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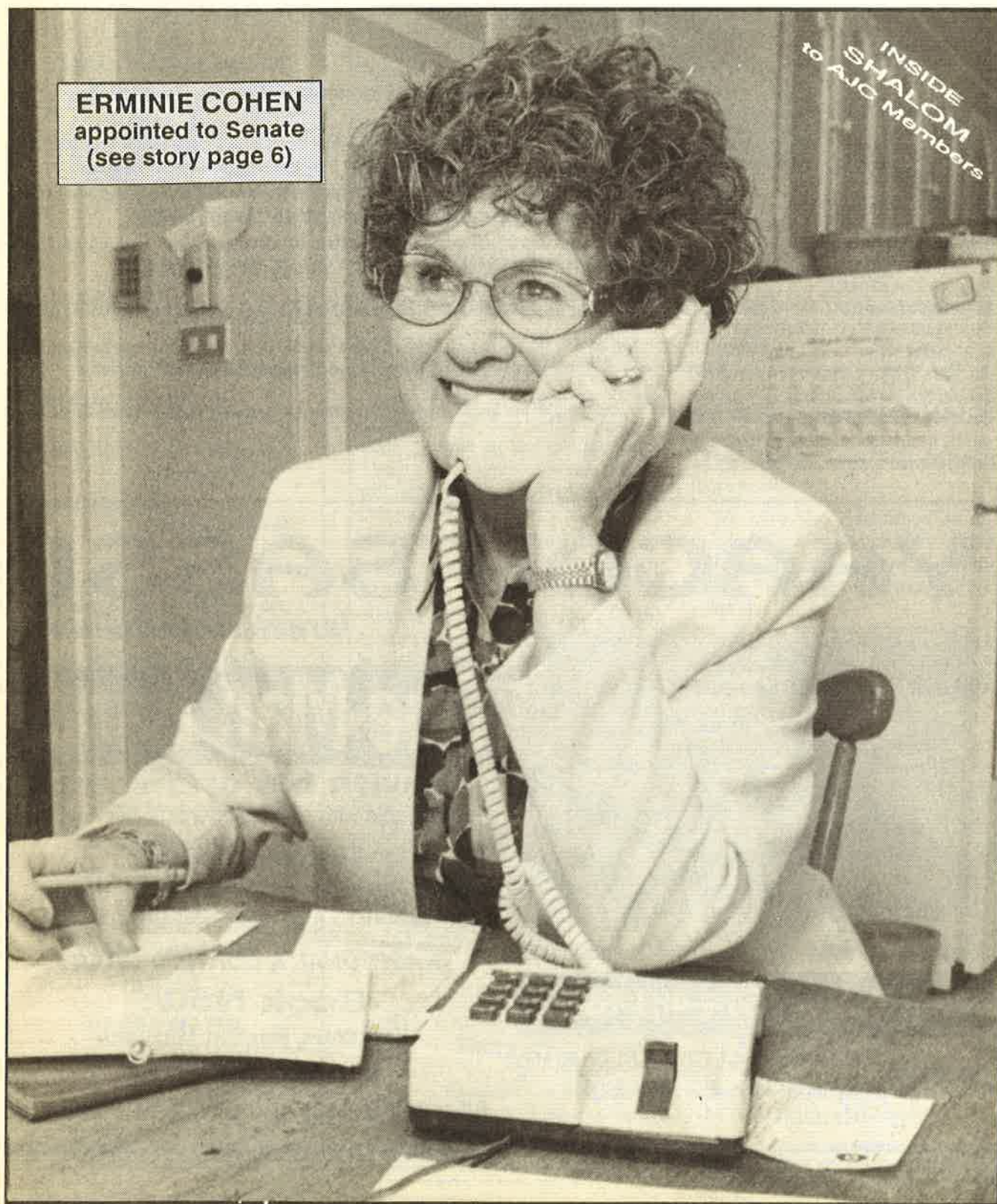
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has announced a National Symposium examining

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November 5-7, 1993

Mrs. Myra Freeman - Halifax - has agreed to act as Co-chairperson

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President's Message

by **Larry Freeman**

The Atlantic Jewish Council has been extremely busy these past several months. During April and May, Yom Hashoah and Israel Independence Day programs were held in almost all of our communities.



canvasser and donor. Please remember your responsibility when asked to get involved. Atlantic Jewish Council and United Israel Appeal are partners who, together, will ensure a strong Atlantic Community and a strong Israel.

This year the response to these programs far surpassed our expectations and the quality of the programs was at a very high level. Our executive has deliberately avoided importing expensive entertainers and we have relied on our own communities to participate and present programs. The regional office has acted as a resource but the success of the programs was due to the efforts of many people in each community. These are the types of events that we will continue to support for it is activity and involvement which build a stronger sense of community.

Our programming activities will slow down for the summer as we move into the planning stages for the United Israel Appeal. The office will be working with local chairpersons in each community so that the 1993 campaign will be most successful. You will be asked to participate as a

Before I close for the summer I would like to update you on some of our new initiatives which will form part of our fall activities.

The Atlantic Jewish Council wants to program and service our seniors community. We have formed a Seniors' Secretariat which will examine the needs of our seniors, so that we can provide better services. You will be asked to answer a survey which is the only way we can establish these needs.

We have also established an expanded *Shalom* community which will endeavour to improve this publication. Please feel free to add your voice and ideas.

Lastly do not hesitate to discuss with the executive or our office ways in which you think we can better service our communities.

Wishing you a pleasant summer.

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"Happy Talk"

"June is Bustin' out all over" is one of my favorite **Rodgers & Hammerstein** songs from *Carousel* and in this, the 50th Anniversary year of *Oklahoma's* Broadway Debut, it is only fitting that I pay homage to two Jewish men who reshaped the modern American Musical. These gentlemen, with their lyrics and melodies, were introduced to me at a very early age by my mother, who enjoyed the Broadway musical and kept in our home an extensive album collection.

By the time I was thirteen I had familiarized myself with the scores of *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Carousel*, *The Sound of Music* along with *West Side Story* by **Leonard Burnstein** and, of course, *My Fair Lady* by **Lerner & Lowe**.

It would be an interesting exercise to expose our youth of the 90's who have discovered the sound of the musical via *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Mis*, *Cats*, etc. to the great musicals of the 40's and 50's. Music is part of our North American Jewish Experience. From **Irving Berlin**, **The Gershwins**, **Sophie Tucker**, **Ethel Merman**, **Sammy Kahn** to **Stephen Sondheim** and **Barbra Streisand** and many others both past and present, we Jews can be proud of our contribution to Music and Musical Theatre.

Well enough day dreaming and back to the real world. I guess it's summertime and a boy's fancy turns to thoughts of the beautiful lakes and forests in Atlantic Canada, the beaches, the sunsets and the smells and sounds of our short but sweet summer here in the Maritimes and Newfoundland.

"SUMMER WISHES..."

To all of you who attended and supported our programs this past Spring - Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Young Judea, guest speakers' student events, special visitors and entertainment. Without your interest and involvement in these and other programs



Jon Goldberg

from Hadassah, ORT, JNF and your *Shuls* we wouldn't survive as a Jewish Community here in Atlantic Canada.

To all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to help plan, organize and actuate these events.

Congratulations... to all Hebrew School students for completing another year of Jewish studies... to all students who passed, graduated or completed another year of studies in their local schools or universities... to all Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs and Bat Torahs and their families... to all the Newlyweds and New Parents in the Region.

To Rabbi Nebel in Moncton and Rabbi Oren in Halifax - thanks for your effort and support for the AJC and may you be blessed with good health and peace wherever the future might lead you.

To all the Jewish Youth. Have a great Summer! -at Camp Kadimah, -in Israel or wherever. See you in September.

To the staff at the AJC Office - Christina MacNeil, AJC & Kadimah Administrator, Rachel Barzilai, JNF Representative and UIA Staff Person and to Angela Geoffrey, Receptionist/Secretary - thanks for caring

and may you and your families have good times in the Maritimes this Summer.

To the members of the Board of Directors of the AJC - thanks for your support and cooperation... and to the Regional Reps for your assistance in helping deliver our programs and message to The Region...

To the Administrative Committee of the AJC who meet at least every two weeks and have been working on their own portfolios and projects, in many cases at the expense of time with their families. For the meetings, the phone calls, the highs and lows we have shared together, I thank you all; to Larry, Sheva, Victor, Mark, Jim, Lee, and Barbara, your ongoing support and concern for your fellow Jews is admirable and much appreciated.

To everyone, may your summer be happy and healthy. I look forward to visiting with you either at Camp Kadimah during the Reunion or in your community before September.

Shalom!

Jon Goldberg

P.S. I'm as Corny as Kansas in August!

COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOR SUMMER '93

OR YEHUDA '93

Four talented Israeli teens will visit here in July, with a program of Israeli songs, dances and readings.

VISITOR FROM ISRAEL

Mr. Reuven Rosenfelder, our new UIA Campaign *Schaliach* from Israel will be visiting Atlantic Canada's Jewish Communities with Mr. Barney Harris, August 16-23 to say "Hello!"

Notices will be sent with further information on both of the above!

UIA campaign 1993

Dear Friends:

I am writing in my capacity as your new Regional Chairman to update you on the status of United Israel Appeal in the region, and tell you of our plans for the 1993 UIA Atlantic Regional Campaign.

I would first like to extend a sincere thank you to our outgoing Chairman, **Nardy Nathanson**, for his many years of devoted and tireless service on behalf of UIA in this region. Nardy's contributions, especially with regard to ferreting out emerging communities such as those in PEI and the Annapolis Valley, will bear fruit for many years to come.

