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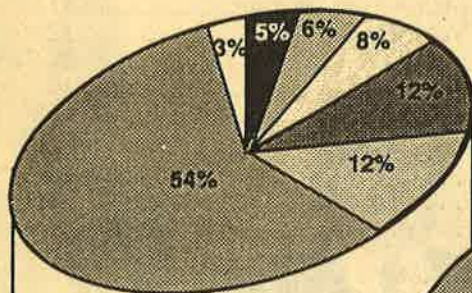
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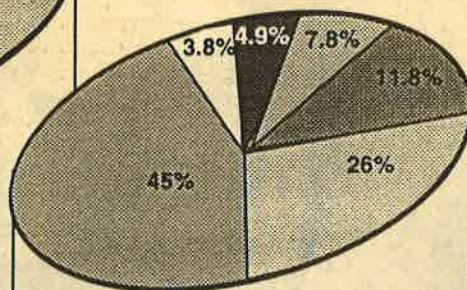
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Message from the President



by Larry Freeman

The Bi-annual Convention in Moncton marked a significant milestone in the history of our Atlantic Jewish Council in that gender equality was finally achieved in the make-up of our executive. This change, in gender make-up of our executive, was achieved because of the desire of Council members to ensure that we properly reflect our membership.

As your new President, I feel confident that other changes, beyond gender equality, will be achieved over the next two years. Your Council is committed to ensuring that all constituent members are served as best we can. We will be endeavouring to provide social, cultural and educational programming to all our communities, with special attention to communities outside of Halifax/Dartmouth. The executive positions have been amended to provide for each community to have an executive representative. This will ensure a proper voice for each community at the executive level. I ask you to consult with your representative and provide input so that you may be properly represented and, in return, I ask you to support our programming initiatives.

It is the desire of my new executive to properly serve our membership; however, we need your help. I ask you to join with us in helping make our Region vibrant Jewish community.

Views on the AJC conference

by Arnold Chippin, President,
Fredericton Community

October 23 I had the pleasure of attending the AJC conference in Moncton. It was a well organized event and the organizers deserve a lot of credit for the hard effort that they put into the weekend. Those of our congregation who could not make it do not know what they missed - from the excellent catering to the outstanding list of speakers. Speakers ranging from top figures in Canadian Jewish life to the Premier of New Brunswick.

The Conference gave people from across the Atlantic Region a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. A highlight of the Conference for those of us from Fredericton was the honouring of Ben Medjuck. It was a most deserved honour to a man who has done so much for the community here.

I was most pleased that I saw many more people at this conference, than at the last one, two years ago in Halifax. There seems to be a real desire all across Atlantic Canada to make the AJC an important part of Jewish life here in our region. We were all impressed by the work that AJC has done and there appeared to be a genuine desire to contribute to the AJC by those present.

In all four of the conferences I have attended, the same questions have always surfaced about just what the AJC does in our Communities, where we want the AJC to go, and the large amount of money all this takes. These nagging doubts and criticisms seem to linger on and on. In the last ten years I have heard them in varying degrees of intensity, but somehow we seem unable to come to terms with these problems.

On a local level, most of the people in our Community don't really know what the AJC does. The amount of contact that they have with the AJC is minimal. They may read *Shalom*

magazine, may or may not have a copy of the phone directory, and probably, reluctantly, support the UIA - but that is about the extent of their contact. And if you told them that the AJC spends about three times as much per year as the Synagogue, they could possibly fall over backwards. A serious problem that faces us, is how to answer these continuing doubts and to solve our problems in these areas.

The first step in my mind is very simple and very clear. Community representatives can no longer be simply appointed and decided upon by the AJC as a whole. *Each community must elect its own representatives.* If we want a leadership half women and half men, each Community can elect one man and one woman to represent it at the AJC. Since our Community does not presently select its own representative, we feel that we are not represented at the AJC (even if, as in the past, our representative was President of the AJC) and therefore, the Community takes little interest in the AJC or its activities.

If the AJC is to survive and grow in importance in our region, I feel that it must move forward and have each Community select its own representatives. And further that these representatives cannot sit on a Board that is a Board in name only. *The Board composed of these representatives from each Community must have real say. The AJC must be run by the various Communities that it is supposed to represent and can no longer be run from above.* It must grow past the words that I have heard at every AJC Conference I have attended ("an old boys' network). Yes, we can move forward. And on behalf of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue, I wish the new Board and Executive success in all their endeavours.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The intent of the new Executive of the Atlantic Jewish Council is to make the Board more effective than in past years. Your comments are well noted.

AJC awards

by Joel Jacobson

Five Atlantic Canadians were recognized October 24, 1992, for their contributions to the Jewish and secular communities.

Three New Brunswickers and two Nova Scotians received the first-ever Atlantic Jewish Council Community Service Awards in a ceremony at the Beausejour Hotel in Moncton.

The loudest ovation was given to **Herman Newman** of Halifax, a Holocaust survivor who has devoted his life to telling churches, schools, universities and various service organizations about his survival.



Herman Newman

Other recipients were **Ben Medjuck** of Fredericton, **Shirley Chernin** of Glace Bay, **Marcia Koven** of Saint John and **Irving Schelew** of Moncton.

Newman was introduced by **Rev. James Leland**, a United Church minister of Fredericton who has taken Newman to many New Brunswick groups for speeches.

Before he started his remarks, **Rev. Leland** told the audience of 100, "I could not speak about Herman unless I first do this." And, to thunderous applause, he placed a yarmulke on his head.

He said of Newman, who earned his grade 11 diploma at Queen Elizabeth

High School soon after arriving in Halifax, "His education didn't stop at grade 11. I'd give him a PhD."

Rev. Leland said audiences were awestruck as they listened to **Newman**, a Czechoslovakian who was held in Auschwitz and Dachau during the war and later rehabilitated in English hospitals. He came to Halifax in 1947 and has become a successful real estate developer.

"As he spoke to high school students, you could hear the proverbial pin drop. What bravery he showed to share his story with those students."

He said **Newman** has every right to be bitter and angry but "if you know **Herman**, he won't allow that to happen." **Newman** later told the audience of the bravery of **David Attis** to stand up and fight during the **Malcolm Ross** holocaust denial trial.

"I am getting older, feeble and tired," he said. "Someone has to fight the battles and for that, I'm thankful to **David Attis**. It is gratifying to know I don't stand alone, that you, the community, is with me."

Ben Medjuck organized the first United Palestine Appeal in Fredericton, was Maritime vice president of Zionist Organization of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress in the 1940s and 1950s, and assisted the more



Ben Medjuck

than 900 Jewish refugees sent to **Ripples, N.B.**, during World War II.

Introduced by old friend and business partner **Frank Budovitch**, **Medjuck** has been active in civic affairs, serving 10 years on the Fredericton School Board. He was president of the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce, and several times was chairman of the United Appeal and Salvation Army campaigns.

In 1976, he was named a Distinguished Citizen of Fredericton at a Chamber of Commerce dinner held in his honour.

Shirley Chernin founded the Citizens Service League in Glace Bay



Shirley Chernin

in 1967 and has been president ever since, "as a professional volunteer," she says.

The group now comprises 250 volunteers who provide more than a dozen direct services to the Glace Bay community, filling gaps between existing social services.

