservation of the Jewish spirit must impress itself upon our community. Our common heritage enables us to understand the uniqueness, the flavour, and the special characteristics of Jewish concerns. We must maintain the rituals, the customs, the holidays, and all the old folklore; for if we don't, they will disappear.

Quite apart from the question of faith, the Jewish people have a particular outlook, talent, wit and mentality. Our commitment and involvement will appear when we feel part of our rich history. Only a real and meaningful encounter with the past will reach our hearts and minds. Awareness of our cultural heritage remains the basis for our survival.

We will require imagination, a rekindling of fervour, and enthusiasm for the self affirmation which is the prerequisite for our continued existence.

Greetings from the P.M.

Mila and our children join me in extending our warmest wishes for a joyful and festive holiday season.

As we celebrate with family and friends, we can take this opportunity to reflect on the blessings we share as Canadians, and to rejoice in the good will and promise this festive season holds.

At this special time of year, it is my hope that Canadians will have an opportunity to reflect on all that we have accomplished together, and all that remains to be done to build a stronger and more prosperous country.

To each of you, our very best wishes for a joyous holiday season and good fortune in the coming year.

Brian Mulroney

Ottawa, 1991



Operation Exodus Chanukiyah winner

Congratulations to **Dr. Philip Schneider** of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, who is the lucky winner of the United Israel Appeal Chanukiyah draw. The Operation Exodus Raffle raised \$1908 in total.

Nathaniel Cohen, the creative genius behind the sterling silver Chanukiyah, was delighted to see the response to his artistic, as well as fundraising, initiative, and he sends his sincere thanks to all those who joined his challenge.

The United Israel Appeal thanks Mr. Cohen for showing, in the most practical way, how one man's idea can help. Thank you, Nathan!



Pictured l-r, Nathaniel Cohen of Dartmouth, Cathie Thurston, executive secretary to Neil Franklin and the one who picked the lucky ticket out of the lot, and Emmanuel Zabar, Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Prince Edward Island of Jews!

by **Emmanuel Zabar**

No, this is not a mistake! I know what I am talking about, I mean **NOW**, after my visit to PEI and after meeting

some most interesting members of our faith, and....but first things first.

Well, it all began when I was scheduled to meet the Island's Jewish Community, on my annual visit on be-

"You're as welcome as you feel"

half of the Atlantic Jewish Council, to discuss with them current Israeli-Jewish world affairs, the peace process, as well as to direct the United Israel Appeal campaign. Looking at my "secret list" and realizing the normal Jewish response to our call, I concluded that if six people will showed up I would be considered very successful with 50% of the community attending. Well... seven members showed up!

Throughout my three-day visit I was hosted and fed by **Clive & Joyce Pickles**, who did their utmost to offer me everything they could come up with to assist me on my mission. They even poured my English tea in the real English way it should be served (milk first). Originally from Yorkshire, England, Clive and Joyce came to PEI some 17 years ago. They bought an active dairy farm on the southern shore of the Island, located in an English type of hamlet called Pawnat. The farm includes a barn, cowsheds and a big old farm house, surrounded by tens of acres of the Island's fertile land on the slopes of a stretch of a

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(l-r) Joe & Jane Naylor and Joyce & Clive Pickles

mountain. Most of the Pickles' farmland is wooded-providing the main source of income to the family. Yes, Clive and his two strong-built sons (**Stephen** and **Simon**) are probably the very last few Jewish lumbermen of our times! (And I, in my simple mind, thought that since Biblical times we don't have any Jewish hewers of wood and drawers of water!)

Clive is a specially bright man, whose mind never stops thinking and...calculating. His pet hobby is mathematics. "I am simply crazy about numbers," he said to me, "and I like to do it whenever I can. I look at something and immediately my mind starts to work out the numbers. I can even calculate fractions and decimals simultaneously!"

Another hobby of Clive's is collecting sports cars and quoting their "personal" records and capabilities. (Call him-you'll be amazed!)

Clive was born into a "non-identified" Jewish family in Yorkshire. "We lived in the rural area of Yorkshire and we belonged to the Primitive Methodist Chapel. That was the name of our congregation. It was a very strange combination of both Jewish and Christian traditions performed under the mantle of the Old Testament Christianity." Travelling down his memory lane from those days Clive recalls specifically the Sabbath services. "We kept all the Jewish ingredients of the Sabbath service. It was just like in every other Jewish community in the world, but it was always held on a Sunday! Now I know that our Jewishness was the top secret of the family. I know we were not the only family. There were many others like us in those days. I can recall one of my aunts who could not speak English, and I know now she spoke only Yiddish."

Like in many other personal Jewish stories, it all happened suddenly. "We were living some 60 miles away from any recognized Jewish community and yet, one day at school I was chased by one of my classmates who called me 'dirty Jew'. I was shocked. When I went home crying, my mother confirmed we were Jews. I was 12 years old then." Looking back at this incident Clive admits it was the major turning-point

in his life. "You see," he explained to me, "we could not hide our Jewishness...they followed us."

His wife, Joyce, is not Jewish and his two boys would not identify themselves as Jews, but Clive does everything in his power to return to where he came from. Only two years ago he was introduced to the core of the organized Jewish community of PEI. He started to teach himself Hebrew, encouraged and supervised by **Evie & Barrie Carnat**. "I can follow someone's reading in Hebrew today," Clive said to me, proud of his achievement. "Two years ago I wouldn't even dream it could happen."

Today, Clive is a student as well as a teacher in the PEI Hebrew School (at the Carnat's home), studying from those who know more and, "whilst there anyway," teaching the small kids who know less. This is how you keep Judaism in a small, really small, Jewish community.

Emmett Brazil-Jeremiah the Prophet of PEI

One of the other seven members showing up at the PEI community meeting was **Mr. Emmett Brazil**. Have you ever heard the Jewish name of EMMETT before?

When I saw this name on another "secret list" of our PEI affiliated members, it struck me like lightning. In the Hebrew language EMMETT means TRUTH and my mind started working

very fast analyzing why a Jewish boy would be called TRUTH? My professional sense of Jews-raising was put on high alert. During that meeting I was not able to approach Mr. Brazil privately. All I could get from him was an agreement to allow me to visit his home the morning after. Believe me, I couldn't sleep all night. I knew there must be something very special, very Jewish, about a man with such a name. By G-d I was right!

