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Special Bulletin

The executive of the Atlantic Jewish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of **S. Paul Zive**, from the presidency and from the Council, as stated in his letter dated March 10, 1992.

Mr. Lee Cohen, Chairman of the Board has been nominated as Acting President until the next AJC elections, to be held in the Fall of 1992.

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Emmanuel's Message:

This year in Jerusalem



This issue is probably the last one I edit, as my term in office as the Executive director comes to its

scheduled end. In the last three years this column was my life-line of communication with you, wherever you are, all over Atlantic Canada and beyond. During these years *Shalom* has changed quite dramatically - in content as well as in format. Your response to the changes was very encouraging indeed.

Our community is going through a period of time which demands a determined direction and strong Leadership. Knowing the different communities throughout the region, I trust we do have the right people to lead the Atlantic Jewish Council towards the future challenges. Community leaders

are being called now to get involved on the national level (CJC Plenary) and on the local one (AJC Retreat). Decisions of today will shape the future of Jewish livelihood in Atlantic Canada.

I am confident that the wisdom of the leaders who created the AJC some fifteen years ago will eventually prevail. I trust we will see in the near future a stronger AJC based on renewed commitment of our community leaders to work for the betterment of future Jewish livelihood in Atlantic Canada.

Shalom and Le'hitra'ot in Israel.

Julia Koschitzky elected chairman

Shlomo Hillel, World Chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal is please to advise that **Julia Koschitzky** of Toronto, Canada, was elected as chairman of the world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod, effective June 1992. The election was approved unanimously by the world board of trustees at its annual general meeting which took place in Jerusalem on Monday, February 17, 1992.

Julia Koschitzky succeeds the founding chairman of the world board of trustees, **Phil Granovsky**, who has headed the board of trustees, on and off, for the past 15 years, and who requested that he be relieved of that position. Mr. Granovsky has, nevertheless, undertaken to continue his active leadership role in Keren Hayesod.

The new chairman of the board will take office when Israel and the Jewish agency face new challenges and when Keren Hayesod is expected to take a greater share of responsibility for the financial means needed to meet those challenges. Mr. Hillel said, "I am confident she will help provide effective leadership to continue to meet our commitments successfully and that she will have your full cooperation and support."

In a letter to Mrs. Koschitzky, **Paul Zive**, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, had this to say:

"We, in Atlantic Canada, are delighted with the news of your election. The inspirational example of dedicated service demonstrated by both you and your predecessor, Phil Granovsky, are wonderful influences on us all.

"World Jewry and Keren Hayesod in particular can only benefit from your leadership.

Congratulations!"



Julia Koschitzky, newly elected chairman of world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod, pictured with Nardy Nathanson, Atlantic regional chairman of UJA at the UJA 1991 Bar-Mitzvah function in Halifax.

Israel mourns Menachem Begin

On March 9, 1992, Israel mourned the passing of former premier **Menachem Begin**, who died at the Tel Aviv Medical Center at 3:30 a.m. at the age of 79. The government held a special session to mark the death of the country's sixth premier before his funeral in Jerusalem that afternoon. Expressions of sorrow came from leaders and organizations across the country, including Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and the Jewish Agency.

The following statement was issued by Knesset Member **Shlomo Hillel**, World Chairman of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal:

"The entire Keren Hayesod family, the Head Office in Jerusalem and all its campaign offices throughout the world, express their sorrow on the passing of Menachem Begin, the sixth Prime Minister of the State of Israel, a leader and a fighter, who knew how to deal with the enemies of Israel and the Jewish people, and who signed a peace treaty with Egypt, the largest of the Arab states to declare war on Israel.

"Menachem Begin was a friend of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and he valued its contribution to Israel, as well as the activities of its representatives. He tried to the best of his ability to involve world Jewry in the task of bringing immigrants to Israel and in absorbing them successfully.

"The Keren Hayesod family sends it condolences to the Begin family, to

members of his political movement and to the people of Israel, who have lost a great leader and a faithful friend."

Ambassador **Simcha Dinitz**, Chairman of the executives of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel issued this statement:

"The World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency mourn the passing of Menachem Begin, statesman, visionary, and eminent Zionist, a leader of Israel in war and peace."

Menachem Begin was born in Brest-Litovsk, Poland, in 1913. He became a leader of Betar and received a law degree from Warsaw University. In 1941, he joined the British Army and was dispatched to the Middle East. After demobilization in 1943, Begin remained in Palestine and assumed command of the Irgun Zva'i Leumi (IZL).

Begin was elected to the first Knesset in January 1949 as leader of the Herut movement, which he founded. On 1 June 1967, he joined the national unity government as Minister without Portfolio, a position he held until 1970. On 20 June 1977, following the election of the Ninth Knesset in which the Likud emerged as the leading party, Begin became prime minister.

Begin, together with President **Anwar Sadat** of Egypt, initiated the Middle East peace process, which began with Sadat's historic visit to

Jerusalem in November 1977. On 17 September 1978, he signed the Camp David Accords. Three months later, on 10 December 1978, he and President Sadat were awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in Oslo. Prime Minister Begin and Sadat met again in Washington on 26 March 1979, when they signed the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty.

Begin resigned as Prime Minister in September 1983 following Israel's "Peace for Gallilee" war.

Aliyah and peace

The massive immigration of the last two and a half years from the former Soviet Union not only has changed the face of Israeli society but also has enhanced the chances for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

So said **Simcha Dinitz**, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization executives, at an appearance before the Jerusalem Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dinitz, a former vice-president of the university, said in his talk, entitled "Aliyah and Peace", that the immigration of so many thousands of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews had added to the feeling of the security of Israel, thus enabling it to be able to negotiate for peace from a greater position of strength and confidence.

On the other hand, he said, the growth of the Israeli population to such an extent (an expected 1 million Jews from the countries of the former Soviet Union by 1995), also serves to demonstrate to the Arabs that Israel is an entity that is here to stay and that they will have to deal with.

"I honestly believe that this immigration will go down in history as the immigration that brought peace," said Dinitz.

Food for thought!

Raising \$10 Billion

The following letter appears in Jerusalem Post (23/3/92) from Hans W. Levy, Goteborg, Sweden:

"Israel needs \$10 billion - \$2 billion per annum during five years. The intention is to get a loan - which has to be repaid. But absorption of the Jews who had to leave their native countries is not a problem only for Israel. It is foremost a problem for the whole of the Jewish people.

"We are about 10 million Jews in the industrialized countries of the globe. If each and every one of us gives \$200 per year during five years, that makes \$10 billion. And no loans will be necessary. This gift should be made in addition to the sum any of us intended to give and the rich should give more in order to compensate for the poorer who cannot give \$200.

"I am sending my check today." Think about it!

CJC set for 23rd National Plenary Assembly

May 20 to 24 in Toronto

By Mike Cohen, CJC National Director of Communications

More than 1,000 delegates from across the country will convene at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel for the 23rd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress. Hopefully constituents of the Atlantic Jewish Council will be well represented at this very important triennial event.