She is a member of the board of the University College of Cape Breton, on the Provincial Home Care Advisory Board and has been involved with Cape Breton Transition House and Town Daycare Centre. She has delivered food for Meals on Wheels,

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AJC Awards

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been a hospital helper and advises charitable groups.

For the last 25 years, Shirley, introduced for the award by David Ein, has been an executive member and president of Cape Breton Hadassah-Wizo Council and chairperson of the State of Israel Bond campaign.

Marcia Koven was introduced by her cousin, Myra Freeman of Halifax, who said, "Marcia gives us a sense of pride in our belonging to a small community. And she has rekindled that pride in the Jewish community of Saint John."



Marcia Koven

Besides being president of Sisterhood at Sharrei Zedek Synagogue for four terms and holding every executive position in the Eastern Canadian Branch of the National Women's League, Koven created, and is the curator of, the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.

She created the archives in the museum and salvaged more than 1000 books that are now used in the research and reading library. She has published two books on Saint John Jewish history and has received many local, regional, national and international awards for her historical work.



Irving Schelew

Irving Schelew, introduced by Irwin Lampert, has been on the board of Tiferes Israel Synagogue for 25 years,

co-chaired the building committee for a recently-completed addition and has been co-chairman of fund raising.

He started the first Moncton Jewish cub pack, is a current member of Moncton Rotary, the Elks Club, the City Club and Jewish War Veterans.

"He is one of those rare people who is always there, always says 'yes' and can be counted on to work tirelessly for the betterment of his community," said Lampert.

Schelew later said he is so involved with his community "because my roots are here."

AJC president Lee Cohen said the awards were started "to recognize lay members of the community who, in their own areas of expertise and interest, promote the cause of the Council and its people."

He said there was no problem finding capable candidates.

"Their work may entice others to give service," he said.

AJC elects new executive

by Joel Jacobson

Larry Freeman, a Halifax barrister, was elected president of Atlantic Jewish Council during a Moncton meeting October 25 that at times showed passion and fire and at other times reflected the gentle nature of the organization.

In a brief acceptance speech, Freeman defused the explosive nature of some discussion by saying, "We've listened to what the members of Atlantic Jewish Council want. We'll address it."

He was referring to a letter from Moncton resident Francis Weil which questioned the activities of the Council during the past couple of years. Weil, a University of Moncton science professor, told the meeting the AJC has to involve its people. Communication has to be better and representation from the communities must be in attendance at board meetings. He said representatives were selected by the nominating committee, not chosen by their respective communities. Past president Ivan Levine of Fredericton, chairman of the nomina-

tion committee, impassioned told Weil and the meeting that it was difficult to find volunteers to serve.

"We want you to come forward. We need your input," he said. "Let's open the floor for nominations right now."

Outgoing president Lee Cohen had told Weil there is no instant remedy to remove the feeling of apathy in the region which leads to difficulty getting strong representation.

"We select community representatives who we feel can best represent that community. We need you to push us to that task," he said. He added a new constitution is being drafted which should be ready in six months.

Freeman insisted programming support would be provided to the smaller communities. "If you're not getting programming, contact us, talk to us. Don't wait for an annual meeting."

In a later interview, he said his new board will be committed to youth programming throughout the region.

"Communication, too, has to be strengthened through *Shalom Magazine* and other efforts," he said.

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AJC strives for gender equality

by Joel Jacobson

Sheva Medjuck's dreams are slowly, very slowly, coming to fruition.

An admitted feminist, the sociology professor and chair of Women's Studies at Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax wants to see more women participating at the executive level in the Atlantic Jewish Council and other organizations that have been male-dominated.

Speaking in Moncton, at the October annual meeting of the AJC, she emphasized that in 1991-92, only three members of the 20-person board of directors was female.

"You only have to look at the executives of major Jewish organizations, national and regional, to see women under-represented. Canadian Jewish Congress has had 12 presidents, only one of whom was a woman. I must admit **Irving Abella** (current president of CJC) has promised change and we can only hope this will happen."

Well, Sheva can relax - a little. She is second vice-president of AJC. If things go right, she will be president in four years. There are eight other women on the board of directors, including two on the executive.

But she is still concerned that Jewish women are the same as their sisters in the secular community - burdened with home and, in many cases, work responsibilities, and not given enough respect by the male population for the abilities they have.

"But unlike their secular sisters, Jewish women have to explain to their own ethnic community their loyalty to feminist principles as if to support women's issues is somehow Jewish treason," she said.

She said Jewish women are doing well in secular advances, in educational and employment opportunities, surpassing other women's groups in Canada today.

"In 1986, over 60 per cent of married Jewish women were in the work force

(1991 figures, expected early in 1993 should be even higher). But when they go into the pay-labour market, they have two jobs,

"Men like to think they're doing their share but two things happen



Sheva Medjuck

when women go into the pay-labour market. Women do far more work

than they have ever done before and men think they (men) do."

This, she said, makes for a major conflict for women - between their career aspirations and domestic responsibilities.

Single Jewish women also have a major burden. In many communities, said Medjuck, they are non-people. Single men can be part of a community because they help form a minyan. Jewish women have no community like that to express their Jewish identity.

She insisted Jewish women are isolated in Jewish women's groups or enabling roles, rather than being welcomed in all areas of synagogue or community life.

And she stressed that women's issues such as abuse, poverty among the female elderly, alienation of single Jewish women from Jewish life, have never been addressed at AJC meetings.

"They're not easily solvable but they're not even on our agenda," she said.

"I'm cautiously optimistic we'll see change but there is a lot to change," said Medjuck

New executive (from page 6)

Cohen told the meeting an executive director, with prime function in fund raising, and an assistant director, with programming responsibilities, would be hired early in 1993. There were 16 applications from all across Canada and the United States.

Emmanuel Zabar had completed his contract as executive director last July and was carrying on as UIA campaign chairman but would leave that post at the end of the current campaign.

Treasurer **Mark Rosen** presented a financial report that showed the AJC in good shape "after being close to insolvency when I took over two years ago. But we have to get our priorities right to remain deficit-free."

The AJC budget is \$275,000 with close to 85 percent being provided by Canadian Jewish Congress and United Israel Appeal.

Freeman said he was asked two days before the election to accept the two-

year term as president. He admitted he thought hard about it before accepting because of the major commitment of time and energy.

He heads an executive comprised of: chair, **Ivan Levine**, Fredericton; past president, **Lee Cohen**, Halifax; first vice-president, **Victor Goldberg**, Halifax; second vice-president, **Sheva Medjuck**, Halifax; treasurer, **Mark Rosen**, Halifax; associate treasurer, **Barbara Paton**, Halifax; secretary, **Myrna Yazer**, Halifax.

Community representatives are: Fredericton, **Miriam Cohen**; Saint John, **Janet Holtzman**; Moncton, **Evie Carnat**; Prince Edward Island, **Joe Naylor**; Halifax, **Jim Spatz**; Cape Breton, **Shirley Chernin**; Newfoundland, **Claire Frankel-Salama**; Annapolis Valley, **Naomi Honey**; Members at Large, **David Attis**, Moncton, **Seymour Prince**, Halifax, **Francis Weil**, Moncton, **Murray Schwartz**, Halifax, and **Irwin Lampert**, Moncton. **Frank Medjuck**, Halifax, is legal counsel.