Mr. Emmett Brazil was born 76 years ago. His Jewish mother came from Galway, Connaught, west of the city of Waterford in Ireland. His immediate family roots go back some 200 years to one of the most fascinating chapters of Jewish history. It stems from the legendary tale of the escape of the prophet Jeremiah from Judah. This is how this legend is told by the historians **Jill & Leon Uris** in their book entitled *Ireland-A Terrible Beauty*:

Devenish-Dambluis-The Isle of Oxen

"Most prominent of the tales is that of the prophet Jeremiah, who fled Jerusalem to be shipwrecked on Ireland's shores, and was found by Finn MacCool. MacCool was taught the ancient Hebrew Law of the Torah. Tara, site of the home of the High Kings, al-

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Erol Cohen, at his Big Al's store in Charlottetown, PEI

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legedly came from the word Torah. Jeremiah is said to be buried on Devenish."

According to Emmett (or if you want, according to the TRUTH), his family roots show the thousands of years link between the lost tribe of Israel who fled with Jeremiah and founded in Ireland a Jewish community. In spite of their isolation, these Jewish families managed to establish, in Ireland, a very proud community, with links even to the Irish Royal family of those days. Emmett knows many families he considers Jewish, based on the historical linkage to the descendants of Jeremiah and his followers. Many have intermarried and became integrated into the local communities in Ireland and in Scotland. "And yet", says Emmett, "when you dig deeper you find out that indeed they are Jews. Even here in PEI, there are many families I know who originally came from Ireland or from Scotland to settle here as Irish or Scots. They think that's what they are, but I know they are as Jewish as I am and as you are," declares Emmett most seriously! And while he was talking, I could almost hear the Jewish Kleizmer band of PEI playing the bagpipes....!

Emmett Brazil has lived in PEI for the last 74 years. He married there and raised five children. His father's name was Steinberg but for some reasons he legally adopted his mother's maiden name Brazil long ago. For many years he was considered a very successful businessman. He flew his own plane. Two of his sons got the flying bug too. One of them was an Air Canada pilot and the other is a commercial pilot. At his best days on the Island, Emmett had his own private runway stretched on his land between the outskirts of the towns of Mount Stewart and Pisquid. His estate was called Tween Rivers.

Since those good old days, much water has run down the Tween Rivers in front of the Brazil estate. His children grew up, married (out of the faith) and all his fortune gone, leaving Emmett alone, with only a small, shabby, wooden shack to live in on a shoe string budget. Yet, listening to Emmett

and watching his genuine excitement about everything that has any Jewishness in it could inspire even the last pessimist on Earth. When talking about his own Jewishness Emmett's eyes glow. He looked at me with such



Emmett Brazil, the man of Truth!

a good-hearted, grandfatherly, soul-searching quest and said: "All my life in PEI I tried to do something to keep my identity. I took it upon myself to recognize and identify myself as a Jew. Perhaps I didn't spread the word very fast. It is not that easy when you are literally isolated, and yet I keep telling everyone, proudly, of my origin. And when I see that they are interested I even tell them how many of them are really also Jews. This is when some of my Scottish and Irish neighbours are starting to distance themselves from me. You see, they are simply afraid to face the TRUTH," says EMMETT. He gave me another one of his soul-probing good looks and suddenly said: "I feel I have the same fate as the prophet Jeremiah, carrying the Jewish flag amongst our own people here, telling them who they really were and are.

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But no one wants to listen," said the prophet Emmett.

Emmett Brazil is also a well-known Islander poet. His lines are written in rhyme and are easy to sing. One of his poems was put to music and is sung all over Canada. It is called *Home to Connaught*. The chorus lines read:

*"I want to hear my father play
His old time jig and reel,
And hear my dear old mother say
You're as welcome as you feel."*

Eleven Jewish families have been added to my list during the visit to PEI and I wonder how many more names would be added if I would stay for another three days? How many more stories of TRUTH I would hear? How many more lost Jewish souls are waiting on this floating haven to be connected?

The Jewish Islanders welcomed me and made me feel at home in PEI. Clive and Joyce Pickles, **The Kassners**, **Erol Cohen**-the "BIG AL'S" grocer from Turkey, **Joseph Sherman**-the poet laureate and the museum curator, **Winston MacGregor**-the teacher, **The Naylor's**, **The Carnats**, **Rosalie Simeone**-the Hebrew teacher and educationalist with her son **Daniel** (by now his flu should be over!), **The Davidsons**-who settled at the far west side of the Island, and all the many others I do not know (as yet), and last, but definitely not least, my dear new friend Emmett Brazil. I did feel so much more Jewish meeting you all.

One last note: Just before leaving Emmett's home to catch the ferry back to Nova Scotia, I handed him a copy of the last issue of *Shalom*. Emmett flipped over the pages and noticed the article telling the story of my visit to Newfoundland. He lifted his head and gave me one of his warm, good-hearted looks and then whispered to me: "Next time you are in St. John's, please look for my family. They are all hiding there under the name of Brazil. Please do for them what you did for me-will you?"

I left almost crying.

A silver lining in Saint John

by Erminie Cohen

The old cliché "every cloud has a silver lining" was very much in evidence in Saint John, New Brunswick, recently when the Shaarei Zedek Cemetery was vandalized and one hundred and seven stones were overturned and damaged.

In these days of anger and discontent, when we read of racial incidents in Europe and we witness everywhere disrespect and intolerance of people of other races and colour—it was reassuring and heartwarming to experience the response and reaction from our Christian neighbours.

There was an outpouring of concern. They drove to the cemetery site to view the vandalism and pay their respects.

I spoke to many caring people during my frequent visits to the cemetery. They were horrified at the scene of wanton destruction. They recalled fond memories of growing up with Jewish neighbours, sharing school experiences and their employment in

Jewish establishments. Some spoke of Jewish men who served with them in the armed forces. All spoke affectionately and nostalgically of their Jewish connections.

There were letters to the Editor expressing outrage. The clergy called to express their deep concern. A rural Baptist congregation sent a financial contribution. Trades people called to volunteer assistance in restoring headstones. A new immigrant from Iran met me at the cemetery and spoke glowingly of Israel and with disdain of Iran and Iraq.

I received several calls at home from people across Canada whose Jewish ancestral roots were here. They needed to talk, even though "their Jewishness" was long gone a generation ago.

I hope one never lives through another experience like that. It was devastating—but the spirit of good will and caring from Christian neighbours was one we shall cherish and is an example for people everywhere.

An item about New Waterford, Cape Breton

by Elliot Marshall

In Bible talk—"It used to be," 3,000 years ago, three vibrant Jewish communities on the island of Cape Breton - Glace Bay, Sydney and New Waterford. Of course, over the years, through the process of change, the communities have decreased in numbers considerably to the present time.

Well, would you believe that in the recent Municipal elections in the community of New Waterford with a general population of 10,000 and four Jewish families, two Jewish persons were elected to Council. Now that's representation!

Mazel Tov to Louis Allen, elected in Ward I, and Irwin Claener in Ward III, two fine gentlemen who do us proud to show that kind of commitment and popularity in the Town.