Registration will commence through the AJC. Early-bird fees have been set at \$100 for delegates and observers and \$50 for students (25 and under) and senior citizens (65 and over). They rise after May 1 to \$125 and \$65 respectively.

"Confronting the Future - let your voice be heard," is the theme for this Plenary which coincides with CJC's 73rd anniversary.

Plenary is the highest decision-making body within CJC. It is held every three years, alternating between Toronto and Montreal. During the 22 previous assemblies, CJC leadership has dealt with such vital concerns as the prosecution of hate-mongers, war criminals, refugee immigration, war relief funds, the saving and bringing to Canada of war orphans, the founding of the State of Israel, Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations, Jewish education, the Soviet Jewry movement, multiculturalism and constitutional rights.

The upcoming Plenary Assembly will take place over the course of five days, in contrast to the two and a half-day format of 1989. The Plenary will feature the participation of the World Jewish Congress, which plans to hold a meeting of its North American division. WJC President Edgar Bronfman will deliver a keynote address. The opening night will focus on the reunification of Jerusalem: 25 years later, and a celebration for Sepharad '92. The Canadian unity debate will be part of the agenda. Secretary of State for External Affairs

Barbara McDougall and Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner are also on the program.

In addition to the many plenums and forums focusing on a myriad of subjects of interest to Canadian Jewry, there will be a wide array of other activities taking place at the hotel, located minutes from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

Memorandum to Atlantic Jewry:

By a regional representation formula, the Atlantic Region has 10% of the delegates.

There will be travel subsidies, registration subsidies, special rates for seniors and students (for delegates only!) based on need and budget. Spouses may attend as delegates. The registration subsidies are to be decided by our AJC Executive, soon. Call AJC to confirm your participation in the shaping of Atlantic Jewry future!

AJC response to Select Committee on Education

February 20, 1992

Chairman and Members of the Select Committee:

The Atlantic Jewish Council is pleased to respond to the initiative of the Select Committee on Education established pursuant to the Rules and Forms of Procedure to the House of Assembly to receive representations in respect of Resolution No. 2088 regarding education concerns in the Province of Nova Scotia. We wish also to congratulate the Government for inviting public opinion.

The Atlantic Jewish Council wishes to address specifically your Item #10 as listed in your public notice as to Section 74(f) of The Educational Act regarding the duties of a teacher in a public school to encourage in the pupils the principles of Christian morality.

We agree that your Item #10 would better serve the interests of all Nova Scotians with a general reference to morality rather than to a specific reference to the morality of particular religious philosophy.

The province's Jewish community, represented by the Atlantic Jewish Council, have had a long-standing concern that children of minority-faith communities, in the highly sensitive environment of the classroom, not be vulnerable to peer pressure to conform or be singled out as different.

We respectfully suggest that section 74(f) be reworded as follows:

"74 It is the duty of a teacher in a public school to:

(f) encourage in the pupils by precept and example, tolerance and respect for all peoples, truth, justice, love of country, humanity, industry and all of the virtues and qualities expressed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states:

2. "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

(a) freedom of conscience and religion."

15(1) "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability."

It is the position of the Atlantic Jewish Council that the preference of any particular religion in the public school system is not in keeping with Sections 2(a) and 15(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Ontario Court of Appeal in the **Sudbury Board of Education** case states that it's more than a mere em-

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barrassment for children to stand apart. The Court felt that to ask children to exempt themselves, is a form of coercion. Many children will not want to do it for fear of being singled-out and stigmatized. Therefore, in a practical sense, the Court felt exemption from religious teachings was really a method in which students were coerced to conform. The Supreme Court of Canada has made it very clear that freedom of religion means more than freedom from just conforming to a particular religion. Freedom of religion means that you cannot be coerced into expressing any particular religious belief and they have also made it clear that coercion can come in many different forms. The Ontario Court of Appeal was simply saying that it is a form of coercion when you are talking about young children and peer pressure. Those kinds of sensitivities that use the exemption provision are really forms of indirect coercion and, therefore, freedom of religion has been infringed.

The Court also went out of its ways to protect the rights of non-believers. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association argued very forcefully at the Court of Appeal that the regulation as to

school prayer can never really work because you are inevitably going to disregard the rights of non-believers and the Court of Appeal was very sensitive to protect the rights of non-believers. Thus, at the end of the day, four out of five judges found that there had been an infringement of Section 2(a) of the Charter which guarantees conscience and religion by the Sudbury Board of Education.

Nova Scotia is blessed with citizens of many religious faiths, ethnic origins and cultural backgrounds and since attendance in the public school system is mandatory by law, it would be consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to have a public school system free of any religious bias.

Citizens of all Faiths have endeavoured to instill the principles of their particular Faith in their children through educational classes scheduled in their own settings after the public school system, either weekday afternoons or on weekends.

We cherish the moral teachings of one's religious Faith and especially the right to teach it, but not in a mandatory public school in which children of many religions may find themselves in conflict or at odds with the teacher or with fellow students. The Atlantic Jewish Council is of the opinion that

the tenets of another's faith should not be taught to school children in the captive environment of a public school classroom. Religious moral values should be taught in the home, in a house of worship or in private schools.

In all other respects, our proposed re-working retains the many aspects of the original 74(f) adding only "tolerance and respect for all peoples" in order to increase mutual tolerance among the many people in Nova Scotia of diverse origins and adding reference to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Atlantic Jewish Council appreciates this opportunity to present its views. We do not wish to see any child feel uncomfortable or at odds with the public school system, its teachers and fellow students.

We know of many teachers and principals of schools who are also very sensitive to this and whose schools are very successful in providing a positive and happy learning environment for all children. Parents whose children attend these schools are most grateful to these teachers and principals and have personally witnessed the forming of life-long friendships and mutual tolerance among all of the children regardless of religion or ethnic origin.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you again to discuss in further detail the on-going development of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Paul Zive



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Emmanuel Zabar goes home to Israel

by Joel Jacobson

The 44-year-old graduate of the Hebrew University is concluding a three-year posting to Halifax as executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Based in Halifax, he was responsible for the nonreligious Jewish and Israeli-oriented social and cultural activities in the region. He also managed regional fundraising campaigns for the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

He will return to Israel, hopefully to start a new assignment with the Jewish Agency, for whom he has worked as a shaliach for the last 10 years.

He is unique in this field and says he is the longest working Shaliach in the world.

"The Jewish Agency has a rule that one should work only six years in the field but I am completing 10," he said as we started our talk.

But Emmanuel Zabar is not optimistic that he will find gainful employment with the Agency.

"I may be among the 143,000 unemployed but I know I will find something to do."

As he wound down his term, he spoke about his years in Atlantic Canada.

What were your goals when you arrived in 1989?