This year's campaign will focus on the continuing needs created by the dynamic and changing situation in the former Soviet Union, and on what we in Atlantic Canada can do to help address these needs.

I would sum up the situation in the former Soviet Union with two words: danger and opportunity.

The disintegration of the Soviet Union has created, for the first time in generations, an essentially open door for Jews to leave. At the same time, the demise of central authority accompanied by economic collapse have resulted in a rapid rise of anti-semitism. There are now regular demonstrations in front of the Russian parliament by right wing nationalist parties carrying blatantly anti-semitic banners. While the situation is uncomfortable, at best, for Jews in Russia, the rise of Moslem fundamentalism in those republics bordering Iran has created a situation of potentially acute physical danger for the 200,000 Jews living there.

The state of Israel now runs regular weekly flights from eleven centres of Jewish population in the former Soviet Union. Close to half a million Soviet Jews have now been brought to Israel with Operation Exodus, along with almost 50,000 Ethiopian Jews with Operation Solomon, which is now almost complete.

Approximately three million Jews remain in the former Soviet Union. Israel's goal over the next several years

is to gather in at least a million of them. They are the best and the brightest of a former world power: teachers, doctors, scientists and engineers. They represent an opportunity and a challenge for Israel and world Jewry that has not been seen before, and will not be seen again.

To put that challenge into perspective, what Israel has done and is attempting to do is the equivalent of country like Canada absorbing, building, employing, housing and educating a new Toronto and a new Montreal in a few short years.

Can we in Atlantic Canada contribute to this most important work in a meaningful way, so that when we look back at this critical juncture in Jewish history, we can say that we do not let our brothers down?

We are now identifying projects in Israel that relate directly Israel's capacity to absorb new immigrants.

We will be designating projects for each community to undertake as their own as the cornerstone and theme of this year's campaign.

We will be challenging you, as individuals, communities and a region, to give to the best of your ability, and to meet the ambitious goals that are set.

The regional campaign cabinet, comprising the campaign chairpersons of each community, met in Halifax at the end of May. Through the summer we will be working on educational programming, canvasser training, campaign schedules and event. We will keep you informed as our planning progresses. When campaign time comes, we are counting on your enthusiastic participation and your most generous contribution.

Warm personal regards,
Jim M. Spatz

A farewell message

From Gerry Halbert, president of United Israel Appeal of Canada on learning that Nardy Nathanson will no longer serve as UIA Chairman of the Atlantic Region:

The United Israel Appeal of Canada has been exceptionally well endowed with the calibre of its Lay



Leadership. In the Atlantic Region many names come to mind and among those none shines brighter than that of **Nardy Nathanson**.

Nardy has now informed us that he will be stepping down as this year's UIA Chairman of the Atlantic Region. Seldom has this position been filled by a person of such commitment and passion for the aims of our organization.

Nardy oversaw the magnificent performance of the Atlantic Region during the Operation Exodus campaign and has since done all that he could to keep the campaign on an even keel.

Being the campaigner that he is, he always felt that better results could be achieved and strove to motivate others to reach their full potential. And, sought to do so in the best tradition of leadership, by himself being the example.

Though Nardy leaves this position, we look forward to continue our work with him to further strengthen the bonds of the Atlantic Region with the people of Israel.

Erminie Cohen hadn't expected appointment

COVER STORY by
Natalie Carline

*Reproduced from
the Telegraph Journal*

SAINT JOHN -- The city's Jewish community recently welcomed the news that **Erminie Cohen** of Saint John has been appointed to the Senate.

"I'm thrilled!" said Marcia Koven curator of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum. "It is a great honor to herself and to her community." Koven said Cohen is the first Jewish New Brunswicker named to the Senate.

Cohen, 66, vice-president and buyer with Hoffman's Ltd., a women's clothing store in the North End, said she hadn't expected the appointment.

Her husband didn't expect it either. He thought the phone call on Thursday night from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was a joke.

"I told her, 'It's a hoax, you better

hang up" said Edgar Cohen, a Saint John businessman.

Cohen said she wants to keep attuned with what happens in the Saint John area and hopes to bring her concerns about poverty to the senate.

"I have a concern for the poverty that is surrounding us in Canada. I have a strong sense of community and I'm affected when I see poverty. But right now I'm just not sure how and when and where I'll be able to bring it up."

Cohen, who was an Atlantic Canada representative on the Progressive Conservative Party's national steering committee in 1989 and was secretary of the National PC Women's Caucus in 1986, said although some people will criticize her appointment as a patronage appointment, she is hoping that most people in Saint John will look only at her record.

"The people that know me will know that it is not true. I have worked hard

for my community. When people know my record, they will see the appointment as a recognition of my contribution."

Cohen started her public career in 1977 when former premier Richard Hatfield named her the chair of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Last year she was co-chair of the province's Yes committee in the constitutional referendum debate.

Mayor Elsie Wayne offered her congratulations to Cohen on her Senate appointment. "She has always been a hard worker for the city," the mayor said.

Saint John MP Gerry Merrithew said he was thrilled with the appointment.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful. She is such a leader in the Jewish community and it is another woman in the Senate."

AJC staffer reaches 10 year mark

by Joel Jacobson

"How could you put up with us for so long?" was the question generally asked of **Christina MacNeil** when she was honoured for serving the Atlantic Jewish Council for 10 years.

The March 26 luncheon at Prince George Hotel in Halifax paid homage to the Administrator/Secretary/Office Manager/Camp Kadimah Whiz who has meant so much to the AJC in expertise and continuity. More than 30 people who have worked with her over the years, including past AJC President **Lee Cohen** and Camp Kadimah Co-chairmen **Andrew Wolfson** and **Mark Rosen** attended the luncheon.

"You do so many things so well and keep us all in line," said Wolfson. "You're our best kept secret. We don't want anyone to know about you because if anyone knew how good you really..." and he left the rest unsaid.

"There have been many ups and a few downs but it has been a mostly rewarding experience working with



Pictured at the head table, l-r, **Stuart MacNeil**, **Andrew Wolfson**, **Mark Rosen**, guest of honour **Chris MacNeil**, **Florence Walker** and **Victor Goldberg**, AJC vice-president.

the community," said MacNeil. "I've worked with six presidents, four executive directors and learned about a religion and culture that I would not have had the opportunity to know. I hope my association will go on a long time."

Letters were read from present AJC President **Larry Freeman**, unable to attend because of business, and **Michael Soberman**, Camp Kadimah assistant director who has worked closely with Chris for many years.

Called "kind, compassionate and patient", Chris was presented with a plaque and a Canplan Travel gift certificate from AJC and Camp Kadimah.

Her mother, **Florence Walker**, was presented with a gift by **Myrna Yazer**, a past member of the Camp Committee and AJC board and a long time Hadassah executive member, who has worked closely with Chris.

The dinner was organized and coordinated by **Jon Goldberg**.

Shirley Burnstein tribute evening

by Joel Jacobson

It was an evening of tribute and an evening of song, an evening of music. There were laughs and there were tears.

And, as the evening closed, there was Shirley, singing the way everyone knew she could and would, saying "Thank you" through the lyrics of *That's What Friends Are For*, and the theme from *The Way We Were*.

Halifax music director, producer and teacher and one time world-class soprano, **Shirley Burnstein**, was honoured by Halifax Women's ORT on May 30, for the countless hours she has given to the Jewish and secular communities. Through donations received in her honour, ORT will provide two scholarships to ORT-sponsored schools in Israel.

After almost two hours of words, music and film, those people crowded into Beth Israel Synagogue's social hall walked away with a warmth and glow that speaker after speaker said was indicative of Shirley Burnstein's contribution to community life.

She is presently employed by Northwood Multi-Purpose Centre in Halifax where she assists seniors in arranging musical productions that draw out their many talents. But it was for her humanitarian work that she was honoured.

Shirley began her musical training in Halifax in the 1940s and pursued further education in Toronto. She sang in the Toronto Mendlesohn Choir, duetted with **Paul Robeson** and **Jan**

Peerce, and participated in Toronto's Jewish Folk Choir.

Passing up what could have been a lengthy and prosperous career, Shirley returned to Halifax in 1954 to marry



L-r Halifax ORT chapter president **Helen Israel**, **Aviva Raz-Shechter**, vice-consul to Canada and Guest of Honour **Shirley Burnstein**.

and raise a family. But she continued to learn, train and sing and turned to writing, teaching and directing to further her musical career.

Ray Ginsberg, a member of the Mrs. Burnstein-led Beth Israel Synagogue Choir which performs at the High Holidays each year, said, "We thank you for entertaining us over the years, for teaching us music and how to work together to entertain others, for helping us to grow individually and to appreciate our own talents and for the hours spent away from your family, directing and rehearsing all of us."

Members of the Northwood Players, who produce an annual musical written and directed by Mrs. Burnstein, sang a tribute to their leader. **Bunny Shore** of Halifax, with

whom Shirley has collaborated on several productions, directed a quartet in a medley of Broadway tunes, re-written by **Jayson Greenblatt** to reflect Mrs. Burnstein's career. **Barb Yablon**, **Jody Lipkus**, **Heidi Lipkus** and **Lowell Shore** lent their vocal talents.

Joel Zemel produced and directed a filmed tribute to Shirley, her husband **Mendel**, and their three children, **Matthew**, **Marc** and **Milo**.

"I've never been so nervous," Mrs. Burnstein said in an interview after thanking 300 attendees the best way she could - in song. "I don't perform any more but I had my choice of singing or speaking. Singing was the lesser of two evils."