Good luck to them both.

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National Education Conference

By Bracha Koren - Halifax

I attended the National Education Conference sponsored by the CJC Small Communities and AJC. It took place in Montreal from October the 19th to the 21st. "Transmitting our Heritage" was the theme of the conference, which was subdivided into four categories: Family, Formal Education, Informal Education and Community. I attended several sessions which dealt with education and transmission of Jewish values and identity, as well as education in small communities. In addition, I was introduced to a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the Holocaust, and I attended a workshop on building a Jewish Family Environment. The "carousel sessions" gave me the opportunity to learn about projects, programs, new educational resources, and new ideas. Over one hundred and seventy educators and speakers, from across Canada, attended this interesting education conference.

I would like to highlight some of the keynotes addresses which I found enriching. **Ambassador Yitzchak Meir** spoke of Jewish heritage which had been transmitted from one generation to another. He spoke of the covenant God made with his chosen people at Mount Sinai and the future generation by giving them the Torah. A holy link exists between the Torah and the people who live according to the Torah laws. The Bible is the nucleus from which all our sacred books were developed: the Talmud, which contains the Mishnah and the Gemara; the great work of Maimonides: Mishnah Torah and The Guide for the Perplexed, Schulchan Aruch; Rashis explanations of the Bible and the Talmud; the beautiful poetry of **Judah Halevi**, **Hasdai Ibn Shaprut**, **Solomon Ibn Gubir**, and all poets of the Golden Age in Spain. All these great works developed from the unique source, the Bible. The Torah sustained us for thousands of years and helped us to withstand life in exile. Our history was put to test during two thousand years



Bracha Koren pictured with her son, Avi.

of exile. We grew spiritually and we deepened our belief in God.

With the establishment of the state of Israel, the gates of the country became wide open to the Jewish immigrants from all over the world. Jews suddenly had a free choice, to make Aliyah, or to live in the golah (Diaspora). America, which was the land of survival for Jewry all over the world, became the land of success, and turned to be the promised land. Ambassador Meir described the Hebrew school as "an island which is surrounded by foreign oceans" and not by the Sabbath, Jewish holidays, our Independent day, and the Hebrew language. A teacher's goals are to transmit to the students our values and tradition, to teach our unique history, the Bible, and to enrich them with the knowledge of Jewish holidays, customs, ceremonies, and the Hebrew language. An Israeli representative in the Hebrew School or in our community serves as a link between Israel

and the golah. We must build bridges which will lead our children from an isolated island, the Hebrew School, to the knowledge of our tradition.

It was a delight to hear **Professor Bernard Reisman**, a Professor in American Jewish Communal studies, speak of a transforming Jewish Educational System. Professor Reisman mentioned three historical periods, during which our tradition had developed and transformed. In the First Era, spanning from Abraham to the Destruction and Exile, Jews lived in tight communities which were governed by the Torah and Tradition. The second Era produced enlightenment, emancipation, freedom of choice and a transformation of Jewish life in Europe. Family, tradition and community no longer held a central place in the individual's life. The present became important; the past was not so relevant. We are living in the

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third Era and are faced with the issues of assimilation and intermarriages. At the same time, we are witnessing an encouraging phenomenon of young educated Jewish people, interested in discovering their roots and learning about their heritage.

Living in the Golah leaves us with choices: assimilation into society, opposing assimilation by developing strong ties with the Jewish community, or making Aliya to Israel.

What can we do to strengthen Jewish Education in the Hebrew School?

A) We must create new role models for the children, develop personal relationships with our students, and work together with the family in transmitting our values.

B) We must attract the children by developing a bond between them and our tradition, the Hebrew language, and the State of Israel. With hope and direction, we can teach them the meaning of being Jewish, and the importance of belonging in a community.

I also attended a workshop on "Jewish Education in Small Communities" and I would like to highlight our educational goals.

1) The transmission of culture across generations.

2) Jewish education as a key to our collective survival.

3) To strengthen Jewish security, continuity and the quality of life.

In order to achieve these goals, we must transmit to our children:

1) A sense of respect for Jewish tradition, ethical values, and Jewish beliefs.

2) The Jewish conception of universal human values, Tzedakah-charity, honesty and love for your fellow man.

3) A deep sense of spiritual and cultural kinship with Israel and its people.

Another interesting workshop was "Building a Jewish Family Environment" by **Harleen Appelman**. We can use the home environment as an educational environment. For example, in celebrating the holyday of Passover at home, we can transmit to our children, our tradition, customs, ceremonies and history. Parents should be given a guide to the holydays, informative books about

Judaism, History, and Israel. We can practice being Jewish by our daily activities: respecting the institution of family, performing mitzvot, helping the poor, volunteering at the hospital, lending an ear, and devoting daily time for Jewish learning. On Friday night, parents should take time to talk to children, to recite blessings, to sing together Sabbath songs, to read Midrashim and discuss the values which each of the midrashim teach us and to summarize the weekly Parasha. In order to integrate the home and school, teachers can send informative material, such as holyday booklets, home to the entire family. We should reach out to parents, encourage them to come to the synagogue, invite single parents, and make them feel welcome.

The Atlantic region Hebrew schools were proudly represented at this conference by the following teachers: **Mrs. Bracha Koren**, Halifax; **Mrs. Sidi Schaffer**, Saint John, N.B.; **Mr. Murray Goodman**, Hampton, N.B.; **Mrs. Rosalie Simeone**, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; **Mrs. Evelyn Carnat**, Sherwood, P.E.I.; and **Rabbi Fred Nebel**, Moncton, N.B. Also participating from our region was **Dr. Murray Schwartz**, chairman of the National Small Communities Committee.

Ed. Note: Mrs. Koren is an Israeli teacher who lives in Halifax with her husband, twin daughters and son. Mrs. Koren teaches at the Shaar Shalom Hebrew School.

Reflections from the Rabbi

by Rabbi Fred Nebel,
Moncton

Recently, I attended an Educational Convention in Montreal. It was my first trip to the "big city", and I may add, quite enjoyable. **Gary Kirshner**, our vice president, was in Montreal at the same time, and was nice enough to show me some of the sights. Thanks very much, Gary.

Baruch Hashem, the convention was well attended and many new, worthwhile ideas were discussed by the visiting dignitaries. Some of these ideas have already been implemented into our curriculum.