"I was fascinated by the fact that Atlantic Jewry needed my qualifications as a professional. It was more than a Jewish mission, it was a professional mission. I saw a community that had never had an Israeli shaliach. I felt privileged to be given this once in a lifetime opportunity. A community saying to me, 'We need your help, help us!'"

"After three years looking back, my expectations were fulfilled. I was given the golden opportunity from a professional point of view to implement everything I believed in, in the Jewish life of Atlantic Canada."

Have you achieved your goals?



Emmanuel Zabar

"The Atlantic Jewish Council was born 15 years ago because people felt they were living too much within their own circle -- within themselves and their families. The local community and then regional, national and international communities were not getting enough attention.

"A group of leaders initiated bursting into the regional circle and they created the AJC.

"But I'm concerned about the gap between the local communities and the region and between the region and national."

How do you fill in the gaps?

"Leadership is one of the answers. The AJC and the communities are going through a shaky hour seeing the need to define their leadership, re-define the AJC's goals in the region. Some of the leaders are questioning the directions and even the need to bridge local and regional gaps. A thorough thinking process must take place."

Hasn't this been done before?

"This has been done but now they are questioning themselves as to whether they were right, maybe as a result of the 15 years' experience or the last three years' experience. And they are questioning this very loudly."

Let me ask again, do you feel you have achieved your goals?

"My success will be judged by the fact that either our leaders say 'We take those three years and do it again with the same background of people' or 'We saw what a professional Israeli shaliach can do and we don't want this again.'"

"I'm concerned I hear the two voices. On one hand, 'Emmanuel, you did unbelievable work in our terms and we will make every effort your successor will do just the same with a continuation that has no break.'"

"Or, 'It is going in a direction we didn't intend, we're not ready for or we don't want.'"

"The latter leaders are the ones who are forcing the system to think. In a way, it is positive but time is of the essence."

What is the potential for growth in the region? Are we losing too many people?

"There are diminishing communities, especially in the fringes and I don't know if we can stop that. Yet my three years' experience indicates we did not even touch the potential of what this community can achieve. All that is needed is very stable leadership from the lay leaders, defined direction that shouldn't be left to the professionals and the resources, in people."

"I don't see smaller communities (less than 50 families) thriving and coming back to life but as far as Halifax metro is concerned, I think the size is big enough to make sure we can keep within the community some of the young people who show interest in leading the community."

What can be done to help small communities survive?

"The AJC board must be generous and willing to support them and to offer them the services without looking at dollars and cents only. I say that bluntly because I believe the recession in Canada is causing Jewish society to shrink its interest from the wider regional, national and international circle to the smaller circle of family and local community. When we find it costs three times as much to go to

Emmanuel Zabar goes home to Israel

Newfoundland with an activity than it costs in Halifax, we tend not to go to Newfoundland. I cannot blame the community but it depends on us at the centre to consider, when budgeting, that this is a very scattered community. Our mandate is to go to every corner where Jews are. In theory, it sounds nice. But in practice, we're short of the budget needed for this kind of service."

Do the communities want the AJC?

"Sometimes I think we're offering services that some communities don't want, such as in programming. AJC should offer programmes for all ages in the community - culture, educational, semi-religious activities to help the communities concentrate on their Jewishness.

"This should come from the centre, from us at the AJC, because small communities need someone to think about those areas while they carry on their daily life.

"All kinds of activities were initiated in the last three years but, judging by the response of the community leadership, by their willingness to volunteer, chair committees, come to meetings, I'm not sure all the communities are saying the same things or gearing to the same direction.

"Last week I had to cancel a musical recital programme that would have gone to many communities in the region. I couldn't find volunteers to coordinate it. Everyday I have to ask if we are offering something the communities don't want to buy. This is not an occasional example. Are we going in the right direction?

"Some of the problems stem from lack of consensus within the AJC board. But the discussion is healthy and positive, a process of forcing ourselves to check from time to time to see if we have to redirect to the common goal."

(No successor has yet been named. Emmanuel Zabar said he would like to have an overlap period with his successor "to show him what I know. I don't know if that will happen.")

Does the leader have to come from Israel or can a Canadian do the job?

"I feel my successor should come from Israel, and I'm saying that with the experience of three years doing the job. I know what feelings people have when you go to their remote village in Newfoundland or to a forgotten corner of the Annapolis Valley and you open the door and say 'Shalom, I'm from Israel. I come to you on behalf of the AJC.'

"The job has an identity. The fact that I'm from Israel has a weight that cannot be replaced by any other substitute like feeling or emotions, or someone saying I've been to Israel many times."

Is the community financially sound?

"The results of fundraising campaigns of the last three years show we are doing very well. If we call the results of 1988, 100 per cent, we raised 120 percent in 1989, 220 per cent in 1990 and 160 per cent in 1991. The 1990 figures were inflated by Operation Exodus but I believe 160 per cent is the proper average."

Tell me about some successful programmes.

"Atlantic Hagaddah, the story of Atlantic Jewry attracted over 500 members of the community who expressed support and enthusiasm. And there were 120 actual participants.

"Shalom Magazine has made major progress in the last three years. Most of the content is now regional, based on our own stories, rather than reprints and informational pieces from outside. Financially, we are almost independent. We have reduced expenses to about one-fifth of what it cost us three years ago."

Is there any one thing you would have liked to do here?

"Professionally, I don't have regrets. It's a process and I had no false expectations. I think the process is there but it could be speeded up and encouraged. Maybe I regret the fact the process is being slowed down, especially in the last few months. But there

is no problem as long as we have the right lay leadership."

The youth of the community are our future. What do you have to say to them and to their leaders?

"If the young generation does not initiate or respond to AJC initiatives, and burst into the wider circle of the Jewish world, it will be a terrible mistake as far as their future is concerned.

"Camp Kadimah is doing miracles, almost like a legend. Yet I believe the youth is running in limited circle of Jewishness.

"March of the Living is breaking the inner circle. There have been two marches in the last three years. The first one had 12 participants from the region. This year, we have 15, plus two chaperones.

"I believe this is the direction because they're going to the outer world and coming back to the community richer, much more knowledgeable and capable and equipped to handle the interests and leadership needs of this community.

"We have to nurture the leaders from an early stage, from the first September after Camp. I can see an AJC responsibility as a major one. We have to budget for them to participate in local, regional, national and international activities."

What advice would you give to your successor?

"I would say to him or her, you're facing a very exciting challenge from the professional point of view and from the Jewish point of view.

"I will take away with me an experience that I couldn't have anywhere else, a bond with my own Jewish people that will help me personally for the rest of my life. And I say with modesty, I hope many people in the region will have the same feelings when they will refer to Emmanuel Zabar's three years in Atlantic Canada."



by Sir Sidney C. Hamburger, CBE., JP., DL., LL.D., M.A., Chairman of the Manchester Council for Soviet Jewry

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from Sir Sidney's eyewitness report on his visit to Lithuania. Sir Sidney visited Atlantic Jewry in 1990 as a ULA guest speaker during which he made many friends here, and was admired by all.