Guest speaker **Aviva Raz-Shechter**, Israel's vice-consul to Canada, said the music at Shirley Burnstein's tribute reminded her of her days as a student at the ORT comprehensive high school in Kiryat Bialik.

"The musical training we received was important," she said. "But the ORT school prepared us for more. It has played an important part in developing Israel as a centre for Jewish life for the world."

She said education is preparing Israelis to understand patience, compromise, and other cultures so "when peace comes, we can share our benefits with our neighbours who lack much in education and wealth. We only hope we can show other countries they can't exist on military power but must satisfy the needs of their people."

"Through ORT education, we can achieve this hope and this goal," she said.

Atlantic region well represented at CIC Dinner

Lawrence Freeman, AJC President, led a group of over 15 delegates to the 15th Policy Conference and Parliamentary Dinner of the Canada-Israel Committee held in Ottawa, March 29-30.

It was, by any standard, an extraordinary event. The participation of unprecedented numbers of Parliamentarians, Supreme Court justices, senior government officials and opinion-makers provided compelling evidence of Canadians' abiding interest in the dynamic and vibrant friendship we have achieved with the State of Israel.

In large measure, the evening's success can be attributed to the memorable speeches presented by the Canadian Prime Minister and Israeli Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's participation marked the Parliamentary Dinner as an historical milestone in the Canadian Jewish experience, and his address re-affirms his personal affection for and commitment to the



Attending the conference are I-r Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Ambassador Itzhak Shalef.

Jewish state.

Rarely, if ever, has Israel's case been presented in a more eloquent and moving manner. Foreign Minister Peres offered Canadians not only a

vivid portrayal of the challenges currently facing Israel, but as well, a vision of what Israel hopes she, together with her peaceful neighbours, can achieve for the region.

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Cape Breton milestones

Law Doctorate

On May 15, Glace Bay native Dr. Daniel S. Nathanson, former mayor, school board chair and public health officer for New Waterford, received a Doctorate of Laws, Honoris Causa from the University College of Cape Breton. Dr. Nathanson is married to Edith (Hirsch), father to Garth, Sheila, Norine and Ian, and has four grandchildren.

Bursary named after publisher Caplan

In conjunction with the 75th anniversary of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, eight bursaries to universities across Canada were awarded in April. One such bursary was named for Ronald Caplan to honour his work as editor of *Cape Breton's Magazine* for

the past twenty years. The bursary has been given to a graduating journalism student from University College of Cape Breton. Caplan, originally from Pittsburgh, PA, is the proprietor, promoter and almost everything else for a magazine that tells about Cape Breton as it was and is, tells it as oral history straight from the mouths and memories of its people.

Dora Goldman remembered

by Elliott Marshall, president of Glace Bay community

Dear Friends and Family,

We don't understand the ways and whys of age; to Dora Goldman the cycle of life was relative. To someone ninety, sixty is a baby. She was indeed ageless.

She carved a meaningful purpose in life, not academic, but productive, in the sense of caring and loving. She knew and faced life in its real terms.

To raise a large family as a mother in the Depression of the hungry 30's and as a widow in the early 1940's takes a lot more of every kind of quality than just the basic instincts of motherhood, but she did it, without ever thinking of how - she knew she had to do it, and indeed she did it.

The name Dora Goldman is synonymous with *Yiddishkeit* and *Mamma Luchon*; the name represents the Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe at the turn of the century, the retention of strong pride in our Jewish heritage, the years of trials and achievements, and it represents the struggle for survival and the era of people helping people.

Daniel Freeman can't stand still!

by Joel Jacobson

The 16-year old Halifax teenager is so busy that, even after accomplishing great things academically as a grade 11 student at Queen Elizabeth High School, he gets involved in many extra curricular activities.

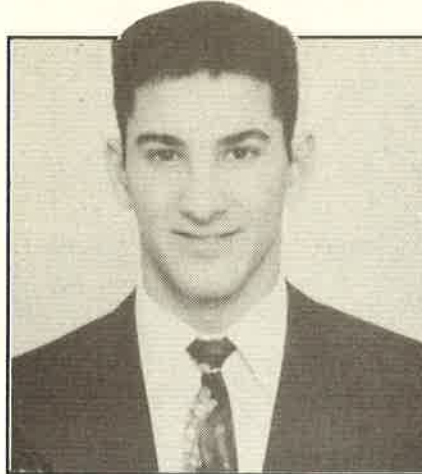
In April, he played the role of Mr. Sourberry in the QEH Production of *Oliver*. In September, he will be treasurer of the QEH Student Council, after serving as Member of Council in 1992-93. He was also secretary of the Liberal Party in Model Parliament.

The well-rounded teenager is chairman of the Halifax chapter of Young Scientists of Canada and is on the National Board of Directors. Last May, he spent 10 days in England as a senior percussionist with the Halifax Youth Band.

On the Jewish community side, Daniel, son of **Myra (Holtzman)** and **Larry Freeman**, leads services and chants haftorot at Beth Israel Synagogue, tutors in Hebrew, is the metro Halifax Dartmouth youth program coordinator for Atlantic Jewish Council, is the leader of Atlantic Young Judaea, and even plays basketball in a city juvenile league.

Does he take the summer off to relax? No way!

Daniel has spent his summers at Camp Kadimah but decided this year to give another program a try. His first intent was to participate in Biluim Is-



Daniel Freeman

rael but fate stepped in. He heard of a program that was of interest, made application and was accepted.

He was recently chosen one of 26 North American teens to receive a 1993 Bronfman Youth Fellowship in Israel for a program that runs July 13 to August 18. The awards, which include all expenses such as transportation, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals, are intended to provide a closer understanding of the history and traditions that bind Jews together throughout the world.

"I read about the awards in *Canadian Jewish News*," said Freeman in an interview. "I didn't think about it very much at first because I was going to Biluim Israel this summer anyway. But then I thought there was a chance I could win a fellowship and luckily I

was awarded one."

The fellowships provided by the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, are given to youth considered to be future leaders in their communities.

"I hope I'll be able to be a more-rounded Jew," said Freeman who spent the last several summers at Camp Kadimah. "For example, up until now I've had preconceived notions about Reform and Reconstructionist Jews. I've never had a real experience with them but I think I'll gain a better understanding of other denominations of Judaism."

This will be the second trip to Israel for Freeman. He attended the March of the Living in 1992. "I hope to learn more about Israel this time."

While in Israel, Freeman and the other teenagers will participate in seminars and meet prominent political and literary figures presenting various views on issues facing world Jewry.

The program continues long after the summer, with organized alumni activities including reunions and follow-up seminars throughout the students' college years.

"The dialogue, learning and experience together are tools for the future," said **Rabbi Michael Paley** of Columbia University and a member of the fellowship faculty. "We encourage the Fellows' involvement in Jewish activities and organizations both on campus and in later life."

Interfaith Holocaust memorial

by **Warren B. Cohen**, Director
B'nai Brith Lodge #2155

Hundreds of people gathered at the Forestry Complex Auditorium to commemorate the memory of those lost and pay tribute to the survivors of the Nazi Holocaust. It was also a time to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Rev. Ron Vincent of Wilmot United Church was guest speaker. Special

guests from the many denominations of churches in Fredericton also spoke. The one hour memorial was moving and had special meaning to the Jewish community in attendance.

Rabbi David Spiro of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton and **Ezra Rose**, President of B'nai Brith Lodge #2155, were instrumental in organizing this event.

Rev. James Leland, of the New Maryland United Church and a strong

supporter of the Jewish Community, echoed belief that "the Holocaust story must be told and retold to each generation, to make all aware and not allow such a thing to ever happen again. It is only through Holocaust education in our schools and churches that a repetition of the catastrophe of hate and violence can be stopped."

All those in attendance joined Rabbi Spiro in a moment of silence and remembrance.

Dr. Allan Cohen honoured by Atlantic Chapter of WIS

by Dr. Jayson Greenblatt,
Chapter President

On May 16 the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science honoured **Dr. Allan P. Cohen** at a dinner held at the Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax.

The Chapter is ten years old and, when it was formed, its goal and purpose was Dr. Cohen's brain child. He suggested it should develop a linkage between Dalhousie University and the Weizmann Institute and raise funds to finance exchanges of research personnel between these two institutions. The idea was adopted by the Chapter and vigorously pursued by Dr. Cohen, who corresponded with the Dean of Dalhousie's Medical Faculty, the President of the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot, Israel and with others to sell the idea, establish the protocol for the interaction between the two institutions and many other details. Ten years after the inception of his idea, a fund is now in place, and three pairs of scientists have visited between the two in-



ABOVE: Presentation of Scroll of Tribute to Dr. Allan Cohen (r) by Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, Chapter President.

stitutions. A fourth exchange will take place this summer.

The advantage of this linkage is that it provides for interaction between medical researchers more closely aligned to the clinical approach with those more closely involved in "pure research". The rewards to both participants from exploiting such a partnership were the motivation for Dr. Cohen's suggestion.

Dr. Cohen has had a distinguished career in medicine and medical re-

search in his field of nephrology. Following post graduate studies in the US at Yale and in England he returned to Halifax and accepted an appointment in the Department of Medicine at Dalhousie University in 1970. He has been a full professor since 1990. Dr. Cohen's contributions to knowledge in his field have been recognized by a number of awards and special tributes.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Cohen family due to the sudden passing of Dr. Allan Cohen.