McKenna addresses AJC conference

by Joel Jacobson

Frank McKenna is a convincing guy. The New Brunswick premier walked into the Atlantic Jewish Council meeting October 25 in Moncton and, within 20 minutes, probably convinced many of those waffling between a "yes" and "no" vote in the October 26 referendum, to move to his "yes" side.

It was a coup to get him to attend the conference. He had been invited a few weeks before but indicated his time was limited. A second request, through friends of friends, saw him clear his schedule.

Moncton's Irwin Lampert and David Attis clinched the deal for the conference, possibly telling the premier he had to eat somewhere, after all, and what's wrong with sitting down for some smoked salmon with a few close Jewish friends?

"I'm enlisting your support for the 'yes' side," he said, up front as is his

norm. "This can be the best part of the constitutional discussion. It can be the end of it and we can get on with other business."

He said the past few weeks of constitutional wrangling have given the

cord in their own self-interest, but must look at the big picture as Canadians.

"If people asked, 'Is this good for Canada as a whole?', they would say, 'Yes, yes, yes.'"

He told of the meetings in Charlottetown where each provincial and community leader told why the constitution was important to their specific interest group.

"If you each could have been there, you would understand why compromises were made and why those compromises will make a better Canada," he said. "To see the atmosphere of sincerity, and all politics and religious and ethnic differences set aside to accommodate each other, you would have seen

the joy and the sense of accomplishment when we realized we had a chance to keep the nation whole and united."

He insisted that if all Canadians could have been there, there would not have been a need for a referendum.



Premier Frank McKenna, centre, shown with Conference Chair Irwin Lampert and Ivan Levine of Fredericton at the AJC Bi-annual conference.

country uncertainty and instability, specifically in the economy.

"We need consistency to get on with things that are really important," he said.

He impressed on people they had to stop looking at the Charlottetown Ac-

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CJC & AJC working together

by Joel Jacobson

The importance of the small Jewish community was recognized time and again at the annual conference of the Atlantic Jewish Council in late October.



Jack Silverstone,
CJC Executive Director

The Moncton gathering brought together 100 of the region's leaders from Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish National Fund and United Israel Appeal.

Reflecting all of them, CJC executive director Jack Silverstone urged the Council "to make sure your voice is represented nationally so we may benefit from the history and wisdom of small communities and avoid the arrogance of larger communities like Montreal and Toronto."

He said the region is unique, the only one of the CJC regions that comprises four provinces.

"I am impressed by the access you have to your elected leaders," he said, referring to the Sunday appearance of New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna at the conference to speak on the referendum.

"It is inconceivable to me, on the eve of the referendum, that your premier would come to a meeting like this. In Quebec, we could never get a meeting like that with (Quebec premier Robert) Bourassa.

"That kind of access is so important and should not be wasted," he said.

He explained the regional, national and international roles of CJC, alluding to the problems of holocaust denial in the Moncton community.

"Denial is not just restricted to Moncton or to Canada. It is world wide. As the younger population comes to the fore, it is even more important to conduct educational programs for our own, and for other communities, about holocaust denial."

Mike Cohen, National Communications Director, urged Atlantic Canadians to monitor the media and to inform their regional and national leaders about their concerns.

"In small communities, often the media's information is gleaned from the wire services and from television. We want to provide them with correct information if they are making improper interpretations of what they see or hear."



Mike Cohen, Director of
Communications, CJC

He said the media prints stories about anti-Semitism, cemetery desecrations and holocaust denials because "that sells newspapers".

He said this won't go away but "we want you to monitor it and send letters to the editor, if necessary, to correct wrong impressions.

He also said "We shouldn't only complain. We should praise the media when they follow our views."

Cohen stressed the importance of letter writing. "Even if they are not all

printed, the papers know how you think."

Shellie Ettinger, Director of Small Communities, stressed the small communities office is the link between "your community and the CJC. We're there to ensure the CJC addresses



Shellie Ettinger,
Director of Small Communities

your needs and so far we've been successful."

She recommended the AJC find one person to link its office with the small communities office. She also urged communities to inundate her with information for the Small Communities Bulletin so the region's activities will be known from coast-to-coast.

"We have a commitment to this area. We have to let Montreal and Toronto know that you have a lot to offer. They can learn from you," she said.

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Allan Gould speaks

by Joel Jacobson

Allan Gould is an intense guy. But when the Jewish writer from Toronto speaks, people listen.

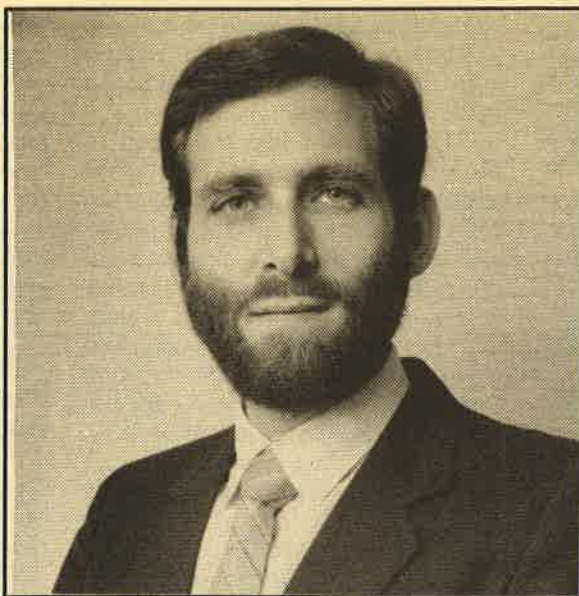
He can talk baseball or politics, Talmud or Torah, with equal ease. He can make an audience or an individual comfortable by putting himself down to make a point.

And he has lots of points to make.

At the Atlantic Jewish Council conference in October, he used excerpts from the Torah, Shulchan Aruch and Talmud in a Shabbat Eve presentation that left his Moncton audience in awe of his knowledge and presentation as well as their feelings as human beings.

"There is something remarkable about Judaism and the way to capture it is by studying Talmudic and Midrashic gems," he said.

"We are a religion of laws," said Gould. "We often take put downs from Christians because of it. They will say the Old Testament shows a nasty, vicious God but Christianity is love."



Dr. Allan Gould

"We are guilty. We are a religion of laws except our laws mean to love."

He cited an interpretation of a passage from Deuteronomy (11:15) which said man shall feed his animals first and then himself. His interpretation is that if we take responsibility for being better human beings, our consciousness for our fellow man will be raised.

He used Tractate Bava Metzia, Chapter 25, from the Babylonian Talmud to teach that respect in both the Jewish and secular communities makes a person a complete Jew.

The passage emphasizes honesty in our dealings with people, who will then trust us.

"We have to care about what other people think and say about us as Jews," said Gould. "We live in a Gentile world and we are judged by them by what we do and say."

Gould used Tractate Ketuvot, pages 16b to 17a, to show man should always conduct himself towards others in a pleasant manner.

"If you can't say something nice, don't say it," Gould said, reflecting on the Torah passage from Exodus 23:7, keep far from falsehood.

"The Torah tells us, 'don't lie'. Judaism cares about what we say to each other every day."

The Shulchan Aruch in chapter 63 quotes Leviticus 25:17 saying "Do not wrong one another but fear thy God."