Lithuania in 1991 is a completely different picture. It had just achieved independence, and was free of Russian control; the Jewish Community was beginning to breathe once again, to activate itself, and both Lithuanians and Jews were anxious to put behind them the memories of the

"Do not judge a man till you have stood in his place"

dark days of Lithuanian, Nazi and Russian persecution of the Community. So I went with an open mind, anxious to see, to discuss, and to learn.

What was once a Community in Lithuania of a quarter of a million, is now down to 7-10,000, in Vilnius 4-6,000; but it is hard with any degree of accuracy to know the real figures. That is because of the old question "Who is a Jew?" It is clear that a very large proportion have inter-married and with the changes in occupying powers in Lithuania, marrying out can either mean marrying a Pole, a Russian or a Lithuanian Christian. Indigenous non-Jewish Lithuanians are faced with a similar national civil problem of "marrying out". As the children of non-Jewish mothers cannot be regarded as Jewish, the real and actual figure of Jews in Lithuania is highly problematical. There is little organized religious life in Lithuania at the present time. A limited number of people, mainly elderly, attend synagogues in Vilnius and Kaunas. I was enormously im-

pressed to find that Mincha services take place during the whole of the week in both of these Communities, and Mr. Markevitch, a most dedicated person, accepts full responsibility for the maintenance of the shul and its services in Vilnius.

I was given the privilege of davening for the Omed on Shabbat and as I stood there I could not but help think of the former glorious history of the Community and the seat of Jewish learning where I now stood.

Editor's Prologue: Sir Sidney's full report is available at the AJC upon request. I would like to highlight one more thought Sir Sidney shares with us - as a friendly advice coming from such a pious Zionist and a dedicated Jew.

Let those of us sitting in the comfort of Western democracies not take it on ourselves to judge Jews who have suffered through persecution by different political regimes and different occupying powers. We are told in Pirke Avot (2, V5) "Do not judge a man till you have stood in his place".

Moncton's Jewish Community Centre

By Rabbi Fred Nebel

Did you ever wonder what was the original intention of a synagogue? In order to properly understand the significance of a Shul, one must revert back to the Hebrew words, which are Beit Hakeneset, which means "the house of assembly." Originally the shul was intended to be the focal point of every Jewish community. It was to be used for both happy and sad occasions. It was to be a place of learning, where lectures were delivered from visiting dignitaries. It was used as a court, if the need arose. Last, but not least, it was used as a place to pray. So what happened?

As we became part of the prevailing society, we began to take on the morays of that society. Since they only used their houses of worship for prayer, we also

begun to limit the function of the Shul. We forgot the original intentions and allowed the country clubs and other organizations to become our new meeting places. And, along with this new system, came a lessening of our connections to Judaism, decrease in our religiosity coupled with an increase of intermarriage. So what's to be done?!

It's time to begin using the Beit Hakeneset for what it was originally intended, namely to be a meeting place for all the Jews. It's time that it becomes the natural instinct to congregate in our shuls, wherever we are. We should have more events that will bring in our people from all over.

After all, look at what type of facility we have. We have a sauna, wading pool/mikva, brand new kitchen facilities, V.C.R. with projector and giant screen, Preschool, Hebrew School, and so much more. We have classes every night, meals

at least once a week, opportunities for Shabbat meals, with song and cheer. Think about what we can do, if we put our minds and bodies to work, and work in harmony with each other. People have asked how to increase our membership.

Part of the answer is becoming an active community, where everybody pitches in and not just the same old few. We've seen the tremendous success the daily services have been, and can now do anything that we put our minds to. One can never be too old or too young when they begin helping. When the outsiders see this vitality, they will want to become part of the group, not just out of religiosity, but rather a wanting to be with their own people. We are a distinct people in the world, and when we try to forget that, the outside world reminds us!

So let's utilize our shul to the fullest and revel in our uniqueness.

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming! (Also the Bulgarians and the Cubans!)



By Claire Frankel-Salama

Gander, Newfoundland is the favorite refueling stop for Aeroflot flights to and from the Soviet Union, and therefore, a favorite defection site for political, economic and religious refugees. In the past few years a number of genuine and self-appointed Jewish refugees have come to St. John's from Gander to await their hearings. Some of them made contact with the Jewish community, and we have done our best to help them with clothing, interpreting, education, health concerns, transportation money, and invitations for Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Most of them have gone on to Toronto, Montreal or Israel.

At present we have three Jewish families in town. Eduard and Tamara Kagansky came from Moldova, but spent the past year in Cuba while their thirteen year-old daughter, Irena, underwent surgery on her legs. They managed to learn some Spanish, and become integral members of the Cuban Jewish community. While there they met Mr. Sidney Fisher who has been very concerned with their welfare. On the way back to Russia, they stepped off the plane and asked for asylum. Unfortunately, Aeroflot refused to release their luggage, including the special boots and braces Irena had been fitted with in Havana. They also found themselves in -15 de-

gree weather without winter coats or boots, as they only had the clothes on their backs. After much phoning around, arrangements were made with the Anglican church in Gander to provide them with second-hand necessities. Once they arrived in St. John's the tiny, but determined Jewish community took over. Although the Association for New Canadians provides housing, basic necessities and English classes, they are sorely overworked as there are scores of defections weekly from such places as Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Cuba, etc.

Not only have the Kagansky's been welcomed into our homes, and brought to the synagogue, but they have been supplied with clothing, music, puzzles, books and a television. Irena has just begun to go to school and is thrilled with her new school supplies as well as the taxi which picks her up and brings her to the door of the building. In the ex-Soviet Union her parents often took her to school in a cart. Eduard Kagansky speaks Yiddish, and plays the piano, and we are looking forward to his participation in our Purim celebration.

Dr. Vadim, Dr. Luara and Daniel Minster lived in Riga in the Baltic republics. They bought tickets for Cuba, but decided to step off in Gander just in case the return flight didn't stop in Canada. On the first weekend they spent in St. John's, they walked for an hour and a quarter in the snow and the wind (remember, this is

Newfoundland we're talking about) in order to get to the synagogue. They have just been moved to the same apartment complex as the Kagansky's, and we expect that five year-old Daniel will start Kindergarten soon and learn English. We have also supplied them with clothing, books, toys, etc., and have helped them to phone Russia. They are very happy to be able to live openly as Jews, and they enjoy attending Shabbat services regularly. In fact, if we had a few more Eduard's and Vadim's, we might even get a Minyan on Shabbat!

The third family consists of Elena, and English teacher, Oleg, a physicist and their 7 year-old son, Daniel. Elena says that she was afraid to visit the synagogue for the first two months she was here. It seems that many other Jewish refugees have passed through St. John's without contacting us for the same reason.