Saint John museum open for 8th season

The award-winning Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row, opened its eighth season on May 25th. The museum will be open Monday through Friday, from 10am to 4pm. Hours will be extended to Sundays from 1pm-4pm during July and August. Group tours are welcome by appointment throughout the year.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, one of Saint John's preeminent tourist attractions, draws thousands of local visitors and tourists to its permanent and seasonal exhibits. The museum holds a chapel, ritual bath, Hebrew school classroom, art gallery, and a display of religious ar-

tifacts. The archives (open by appointment only) and library attract historians and genealogists from around the world. "Our mandate," says curator, **Marcia Koven**, "is to educate and help eliminate discrimination." Koven feels the recently produced video, *The History of the Saint John Jewish Community* will promote this mandate. The video is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.00 for postage and handling.

This season's exhibits include:

- * Jewish Immigration to Saint John until the 1930s;

- * Sports Hall of Fame - Jewish Athletes from 1920s-1950s;

- * Exhibition and sale of art works by **Dr. Moses Polowin** (June 20-July 30th);

- * **Debbie Bloom's** "Art in Needlepoin" (August 1st-Labour Day)

The library Tea Room where tea and scones will be served Monday through Friday, from 2pm - 4pm during July and August, also opens this season.

A small Gift Shop will be open in the lobby of the museum. The museum will be closed Tisha B'av.

The museum will close for the season September 15, 1993. For further information contact **Marcia Koven**, Curator, 506-633-1833

50th anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto uprising observed

by Teri Levine, chairperson

On May 5, 1993, a 50th Anniversary Observance of The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was held in Saint John, NB.

An invitation was sent out to the general public via the newspapers and television inviting everyone to participate in the function which was held in the sanctuary of Shaarei Zedek Synagogue.

Representatives from the City of Saint John and the Province of New Brunswick were present. The President of the congregation, **Erminie Cohen**, welcomed everyone. She was followed by **Counsellor Arthur Gould** who brought greetings from the City.

The speakers for the evening were, **Mr. Brian McCarthy**, Principal of Saint Malachy's High School, and a participant in the B'nai Brith Mission to the concentration camps in the summer of 1992. Mr. McCarthy gave a short slide presentation. He was fol-



Guest speakers during the commemoration were (l-r) Frank Bialystok, Herman Newman, Rev. James Leland and Brian McCarthy.

lowed by **Mr. Herman Newman**, a survivor. Mr. Newman explained that viewing the slides was extremely

moving for him because he had actually been present as a young boy at some of the locations shown.

Rev. James Leland of The United Church spoke after Mr. Newman telling everyone that racism must be stopped. He said that the way to eradicate racism begins with education.

The Keynote speaker, **Mr. Frank Bialystok**, noted Toronto educator spoke last and reported on his recent visit to both Berlin and Warsaw.

A memorial candle lighting was held following Mr. Bialystok's remarks. Those taking part were, Mr. Herman Newman, Mr. Arthur Gould, Mr. John Linck, Mr. Louis Michelson, Bishop Edward Troy, James Leland and Micah Tait. Each represented a different facet of the world community. A memorial prayer was recited and kaddish was said.

The evening ended with the singing of Hatikvah.

The members of the organizing committee were, **Teri Levine**, Chairperson, **Cathy Tait**, **Louis Michelson**, **Erminie Cohen**, and **Marcia Koven**.



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Graphic News from Around the Region



Halifax Mayor Moira Ducharme is shown here receiving the Jerusalem Day plaque from AJC President Lawrence Freeman on May 19 in Halifax.



Retired Halifax businessman Morris Goldberg (centre) is made honorary Captain by ZIM officials on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Making the presentation are (l) Mr. T.J. Pelley and Mr. W.M. Kelly.



Madrichim relax after their program held in Halifax in conjunction with Yom Ha'atzmaut in May.



A meeting of the AJC Task Force on Senior Citizens was held in Halifax on May 12. Problems and possible solutions were discussed and a survey will be sent to the entire Jewish Community this summer by convenor Dr. Sheva Medjuck.



Dr. Kevin Orrell was the guest speaker when the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo held a Medical Services Tea at the home of Gail and Martin Chernin. "Hip Replacement in the 90's" was the program topic, presented by slides depicting various stages of deterioration to the successful surgery results. Helen Sherman was convenor of the afternoon tea. Pictured l-r are Anna Blufarb, former patient, Guest Speaker Dr. Kevin Orrell and Edith Nathanson, President of the New Waterford Chapter.



In March a major program displaying the ethnic diversity and multiculturalism to be found in Cape Breton was staged at the Glace Bay High School, arranged by the Student Heritage Day Committee. Mrs. Shirley Chernin with the able assistance of Fanny Cohen participated at this event by explaining the Passover Celebration and the significance of each of the foods associated with the Seder. Fanny Cohen proudly shows the Jewish Community's Passover Table at the Student Heritage Day in Glace Bay.



Dr. Jayson Greenblatt with friends at the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science - Atlantic Region Dinner honouring Dr. Allan Cohen.



Jonathan Mendleson, outgoing co-president of APJSF is shown with Josh Ross, incoming co-president, at the Pro Israel demonstration held on Parliament Hill during the CIC Conference.



AJC Executive member from Moncton David Attis, offers advice to Mila and friends.



UNB student leader Anne Israeli is shown with Aviad Ivri, Press Attache from the Israeli Embassy, at an APJSF/AJC lecture held at UNB campus on March 15.



"THIS IS THE GROUP!" At the CIC Dinner in Ottawa, L-r, Myra Freeman, Cape Breton MP Dave Dingwall, Dr. Sheva Medjuck, vice-president of AJC, AJC President Larry Freeman, Halifax MP

Mary Clancy, and outgoing co-presidents of APJSF Timna Gorber and Jonathan Mendleson. (PUBLISHER'S NOTE:) Missing from the photograph is "graphic reporter" Jon Goldberg.

Hadassah-WIZO's 75th anniversary celebrated

Fredericton chapter hosts brunch

by Miriam Cohen,
Chapter President

On April 25th the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO held a very successful Youth Aliyah brunch in the vestry of the Sgoollai Israel Synagogue. The Chapter was fortunate to have as their guest for this worthwhile event Mrs. Ellen Smiley, National Chairperson of Youth Aliyah for Canada.

Mrs Smiley gave a moving and heartwarming talk on the personal side of her involvement in Israel, and the many projects Youth Aliyah takes part in for the children who arrive in Israel from other countries with or without parents.

Marilyn Kaufman, our Regional Chairperson eloquently toasted the Prime Minister of Israel, The Queen and Canada.

Sunday, the 25th of April was Yom Hazikaron, the memorial day for the fallen Israeli soldiers. We were all moved by Mrs Smiley's reference to the late Jason Friedberg the young Israeli soldier from Montreal. She knew him, and felt his loss along with his parents, her good friends. A moment of silence was observed in his memory and for all soldiers who died.

The brunch was chaired by Miriam Cohen, President of the Chapter, who read excerpts from her daughter

Marcie's 1992 journal. Marcie had been in Israel for Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, while on The March of the Living. Her words brought the reality of the day to light.

Lois Levine chaired the most successful campaign, even though many of our "Snow-Birds" are not back yet. The brunch itself was catered by Lil Freeman and many others who helped out in the kitchen.

As Hadassah-WIZO was celebrating its 75th Anniversary, we celebrated with a beautiful cake, made by our own Daisy Budovitch

Miriam Cohen thanked the Atlantic Jewish Council for sending the beautiful Jaffa oranges and the lovely decorations, which Judy Budvotich so beautifully implemented into the center pieces, in honour of Israel Independence Day.

Those who canvassed and are still doing so must be thanked, for in the end it was their calling that helped raise the funds so needed by Youth Aliyah.

Anniversary celebrated in Cape Breton

by Evelyn Davis, president
Cape Breton Council

The 75th Anniversary of Hadassah-Wizo in Canada was celebrated in Cape Breton when Esther Matlow, the National President visited the community.



Three charter members cut the beautiful anniversary cake. L-r Amelia Goldman, Honourary President, Faye Medjuck, Honourary Vice-president and Jennie Chippin, Honourary Treasurer.

Alderwoman Bonita Calder welcomed Mrs. Matlow to the Civic Centre. After signing the guest book, a copy of Warren Gordon's photographic scenes of Cape Breton were presented to the President on behalf of the City of Sydney.

Esther and Irving Matlow met the men and women of the community at the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue for the Anniversary Celebration.

Highlighting the evening was a candle lighting ceremony. Funds raised were sent to the Nina Cohen Day Care Center in Jerusalem.

Shirley Dubinsky and Etta Chernin co-chaired the event.

Fredericton's Hadassah-WIZO honours Eta Berk



Honouree Eta Berk (l) and Daisy Budovitch.

The Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo recently honoured Eta Berk on the completion of her book Chosen. This compelling personal story of her life and experience during the Holocaust and her internment in the horrific concentration camp were heart rendering.

Eta, a devoted member of the Chapter, worked diligently with Professor Gil Allardyce, Professor of History at UNB, to record her experience as a legacy to future genera-

tions and to stifle the ignorance of those who deny the Holocaust.

The Chapter honoured Mrs. Berk by establishing a scholarship in her name for a needy Youth Aliyah student. Her plaque was presented by Mrs. Daisy Budovitch, whose late father Harry Velensky and late uncle Nathan Velensky sponsored Eta and her husband Myer when they immigrated to Canada from Bergen-Belsen.

Israeli ambassador visits region

In Fredericton...

On May 20 the Jewish Community of Fredericton was privileged to have as their guest His Excellency Ambassador Itzhak Shalef, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, and his wife Malka.

The Ambassador spoke informally to a large group of participants on the current peace talks in the Middle East and answered questions from the group in attendance.