Gould pointed out that by speaking ill of or to a person, we are robbing him of his dignity.

"In kindergarten, I used to hear, 'Sticks and stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you.' That's wrong," said Gould.

"If you break an arm, it heals. If you are called a name, it stays with you and can hurt you forever."



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From the desk of the AJC program coordinator (pro-tem)

Dear Friends:

It seems fitting that my first six months on the job culminated in the AJC Bi-annual Convention held in Moncton, October 23-25. We averaged over 80 people each of the three days and the spirit, interest and enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the weekend bodes well for the future of the AJC. Our new President, **Larry Freeman**, and the incoming executive have indicated their wish to continue the AJC's emphasis on programming, communication and outreach to all the Jews of Atlantic Canada.

One of the mandates given to me back in April was to provide as much programming and support as was financially possible to our communities outside Metro Halifax. Starting with the Or Yehuda kids, Cantor **Shlomo Cohen**, and the "Heart Songs" Yiddish program and now with our attempt to revise Atlantic Young Judaea in New Brunswick and PEI. I have begun to bring the AJC to all of the Atlantic Region. There will be Israeli-based speakers this winter and, hopefully come Spring, we will have Yom Hashoah and then Israeli Independence Day programs in all our major centres. During the next three or four months I will be concentrating on Youth Programming in our region. With a Chanukah concert coming to your community in December, I hope to be able to identify and target our youth for Jewish, Israeli and cultural activities throughout the winter. However, I need your help and hope all parents will bring or send their children when the programs occur.

At a Senior Citizen's Caucus held in Moncton, we decided to plan a regional Senior's event for Spring '93. I also wish to undertake with our new executive a closer look at the Jewish Education (or lack of in various communities) and evolve a master plan to attempt to satisfy some of our region's more pressing needs in Jewish Education, Cultural and Religious areas. A review of the situation in New-



Jon Goldberg

foundland with a large number of Jewish refugees will be undertaken in the hope of keeping our Russian Jewish brethren in the Atlantic Region. Canadian Jewish Congress, which is one of our major funding organizations through their Small Communities Department, can and will help. We also much reach out to our neighbours and become involved in ethnocultural and multicultural organizations in each province.

If I have been able to accomplish just a little in these past six months, then I feel it is due in large part to the support and direction given by **M. Lee Cohen** and the outgoing executive. If I have been able to strike a beginning in many of these areas, it is because of the support and encouragement I received from **Lee**, **Mark Rosen** your treasurer, **Victor Goldberg**, vice-president, **Ivan Levine**, **Larry Freeman**, **Dr. Sheva Medjuck**, **Dr. Jim Spatz**, **Dr. Murray Schwartz** and our Secretary **Nardy Nathanson**. All those individuals encouraged and supported my efforts these past six months as your program coordinator. My thanks also to those community representatives and their committees who worked so hard on your behalf to help make our programs a success - in PEI, **Dr. Joe Naylor**, in

Cape Breton **David Eln**, in Annapolis Valley **Naomi Honey**, in Newfoundland **Claire Salama** assisted by **Ruth Noel**, in Moncton **David Attis**, his family and **Evie & Barrie Carnat**, in Saint John **Janet & Norman Holtzman** and in Fredericton **Ivan Levine** and **Arnold Chippin**. To all who hosted the Or Yehuda group, thanks. To **Andrew Wolfson** and his staff at Kadimah and to the Presidents of all the Shuls in Atlantic Canada, my thanks for your cooperation and, finally, to **Rabbi Spiro**, **Rabbi Nebel**, **Rabbi Chinitz**, **Rabbi Pritzker** and **Rabbi Oren** - my appreciation for all your assistance and advice.

As you know, all our communications, correspondence and organizational abilities emanate from the Halifax office. We are fortunate to have **Christina MacNeil**, now entering her tenth year as AJC Administrator. Not only is she extremely able in her duties, but her interest and concern and advice have been a tremendous help to me as I attempt to restructure our procedures and delivery systems so as to maximize the AJC's efforts throughout our region.

Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to write, phone or fax with any suggestions, questions or comments. My door is always open. We want and need your input!

Happy Chanukah to everyone.
Shalom-

Jon M. Goldberg

1993 AJC DIRECTORY

We will soon begin the production of this important reference book of our community

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Images from the Conference



Herman Newman and his wife Anna are shown with Rev. James Leland after the ceremony.



Sunday morning meeting of the Campaign Task Force, l-r around the table, Barney Harris, Nardy Nathanson, Victor Goldberg, Jim Spatz, Mark Rosen, Emmanuel Zabar, Harry Brodie and Curdis Karrell.



Ben Medjuck is congratulated by his presenter Frank Budovitch



Holocaust Education meeting on Sunday morning, l-r, Ruth Noel, (partially hidden), Claire Frankel-Salama, Larry Riteman - Chair, Mike Cohen - CJC, Roz Attis, Marcia Koven and Christina MacNeil.



ABOVE
Irwin Lampert (r) presents Irving Schelew with his award as Lee Cohen looks on.



Marcia Koven (R) with her cousin and presenter, Myra Freeman



Emmanuel Zabar is presented with a gift from outgoing president Lee Cohen, in appreciation for his work as AJC Executive Director



RIGHT
Barney Harris, UIA Field Director, addresses the audience at the Gala evening.



Entertainers at the Gala Evening: Zohar & Leavit



David Ein, in accepting the award for Shirley Chernin, praises her efforts in community service.

The 1992 UIA campaign report

by Emmanuel Zabar,
Campaign Director

Generally speaking, fundraising is a tough business, where the encounter between the asker and the giver is touching especially sensitive and personal grounds. It seems that this year, in particular, we are facing a specially tough fundraising year.

perience in Israel turned to be a highly motivating story (see article in the 1992 Summer issue of *Shalom*). Denise was also very helpful in agreeing to travel and tell her story to some of our distant communities. All speakers were excellent in bringing the message home and in raising the level of giving.

A few new features were also intro-

been "discovered" by the community as a young, ambitious and most capable UIA chairman. Another new event was the *Rosh Hashanah Appeal Dinner* in PEI at the summer home of Shawn & Sherrie Davidson. This event attracted some twenty-five individuals (or should I say "Jewish Islanders"), most of whose contributions on that night were first-time contributions to the UIA. This is an excellent example of how much one person can do for his or her community and for Israel. Sherrie did it all and with a special genuine love and dedication.

In the absence of a major event in the campaign, due to very strict budget guidelines, the 1992 campaign in Atlantic Canada is more like the small communities campaign. Local chairmen, some of them first-timers on the job, did their best to approach their contributors door-to-door and eyeball-to-eyeball. The 1992 results can be summarized as the accumulation of many more small contributions with some of our regular big givers suffering from a financial set-back which is being also reflected on their level of giving. This is the UIA year of the small contributors.

Finally, perhaps the best analysis of the 1992 campaign can be drawn by the fact that we hardly reached last year's financial results in spite of the historically trying time we live in. Many of the Jewish communities, small and large, throughout the war-torn former Soviet Union, are caught under crossfire. Jews are being killed, raped, robbed and taken hostages. The Jewish Agency is spreading its wings in running many nameless rescue operations week after week, bringing Jews home to Israel. Yet, apparently, the 1990 Operation Exodus landslide excitement throughout the Jewish world is over, although the need for support only gets greater and greater. Somehow the message of helping in rescuing our fellow Jews has not been registered in everyone's mind. The need for a major education campaign on this issue is most essential for future fundraising success. The time to do it is NOW.