Although it is not always so easy to find time for all our favorite activities in today's hectic lifestyle (yes, even in Newfoundland!), many members of the community have welcomed the three families with open arms, as if they were lost relatives, which, of course, they are. In many ways these families have given us at least as much as we have given them - a sense of unity and fraternity, and a most valuable lesson for our children, both in the vagaries of Jewish history and in their responsibility to their fellow Jews.

500 years of ... remembering! 1492 - 1992

To commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, Dr. Messod Salama of the Department of French and Spanish of Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, gave an open lecture entitled Jewish Victims or Christian Martyrs: The Persecution of the Conversos by the Spanish Inquisition.

For Dorbyaners only

By Sara Yablon, Halifax

Years ago when I was a child my father often told me stories about his birthplace - a little town in Lithuania named Dorbyan. Whether these reminiscences were all fact or lovingly embellished tales to capture a child's imagination, I cannot say nor is it of great importance today. What is important to me is the insight I gained of my father's personality and an abiding curiosity about his place of birth.

Occasionally, when various visitors arrived at our home and I'd ask "Where did they come from and who were they", I'd invariably be told they were Dorbyaners from Saint John, N.B. Naturally this led me to believe every Jewish family in Saint John came from the same little town, until I learned that Moncton, N.B. is the only known city where twenty-two families from Dorbyan all settled, in addition to East Patterson, New Jersey, and Johannesburg, South Africa, who as well had their fair share of these prolific people.

Recently it's been brought to my attention there are many others interested in learning more about the place of origin of their forefathers.

Bring this interest closer to home I'd like to share with you two letters recently received from two former Haligonians. One is from Raymond Whitzman, Montreal, who wrote "For the past four years I've been busy researching other Dorbyan families (not included in his first 240 page printed family tree about the Jacobson clan)...and if there are other families that came from Dorbyan, I would like to hear from them. My information covers the years from 1840-1941."

The other letter was from Danny Jacobson, (Joel's brother) who now lives in faraway Australia. Danny's interest lies more in the topographical aspect of Dorbyan and writes he finally managed to obtain a street map of Dorbyan from a Mr. Lipman Bloch. This gentleman was 17 years of age when war broke out and somehow was fortunate in escaping the tragic fate of the other Dorbainyers when the Nazis entered the town.

Danny writes "It would be interesting to send this map to other Dorbyaners and ask them to either confirm it or add anything they can to it..."

Kadimah Reunion '93 Update

by Joel Jacobson, Halifax

Frank Medjuck must be a glutton for punishment but thank goodness there is a glutton there to be punished. The Halifax lawyer/developer spent months compiled a 200-page history of the Baron de Hirsch Congregation for the 100th anniversary of the Beth Israel Synagogue in October, 1990.

He agonized, made some people happy, made others mad but, in the end, produced a work of art that will grace coffee tables and book shelves for eons.

Now he has undertaken the production of a 50th anniversary Iton (year-book) for Camp Kadimah.

The 50th Reunion of Atlantic Canada's camp for the Jewish community will take place from July 30 to August 1, 1993. Frank Medjuck is already squirrelling away tidbits and snippets that he can use to tell the story of the camp's first 50 years and is seeking more, much more, from every alumnus of the venerable camp.

"It will be a history of five decades," he said during a brief respite from his combination of daily labours to support his family and volunteer efforts to support

his community. "We'll devote a section to each of the five decades which will contain recollections, pictures, character sketches and anecdotes taken from original Itons of the periods and from current recollections of the many alumni across the continent."

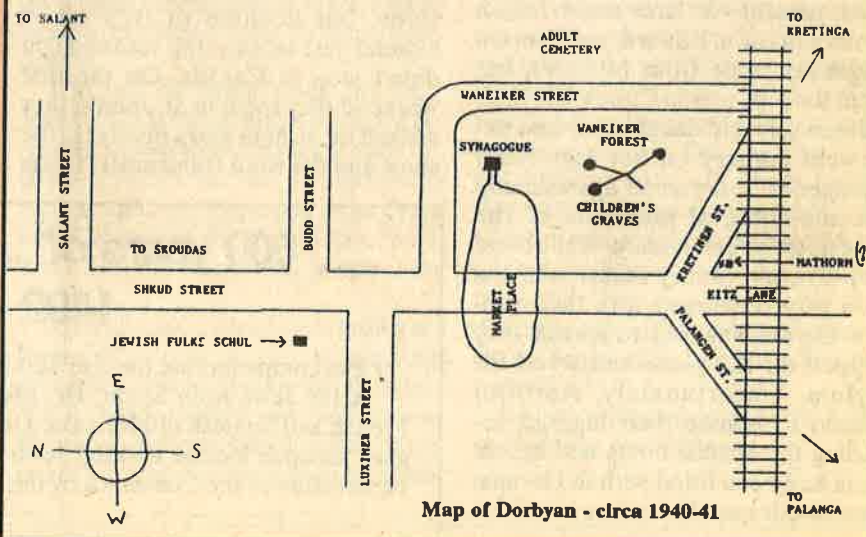
He said the most difficult thing about the Beth Israel's 100th anniversary book was gathering the stories from the many families who contributed to the synagogue's growth. "People who I knew should be submitting stories about their families weren't doing so and I had to write their family histories for them just so there would be representation," he said.

"I just hope people who will want to be in the Kadimah book will take the time to write a few memories."

He is hoping that, once the production is complete, he doesn't hear from people who will say, "If only I knew what you were doing, I would have done it."

Contact Frank Medjuck at P.O. Box 3203, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3H5, and let him know you have stories, pictures, anecdotes, and even lies about your cabin mates to contribute. Then put pen to paper and add to what should be an exciting and memorable part of the Camp Kadimah 50th Reunion.

Editor note: Mrs. Sara Yablon is a very dear member of our community, who has dedicated her life to the treasuring of our history. Her pious love of the small details of the great Jewish story leads her to be the expert in Atlantic Jewry History. Thank you Mrs. Yablon.



The Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation

What a wonderful year!

By Timma Gorber and Jonathan Mendleson

This has been a very successful year for the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. We have had many exciting programs including movie nights, a chanukka party, a bagel brunch with guest speakers and a terrific Shabbat dinner which Rabbi Pritzker, and Rabbi Ismailoff where very appreciatively helped organized. One of our final programs for this school year was a very exciting Israel Day, held March 20th in the Dal Student Union Building. Through much help of many Israeli agencies in Canada, we were able to give a sense of Israel, through beautiful videos, posters, lots of brochures, and even a taste of Israel's sweetness by giving samples of elite candy and gum. We would like to thank all the students who helped to make Israel Day happen.

Our National Student Organization - Network Canada - is attempting to plan a Cross Atlantic Caravan. The main purpose of this caravan is to reach out to more students across the region, as well as to bring awareness about serious issue of Syrian Jewry. It is tentatively planned to go for the 1st two weeks in August. We hope to see you there! Although this has been a very busy year, we managed to keep a high interest level, with a lot of new ideas, as well as a lot of new additions to our mailing list.