Whilst I was in Montreal, I happened to attend one of the local Bar Mitzvahs. To my surprise and chagrin, The Bar Mitzvah Boy (B.M.B.) only chanted the Maftir, Haftarah and Adon Olam. He wasn't even granted the opportunity to address the congregation on this most joyous occasion. I started to reflect on this and was genuinely happy that our Bar Mitzvah Boys have a much greater role in our service. Many, if not all, of our B.M.B.s, who were taught by the previous rabbis and **Joe Kohn**, have the ability to lead a service, which I might add, is not a light task. It took much practice, but today, Baruch Hashem, they can do it. But there is a saying, "If you don't use it, you lose it," so gentlemen, come to shul as often as possible and revel in the fact that you can read Hebrew and, when asked, even lead the prayers, for the congregation.

And instead of waiting to be asked, show your zeal to lead the congregation, by approaching our Gabbai, **Dr. Francis Weil**, and ask for the privilege of leading the Congregation.

After all, all your teachers could do, was to teach you the necessary skills and try to impart some of their love for prayer...you have to do the rest. I look forward to seeing everyone in shul on Shabbat and during the week.

Sollen sein gesund.

90 Years of Jewish National Fund success



Excerpted comments made by President Herzog

In the year 1901, the fifth Zionist Congress at Basle announced the establishment of Keren Kayemeth Leisrael (The Jewish National Fund) and not long after that, in the spring of 1903, the first 200 dunams of land were purchased by the fledgling fund.

Today, 90 years after that historic day, the land acquisitions of JNF total 3.5 million dunams and 190 millions trees were planted in a country which was abandoned, desolate wasteland.

What didn't the Keren Kayemeth lend its strength to: afforestation, land development, absorption of immigrants and preparing them to work the land, assisting in the establishment of the Bezalel School of Arts, in educational programs which all of us as children and youths remember in the form of the "blue box", in setting up villages in Galilee; in developing Jerusalem and the Coastal Plain, in draining the Hula Valley, in blazing roads and routes, in preparing land for

the hilltop settlements, in preparing the area of many tourist sites and more and more and more.

And today, the Keren Kayemeth which started its work in redeeming the soil for a people without a land, now prepares the land, from Eilat up to the northern border, to receive the waves of immigration from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia, as if history repeats itself and gently, plows the rows of barren hills and wasteland into a home and a haven.

When I go back over the many inspiring chapters which JNF imprinted in the land of Israel since the first days of Zionism and up until today, and when on my weekly visits throughout the country, I see again and again, in every corner, the projects and accomplishments of JNF.

And when I see the large audience of JNF friends and stalwarts gathered here, I cannot but say the blessing "...shehigiyanu lazman hazeh." ["Blessed art thou...and hast preserved us and hast enabled us to reach this season..."]

Kol Israel short wave English transmission schedule November 3 to March 1992

| Time (UTC) | Length | |
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| | Freq. Khz | Meters |
| ENGLISH | | |
| 05.00-05.15 | 11588 | 25.89 |
| 11.00-11.30 | 17545 | 17.10 |
| 14.30-14.58 | 15640 | 19.18 |
| | 11587 | 25.89 |
| (Not operating Friday, Sat. Jewish Holydays or Eve) | | |
| 18.00-18.15 | 15640 | 19.18 |
| | 11587 | 25.89 |
| 20.00-20.30 | 11605 | 25.85 |
| | 7465 | 40.19 |
| | 11587 | 25.89 |
| | 9435 | 31.80 |
| 22.30-23.00 | 7465 | 40.19 |
| | 11585 | 25.90 |
| | 11605 | 25.85 |
| HEBREW (Reshet Bet) | | |
| 04.00-23.00 | 15615 | 19.21 |
| | 13753 | 21.81 |
| | 9388 | 31.96 |
| 04.00-06.05 | 11588 | 25.89 |
| 06.00-13.55 | 17545 | 17.10 |
| RESHET ALEF (Easy Hebrew) | | |
| 17.25 | 11587 | 25.89 |

Remembrance Day '91

Maritimers remember...

On this Remembrance Day, 1991, Jewish communities across the region saluted all those brave Canadian troops who laid down their lives in the two Great Wars that have dominated this century. Their sacrifice was not in vain...

In Saint John--



Commander Gar Meltzer

by Gar Meltzer

A Shabbos service was conducted completely by our Jewish veterans from start to finish with guidance from Mr. Lou Michelson. Our president, Mrs. Erminie Cohen, welcomed everyone.

All memorial lights of Jewish veterans were turned on for the weekend.

The veterans stood beside the Memorial Tablets whilst our Adjutant, I.J. Davis read the names of our veterans who have passed on. Then we had a two minute silence with Mr. Michelson reciting the Memorial Prayer and following together with the Congregation repeating the Kaddish.

Commander Gar Meltzer then gave a brief talk on the importance of Remembrance Day and our Jewish participation to our country when 10% of our Jewish population in Canada had joined the Forces between 1939 and 1946.

Gar then asked the congregation to join the veterans at a lovely Kiddish downstairs in the vestry catered by Mrs. Kay (Simon) Levine and Mrs. Sandra (Ronnie) Levine.

On November 11th wreaths were laid in various locations around Saint John: Bernie Bloom, I.J. Davis and Dr. Moe Polowin laid a wreath at the Saint John Centre, whilst Dave Lubin recited a prayer; Dr. Joe Arditti laid a wreath in Saint John West; in Bains Corner, Mitchell Franklin had the honours; and Gar Meltzer laid a wreath in West Saint John.

In Moncton--

by Mendel Greenblatt

The annual Remembrance Day services were held under the direction of Mr. Mendel Greenblatt, local commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

On November 9, the Sabbath preceding Remembrance Day, services were held in the synagogue with the veterans who were present receiving aliyot.

On November 11th, despite a furious driving and cold rain storm,

there was a large turnout of veterans from all branches of service.

Mr. Greenblatt placed the Star of David wreath, and Rabbi Fred Nebel said the *Alle Molu Rachamim* in memory of deceased veterans.

In Glace Bay--

by Elliot Marshall

It is both of profound historical, as well as educational, importance that the Jewish people in particular and the world at large, fully understand the extent of Jewish participation in the final victory over the Nazis, and that it be known and comprehended that the Jews were not only the victims, they were also among the victors.

In Glace Bay, we have a service on Shabbat, we remember our servicemen from this community with a special prayer said and a few words about them.

One interesting statistic regarding our Glace Bay Community: I did a bit of research on this; I'm not sure but it

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Peter Herschorn lays the AJC wreath at the Cenotaph.



*Guest Speaker **Law Power** addresses the Temple Sons of Israel Congregation in Sydney during Remembrance Day services.*

could be a record. We had in this community some 95 to 100 Jewish families in 1939; there were represented in the Armed Forces 75 boys from this community. If memory serves me right, I read that the percentage of representation in all the Allied countries, from the general population was 7-9%, from the Jewish population it ran around 12-13%.

At the Remembrance Day services in Glace Bay at the branch 3 Legion, we always have wreaths placed, one from the congregation, one for the Jewish veterans, and several individual ones.