The Children's March to Jerusalem

In our region we run the campaign in ten separate communities. Each has its own way of handling the call and response to the challenge. Each community needs the special attention and the professional assistance to help the local lay leadership in their endeavours. This year we managed to hold a fundraising function in almost every small community, turning the appeal for money into an educational, Zionist and social event, too. Mr. Alan Marks, a distinguished English businessman from England, who made aliyah to Israel a few years ago, was our keynote speaker in some of the communities. Mr. Jack Silverstone, Executive Director of Canadian Jewish Congress and Mr. Nachum Wilchesky, Chairman of Canadian Zionist Federation, were also our guest speakers for the same cause. A special mention must be made to Mrs. Denise Nevo of Halifax, whose personal ex-

duced this year to the traditional ways of campaigning. In Halifax, under the exciting chairmanship of Dr. Jim Spatz, a special effort was done to recruit and motivate a new group of canvassers. A training session by Arthur Benjamin of Toronto was highly successful and a second meeting with the Jewish writer Allan Gould added some very important substance to the new UIA team in town. The *March to Jerusalem* by the Halifax children was indeed an exciting, new experience which should now be turned into an annual event in the community. In two of our communities - Moncton and the Annapolis Valley - we were very successful in recruiting new campaign chairpersons. Naomi Honey hosted an appeal function at her home in Kentville and is running a major follow-up campaign, reaching out for every Jewish family in her "jurisdiction". Harry Brodie of Moncton has

Farewell to the Pritzkers

by Joel Jacobson

The curtain came down on the longest-running Rabbi show in Beth Israel Synagogue history when Rabbi Marvin Pritzker and Rebbitzin Rose were feted at a gala farewell dinner November 15.

With words, words and more words, the Rabbi was honoured by his congregants, peers and people who worked with him. All the words were said with the greatest sincerity, and a few speakers even drew tears of emotion from many of the 200 people in attendance.

After 17 years at Beth Israel, Rabbi Pritzker has retired to Toronto where he and Rose will be closer to their children and grandchildren. But their closeness to their "children" at Beth Israel was never more aptly expressed than by synagogue secretary Pat Blais.

I look at him as a father figure," she told the audience. "He took time to visit MY father when he was in the hospital, a visit that meant more to my father than one from the Pope."

She apologized to Rose and then said, "I love Rabbi Pritzker."

Pat, a Catholic, read a few words of farewell and blessing to the Pritzkers in Hebrew, and received the first of many of the night's standing ovations.

Daniel Freeman, just a few weeks old when the Pritzkers arrived in Halifax in 1975, gave a message from the youngsters of the congregation. In a stirring and emotional presentation, he said Rabbi Pritzker has been a "constant in the lives of the young people. We loved him and feared him - for the

knowledge he gave us and for the respect he demanded."

He said, "You have given intangible gifts - the knowledge of who we are and where we come from. These gifts will last a lifetime."

Caterer Janet Casey and her staff asked in a letter to the Rabbi, "What will we do with the burnt kichel?" as the congregation roared in response, knowing kichel to be one of Rabbi Pritzker's favourite foods.

Lois Block had kind words for Rebbitzin Rose who has been a strong supporter of many congregation and community activities during the years.

"Your marriage to Rabbi Pritzker has been one of the heart as well as a marriage of the mind. You are enjoying a lifetime of sharing and caring."

Former shul president Ralph Loebenberg said Rabbi Pritzker "ran the store. He worried about the details such as ordering lulavs and making sure the wine and scotch were there for Shabbat. He felt nothing in the synagogue was not in his job description."

Sisterhood president Kathy Zilbert was taught by Rabbi Pritzker when she came to the synagogue 11 years ago and was later married to Arthur Zilbert by the Rabbi. She said she and the rabbi have done everything together, from repairing the photocopier to kashering dishes.

Kathy said there were several words to describe the rabbi - approachable, honest and fair in his decisions, dependable and always acting with dignity.

And she added with a laugh, "We'll miss your trips to the kitchen to test the results of a day's cooking."

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz, soon to be retiring from the pulpit at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, said he knew Rabbi Pritzker for 50 years, since their days together at Yeshiva University.

"I knew him then as a good person and a good Talmudist. When I came to Halifax in 1984, I rediscovered how learned he was. A scholar in Jewish learning and general learning, he combined two great characteristics - modesty and dignity."

Rabbi and Rose were presented with numerous gifts including a bound copy of the 100th Anniversary Stained Glass Window Book by Earle Bowman, a plaque from the Atlantic Jewish Council presented by Beth Israel's Larry Freeman, president of AJC, and a compact disc player and compact discs of Jewish music by shul president Errol Gaum. The Shaar Shalom Congregation presented the Pritzkers with a leaf on the Beth Israel's Tree of Life.

Barbara Gaum, wife of the shul president, presented flowers to Rose and gifts were presented on behalf of the youth by Daniel Freeman.

On behalf of Sisterhood, Kathy Zilbert presented the Pritzkers with a mezuzah, identical to the one on the front of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Dinner committee chairman Jayson Greenblatt was master of ceremonies for the evening. His committee members were Errol Gaum, Doreen Gordon, Cathy Jacobson, Carol Lee Loebenberg and Kathy Zilbert.

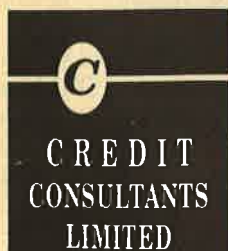
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Goldblooms honoured

Outstanding members of the Halifax Jewish Community, **Ruth & Richard Goldbloom**, were recently



Dr. Richard Goldbloom

honoured by Symphony Nova Scotia at a gala tribute held October 16 and 17.

The tribute, titled **Pure Gold**, was a gala musical weekend held in Halifax

to recognize the immense contribution of the Goldblooms to the cultural life of Nova Scotia in their name.

Said chairman of the Pure Gold Committee **Norman Newman**, "The whole project started with friends and admirers of **Richard and Ruth Goldbloom** wanting somehow to recognize the tremendous contributions they make to our community."

Featured artists during this unique weekend included world-renowned violinist **Isaac Stern** and the internationally acclaimed Canadian contralto **Maureen Forrester**. Symphony Nova Scotia, under **Georg Tintner**, was the host orchestra.

Income from the Symphony Nova Scotia **Ruth and Richard Goldbloom Endowment Fund** will provide for a special annual appearance with the Symphony by a noted musical performer: an extraordinary addition to future concert seasons, and a fitting recognition of two outstanding citizens.

The Goldblooms have always been, and continue to be, incredibly generous of their time, talents and resources in helping create a better life for others. The **Pure Gold** event

provided a fitting way for friends, admirers and community-minded organizations to recognize the spirit of giving the Goldblooms so magnificently represent, and to pay tribute to them as fine, contributing Canadians.



Ruth Goldbloom

The gala weekend began with a black-tie reception at the **Halifax Sheraton**. The banquet and ball, a dining and entertainment highlight of the decade, featured an elegant dish bearing the Goldbloom name. The Concert and post-concert reception closed this memorable weekend.