Hopefully next year's participation will stay the same or even better - improve! Enjoy your summer break and see you in September.



Timna and Jonathan are posing for the Shalom under the huge Israeli flag.(above)

Timna at her best.(right)

Israeli T-shirts on sale.(below)



Israel Day at Dalhousie University - March 20th, 1992

The annual event attracts hundreds of students to see, hear and discuss Israel - as well as to buy Israel souvenirs and T shirts. The event was organized by the co-chairpersons of APJSF Timna Gorber and Jonathan Mendleson and was a highly successful one.

Grandmother has Bat Mitzvah

By Ruth Wolpin, Saint John, N.B.

On Shabbat morning, December 14, 1991, a small group of members of the Congregation Shaarai Zedek waited expectantly for the Haftorah portion to be read. A Bat Mitzvah was taking place.

Usually when there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in Saint John, New Brunswick members work together cooking and decorating in preparation for the happy occasion. On this morning there were no lavish preparations. Marcia Koven wanted it this way.

Marcia went up to the bimah, said the appropriate blessings and read her Haftorah portion. Then she read her speech. When she finished there were tears in her eyes and in the eyes of several congregation members.

This was indeed a special event and the realization of a long sought accomplishment for Marcia. In her speech Marcia talked about who she is, a mother of four, grandmother of five, devoted wife and congregation member.

When Marcia's children reached adulthood she decided not to put up her feet and wait for grandchildren to visit. She started university and earned



Marcia Koven

a degree. She started a collection of historical objects and papers. This pastime eventually grew and became what is now the award winning Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.

Marcia continued to take courses in History and Museology. In 1989 her first book was published *Weaving the Past into the Present*, a glimpse in the history of the Saint John Jewish community.

Marcia created history herself that special Shabbat morning. She is the

first grandmother and active member of Sisterhood and Hadassah to have a Bat Mitzvah. She is the second female in our congregation to say the blessings preceding and following the Haftorah portion. The first was Rebecca Wolpin. It is indeed fitting that someone who has given so much of her time and energy to preserving the history of her community be our first adult Bat Mitzvah. We're all very proud of you, Marcia.

Fredericton B'nai Brith lodge #2155

By Warren Cohen

Fredericton B'nai Brith lodge recently honoured His Worship Brad Woodside, Mayor of the city of Fredericton. Trees were planted in the "Fredericton forest of Canada park" in the State of Israel in honour of his recent visit to Israel and his presentation to the Fredericton B'nai Brith lodge #2155. During his presentation to the lodge his worship expressed that from his visit to Israel he has become more aware of Israel's importance as a nation and remains committed as "a friend" of the Jewish people.



L to R: Arnold Chippin, Simmy Airst, His Worship Mayor Brad Woodside, Ivan Levine, Allen Ruben and Warren Cohen

The Jewish museum library

by Dr. M.I. Polowin, President

The library, initiated by the Saint John Jewish Historical Society and Museum to save about 1000 religious and secular books that were rapidly deteriorating in garbage bags and boxes has made great strides under the care and supervision of **Marcia Koven**, curator of the Museum and aided greatly by the summer students as well as **Katherine Biggs**, Ann

Pettifer, Ruth Davis and Sharon McAllister.

The library has been greatly assisted in the past year by the Shomer Club, through a "New Horizons" Grant from the Federal Government, for Senior Citizens projects.

The Shomer Club, through the Board of Directors for the New Horizons Grant, has purchased reading tables, a reception desk, reading

lamps, a photocopier, a word processor, ceiling fans and office supplies.

The community will be informed as to when the library can be put into use. The books must first be properly catalogued and this is a very slow and time consuming task.

This will not be a lending library, but rather, a reading and research library.

Hopefully, the library will be ready for use when we open the Museum on June 1st for a new season.

This is my opinion...

Dear Mr. Editor:

In reference to Peter Duffy's piece "Israel Must Make Room for Arab History" in your Saturday, February 29th edition...

There are several aspects of this article that when taken in the totality of the piece, are of an invidious nature.

First, poster art, be it in Canada or in any nation is a visual forum for advertising issues or goals relevant to the ambiance of the polity. Either commercial or institutional sponsors of

such art will always focus to the sensitivities of the target populace.

No Canadian Poster Art printed and circulated by our artists during the 1st and 2nd World Wars showed any focus to Native or Quebec isolationist perspectives; as indeed should be the case when the prime and majority community is struggling to survive. And it is to be remembered that the nation of Israel has been in a state of war since its' birth.

Second, how much room does Arab history need? This is an obscenity that denies actual history and actual geography. It was Arabs that rejected partition in November 1947 and waged an unsuccessful war of annihilation when a partition plan would have left the Jews 1/7th of the mandate of Palestine for their home. Arabs have made a consistent effort for years to create this notion that Palestine has no legitimate continuous Jewish connection. Now the *Mail Star* wishes to join the rogue gallery of revisionists?

Third, Mr. Duffy's injury is a conjurer's illusion to portray himself as someone with a personal stake and pain to what he perceives as this wanton, sleek, neo-colonialist expansionist military power, indifferent to our human world.

If I am entering a building through a door and I see someone exiting by the same route and I give way to allow him to leave and the wind catches the door and I get injured and if the other party ignores my injury leaving me to bleed there making no effort to comfort and heal, then shame on him. But for me to then hold a jaundiced perspective of everyone else in that building is a malediction and simply a savage soul passing itself off as humane.

In conclusion, this was a disgraceful, gratuitous piece.

I have the honour to be,

L.A. Riteman

P.S. There is no Haifa Gate.

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Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada

February 12, 1992 Year-end statistics released by the Immigration and Refugee Board

By Susan Davis

There were, in 1991, 1,385 claims for refugee status made by persons who claimed a well-founded fear of persecution should they return to the then-USSR. Out of these persons, only 23 were found not to have a credible basis for such claims; the remaining 1,353 went on to full hearings on the merits of their claims. At that stage, 763 of these persons completed their full hearings. The I.R.B. reorganized 433 as Convention refugees and rejected 172.

Please note that while members of this group each alleged persecution vis-a-vis the USSR, not all persons in this group based their fears on the fact of their Jewishness. The I.R.B. is assuming that 35% of this group are basing their claims on fear of persecution in the USSR because of Jewish religion or nationality. JIAS believes that 35% is accurate, since it by and large reflects the number of refugee claimants who have approached us for advice, referral, and assistance.

The major concentrations are in metropolitan Toronto, where 735 claims were received during 1991, and Montreal, where 389 were received. Remember that about 260 out of the 735 are claiming to be Jewish in Toron-

to and 136 of the 389 in Montreal. For your general information, note that 382 claims received during 1991 were in Newfoundland. The persons who make up this group were mostly tourists en route to or from Cuba. Less than 2% are claiming to be Jewish.



Halifax Women's ORT

By Barbara Alberstat

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT has been holding their monthly meetings over the winter months, despite some of the terrible weather we have been experiencing.