Chief Petty Officer in World War II, **Ben Lipkus**, representing the synagogue and community placed the wreaths.

This year for the first time we had the Star of David attached to the wreath for the Jewish veterans.

In Sydney--

by **Dr. Garson Lecker**

A Remembrance Day service was held in the Temple Sons of Israel synagogue on November 11th. The services were conducted by **Maurice Gaum** with participation by member war veterans and concluded at 11 a.m. when a two minute silence was observed.

The guest speaker was **Law Power**, an Air Force veteran who was a prisoner of war.

A kiddish sponsored by **Dr. & Mrs. Lecker** followed the memorial service with between 65 and 70 people in attendance.

In addition to the service in the synagogue a wreath was laid at the cenotaph at the civic ceremony.

In Halifax--

On Friday evening, November 8, at the ESP (Early Shabbat Prayer service) at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Veteran **Ike Schneiderman** read the prayer for our government from the Sim Shalom prayerbook.

On Saturday, November 9, at the regular Shabbat service, **Julius Solomon** carried the Torah Scroll in the procession. **Leonard Fineberg** read the prayer for peace, and **Lawrence Ferguson** read the prayer of remembrance.

On both occasions, **Rabbi Jacob Chinitz** referred to the debt owed to the Veterans by the people of Canada, and to the fact that there is an unfortunate dichotomy created between wars for defense, on the one hand, and absolute pacifism, on the other hand. Recently, the opposition to any kind of tribute to our fallen soldiers and to the living veterans who survived the struggle to protect our country and our world against the evils of Nazism and Fascism, went so far as to criticize the wearing of the red poppy. Ridiculous. That kind of pacifism is not only exaggerated and not correct -- it is absolutely evil. It indicates a readiness to turn the world over to those who are

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*Pictured l-r, **David Block**, **Dr. Nathan Fishman**, **Lawrence Ferguson** and **Peter Herschorn** at the Cenotaph in Halifax.*

Rose Schwartz recognized as pioneer business woman

Rose Schwartz may well be the best known, most respected and most enduring business woman in Cape Breton.

"She is a lady in every sense of the world, still working hard even after all the years she's been in business," says **Jennifer MacDonald**, general manager of the Industrial Cape Breton Board of Trade.

The 91-year-old Schwartz was given a plaque by the Atlantic Association of Women Business Owners marking her induction into the Female Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

"She was unable to attend the ceremonies in Moncton on the weekend, so we were more than pleased to present it to her," said **Charlene Giovannetti-King**, one of the organizers of the "Women in Business - A Natural Resource" trade show at the Sheraton Mariner in Sydney.

The Hall of Fame raises the profile of women business owners and creates role models for others. The induction ceremony was held in Moncton during the Opportunities for Women conference being run by the Association Owners.

Giovannetti-King calls Schwartz "a female pioneer in the business world."

Schwartz single-handedly raised six children and ran the highly successful Schwartz of New Waterford clothing store. In fact, she still goes to work every morning.

When her husband died at the age of 36, she took over the reins of a business he started in 1921. The year was 1932 and she had more than a few strikes against her - it was the middle of the Depression and at that time, few women were accepted in the business world.

"She tells people she kept the business going because she wanted to give her children every opportunity her husband would have," said Giovannetti-King.



"She worked hard over the years to build her operation into a very successful enterprise and she managed to remain very well liked by anyone who met her."

Schwartz was honoured during a reception and dinner held to open the trade show at the Sheraton. The event was held in conjunction with Small Business Week and was sponsored by

the Nova Scotia Department of Small Business Development, Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation, N.S. Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Federal Business Development Bank.

Mrs. Schwartz is the mother of **Ruth Goldbloom** of Halifax, and her three brothers **Brian, Harold and Irving** of Sydney, N.S.

Remembrance Day

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ready to take it, by aggression, by war, by attack.

As the Jewish Midrash puts it: "Kindness to the cruel ends up with cruelty to the kind."

Veterans in the Shaar Shalom Family include those who fought in both World Wars, Korea, Viet Nam, Israel and in the Russian Army.

May God remember the fallen, reward the living, and keep our citizens ever conscious of their duty to protect their country and decency all over the world. Amen.

Special services were also held at the Beth Israel Synagogue on Shabbat, November 9th, before Veteran's Day.

Torah honours were distributed to veterans of Canadian, British and American Armed Forces. The floral insignia of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada was prominently displayed on the Bimah. The memorial prayer was chanted and the traditional verse beginning with the words "Thy Sun shall no more go down" was recited.

On Monday, November 11th, the following took part in presenting wreaths at the Cenotaph: **David Block, Harry Block, Lawrence Ferguson, Peter Herschorn, Julius Solomon and Emmanuel Zabar**--one wreath in memoriam by the Jewish War Veterans and one wreath by the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Kadimah Reunion '93

by Joel Jacobson

Want a trip down memory lane? Want to remember those story days of yesteryear?

Want to remember that old cabin, the double bunk, the cold water wash in the mornings, Hitamlut, Hityashvut, hit your cabin mate, Shabbat cleanup, general swim?

Want to be part of another camp Saturday night social, have some canteen, dance to the hits of the 50s, 60s and 70s (and even the 40s)?

Want to reminisce with camp pals long forgotten? Want to see what everyone looks like a few decades later? Want to find out whose children (and maybe even grandchildren) are now at Camp Kadimah?

Want to recall the finest summers you ever spent in your life?

Come to Camp Kadimah's 50th Reunion 18 months from now, in July and August 1993, and share with a few hundred of your fellow Kadimaite the joys of summers past.

A core committee, chaired by Gloria & Steven Pink, is organizing what should be a fun-filled four days - from July 30 to August 2.

A social, Shabbat Kiddush, visit to Camp Kadimah on Visitors Day, cocktail party and dinner will be included.

A commemorative Iton (yearbook) will be produced, highlighting 50 years of camp life.

A collection of memorabilia is being assembled, even as you read this. If you have pictures, banners, posters, items of interest that you would be willing to have displayed for the weekend (secured, of course), please contact Laurie Astroff, 6650 Jubilee Road, Halifax, B3H 2H4.

A variety of souvenir items will be on sale, starting this summer on Visitor's Day at Camp, including tee-shirts, sweat shirts and other clothing, and novelty items, all with the Reunion logo.

It will be a gala time, a time for smiles and maybe even a few tears. Make plans now for your summer vacation in 1993 and include a weekend in Halifax and at Camp Kadimah.

Celebrate that great part of your life, those joyous summers when you made friends you have kept forever.

Kuma Haim to Camp Kadimah in 1993.

Forum missed the mark?