His visit with the community certainly was exciting and enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were served and once again Mr. Shalef mingled and met with each and everyone on a one to one basis. The evening was spon-



L-R Arnold Chippin, President of the Sgoollai Israel Synagogue, Miriam Cohen, Ambassador Shalef, his wife Malka and Ivan Levine.

sored by the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Miriam Cohen introduced the Ambassador and welcomed both him and his wife on behalf of AJC. Ivan Levine, chairman of the AJC thanked the Ambassador for his informative talk.

In Charlottetown...

Members of Prince Edward Island's Jewish community also entertained Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Yitzhak Shalef, at a luncheon in Charlottetown. The ambassador was there on an official visit.

Commentary

Hon. Pierre Blais
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Dear Mr. Blais:

With dismay and anger I watched a recent program of the CBC *The 5th Estate*. This program revealed the growth of the neo-nazi movement in Canada as well as in Germany, and the role Mr. Ernst Zundel is playing. Zundel freely admitted in an interview on this program that he supports this movement by recruiting followers here in Canada, especially amongst our young people and immigrants. Even more diabolical, Zundel prints and ships to Germany hundreds of thousands of leaflets and propaganda material. The productions of this hate literature is forbidden in Germany; but apparently can be done here in Canada, mainly because of our weak anti-hate laws. In fact, Mr. Zundel thumbs his nose at Canada and its Government. In this literature he claims the Holocaust never happened and that Hitler was a good man after all! Canada's role in combating Nazism leaves much to be desired as history shows us: Before the second World War Jews were refused entry into Canada; there was a lot of sympathy for the Nazi movement by PM MacKenzie King; and it took a war

with millions of victims and the heroic actions of the allied forces, amongst them the gallant members of our Canadian Forces including merchant mariners, to defeat Hitler and his Nazi-hordes. Yet, after the war Canada let in many war criminals and ex-Nazis and again, is silent as far as Zundel and his cronies are concerned. I had the misfortune to live under five years of Nazi tyranny in my native Holland and was a witness of their atrocities against the Jewish population and other "enemies" of the Nazis. I was personally involved in the rescue of many Jewish people threatened with deportation to concentration camps and a certain death. Finally, I became a victim myself, as one of the many thousands of slave labourers sent to the munitions factories of Nazi Germany, until my escape and rejoining the resistance movement back in Holland.

Mr. Blais, as our current Minister of Justice, I request you to bring the full force of the law to bear against Zundel and his ilk, to stop their actions of poisoning the youth of our country and those of Europe. I ask every Canadian to join me in this request by writing you and/or their MP. If your laws are not adequate, they should be strengthened. REMEMBER--Hitler came to power by abusing democracy

and promptly dispensing with democracy, after obtaining power. The blood of our Canadian troops and their allies, as well as the millions of victims of the concentration camps demand this action! Let Canada this time not be a part of a conspiracy of silence that will allow Nazism to grow until a terrible war is the result. Now is the time to act, to deport Zundel and his cronies out of our country, revoke his landed immigrant status/Canadian Citizenship and close down his operation.

If Canada is proud of its position in the world as a peace-keeping nation, it should get rid of the people in our midst that advocate violence and hatred against Jews and minorities. Copies of this letter will be forwarded to my local MP, Mr. J.W. Bird, leaders of Opposition parties in Parliament, the Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, and local newspapers. I hope, Mr. Blais that you will recognize that swift action is necessary to rid our country of this cancer in our society.

Sincerely yours,

John Q. Vink
Fredericton, NB

Editor's Note: Mr. Vink is a devout Catholic from Fredericton, NB. This letter came to us via Rabbi D. Spiro.

News from the rock

by Claire Frankel-Salama
Community representative

Greetings from Newfoundland and Labrador. (The Labradorian minority is very touchy about this.) Jewish life continues to thrive on the rock, thus fulfilling our unwritten 'from sea to shining sea' mandate.

Thanks to Manna Bakery in St. John's, we were able to order our Passover necessities and send them as far as Grand Falls and Twillingate. In addition, JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Society) Canada sponsored some twenty boxes of Israeli matzot and chocolates, grape juice oil, cookies and borscht for our new Russian immigrants and refugee claimants.

I am sure that this made quite a difference to them, although some had actually ordered matzot directly from Manna before we got to them. These particular individuals are living on social assistance, I might add.

Our Yom Hashoah programme was very well attended by approximately 100 Jews and non-Jews of whom the latter were in the majority. St. John's Mayor **Shannie Duff** and Deputy Minister **Andy Wells** were among the guests. An excellent programme was put together by **Naomi Skoll**, who inherited the job from **Louis Firman** of blessed memory. This year's material included the fate of Dutch Jewry, and, of course, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. As my mother is Dutch, and as she spent



Three generations of the Dolgushev/Prussovsky family from the CIS at our Israeli Independence party at the Beth-El Synagogue in St. John's.

the war years hidden by righteous Christians, I was particularly moved by my own daughter's readings from *The Diary*. Our guest speaker, **Jerry Vink**, of the Human Rights Commission, is also originally from Holland.

Mercifully, close upon the heels of Yom Hashoah we have Yom Ha'atzmaut. Our traditional dinner was partly cooked and overwhelmingly attended by some 70 newcomers from the former USSR. Several purchased candles for the State of Israel, under the auspices of the Esther Wilansky Chapter of Hadassah. We also wish to thank the AJC for their gift of Jaffa oranges from Israel. You can see them in the accompanying photo.

Our Hebrew school session has come to a close with the departure of **David Cohen**. We are expecting the arrival of our new teacher, **Moshe**

Tachan, in August. Our closing party is being combined with a farewell to **Dr. Joel Stemmer** and **Dr. Anat Rachamimoff**, and their two children, **Ofir** and **Ella**. Although we wish them all the best in their new lives in London, Ontario, we are extremely sorry to lose such valuable members of the community.

We also wish our Kadimah campers, **Miriam** and **Elliott Noel**, **Daniel Kartsev** and **Alex Hoenig** the best summer ever. **Selig Wilansky**, a former Kadimah staff person, has graduated from Memorial's Medical school, and proceeds to Hamilton for his internship.

Finally, with great sadness we remember **Dr. Andreas Barban**, musician and educator, who came to St. John's via Shanghai, and who died this past Spring.

Inaugural Rand Lecture & Symposium

In Fredericton on April 15, **Professor Yoram Dinstein**, President of Tel Aviv University and a renowned authority



Participants at the Inagural Rand Lecture & Symposium are l-r Rev. James Leland, Prof. Yoram Dinstein, Ivan Levine and Prof. Tom Kuttner.

on international humanitarian law, gave the Inaugural Rand Lecture which he entitled "The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Dispute, Dissidence and Possible D)tent". The theme of the Lecture will resurrect a little-known facet of Justice Rand's professional career - his service as a representative of Canada to the United Nations' Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) which, in 1947, recommended the partition of Palestine. From that resolution was later shaped the modern State of Israel. **Ivan Cleveland Rand**, generally considered to be the most outstanding jurist to have served on the Supreme Court of Canada in the middle years of this century (1943-1959), was a Moncton practitioner. The Lecture, which was open to the public, took place on April 15 followed by a reception held at Ludlow Hall, the Law School at the University of New Brunswick.

APJSF update

by Jonathan Mendleson

The Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation has just completed another successful term and year.

The second semester brought out a number of great programs beginning with a Tu B'Shevat Dried Fruit Drive. Our students in Halifax received a bag of dried fruit with a little note explaining the festival of Tu B'Shevat, and the significance of the dried fruit.

Following the Jewish calendar, the next festival that was celebrated was Purim. We held a Purim party on the Dalhousie campus which was attended by about forty of our students. These brave and daring students were so dedicated that they trudged through the snow storm to attend this festive occasion.

An historic moment was marked in March as the APJSF had its first program in Fredericton, NB on the UNB campus. Aviad Ivri, press attache to the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa delivered a presentation to approximately 20 people. The program was entitled "Israel and the Changing World." This program was jointly organized by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Atlantic Jewish Council and us. This program was the stepping-stone to a future of student programs in Fredericton.

Following the rejuvenation in Fredericton, APJSF held a Shabbat Dinner for 55 students in honour of a very special guest, **Dr. Leon Bass**, a black US Army War Veteran, and Liberator of Buchenwald. His presentation coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Racism and Dalhousie University's Cultural Diversity Week. Dr. Bass spoke about his life growing up in the Southern States during the times of segregation, and how it was part of the army when he joined. He also spoke of the time when his battalion went into Germany and liberated Buchenwald, and of what he saw. Dr. Bass' presentation was open to the public, and was attended by 200 people. Both the dinner and the presentation were held in Halifax at the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Our final program of the year was a Shabbat Dinner held in honour of Shabbat Olamit. The Shabbat dinner was held on May 7 and it was significant in that Jewish students around the world were to celebrate Shabbat together. This program was held at students' homes either with their families or their friends.

Upcoming APJSF programs will include a cross Canada Caravan of Jewish Students to be held during the last week of August/first week of September. This program is being or-

ganized by the Jewish Students' Network of Canada. They are not sure when they will pass through the Atlantic region, but we will let you know. Another program is the APJSF regional Shabbaton. This year it will be in October. Actual date and location has not been decided as of yet.

At this time I would like to introduce **Joanna Mirsky** of Toronto and **Joshua Ross** of Newfoundland. These two individuals will be the next Co-presidents of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. Both Joanna and Joshua have been involved over the year and are committed to maintain the Federation to fullest. As for **Timna Gorber** and myself, we will remain working with the Federation and help Joanna and Joshua become prepared.