In addition to this tribute, the Goldblooms have been honoured many times over the years, by various charitable organizations for their community service. **Dr. Richard Goldbloom**, in 1987, was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition for his 18 years as Professor and Head of Pediatrics at **Dalhousie University**, as first Physician-in-Chief and Director of Research at the **Isaac Walton Killam Hospital for Children** and his continued teaching and research activities at the **IWK and Dalhousie**. **Ruth Goldbloom** became a member of the Order of Canada in the Spring of 1992 in honour of her active record as a volunteer community worker, raising funds for the **IWK and Halifax-Dartmouth United Way Campaign**. As well the Goldblooms remain active and dedicated to the **United Israel Appeal** campaigns.

AJC raffle winner



Mazel Tov to Mrs. Esther Bentley of Saint John, N.B., the lucky winner of the AJC Bi-annual Conference Draw. Mrs. Bentley has won the grand prize of an all expense paid trip for two to Israel. The ticket was drawn in Moncton by Premier Frank McKenna. Shown here l-r: Irwin Lampert, Conference Chair; Victor Goldberg, AJC First Vice-President; Premier McKenna and Lee Cohen, immediate Past President of AJC.

Club Masada

by Edith Schneiderman,
Co-president, Halifax

On September 10, the opening meeting of the '92-93 season of Club Masada was held in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue with 53 members in attendance.

The new slate of officers is: Co-presidents Betty Miller and Edith Schneiderman, Treasurer Jean Zlatin, Recording Secretary Ella Morris, Corresponding Secretary Sara Yablon, Hospitality Marianne & Lawrence Ferguson, Sick and Visiting Sara Goldberg and Rose Argand, Telephone Convenor Molly Whitzman and Lil Aronson.

Betty Miller opened the meeting welcoming everyone. Betty introduced guest speaker Jon Goldberg of the Atlantic Jewish Council, who gave a most informative talk on forthcoming events



Co-presidents of Club Masada Edith Schneiderman and Betty Miller

scheduled by the AJC and other local communities.

A delicious luncheon was convened by Marianne Ferguson and her capable helpers: Beatrice Zemel,

Doris Stone, Jean Zlatin, Ginger Sadofsky, Lil Aronson, Betty and Edith.

Anyone 55+ is cordially invited to join Club Masada!

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Sam Karrell appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

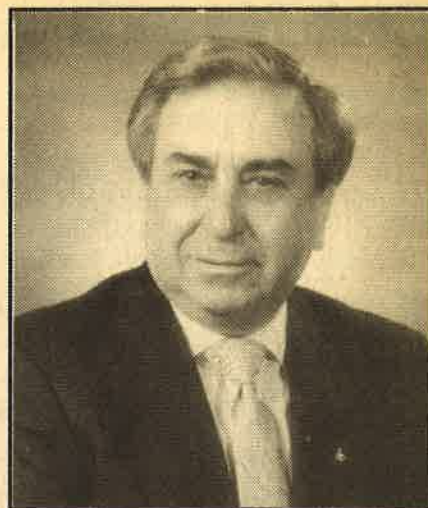
Most Wor. Bro. James E. McNairn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, is pleased to appoint **Sam Karrel**, of Glace Bay, N.S., as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Karrel is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, member of the Royal and Select Masters Cryptic Rite, and a

Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Philae Temple Shriners.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees, N.S. Free Masons Home in Windsor, and the Advisory Board of Grand Lodge.

He serves on the Board of Directors, Congregation Sons of Israel, Glace Bay, and is presently Recording Secretary.



Sam Karrel

Miriam Naylor goes to Nashville to record solo album

from Ha-Ee

A "Send off Party" for Miriam Naylor was held at MacLauchlan's Motel on October 23, 1992. The party was held to raise funds for her trip to Nashville in November to record her debut solo album.

The evening featured Miriam, who was supported by a stellar cast of Is-

land performers and groups in country, folk and jazz music.

Her album is being produced by Gillis Godard, who was nominated for Record Producer of the Year and for Record Industry Person of the Year at the Canadian Country Music Awards held in Calgary on September 27.

Congratulations to Miriam and best wishes for a most successful trip!

Shirley Burnstein to be honoured

by Cathy Jacobson, Halifax

Plans are underway for Shirley Burnstein Scholarship Night to honour one of Halifax's outstanding Jewish citizens.

Sponsored by the Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT, the gala evening will be held May 16, 1993.

It will recognize the contribution made by Shirley Burnstein, a lady with a magnificent voice, a superb teaching method and the patience to handle dozens of Broadway wannabees.

Shirley will be feted for her unselfish aid to Beth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood, Beth Israel Synagogue Choir, Atlantic Jewish Council, B'nai Brith and Camp Kadimah.

Any musical production organized by one of the above groups has seen Shirley at the helm - writing, producing, directing and, in most cases, performing.

Whether involved in major productions like Atlantic Haggadah and the Beth Israel's 100th Anniversary or in smaller efforts, she has given generously of her time to ensure every detail is managed.

And her efforts don't stop in the Jewish community. For the past several years, she has coordinated the Northwood Players, a group of seniors, primarily amateur entertainers, who perform publicly throughout the province and rate raves for their Burnstein-directed productions.

A personal note...

Dear Distinguished members of the Atlantic Jewish Council:

I have just returned from one of the momentous and uplifting weekends I have spent with Jewish youth in some time. I am referring to this past week's (September 18) Shabbaton in Halifax organized by the APJSF (together with Network Canada). What particularly differentiated it from other weekends I've attended, was the vitality and openness on the part of the participants...

...You are most fortunate to have such wonderful students. Particularly I would like to applaud the efforts of Jonathan Mendleson and Timna Gorber who, with the AJC's support, organized and ran this event. I am sure you will be proud to see them develop into future Jewish leaders.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Benjamin Jacoby
The Jewish Education Program, Toronto

Fredericton UIA drive held

By Arnold Chippin, Chairman

On Sunday night, October 25, our community held the 1992 United Israel Appeal Campaign. Our campaign was able to increase the amount of money collected by well over ten per cent from last year, but more importantly, in my opinion, we were able to involve many more people.

The reason for our increase was not due to better times financially, but due to just plain hard work on the part of my canvassers. I would like to thank them all. They are too numerous to name here, but I would like to single out a few who really went out of their way to help our campaign - Judy Budovitch, Harry and Weldon Levine, Rabbi Spiro and Martin Payne. Of course, there were also many more and I thank you all.

I would also like to thank Nardy Nathanson and Emmanuel Zabar for the support that they gave to our community.

The real secret to our increase in the amount of money raised for the UIA over last year was the fact that we added approximately 20 more contributors to last year's donors. We tried to leave no one out. We didn't want anyone to feel left out of this historic opportunity to participate in such special times.

One of the highlights of the campaign was the re-announcement, by

Arnold Budovitch, of the AJC Community Service Award originally presented to Ben Medjuck at the Atlantic Jewish Council Convention by Arnold's father, Frank.



Pictured l-r at the Fredericton Campaign drive are Arnold Chippin, Rabbi Spiro, Judy Budovitch, Nardy Nathanson and Guest Speaker Jack Silverstone.