Excerpt from *The Congregant News*, Moncton

On October 6, 1991, a forum was held on intermarriage. The turnout was smaller than anticipated, but some issues were clarified and some advancements made. The sad commentary about it was, that the people who were most affected by it, were not to be found. They felt, according to the people attending, that nothing new would surface from the discussion and therefore decided against attending. This reporter is glad to write that nothing is further from the truth.

As the Rabbi (Nebel) stated in his introduction, the forum was only designed to be a vehicle for a honest and open dialogue...and possibly some helpful suggestions. It was not meant to solve the long standing problems of conversion of children, which, as we learned, is not in the power of this community or the Rabbi. It is centralized through the Montreal Beit Din, which has recently undergone major changes, due to many problems and lack of outside recognition. The results of this reformulation were discussed, sometimes, via a heated conversation, but all sides remain friendly here.

Some suggestions were, that we, as a community, should make the intermarried couples feel welcomed in our community. This could be done through a series of classes or cultural events. (The Games night would be a wonderful opportunity.) Another suggestion was that the Cheder should not be geared toward Bar/Bat Mitzvah, but toward Judaism in general, and that may give the children, from the intermarriages, more desire to carry on, even if they can't celebrate, via a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, until they decide, at some later date, to duly convert. But, as was noted at this forum, both sides have to work together. We have to reach out, but the couples have to stretch too.

Another meeting was not set, but if enough interest was stirred up, another one will be scheduled.

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CBC interview with Miriam Naylor, "March of the Living" participant from PEI

Excerpts

Interviewer: The March of the Living, the death camps as seen through the eyes of a 20-year-old PEI woman... This past summer a book was published called *For You Who Died I Must Live On...Reflections on the March of the Living*. It is a collection of writings from participants in the 1990 March of the Living. One of the contributors is 21-year-old **Miriam Naylor**, a student at UPEI. This is her poem "Survivors":

"Survivors", they say
I say "ha"

"Survivors of the Holocaust?"
Survivors of Death, maybe
but the Holocaust?

No,
No one survived the Holocaust.
We see reminders
train tracks, sheds, old bowls, clothes,
pictures,
books, eyes.

We see the eyes of the survivors.

Interviewer: "How big a part of your life was the Holocaust before you went on the trip?"

Miriam: "Well, I heard people talk about it but it seemed to be a big ball of confusion for me because I never understood it. I don't think anybody could ever really understand it, but you have to go there and see, see the cemeteries and see Auschwitz and Berkenau to really get a feel for it. I think it was quite the experience for me because I never really thought about it that much before I went. I felt, I don't know, guilty somehow... I did not think it was really my fault but I felt strange because when people would talk to me I did not really feel anything. I did not know what I was supposed to feel about it."

Interviewer: "What kind of effect did this have on you?"

Miriam: "It was shocking, really, really shocking at the time. Everybody was crying, and the people that weren't were just in shock I guess, with a blank look on their faces and I had the feel-

ing that I just wanted to sink down to the floor and lie there and never get up, that's the feeling I had at the time."

Interviewer: "The first part of the trip was a remembrance of things past, but then you went from Warsaw to Israel. What kind of an experience was that for you landing in Israel, being in Israel?"

Miriam: "Being in Israel was really great. The first night we arrived there everybody was really excited. The people who had been to Israel before were telling us how great it was but you never really know till you get there. So we saw the lights of Israel from the plane and people were in tears and really, really happy and everybody was hugging everybody else and we were all caught up in the moment. And so we got off the plane there and I was crying because I had never been there before... one guy even bent down and kissed the ground."

Interviewer: "You're back now, you have been back for some time, how has this whole thing changed you?"

Miriam: "It has changed me quite a bit. I think I really want people to know what happened there but no matter how much I tell them, or how much I show them with pictures and books, nobody is ever going to understand it or really get a feeling of what it was unless they go, and if I had enough money I would take everybody there and just do the whole trip with them because I think it is really a great thing to do and I hope that this March of the Living continues for years and years because I think everybody that could possibly get the chance to go should go. It is quite an experience to see so much and learn so much... and you make a lot of great friends."

Editor's note: The next March of the Living, sponsored by United Israel Appeal, is scheduled for April 26 to May 10, 1992. Those interested in participating must complete their application forms by January 31, 1992. For further information, please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council at (902) 422-7491, Fax (902) 425-3722.

Go Travel succeeds in Maritimes



Recently Go Travel of Montreal, in cahoots with KLM, launched two ten-day programs to Israel for the Maritimes, based on Catholic and Protestant groups. During the product launch, close to two hundred ordained ministers attended seminars, and several signed up on the spot to take

their congregations to the Holy Land. This is the first time ever such a concentrated effort has been directed to the Maritime provinces.

Photo Caption: Yehuda Shen (second from left), Gina Belanger, and three ministers attending the seminar in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Double Simcha and Torah - Glace Bay

By Elliot Marshall

What a wonderful bonus to our double Simcha was the presence of Executive Director **Emmanuel Zabar**; he came to personally make a presentation to **Louis Green**, whom he admires very much.

We certainly profited by him participating in our Shabbat Services. He gave a very interesting, educational and informative summary of the week's *Sidra* - "*Vayeshev*" - as an able *Talmid Chacham*. And literally within minutes of the Torah reading, he put his thoughts together and made a very touching analogy, taking parts of the *Sidra* and relating it to our two "honourees", and I quote:

"It's amazing and interesting as well as phenomenal that the Torah, which Moses received from G-d thousands of years ago, tells us and teaches us that you can take any part of the Torah, *Sidra* after *Sidra*, *Parsha* after *Parsha*, and it will bring via its interpretation, a message or thought that covers and relates to every phase of every day life."

That Saturday, Louis Green was celebrating his 90th birthday and Irwin Simon was celebrating his forthcoming wedding - offering the community a wonderful double simcha. Emmanuel went on to say that **Benjamin** (which is Louis Green's Hebrew name) and **Israel** (Irwin Simon's Hebrew name) are mentioned in today's *sidra* in the context of the elder Louis (Benjamin) in his older years, and Irwin (Israel) in his younger years, propelling the cycle of life.

Then Emmanuel went on to read the Torah for us, with a mid-eastern, Yemenite flavour and tone. It was a delight, and a moving, spiritual lift for us.

Thank you, Emmanuel.

Louis Green

Who is he? How do you describe him? What did he do? What is he noted for? (A loaded question, not so, not really.) It is indeed my pleasure and honour to talk about this man.

What did he do? He achieved success.

Who is he? A gentleman, full of wisdom, charitable, a good friend, but most of all, approachable to everyone. Whether it's for advice, for encouragement, interpretation of a law, on most any topic, business or investment, he makes it a point to see the grand side of things, avoids the bad side of people.