The February meeting was held at Sarah Yablon's home with Naomi Honey as guest speaker. Those who came out and braved the icy conditions got a first hand look at some of the estate pieces of jewellery she has to offer in her Kentville store. We all learned a great deal about gems, and saw pictures of her trip to the Israeli diamond cutting factories. A very nice evening was spent by all. Our thanks to Sara and Naomi.

Plans for the annual Mother's Day Snack 'n Fruit project were discussed in some details and will be brought forward at the next meeting.



L to R: Mindy Jacobson, President of Halifax Women's ORT; Edith Schneiderman, Financial Secretary; Barbara Alberstat, Convenor of Raffle; and Helen


The winter Holiday Raffle was a great success. The prize of the adorable teddy bear (not to mention

the attractive \$50. bill attached) was a good attention getter. Our thanks to all the ladies who helped on this project.

A personal appeal

By Leon & Renée Doof
Lower Sackville, N.S.

As survivors of the horrors of the Nazi occupation in the Netherlands and who were fortunate to be liberated by the Canadian Forces, we do ask the members of the Jewish Community of Atlantic Canada to show their generosity by contributing towards the monument to be built in Westerbork, Holland, in memory of those who did not come back. We do feel, by doing so, one also honours the Canadian servicemen who gave their lives for the liberation of the Netherlands.



**102,000
DID NOT RETURN**

During World War II, Camp Westerbork was used by the German Nazi regime as the Jewish Transit Camp in Holland.

For 102,000 Dutch Jews, Camp Westerbork became their last stop in Holland before being sent to their death in the gaschambers.

A number of survivors wants to establish a field of remembrance in the former assembly grounds of Camp Westerbork.

The memorial will consist of plain bricks, 102,000 of them, to be a lasting remembrance of each victim.

You can cherish their memory and help fund this field of remembrance by purchasing your brick for \$10.00 each.

You can buy as many bricks as you like. Each gift will be acknowledged with an original certificate of appreciation.

I want to purchase _____ x \$10.00 ea. = \$ _____
Number of bricks Total

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City: _____ Province: _____

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The Youth to Youth Exchange Programme

The United Israel Appeal of Canada, together with the people of Or Yehuda, invite you to spend 3 weeks experiencing Israel in a programme like no other, from August 6 through August 26, 1992.

"It gave me a chance to experience a different culture...the whole programme changed my attitude, and I finally realized the importance of my background...now I am proud of my religion and so much more aware of it." - **Allyson Franklin**, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"The programme meant strong friendships with others from another country and stronger feelings for Israel...I feel that meeting the Soviet Jews at Ben Gurion Airport was one of the most remarkable things that I experienced and it brought tears of happiness to my eyes...

"The friends I made on this trip hold a special place in my life and will never be forgotten. Living with an Israeli family in Or Yehuda also made the trip special and I now feel that I have an Israeli family who cares about me the same way I do for them...I never plan to lose contact with my new-found friends." - **Jonathan Mendleson**, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



The Holocaust Memorial
in Miami, Florida.

Sculptor - **Kenneth Triester**

Photo: N. Nathanson

Pictures from the Exhibition - the AJC version!

A wall of Israeli messages in
design, colours with Hebrew
and Arabic letters.(below)



Mrs. Barbara Paton and Mrs.
Leona Freeman in front of a
1966 poster of Hapoel 8th con-
ference. (below)



Dr. Ralph Loebenberg enjoys the Is-
raeli modern art poster. (above)



The happy team: (L to R) AJC Presi-
dent - Mr. S. Paul Zive, Mr. Gad Al-
maiach - curator of the exhibition, Dr.
Annalee Cohen - President of Hadas-
sah and Dr. Essy Baniassad of TUNS
representing the N.S. College of Art
and Design. This exhibition shows
what can be achieved when the good
will of different organization is put
together into action. (above)



Dr. Sid and Anetta Chernin admiring the Safety Week posters. (left)



Mrs. Marie Herschorn explains to her daughter Laura the Israeli Social Security posters. (right)



(L to R) Rabbi Pritzker's wife, Rose with Mrs. Doreen Gordon and Mrs. Bette Ross in front of a most moving poster showing a new baby born during the Gulf War with all the medical staff wearing their gas masks. (left)



The Waldmans of Shubenacadie, Dani, Talia and Avi are trying their knowledge of Hebrew scripts on one of the posters listing Israeli actors and actresses. (right)

Listen to Israel's Election Day (June 23rd, 1992)

Short Wave Transmission Schedule Kol Israel

Time	Freq. Khz.....	Length
04.00 - 04.15	11588.....	25.89
10.00 - 10.30	17545.....	17.10
13.00 - 13.25	11605.....	25.85
	17575.....	17.07
	15640.....	19.18
	11587.....	25.89
	17590.....	17.06
17.00 - 17.15	15590.....	19.24
	11587.....	25.89
	11675.....	25.70
19.00 - 19.30	17575.....	17.07
	15640.....	19.18
	11587.....	25.89
	11675.....	25.70
21.30 - 22.00	15590.....	19.24
	11603.....	25.86
	11587.....	25.89
	15100.....	19.87

Programme Schedule:

Sunday

You're on the air - phone-in programme
Israel sound - latest Israeli songs
Postmark - Israeli stamps
Calling all listeners - mailbox programme
DX corner - with Ben Dalfen

Monday

Israel Mosaic - weekly magazine
Calling all listeners
DX corner
New from Israel - science & technology

Tuesday

Talking point - discussion programme
Israel Mosaic
New from Israel
Frequency announcements

Wednesday

This land - the travel magazine
Talking point
Frequency announcements
Jewish news review

Thursday

Studio three - the arts in Israel
Jewish news
This land
Postmark

Friday

Letter from Jerusalem - with Arie Haskel
Thank goodness it's Friday - Sabbath eve
Press review - Israeli press

Saturday

Spotlight - people & issues in the news

Keeping the fires burning!

By Emmanuel Zabar

Persistence pays!

For many months Arnold Chippin was asking me to help him in establishing a Hebrew class in Fredericton. A variety of options were discussed and considered, and finally the best solution to the challenge was found. An Israeli student at the U.N.B. Engineering School - Dov Goldvasser - has agreed to teach Hebrew to some 15 members of the local community. I have arranged for them books and booklets needed for the different levels of the students - and the green light was given for the project.

All because of one persistent member!
Todah-Rabah, Arnold!

Excerpts from "Diaspora 'eh?"

By Micheal Steinitz,
Antigonish, N.S.

Author's note: Small images reflecting some of the nature of being a Jew in the Canadian Diaspora, with some looks back to other places and other generations.