We also had the good fortune to have as a speaker Jack Silverstone, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress. This was a unique opportunity for our community to meet and hear this important individual in Canadian Jewish life today.

The last thing I would like to mention is what I said personally on Sunday evening. I would like to repeat my personal message again for any in our community not able to make it on Sunday evening. I spoke not just as Chairman of the Campaign but also as President of the Community.

I spoke of a problem that is not unique to Fredericton but affects many other communities as well. We see ourselves as an aging community and as a result are experiencing a loss of direction. We must revitalize ourselves, establish new goals and objectives. How we see ourselves affects our actions and among many other things our donations. To look at ourselves as a slowly dying community is a self fulfilling prophecy. If we see ourselves as a slowing dying community then that is what we will become.

This need not be the case. I reminded those present that the Fredericton community was founded in the 1920s with less than thirty families (today we have two to three times that). Back then there was the desire to bond together and, not only to

help one another, but also to help fellow Jews. As poor immigrants perhaps they had a different understanding of what was important and what was not.

It is time that our community send out a message that it has decided not to bury itself but to be an active and vibrant community and to do it today.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all those who helped me canvassing and organizing the campaign as well as all those who supported this year's drive. If we missed anyone or anyone would like to increase their pledge - I am here.

APJSF update

by Timna Gorber, co-president

The Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation started the New Year with a big start. We had a very successful Shabbaton the weekend of September 18th to 20th. Friday evening started with a Shabbat dinner, and was followed by a keynote address by Eric Vernon on anti-Semitism and Holocaust deniers in Canada. The night concluded with a session, *Rapping with the Rabbi*, with Rabbi Ben-

jamin Jacoby of Toronto. Saturday was spent in workshops on anti-Semitism, views on Israel, religion and assimilation. Many thanks to our speakers, Eric Vernon of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Joey Felsen of Network Canada, Frank Medjuck and Rabbi Jacoby.

We had approximately 75 students drop in throughout the weekend, with students coming in from Moncton, PEI, and Antigonish. The weekend

finished off with the formation of a new Executive, which held its first programming meeting on Sunday morning.

We would like to especially thank all those who helped to organize the Shabbaton. Those people include Jon Goldberg of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the Jewish Students Network of Canada, and all the students who donated time and energy when needed.

Or Yehuda group visit Newfoundland

by Ruth Noel

On a hot summer day in July (one of the few hot days we had that month!), four Israelis descended on Newfoundland to entertain us and to see the sights of the St. John's area.

During the two days they were here, they managed to go whale watching, bird watching, visit the most easterly point of North America (excluding Greenland), tour some of the fishing communities and, of course, see the night life of St. John's, which, by the way, puts Maritime night life to shame.

For us the highlight of their visit was their performance at the Beth-El Synagogue. The Jewish community and other interested people spent an enjoyable two hours listening to these young people. For our Russian Jews, who were there, this was the first time they had seen Israelis perform.

After the performance, there was a question and answer period. This to me was the highlight of the evening. A Canadian, originally from Egypt, complimented the youth on their quest for peace and hope people of the Middle East would think as they do. The



Pictured l-r: Michael Paul, Vered Azar, Nava Tzaban, Shatai Ben-Laua, Eli Rubinstein (top centre), Shim'on Zaga (middle centre), Joey Schrank (bottom centre), Linda Pereira-Mendoza and Ruth Gillis Noel.

friendliness between the Egyptian and Israelis was itself worth their visit.

Many thanks to Michael Paul, who met them at the airport near midnight to show them to the house where they were staying. Linda & Lionel Periera Mendoza gave them a meal and their son, Brian, showed the "night life". Joey Schrank spent an afternoon tour-

ing the area with a group and also went downtown with them after the concert.

My husband, John, and I enjoyed having them for dinner and we gave Eli Rubinstein, the chaperon, a tour through our provincial legislature.

Many thanks to the Atlantic Jewish Council for arranging their tour to Newfoundland.

Lillian Freiman chapter of Hadassah

by Miriam Cohen, Fredericton

On Tuesday, August 11, 1992, the ladies of Fredericton Hadassah gathered at the home of Miriam Cohen to help their Medical Services project in Israel with a pot luck supper. The fifteen hostesses served a delicious meal and raised an outstanding amount of money for this project.

The membership was fortunate in having as its guest speaker Mrs. Betty McWilliam, R.N., the Unit Manager for New Brunswick's unique "extra mural hospital" and explain its function and use in our province. Her talk was most informative and the evening was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

Special thanks must go to the convenors of Medical Services, Mrs. Sydelle Grobe and Mrs. Joan Levine, with the help of Rhoda Fransblow and Miriam Cohen.

The new executive for the incoming year 1992-93 was installed by Marilyn Kaufman. The new executive is as follows: President Mrs. Miriam Cohen, Vice-president Mrs. Rhoda Fransblow, Treasurer Mrs. Carol Airst, Secretary/Recording Secretary Mrs. Shelly Stephens, Membership Mrs. Anita Adilman, Cards Ms. Nessa Leckie, Special Gifts Mrs. Jennie Tobin, Phone Committee Mrs. Jennie Brown, Social Committee Mrs. Doris Rauch, Medical Services Joan Levine and Sydelle Grobe, Creche Mrs. Sharon Pinsler, JNF Roslyn Nudell and Youth Aliyah Miriam Cohen and Committee.

On September 13th, Hadassah held a very successful Bake Auction in the synagogue vestry. Mr. Harry Lang and Mr. Milton Levine were our faithful auctioneers and certainly helped to

make this event great fun for all and prosperous for Hadassah. The convenors for this event were Miriam Cohen and Rhoda Fransblow. Many thanks must go out to the membership for their baked goods and support. A good time was had by all.

Fredericton will be well represented at the upcoming National Executive meeting of Hadassah for their 75th anniversary celebrations in Ottawa in late November. Mrs. Lois Levine, Mrs. Marilyn Kaufman and Mrs. Miriam Cohen will all be in attendance.

The Lillian Freiman chapter of Hadassah WIZO is looking forward to a most successful year and will try its best to become involved in Israel's future during these changing and difficult times.

The continuing saga of Congregation Sons of Israel

by Elliot Marshall, President,
Glance Bay

When my treasurer brings the mail to me, we get letters -, boy do we get letters - some examples, addressed to "Dear Rabbi", "Dear President", "Honourable Religious Leader", "Mr. Historian", "Principal of the Hebrew School", "Dear Chairman of the Board", Dear Sons of Israel" -

I get phone calls -

Just last week, a phone call from Isaac Stefansky of New York, who was in Louisberg at a fish plant, buying fish for his wholesale business. He has to be strictly kosher, of course, needed a mashgiah or equivalent, to check the fish-processing for a couple of weeks, while he goes back and forth to New

York. We got him someone, fulfilled the request.

Last summer, a *fruma Yid* found himself in Cheticamp touring Nova Scotia looking for a minyan (Yahrzeit for his father); we got it for him.

A young man wrote me from Ontario, who was doing a family tree, and he wanted me to do research on his great-grandfather who lived here in the 1920s; we did it.

A Christian lady, who had lived in Glance Bay in the 1940s - her daughter married a Jewish boy and she wanted some information. I compiled, wrote her a 5-page letter. I guess she became sentimental and wanted to know about her Jewish classmates and friends from her former hometown. I always feel compelled to answer and try to accommodate their wishes if I can.