The standard of conduct he set is a model to everyone.

Not a leader per se, not a public speaker type, prefers to stay in the background, but the position he takes

is not because of lack of ability but by choice.

He personifies the best in the sense of his community.

His mind is active and alert on the world scene as it ever was which is also indicated by his astute ability at playing bridge.

He is dedicated to Israel, and his efforts centred on his beliefs. He doesn't know the word "retirement", because a man of his calibre and fortitude should never retire. He is a man of great courage, dignity, he is honourable, durable, and a practical person. He never forgets his responsibility to his people.

YOUTH TO YOUTH

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

The United Israel Appeal of Canada is now accepting a limited number of candidates for its annual Youth to Youth Exchange Program between Canada and Israel. It will run for 3 weeks, **August 10-August 31, 1992**, and is open to all teenagers between 15 & 18 years of age residing in Canadian communities twinned with the Project Renewal community of Or Yehuda.

The program's unique features will enable participants to:

- * Live with an Or Yehuda family and learn first hand about the Israeli way of life

- * Gain friendships with Israeli youths of the same age, who will work and travel with the group throughout its stay in Israel.

- * Travel off-the-beaten path, with an itinerary specifically designed to encompass experiences not available to standard tourist groups.

- * Share in the rewards of participating in worthwhile work projects in the Project Renewal community of Or Yehuda.

For more information contact the Atlantic Jewish Council at (902) 422-7491



Kentville youth studies in Israel

Andrew (Zev) Honey of Kentville N.S., pictured with his Israeli cousin, **Stuv**, in Pizgat Ze'ev. After several years of Andrew requesting to go to Israel and us, his parents, saying no, he is finally **there!** Taking grade 12 (Canadian) by correspondence and working for his uncle's construction company, Andrew will next enroll in an ulpan in January. Speaking with him on the phone frequently he sounds very happy and enthused. We feel it was the best decision we could have made - his interest in Judaism and Israel is finally being addressed. And where better than in Israel? He feels "at home".

Youth and racist crime conference

by Timna Gorber &
Jonathan Mendleson

Co-presidents, Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation

On October 6 & 7, 1991, the conference entitled "Youth and Racist Crime" took place. This conference was organized by the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The Atlantic Region sent two representatives. They were **Timna Gorber** and **Jonathan Mendleson**, who are presently holding the positions of Co-presidents of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. We found this conference to be very interesting and educational. The general idea presented, was violent attacks on minors by youth; normally Neo-Nazi Skinheads.

There were four, one and a half hour workshops that were attended. A lot of information was attained from the sessions, and the major point stressed all day was, "Adults have to start listening to the youth", "the youth are our future".

We as youth representatives from this region left the conference with an understanding of what has been said is still going on across Canada. We



Panelists at the Canadian Jewish Congress Youth & Racist Crime Conference (l-r): David Attis, Yona Attis both of Moncton, Liam McCarthy of SHARP (Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice) and Brett Hayes, a former neo-Nazi Skinhead.

learned that the only way we can begin to stop it, is by speaking up and promoting social tolerance. This is what can be done as a follow up and continuation to this information conference. Leaders of the different minorities have to start speaking publicly. We must reach out to everyone, especially the children.

It was unfortunate, that only twelve of the one hundred and fifty delegate

were youth. Of these twelve, eight were Jewish students, mainly from Toronto Montreal and Halifax. With the title "Youth and Racist Crime", one would think that there would be more youth represented. This was one negative point on the conferences as a whole.

We would like to thank the CJC and the AJC for allowing us the opportunity to participate in this conference.

Youth activity in Moncton--

T.I.Y.: Now a reality

The synagogue youth group has recently just met to discuss up coming events. The youths discussed many issues and decided on some fun and exciting events.

The group also discussed having "youth services", having a bowling outing and a good game of volleyball. Also discussed was the counting of the JNF money, and topics from "Jewish time" to "Where men came into structure of women."

MOVIE NIGHT and the next meeting will take place on or about the 7th of January! In order for this event to take place and be successful, we need your cooperation and participation!

Youth Shabbaton scheduled

by Abbie Offman,
A.J.C. Youth Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that we are having our annual Shabbaton the weekend of January 31 to February 2. It will include many educational and thematic Jewish programs, as well as fun and social activities.

This is a good chance for you to get together with Camp friends and other Jewish kids your age. We will be assisted by a Young Judean representative from Montreal, and this should help the Shabbaton to be better.

This will be a good opportunity to renew old friendships and make new lasting ones (also to eat some good

Kosher food!) We hope to see you there.

For an application form, write to C.H.E.V.R.A., c/o Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2L2.

If you have any suggestions for programs or activities we would be glad to hear from you.



Letters...

September 16, 1991

Julia Koschitzky, President
United Israel Appeal of Canada
Willowdale, Ontario

Dear Julia:

The Atlantic Jewish Community joins Canadian and World Jewry in mourning the passing of our friend Walter Hess and in honouring his memory.

Walter clearly understood that by enhancing the quality of Jewish life in all regions in Canada, and in particular Atlantic Canada, that the identification with and contribution to the State

of Israel would also be enhanced. His attitude was refreshing, encouraging and productive.

His dedication to his duties and the courage with which he endured his illness inspires us and gives us direction. His influence will always be with us and we are the richer for having had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

With heartfelt sincerity,

S. Paul Zive, President
Atlantic Jewish Council

October 16, 1991

Mr. Nenad Porges, President
Jewish Community, Zagreb
Palmoticeva 16
41000 Zagreb
Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. Porges:

The Jewish community of the Atlantic Region of Canada shares your anxiety at this historic time.

History teaches us that in times of political turmoil people of our Faith have concerns beyond those of the general population. We can, however, be optimistic because of a universal heightened awareness of the civil

rights of minority groups and individuals. I am confident that these difficult times will lead to an era of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all others in difficult circumstances. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

S. Paul Zive, President
Atlantic Jewish Council

'Those were the days, Tovarish!'



This postcard was recently sent to Emmanuel Zabar by a colleague who was working in Russia for the Jewish Agency. It praises the wonders of the 1917 Communist Revolution. Communism has ceased to exist during the events of the last few months!!!

How Far

By Frances (Naomi) Doak,
Moncton

It is far, very far
to the ark on the water,
said the dove.
It is far, very far
to the arc of the rainbow,
said the raven.
It is farther, even farther
to the outer galaxies
said the astronaut.
It is holy, and so far
to the Ark of the Covenant
said my father.
How near, how far
is it to you G-d?
said the child.

Mr. Warren Cohen,
Chairman,
Jewish National Fund of Canada,
100 Marlborough Drive,
Fredericton, N. B.,
E3B 6K1.