A series of coincidences

Last week I received a message via the Nova Scotia Technology Network's link to Interned, from a cousin in Israel who works at the Maccabi Museum. She wanted me to let Gad Amaliah, an Israeli designer on sabbatical at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, know that she had sent two posters as submissions for his upcoming exhibition on Israeli Poster Art. The same day, a poster announcing this exhibition was put up and immediately caught my eye, at the St. Francis Xavier University Art Gallery. I phoned the College of Art and Design and left a message for Gad - who almost ignored it, figuring it couldn't be from Antigonish, as it must be from his sister, who had been married to a Steinitz in Jerusalem. Although there were 55 Steinitz's at my son's Bar Mitzvah in Haifa in 1980, it turns out that there was no relationship to this one - at least not as far back as 1750, the earliest date in the family tree that the Nazis made my father produce in order to obtain his Ph.D. in Berlin in 1934.

Fun with numbers

Editor's note: In the December 1991 edition of HA-EE, the PEI Jewish community newsletter, I found the following letter written by Clive Pickles to Joe Naylor. It reads:

Dear Joe:

It's now eighteen months since I followed up on an article in the *PEI Guardian* and contacted you and Barrie Carnat as the representatives of the hidden PEI Jewish community. I was very surprised when you informed me that you had 22 families receiving your quarterly newsletter. The 22 families turned into 39 individuals and another 15 who were not on your mailing list. Most of these I now meet on an irregular basis and some have become very close friends.

However, the list does not stop at 54, since there are also 32 children, some of whom, incidentally, are older than some of your subscribers. So now my list of the PEI Jewish community reaches 86.

But I haven't included the 15 parents and/or grandparents who I have met on their visits to PEI, and the 8 nephews, siblings and friends, who also visited PEI. and I know of at least 7 relatives whom I have missed but hope to meet on their future visits. This comes out to an extended family of PEI Jews of 116, which I believe works out as about 1/10 of 1% of the population of PEI--not a very large rate.

I have also made friends in Moncton, Halifax, Sydney, Woodstock, Montreal and Israel, some of whom I have visited, some of them with you, and others have invited me in the future. I am hoping to follow up on these.

It's hard to believe that in eighteen months, I could have met so many people just by getting in touch with you and Barrie. And I would like to thank you both very much.

-Clive Pickles

Editor's epilogue: Didn't I warn you about Clive's habit of playing with figures? (see article in the last issue entitled "Prince Edward Island of Jews).

Not Kosher for Pesach..!

Recipe Corner

By Sherrie Davidson, Prince Edward Island

Challah

[Sherrie received many requests for this recipe at the local Chanukah party.]

Ingredients:

2 packages of yeast
2.5 cups warm water
6 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1/3 cup salad oil

5 eggs room temperature
7 to 9 cups all-purpose flour

For glaze:

1 egg yolk
3 tablespoons poppy seeds

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Butter three 9 x 5 in. loaf pans. In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Add the sugar, salt, oil, eggs, and four cups of the flour. Beat vigorously, gradually adding more flour until the dough comes away from the sides of the bowl. Spread remaining flour on a board and turn dough out on it and knead until the dough is smooth and elastic and the flour is absorbed. If the dough is sticky after using all the flour, add more a little at a time until you get the right consistency for easy handling. Return dough to large bowl and cover with a dish towel. Let dough rise in a warm place for one to three hours or until it triples in bulk. Punch dough down and divide it into nine equal pieces. On a lightly floured board, shape each piece into a rope about 1.5 inches in diameter. Braid three ropes at a time, each set forming one loaf. At the end of each loaf, pinch the ropes together. Place the loaves in individual baking pans or baking sheets and set in a warm place to rise for 45 minutes or until double in bulk. Paint tops of loaves with the egg yolk glaze and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake in the preheated oven 30 to 40 minutes or until the breads are golden. Cool on a rack. Enjoy!



The whole Megillah

By Jolie Greiff

Chaim Khanin, 39, an architect by profession, has a special connection to the story of Purim. He writes and illustrates scrolls of the Book of Esther which are read in the synagogue on Purim.

In the summer of 1987, Khanin and his wife Bracha made Aliya and finally arrived in Jerusalem. His wife found employment at the Israeli Ministry of Justice, while he studies Judaism at the Shvut Ami International Center for Soviet Jews. He also is training to be a certified Sofer, ("Torah scribe"). He



Chaim Khanin

not only illuminates the Book of Esther, but also pens the ancient text. He does so beautifully, with brightly

coloured pictures of Shushan, the Persian capital where the Purim story is set.

Congratulations...

To Sidi Schaffer, of Saint John, N.B., who received an honourable mention award of \$500.00 for her mixed medium work *Breaking Loose*. (Sidi honoured us by allowing the use of her "Jerusalem's gates" painting for the front cover of the June 1991 issue of *Shalom*.)

Aza Avramovitch

The cover art work of this issue is the creation of Mr. Aza Avramovitch, of Halifax, N.S.

Aza is an architect by profession who came to live in Halifax some 30 years ago. (Yet, this fact does not

And the winner is...



Nathaniel Cohen, centre, holds the silver chanukiya he designed and made for raffling for Operation Exodus. He is flanked by Philip and Lil Schneider of New Glasgow, N.S., who were the lucky winners. Mr. Schneider bought more tickets than anyone else! - it sure did the trick! Congratulations!!!



qualify him to be considered a Haligonian - as we all know of course!) Proud of his profession Aza decided to design and build his own home himself - using a genuine "chutza" by building it of solid, very heavy, concrete - standing firm and tall amongst the wooden homes of his neighbours on Oceanview Drive.

After his retirement, Aza went to N.S. College of Art to become the painter he is. Aza paints and draws, exposing his inner world and thoughts, sharing it with all. "I do it for myself and for my friends" Aza said to me - "and I gave many of my paintings to my friends. I don't believe in selling them. This is how I show my appreciation of friendships". Aza is an artist, a poet and a Mentch!

(picture) Aza amid "Mangeurs Des Fleurs" 1992

Singing to the lilacs

By Emmett Brazil, P.E.I.

Springtime's in its glory now,
and summer's 'pon its way.
I'm singing to the lilacs
in the bonnie month of May.

The air is sweetly scented
as the rose rears out its rest,
and every little woodland dell
by the mayflower has been dress'd.

The bird skims low from out the south,
and far has been its flight.
It's been for long from out its nest
but 'twill carol there tonight.

The sun grows warm, and warmer,
while grass is springing green,
country girls are walking
where snowdrifts late' have been.

There's gentle breezes at the eve'
they fan the maiden, fair
a glow is 'pon the every cheek
while tousled blows the hair.

The rustic swain comes meeting
the damsel of his choice
as the youth his string's attuning
the lady lends her voice!

A gentle touch...



Hebrew classes in Sydney!

The Dubinskys - Harry and Shirley keep smiling and keep teaching Hebrew to the young generation of Sydney. (below)



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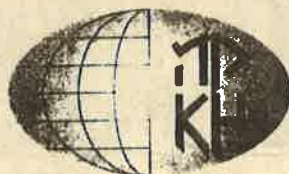


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