A lady wrote to "Rabbi in Glance Bay". She was compiling a book on humorous stories that happened in their particular congregation. I wrote her, told her there was no longer a rabbi in this community, but I remembered a humorous story in class when I went to Cheder; hope she was happy with it. And that's the way it's been.

I've been invited to speak to schools on the Holocaust, to classes at UCCB that are studying religion. I get requests in the mail from academics doing book reports, thesis and Jewish life in small communities. I just finished sending one into a Dr. Howard Epstein, PhD, Department of Social Work, State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

But it is interesting and inspiring to say the least.

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Atlantic Canadian Jewish War Veterans

by Gar Meltzer, Atlantic
Commander, Branch #4

Our veterans have kept busy - delivering Meal on Wheels; making minyans; acting as ushers in Shul and at meetings; showing *No Greater Honour*, the story of Jewish War Veterans during the war 1939-1945, to Kiwanis and veterans organizations; helping with museums; visiting the sick; and helping the needy and the senior citizens.

On September 16, our Jewish War Veterans, their spouses and friends, were invited by General Stevenson, Commander of Cape Gagetown, through his friend Mitchell Franklin (our deputy Commander), to tour Camp Gagetown and be his guests for lunch. We visited the largest training facility in the western world, were well briefed by the Training Section Commander, Major Smith and his staff. They emphasized Canada's role in UN peace keeping exercises.

Remembrance Day services were planned in all synagogues in the Atlantic provinces, on Saturday, November 7, except in Saint John, NB, when services were held on November 14. Wreaths were laid on November 11 throughout the region by our Veterans. Poppies were laid at the graves of Jewish veterans.

We need new membership. The Canadian Legions are accepting relatives and friends as associate members. We are doing the same. Why not ask your sons, wives, daughters, brothers, sisters and friends to join the Canadian Jewish War Veterans. Keep young. Keep active. Keep healthy.

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The tour group at Camp Gagetown. Front row (l-r) Bertha Master, Ida Fransblow, Lil Goldstein, Janice Franklin, General Stevenson, Mitchell Franklin and Gar Meltzer. Middle row (l-r) Sam Goldstein, Kay Levine, Max Fransblow, Sarah Lang, Babs Green, Willy Levine, Nate Green, Ezra Rose, Dr. Moe Polowin, Moe Holtzman, Eleanor Walsh, Jackie Meltzer. Third row (l-r) Simon Levine, Isaac Zaichick, Bill Dill, Berny Bloom, Harold Velensky, I.J. Davis, Phil Bloom, Harry Lang, Lloyd Friedman of Winnipeg and Marc Calp.

The Hand of God

by Rose Argand

*Yad Va'shem is something not everyone knows,
It is a building with pictures and special type clothes.
They have a star that was worn on the arm, and the victims,
Treated worse than animals on an experimental farm.
It tells a story how six million died,
But to save these souls not enough people tried.
A lot of them were burned and a lot of them shot,
And many bodies were left in the open just to rot.
Sometimes some people recognized a face,
Yet the face in the pictures no one can trace.
Children stand motherless, and mothers stand nude,
Still the world showed no pity, and afraid to intrude.
It's really tragic and, oh what a shame,
That even today, people would do the same.
Human beings were killed with hatred and fraud,
Yad Va'shem in Hebrew also means The Hand of God.*

Rose Argand is a Holocaust survivor.
The Halifax resident was in a Polish concentration camp. She arrived in
Halifax in 1951.

Kadimah reunion update

by Joel Jacobson

To use a horse racing term, we're rounding the three-quarter pole and heading to the home stretch in planning for the 1993 Camp Kadimah 50th Reunion.

The program is quickly being finalized. Lists of prospective attendees are being computerized. Memorabilia is being assembled. The 50th anniversary yearbook (iton) has been commenced. The registration package is being readied for mailing early in 1993.

More than 700 people have indicated they are looking forward to, with great anticipation, saying "Hello" to old camp mates from Year One in 1943 through the 49th year in 1992.

Chairperson Steven Pink says, "The reunion is going to be like no other. Each and every event is going to be first class."

Former campers and staff have responded from Australia, Norway, Israel and many centres in Canada and the United States. The largest attending group is anticipated from Toronto.

Doreen Gordon is historian of the reunion committee. Her digging has discovered minutes of early camp meetings, letters from national Jewish officers commending the founding members of the Camp Kadimah committee, and words of commendation for the camp after its early years of existence.

In September 1947, Louis Miller, chairman of National Young Judaea wrote to the Zionist Organization of Canada, "The third Maritime Habonim and Zionist Conference in Halifax spent considerable time discussing our Maritime Judaeans camp, Camp Kadimah. This camp is undoubtedly one of the finest in the chain of Canadian Judaeans camps and reflects creditably the generosity and Zionist spirit of the Maritime communities."

Leon Crestohl, president of the Zionist Order Habonim said in November 1947, "I address myself to you as president of the order in the interest of our finest Judaeans camp in

the country - your own Maritime Camp Kadimah."

Two years later, Rabbi B. Rose, executive director, Canadian Young Judaea wrote, "I was very highly impressed with the educational, athletic and cultural programme that I saw being carried out there. I witnessed the wonderful enthusiasm on the part of the campers and staff for all things of a positive Jewish nature... I had the opportunity to go over the premises from top to bottom and left with the conviction that it was one of the most outstanding plants of its kind in the country."

Ben Katz, who passed away in Halifax recently, was one of the founders of Camp Kadimah. The records of, and correspondence to, early meetings praise his work.

In an August 1947 letter to Mr. Katz, Jesse Schwartz, executive director of ZOC said, "You justly merit all the fine things that were said about the very splendid work you have done for Camp Kadimah. I know that you are

not seeking praise, but I am sure that you are happy that your work is appreciated."

Camp Kadimah has been appreciated since 1943 when it opened. It is appreciated today as a unifying force for Atlantic Jewish Canadians and, now for Jewish people from across the continent.

When 700 people gather in Halifax July 30, 1993, to spend a glorious weekend schmoozing about the days that meant so much to them, you can bet names of camp chairmen and committee members like Ben Katz, Eli Zebberman, Jack Astroff, Saul Ofman, Jack Newman and so many more from recent days, will be recalled with fond memory.

And with thanks. For without their foresight and hard work, and yes, financial efforts, too, Camp Kadimah would not have been there to bring the Atlantic Jewish community together and to build friendships that have lasted 50 years.

A cantor in Kentville!

by Naomi Honey

Imagine! A cantor, directly from Israel, in Kentville, Nova Scotia!

The historical event took place during the weekend of October 16-18. Shlomo Cohen conducted services and Kiddush on Friday evening with several members of our local Jewish community.

While participating in the unprecedented Saturday morning service, the younger members were particularly pleased to see the "mini" Torah. Satur-

day evening saw us all enjoying songs sung by Shlomo, some of which were done in the Yemenite style and were of great interest to the several non-Jewish guests in the audience.

The events were hosted at the home of Larry & Naomi Honey, and Shlomo's special singing talents made it a very special occasion. Many thanks to Jon Goldberg for his great efforts to bring Jewish culture and religious events to the small communities like Kentville. We appreciate it.

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