Timna and I have enjoyed working with the community and we would like to say thank you.

Take care and have a good summer!!! *Shalom*.

P.S. If you know of any students who will be in the region for the fall, please contact the APJSF at (902) 422-7491, and leave the student's name, address and phone number.

News flash

Just prior to going to press, the co-chairmen of Camp Kadimah announced the awarding of two scholarships for Summer '93. They went to two 13 year old girls, who with their families, fled Sarajevo early this spring.

Lea Konforte fled Sarajevo with her family, and arrived in Canada on 14 April 1993. Her school friend, **Nada Kamhi**, arrived with her family on 28 April 1993. Both are settling in well in Toronto. Both have excellent English comprehension.

The camp committee is delighted to be able to contribute in some way in helping our fellow Jews when in need. Private donors have been found to cover clothing and bedding costs, and also it is hoped transportation to and from Toronto. Anyone wishing to write either of them this Summer please feel free to do so, c/o Sheldon Cohen, the director of Camp Kadimah.



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A fresh look

The move from Montreal to Halifax didn't come easy. Accustomed to a vibrant and alive Jewish community I was guided by the misconception that Halifax had little to offer young Jewish adults.

Growing up in Montreal, I lived in a Jewish neighbourhood, attended a Jewish private school and considered religion an integral part of my everyday living.

I didn't have to make an effort to connect with my Jewish peers and I didn't consider it a luxury not to be the only Jew in my elementary and high school classes.

Consequently, as I grew older, I rarely attended the extra curricular events and social activities sponsored by Hillel and B'nai Brith. I was guilty of being as apathetic as my friends in Montreal are now.

In Halifax there seems to be a closer tie among the Jewish people. I immediately felt at home and part of their tight-knit community - I was offered delicious meals on the holidays and personally introduced to many members of the community.

For the first time I felt the need, or desire, to socialize with my Jewish peers. Whenever the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation (APJSF) sponsored an event, whether it was a bagel brunch, a party or lecture, I attended.

These functions became the meeting grounds for the Jewish students attending the various universities in Halifax. We were tied together by the common bond of being Jewish in a small Jewish community.

For many of us, these two hours spent eating bagels and cream cheese, listening to lectures and guest speakers were



by Dov Bercovici

essential to maintaining our Jewish identity.

The one lesson Jewish people coming from Montreal and Toronto should learn is that more is not necessarily better. I no longer take my Jewishness for granted as I now appreciate the importance of my religion and associating with other Jewish people.

Initially my move to Halifax was solely for academic purposes. But after getting a taste of what Halifax and the Maritimes has to offer I may decide to extend my stay.

I have completed my first of the two-year MBA program at Dalhousie University and with the support of members of the Jewish community and the Dalhousie School of Business I, along with three other MBA students, have started a business consulting firm, Technology and Business Support Group (TBS).

TBS is a student consulting firm which focuses on technology in the workplace. We offer skills in technology, surveys based on technology as well as general consulting on computers. In addition, TBS provides services in market research, accounting assistance and financing.

It seems Jews tend to stay away from smaller cities like those in the Maritimes. Perhaps there is a safety in numbers. Some fear smaller cities have greater potential for anti semitism i.e. less liberal more conservative attitudes.

Whatever the case, it's time for Jews in other parts of the country to take risks and see beyond these popular misconception. There's a lot to offer young Jewish people in Atlantic Canada. It just takes the right drive and guts to make the move.

A message from CYJ

Dear Judaeans! *Shalom!*

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to a close and that the summer is just around the corner. It has been an exciting year for Young Judaea and the Atlantic Region.

Thanks to the cooperation of many people Young Judaea is once again active in Halifax and surrounding area. It is gratifying to know that there are so many people who still believe in the importance of Zionist Youth Movement. Across the country YJ activities are popping up in Edmonton, Vancouver, Halifax, and even Niagara Falls. Madrichim are working hard to offer exciting and innovative programs to our chanichim.

Young Judaea is already planning for the fall. In October a National Kinus will be held at Camp Shalom in Gravenhurst. We are expecting over 150 participants from across Canada. Fundraising is already underway to make this event as successful as possible. We will be having Opening Rallies across the country in September, which will kick off the new year.

To all of our friends in the Atlantic Region we wish you a healthy and happy summer and we look forward to meeting you in the fall.

L'Hitraot,

Risa Epstein-Gamliel, Executive Director

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Dr. Leon Bass

by Lesley Gaum, Halifax

Leon Bass can still remember the horror of what he saw as a 20-year-old that day during World War II when he and other US soldiers marched into Buchenwald to liberate the Nazi death camp.

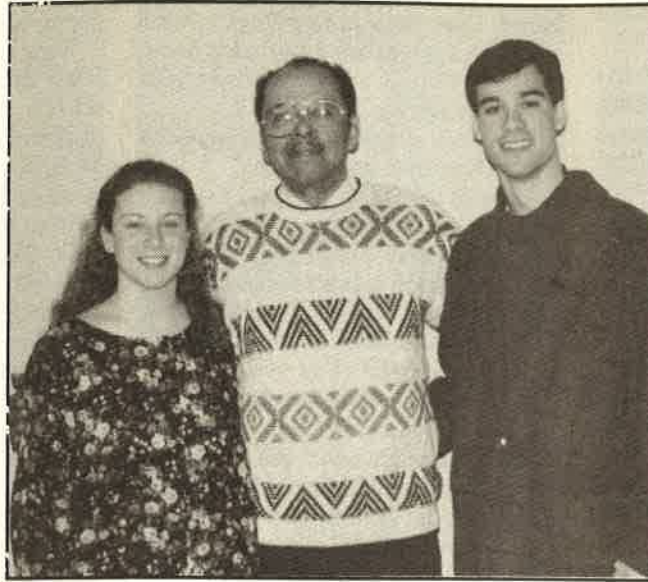
Recently Dr. Bass told his story to a group of 180 at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax. This talk was sponsored by the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation as part of Dalhousie's Cultural Diversity Festival.

As a young black man, he had grown up surrounded by racial hatred and hostility, but he says now that "nothing in my background of experiences would help me with what I was seeing in the camp."

"I said to myself, 'No this can't be true. Who would do this and why?'"

"I still believed in the essential goodness of the human being," he says.

The horror was so great that for the next 23 years he never spoke about his experience at Buchenwald, not even to his family.



Pictured with Dr. Leon Bass (centre) are the outgoing Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation presidents Timna Gorber and Jonathan Mendleson.

"My family died never knowing I saw the horrors of the camp," he says. "I never shared it." "It was ugly. It was something the mind tells you not to deal with. It was horrible enough having to experience it."

"So I went on with my life," he continued. "I went about getting my education, marrying and getting a family.

Doing all the things that people do - getting and spending they call it."

It wasn't until 1968 did Dr. Bass decide to tell his story. As the principal of Benjamin Franklin High School where racial frustrations took on a life of their own, he witnessed a confrontation between a woman survivor of the Holocaust and group of young men. Dr. Bass says they refused to listen to the young woman's story of the evil that damaged her life.

"It was at that moment I realized I had something to say - that I could make a difference."

Since he retired in 1975, he has been crisscrossing North America to tell his personal story of anti-Semitism - and racism. He says at first it was difficult to talk about...to hold

back the tears but the more you do it the easier it gets.

"All I know is that I have a responsibility as a human being. I can't fulfill it in every way but I can make a statement," he says. "And that's what I'm trying to do."

Dr. Bass realizes a difference exists when a black man speaks out about the Holocaust. But he also feels being black adds a degree of credibility to his story. "Because I'm not Jewish people may say there is something true to what he has to say because he went in to the camp and he actually saw it."

Dr. Bass reiterated his message that blacks and Jews must work together for the good of both.

"I do think bridges can be built between blacks and Jews and the tension can be removed," he says, "it's just going to take time and a lot of work...but we have to stay together."

Mrs. Renee Doof, of Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, spent two years in hiding during the war. She thinks it's very important for survivors like Dr. Bass to speak out about the Holocaust. "It's a good thing because people forget and think it didn't really happen," she says.

Kadimah trivia

Compiled by Doreen Gordon, Halifax

(answers on page 20)

1. Who was the founding father of Camp Kadimah?
2. Who was his first and most dedicated supporter?
3. Where was the first campsite?
4. When was the first day of camp?
5. How many campers attended the first day of Camp?
6. What was the fee in the first year?
7. What everyone who came could not come without?

8. Who was the first Camp Director?
9. Who chose the name Camp Kadimah?
10. Who was the first Camp cook?
11. What flag was the first to fly at Camp Kadimah?
12. Who was the first swim instructor?
13. Who was the first Camp nurse?
14. Who composed the first Camp song, The Kadimah Anthem? In what Year?
15. Where did the original music for this originate?
16. Who was Kadimah's first Arts & Crafts Instructor?

Reunion less than a month away

by Joel Jacobson

If you haven't registered for Kadimah Reunion 1993, the 50th birthday of the camp we all love so much, you still have time, but just barely.

Friday, July 30 will be the kickoff of what promises to be a gala weekend of memories of those glory days of yesteryear, when men were men and women were women and there was a bridge in between. (Of course, there is still a bridge but the boys are no longer isolated on one side of it and the girls on the other.)

But, I digress from the main issue, THE REUNION. The Halifax Hilton is the home base.

Friday will be registration day with a gigantic memorabilia display coordinated by Karen and Howard Conter. Tears will come to your eyes when you see the pictures of YOU that you thought had been destroyed in the great flood of Noah. Smiles will cover your face when you see pictures of your friends that you hoped WEREN'T lost in the flood. Plus there will be Maccabia banners, t-shirts from all eras, and all sorts of other artifacts that you wouldn't believe were saved by anyone.