Dear Warren:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks at the most recent presentation by the Fredericton B'nai Brith Lodge 2155 in honor of my visit to Israel.

I am honored that six trees have been planted in the Fredericton Forest of Canada Park in the State of Israel, and must say that it is one of the kindest gestures afforded me in my six years as Mayor of this wonderful City.

As I mentioned during my brief remarks, as a result of my visit to the State of Israel and my knowledge of the facts, I am, indeed, a friend of the Jew.

If I may be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to call.

I remain,

Yours most respectfully,

Brad Woodside

BRAD WOODSIDE
-MAYOR-

Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo

by Evelyn Davis, President

On October 9th Hadassah-Wizo month was celebrated at the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue with guest speaker **Helena Glaser** in attendance. Mrs. Glaser is the new Chairperson of Wizo Israel.

Shirley Dubinsky, chairperson for the evening, welcomed men and women of the Sydney, Glace Bay and New Waterford communities. **Evelyn Davis**, president of Cape Breton Council, introduced the speaker.

The speaker gave an updated report of conditions in Israel, her involvement in shelters for women and children and the integration of Russian and Ethiopian olim. The question and answer period was an extended one because there was so much interest in the knowledgeable speaker. **Gail Chernin** thanked the speaker and refreshments followed.

On December 8th, the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo honoured 92-year-old **Rose Schwartz** at a Chanukah party at the Temple Sons of Israel synagogue. In honouring her, Evelyn Davis praised the recipient for her courage to run a business and raise her six children after her husband passed away. "To show the respect and admiration we have for you, we have sent support for a child for one year at the Nina Cohen child care centre."

Services at the Chanukah party were conducted by **Dr. Harry Dubinsky**. The children of the communities lit the Chanukah candles.

Faye David convened the supper which was enjoyed by all. The participants came from Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford and North Sydney. **Freda Wetston**, president of Sisterhood, took care of the decor which added a festive air to the proceedings. A centrepiece, donated by **Faye Miller**, was praised by all who attended the gathering.

Australian teens to be respected

by Dr. Errol Gaum, Halifax

Our two adopted Australian teenagers have become very popular among the Jewish and non-Jewish students at Queen Elizabeth High School. They have also become a hit among their peers in more ways than one. The other day when an anti-Semitic remark was heard in a class, **Stacey (Freeman) Mymin** was quick to rise to her feet and put the student in his place with the support of her fellow Aussie **Rebecca (Gaum) Frid** and the rest of her classmates.

I don't know about you but that makes me proud. Proud that a young Jewish teenager did not hesitate to know what to do. Proud that in such a short time, she had the respect of her fellow classmates and she behaved in a way that her fellow classmates agreed that she was right in her action. Proud that she has come to our community and has shown us some qualities that we would like to instill in our teenagers.

I'm sure her parents **Zea & Errol** (honestly) **Mymin** must be very proud. A letter accompanying Stacey from the President of her Synagogue to me states "Stacey has all the attributes that

will be an asset to her foster parents, her school and the Jewish Community. She has a positive approach to her family, school, friends and community." She sure did exhibit all of these attributes and then some last week.

Isn't this what it's all about, for the children and the grandchildren. These two Australian teenagers go to a Jewish parochial school in Australia from Grade 1-Grade 12. It may not be the most religious school there is but it does instill a Jewish pride, even though Stacey and Rebecca may not think so. When the chips are down, the Jewish pride comes shining through.

My name is Stacey Mymin and I'm currently spending a semester program here in Halifax as an exchange student. I've been here for four months now and I have one month left. My host parents are Myra and Larry Freeman. My stay here in Halifax has been really great and I can sincerely say that Halifax is home.

Ed. Note: Stacey Mymin and Rebecca Frid are spending one school year in Halifax at the homes of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Freeman and Dr. & Mrs. Errol Gaum, respectively.

The Ada Zebberman chapter of Halifax Women's ORT

by Barbara Alberstat

The Ada Zebberman chapter of Halifax Women's ORT held the opening meeting at **Sylvia Mendleson's** home, with a very good turnout of members. The guest speaker was the newly appointed assistant Rabbi of the Beth Israel Synagogue. He spoke on back-packing through South America as an Orthodox Rabbi. He took us through many of his adventures, and mis-adventures and certainly gave us a newer look at our Jewish people down south.

A report was given on the annual "Flowers for the Holidays" project which was again a very good fund raiser. The flowers were made up at

the Goody Basket. **Barbara Alberstat** was the Halifax representative and gave the report of the 20th National Convention of Women's Canadian ORT, the theme of which was "Today's Women Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges". The convention was held in Toronto. This was a very stimulating three days filled with discussions and deliberations. Convention closed with the installation of **Lydia London** as National President for a two-year term.

The Chanukah Meeting, is being held at **Molly Rechnitzer's**. This is in the form of a give and get gift exchange and a fun programme of trying to match up the baby pictures with the member.

An idea to follow...

One of the letters I received on my desk included the following note from Emily Schroeder, of Halifax. Attached to the note was a cheque for \$168.00 payable to the United Israel Appeal - Operation Exodus.

Thank you, Emily.

Emmanuel Zabar.

*This donation to
Operation Exodus is
a portion of the gifts
I was given for my
Bat Mitzvah on June 8/91.
Emily Schroeder*

New Olim - new attractions

For the adventuresome, a new sport called "catarafting" was recently introduced into Israel from Russia by a twenty-eight year old biochemist. The Soviet immigrant said, "What I missed most about Russia was catarafting. I just couldn't live without it". The cataraft, an inflatable craft reminiscent of a double kayak cum catamaran, has the stability of a raft and is used as a pleasure boat in Russia. With food and supplies loaded into the middle, vacationers can paddle down a river for a week at a time, camping on the shores.

In Israel, catarafting can now be found at Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi's "Jordan River Cataraft Run", on a stretch of the river with a relatively strong current and easily negotiable rapids. The journey lasts about an hour and a half, with virtually no sign of civilization

along the shore for much of that time. Eucalyptus trees are alight with iridescent blue-green kingfishers, turtles sun themselves

on fallen logs, martens swim along lazily, and quail lurk in the rushes on the river banks. Wild boar can be seen at night.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are compiling a directory of all Camp Kadimah Alumni. Please complete the information below (using additional pages as necessary) on all of the former campers in your family.

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| Years at Kadimah (if known) _____ | Years at Kadimah (if known) _____ |

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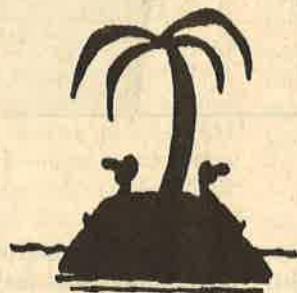
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