A Shabbat dinner with speeches and entertainment (and chicken) will be held Friday night.

Saturday, a Shabbat service will be held at the hotel and, after an afternoon of leisure time, a Saturday night social will take place at the VIA Rail Station, adjacent to the hotel. Dancing, eating, schmoozing, carousing, reminiscing, kissing and hugging - just like those Saturday night socials at

camp. Even the music will bring back memories as we dance and listen to the music of the 50s and 60s, mostly, with a few 70s and 80s thrown in.

Sunday's program is split between Camp Kadimah and Halifax.

Sunday is Visitors Day and a special program will be presented by today's campers. There will be food available at Camp as well as box lunches through the Reunion Committee. Buses will take the reunionites to Camp and bring them back.

At Camp, you will see all those cabins and special camp areas you thought you might never see again - the Rec Hall off which you could never hit a softball; the shallow end you thought you'd never escape; the tree, behind which you stole your first kiss; the bonfire site where you sang those songs and heard the ghost stories; the office where you were called to face the director because of some innocent transgression; the infirmary where you pleaded for an excuse from swim instruction; the dining hall where you enjoyed those gourmet peanut butter and jam sandwiches; that quiet grassy space where you wished *Sicha* (discussion period) would end soon so you could get down to the real stuff camp was all about - sports and swim; the arts and crafts cabin where you learned how artistic you really were; and the pavilion where you sang and danced and enjoyed it, even though you earlier kicked and screamed and fought against going.

Sunday night, the closing banquet will be held at the Hilton. A skit is being prepared, as we write, that will highlight a typical six-week period at

Camp Kadimah.

You can order a Camp Kadimah 50th anniversary *Iton* (yearbook) which has been compiled with painstaking effort by Franklyn D. Medjuck. It is more than 150 pages of stories, pictures, history, memories, written by campers and staff from all eras. Even if you can't get to THE REUNION (and shame on you), you can order an *Iton*. Do it now. Quantities are limited.

If you haven't filled in your registration form, do it now. Fax it (902-422-2875) or mail it today.

If you don't have a form, call 902-422-9341 or 429-1533 and speak to our co-chairpeople Gloria or Steven Pink. They'll be happy to ensure you'll be at THE REUNION July 30 - August 1, 1993.

Kadimah trivia answers

1. Eli Zebberman of Halifax
2. Ben Katz of Halifax
3. Port Mouton near Wobamkek Beach, Queens County, South Shore of Nova Scotia
4. July 12, 1943
5. 47
6. \$12.00 per week for 2 or 3 week periods
7. A ration book
8. Joe Kage of Montreal
9. Shaindle Stipelman of Montreal
10. Mrs. Jenny (Ma) Brownberg of Saint John
11. Union Jack
12. Tom Parker of Halifax
13. Toby Long of Glace Bay (now Toby Ein)
14. Shirley Newman of Halifax (now Shirley Burnstein)
15. Well known Russian melody which became office United Nations song
16. Nancy Stipleman of Montreal

Editor's correction

In the Winter 1993 edition of *Shalom* magazine we ran an article entitled "A trip of a lifetime" by Joanna Rieber.

We omitted the fact that this article was only a excerpt of a much more detailed and insightful story written by Ms Rieber chronicling her experience on the Or Yehuda Youth to Youth

Exchange sponsored by United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Wanted!

Shaar Shalom Congregation requires the services of a pre-school teacher, Sunday mornings, beginning in the Fall. Please call Murray Schwartz at (902) 477-3456.

Canadian Jewish Congress report

It has been a busy time at Canadian Jewish Congress of late. National President **Professor Irving Abella** led a highly successful mission to Poland and Israel in the Spring commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. A total of 165 people participated in the trip, representing the second largest delegation outside of Israel.

I was fortunate enough to accompany the mission in my capacity as national director of communications for CJC. It marked my first visit to Poland. We walked through the former death camps of Majdanek, Treblinka and Auschwitz-Birkenau, but making this difficult journey with us were survivors who held back nothing in telling their touching first-hand stories.

From June 8 to 16 Professor Abella led a trip to Switzerland for a week of activities highlighted by meetings with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Canadian Permanent delegation to the United Nations in Geneva and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees. Accompanying Professor Abella were myself, CJC National Executive Director and General Counsel **Jack Silverstone** and leading jour-



By Mike Cohen
National Director of Communications

nalists from the Jewish media in Canada.

The CJC National Executive, chaired by **Charles Zaionz**, plans to hold meetings in Israel with December 29 or January 3 as the departure dates being considered. Mr. Zaionz sent letters to members of the Executive asking them to indicate whether they would be interested in participating and their preferred departure date. CJC's National Executive last met in Israel just before the Gulf War and had 150 people on hand, including a number of Atlantic region representatives.

Looking forward on the CJC calendar, the National Small Communities

Committee (NSCC), in conjunction with the CJC Status of Women Committee and the Atlantic Jewish Council, plans to have a conference November 5-7 in Halifax entitled **The Emerging Roles of Family Members in a Small Jewish Community**. Over the last three years the NSCC has held annual development conferences in Ottawa, Vancouver and Regina. Delegate turnout from the Atlantic Region has always been strong at this conference. From November 16 to 22 the Council of Jewish Federations of North America will hold its annual General Assembly in Montreal. More than 4,000 delegates are expected to attend. Congress will take advantage of this gathering to hold a meeting of its National Council.

Meanwhile, further along the triennial National Education Conference of CJC will take place April 16-18, 1994 in Winnipeg. National Education and Continuity Committee Co-chair **Sandra Brown** emphasizes that the conference has traditionally rotated between Montreal and Toronto. However, a resolution adopted at the last event requested that Winnipeg be given consideration.

Kadimah 1993

by **Michael Yablon**

While the grounds will surely look different to Kadimah alumni in Barss Corner for the Camp's half-century celebration, August 1, some things haven't changed much in 50 years.

New buildings have been erected over the remnants of older ones demolished long ago. Last names no longer reflect the small Maritime communities from where the campers arrive; these days, more campers from outside the Maritimes.

But the Kadimah philosophy and the basic Kadimah program is still prevalent, so many years after that first summer.

Enrollment for this summer is over 200 and 70 staff have been hired to provide the campers with Kadimah's

own brand of athletics, aquatics and Judaic programming.

Qualified specialists in Arts and Crafts, Drama, Dance, Landsports, Scouting, Boating and Tennis have all been hired to ensure that "their respective programs are top notch," says director, **Sheldon Cohen**.

"Kadimah has always been an activity based institution," Cohen says, "but what makes us different and better than all the other camps is our mix of Judaic programming and a warm Maritime flavour I've only ever seen at Kadimah."

Giborim staff member and boating specialist **Heather Astroff** agrees. "My campers last year loved Kadimah. They told me it was different than other camps they'd been to in Ontario. 'Everyone's so friendly here' they

would say."

Astroff attended Kadimah as a camper before going to the Y-Country Camp in Ontario in 1990 to try out a new program.

"That camp was so big. It had like 500 people. When you walked around you wouldn't recognize any of the faces," Astroff says that feeling wasn't one she'd ever experienced at Kadimah.

"At Kadimah, you know everyone and everyone knows you. Even with new campers it takes no time at all to get to know them."

And if what Astroff and Cohen say is true, then while Kadimah's look will continue to change over the next 50 years, its most valued asset - personality - will likely forever remain the same.

JNF report

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the activities of the Jewish National Fund during the last year, activities both in our region and nationally.

* In the Atlantic Region, the third annual *Tu B'shvat* campaign was held in February. We reached people by mail and by phone, not only in the major centres, but also in remote communities such as Twillingate, Newfoundland. The campaign was very successful.

* The Bi-Annual meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council was held in Moncton in October 1992. JNF sponsored a luncheon and Executive Vice-President **Morris Zilka** spoke on the current situation in Israel.

* Our main fund-raising was done by Col. (Res.) **Avner Ilanai**, Jerusalem Emissary to Atlantic Canada, along with the various chairpersons in each community. In 1992 Avner visited Halifax, Sydney, Glace Bay, Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton and the results achieved were excellent, with a total of 22 projects being subscribed to. This number includes five groves established by the communities of Glace Bay, Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton and St. John's, in addition to *Atlantic Canada Forest* initiated by Halifax.

* Our Hebrew Schools received beautiful kits about Jerusalem, and materials about the holiday of *Shavuot*.

During the last weekend in May, I was in Vancouver to attend JNF's Canada's Annual Meeting and a meeting of it's Board of Directors. The following information emanated from these meetings:

* Nationally, 1992 was a fairly difficult year, with a 7% decline in revenues and a reduced number of new projects.

* A very special *New Leadership Mission* to Israel is being planned, probably for the Fall. A maximum of 25-30 couples will be involved, and it will be designed for the participants to learn more about the State of Israel, on an in-depth basis. Details as to cost, dates and agenda will be available



By Judge Irwin E. Lampert
Moncton, NB

soon. If you are interested please contact **Rachel Barzilai** at the AJC office.

I thought you might be interested in knowing the extent of the investment with JNF by the residents of each of our communities in the Atlantic. The following chart shows the number of projects in each community (subscribed to since 1975).

Community - # of projects

Moncton - 20
Fredericton - 37
Glace Bay - 4
Halifax-Dartmouth - 40
Saint John - 12
St. John's - 3
Sydney - 15

As many of you know, our *Shaliach*, Avner Ilanai, has completed his term (three years) and will be returning to Israel with his family in July. Avner will be missed as he has done an excellent job in bringing the JNF message to our area and we wish him well. His successor should be here by September.

In conclusion, despite terrible economic times and poorer results nationally, last year was the best year for JNF in our region since 1986 when a *Negev Dinner* was held in Halifax. Our Atlantic supporters, as mentioned earlier, subscribed to 22 projects, 9% of the total number subscribed to in the whole of Canada. It is a result we can all be very proud of.

(Ed. note: Irwin E. Lampert is a member of the JNF National Board of Directors)

Media task force

By Larry Riteman, acting chair response committee

Back in July 1992, I brought to the attention of the AJC that we lacked a task force or action committee to look at both the short term and long term media relations between our community and the general Canadian public media.

In an organization such as ours, it takes time for ideas to crystallize and develop into effective steps. All of us have commitments to the wear and tear of our daily lives so therefore, our ability to become involved in bringing a project to a timely conclusion is hard pressed.

Finally, on March 24th, we managed to put together the first meeting to derive a media relations task force aimed solely to that purpose. Regional JCRC chairman **M. Lee Cohen** convened this meeting. The conclusions of

that meeting were to develop a committee composed of six members, develop methods for monitoring the media output, develop the criteria of when and if response is required, developing standard methods and procedures for gathering information and to develop our own plan for information presentation. Pro-active message packets have been developed as a result of the last meeting of May 18th.

In conclusion, we are looking for as much participation from this community as possible.

One of the first proposals that we have moved forward on is developing a data control form that will be in the next edition of *Shalom* to serve as a check list and aid in gathering what is pertinent and transmitting it to our task force. To all that are interested, please contact **Jon Goldberg**, c/o AJC, in reference to the media task force.

Regional Holocaust Education

by Larry Riteman, Atlantic Region Committee chairman

What is the meaning of being a chairman for our Regional Holocaust Education Committee?

When I was appointed two years ago, I had no idea of what this meant. One usually presumes that it is a type of orchestra conductor to marshal the community at the appropriate time of commemoration. In reality, it is like anything that a person can become involved in, in that one brings to it what one wants to make of it. In the year 1993, I will lay before you the present circumstances here in the province of Nova Scotia.

1. The Holocaust Education in the Nova Scotia system:

We have completed a survey that went out to 23 school districts in this province and should have reached roughly 1600 relevant teachers. Approximately 60 teachers responded to our survey. Roughly 25 were concerned, 30 were confused and three or

four were crabby and hostile. It can be concluded that there is no conscientious program in our school system to at least account for some of the valuable lessons that any society can learn from the Jewish experience. Since this date, I have been in touch with the curriculum planning division of the department and have been boldly told that they do not object to it in the curriculum but in fact, they claim that it is already incorporated into the curriculum at grade eleven. I am not a professional educator nor a bureaucrat and I would appreciate any advice that this community can afford me. I have been told that we are being insensitive and will only incur hostility if we press too hard. Forgive me for shaking in my boots, but the responses from the department have really been unacceptable.

2. Yom Hashoah Commemoration of 1993

This year was a very significant anniversary - the Jubilee so to speak - because it was the vents that happened

exactly 50 years before that laid the foundation for this date being used for Holocaust Remembrance by the Jewish community. The ceremony that I officiated in Halifax was a marked improvement over 1992's in both the number of participants and the calibre of the program. I can make no claim for its success. I personally feel that the community itself has risen to the occasion and excelled. I must make special mention of **Shimon Walt** and **Peggy Walt, David & Bravcha Koren** (terrific vocals, David), **Miss Sarah** and **Miss Lauren, Wanderer Abrams, Dr. Perlin** and **Rabbi Ismailoff**, along with the kids from the March of the Living 1992 group and, of course, **Jon Goldberg** brought something to the evening that elevated our purpose. Also, a special thanks to our guest speaker, **Ms Susan Jackson**. To all of them, their contribution was significant.

3. In last year's *Shalom*, I had suggested that Yom Hashoah was tied by legislative action to Yom Ha'atzmaut. Since then, I have been corrected and apparently I was wrong. Yom Hashoah's date is tied to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of Pesach 1943 of the 26th of Iyar but the holiday that is tied to Yom Ha'atzmaut is Yom Hazikharon. I hope any confusion that I may have caused will be put to rest.

4. Last year on November 9th, we tried to initiate a Human Dignity Day and we held a candlelight march to the War Memorial to commemorate the Canadian soldiers who were part of the army of Liberation. The purpose, besides respect for those who sacrificed, is to set a moral distinction between allied and axis fighting men. We must strive to make this an annual event. We had 60 people come to the first one last year. I can only hope that it will grow in attendance for this coming November. It is perhaps the most effective way that we can help bring the significance of the Holocaust to the non-Jewish Atlantic community.

Until my next report... Thank you to all who have been instrumental in the successes that we have had.

Notes

Canadian Jewish War Veterans and Associates

The national meeting will be held in Ottawa, July 31 to August 2. All members are invited to attend. The Embassy West Hotel is offering a special rate of \$55 per night. Come and join the festivities. Contact Gar Meltzer, Atlantic Commander, at (506) 657-4779 for further information.

JWV scholarship

The members of the Maritime Post #4 of the Canadian Jewish War Veterans, announce the establishment of a \$200 scholarship for a Jewish student between the ages of 14-16.

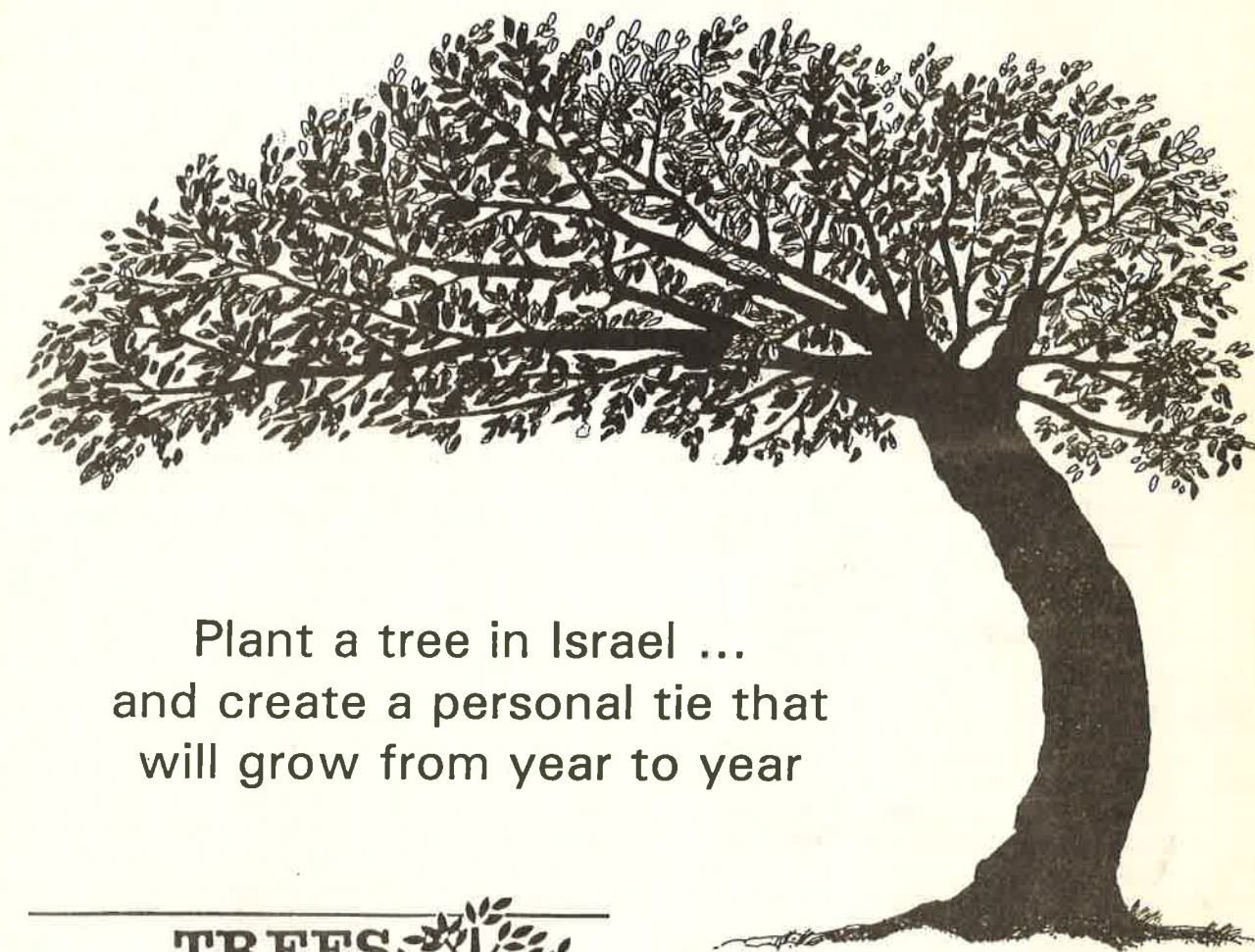
The competition is open to all Jewish youngsters throughout the Atlantic Region, for submitting the best essay (not to exceed 500 words) on the

topic "The Role Played by Jews in any Aspect of Canadian History, Life or Development".

Please forward your submission soon to Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, 6095 Coburg Road #101, Halifax, NS, B3H 4K1. Deadline is November 5, 1993. The successful student's name will be announced on November 15 by Maritime Post #4 Commander, Gar Meltzer.



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