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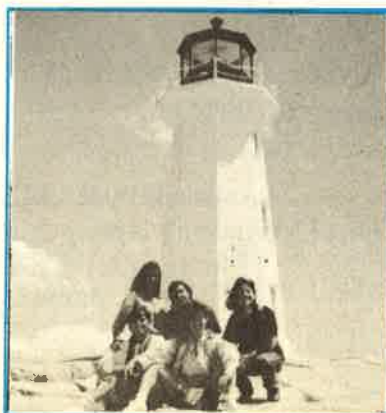
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(Model) on display at the St. Mary's University Art Gallery in Halifax until October. The piece is part of an exhibit by artist ANDREA WARD, entitled Memories Within Skin.

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President's Message

by Larry Freeman

The summer is over and life resumes its normality. The months of July and August allow us to deviate from our normal routines and give us a much needed break. We are fortunate in our religion to begin our New Year in September and thus begin the process of rebuilding and changing some of our old habits.

This past summer has been a busy one at the Atlantic Jewish Council. We have moved into newly refurbished offices next to our old ones. We have been working on programming for the fall months and busying ourselves in preparation for the United Israel Appeal.

During the months of September and October, you can expect a visit from a United Israel Appeal canvasser, a volunteer in your community. This volunteer has made a commitment to help ensure the success of the campaign and you must make your commitment when asked. The saying "No Jew stands alone" has never had more meaning since the



Holocaust. The work of the United Israel Appeal is about saving Jewish lives world wide from the turmoil of Russia to war torn Yugoslavia. Be counted and stand with your brethren.

It is appropriate, as we begin our New Year, to salute the new initiatives of the State of Israel in forging ahead with the peace process. Leadership is difficult and not everyone can be happy when decisions are made, but we must all remember that political leaders in free democratic societies usually weigh the pros and cons of each decision and try to do what is best based on being able to look at the entire picture. We, at the Atlantic Jewish Council, applaud the leadership of Israel in their new initiatives.

Change is constant and is healthy. As we begin the New Year, let us all remember our commitments to our fellow Jews, the State of Israel and to our local communities. May all of our membership be inscribed in the Book of Life.

L'Shana Tova.

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From the desk of the Regional Coordinator

by Jon M. Goldberg

As the High Holy Days approach and another year, 5753, fades into history on our Jewish calendar, I'm wondering if I should look back or look ahead to the New Year.

Last year was a learning process, for myself and for our new Executive.

Personally I feel a sense of pride in our accomplishments but it was only a beginning. I have much more to do and hope to build on my previous activities and learn from my errors.

Some New Year's Resolutions for yours truly:

1. Visit Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island.
2. Improve our youth and student programming and communications.
3. Reach out on behalf of the AJC to the hundreds of Jewish people not affiliated with synagogues in Atlantic Canada - single Jewish parents and kids, people in mixed marriages and others. I feel that this is an untapped source of talent and personnel within our region.



Jon Goldberg

In this issue of *Shalom* you will find a Senior Citizens Survey and a Media Report Form. Please take the time to complete and return both as the data collected will prove to be of significance to the AJC and to the mem-

bers of the Senior Citizens Task Force and The Media Relations Task Force.

Shortly after the Holidays we will begin preparing a 1994 AJC Directory. I ask all of you to send in the names of any Jewish person in your community not presently in the current AJC Directory to the attention of **Christina MacNeil** - singles, mixed marriages, new families in town. Please inform our office as to their domicile and phone numbers.

My thanks to **Ms. Lesley Gaum**, who has agreed to take over as Editor of *Shalom* this winter. I know she will make this publication better than ever.

With so much to put in this edition I will keep this column short and sweet.

Upcoming programs include the CJC Small Communities convention to be held November 5, 6, and 7. Co-chair **Myra Freeman** has a terrific weekend planned, so don't miss it!

In closing, may I wish you a *Shana Tova* and may 5754 be a year of peace and prosperity for Israel, Canada and the world.

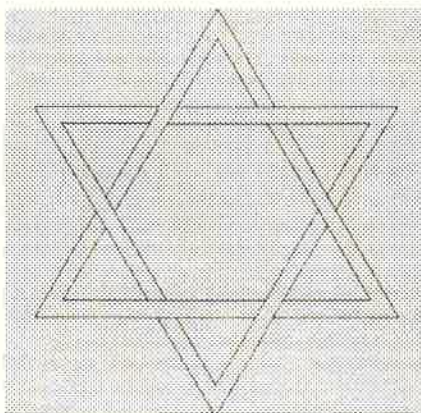
From the President of Israel...

My Friends,

On Rosh Hashanah we pray for a better year to come, for peace and well-being and the values we wish to see. Let me translate the individual and community wishes into those of our entire people. Let us turn our eyes away from the unforgotten past to the vision of a better future.

The 120 years of the Zionist endeavour and the development of the State of Israel are our reassurance, our guarantee. In its 46th year, the State that began its career with a Jewish population of 600,000, is now home to more than 4 million Jews, the last half million of whom have been absorbed in the last three years out of the crumbling Soviet empire and Ethiopia. With the whole-hearted cooperation of Diaspora Jewry, those half million new Israelis do not go hungry and are not roofless. The effort to achieve appropriate employment for all goes on,

and with its growing success will surely come future absorption of Jews from all over the world.



We speak with the confidence that comes from overcoming so many obstacles and managing to create a sturdy social, economic and military infrastructure.

The peace we reached with Egypt laid the foundations for the Israeli-

Arab negotiations of today. Success cannot be immediate or easy, but we are confident that it will come and bring progress and prosperity to the entire Middle East.

These are times of astonishing, even revolutionary change everywhere. We believe that we can make Israel what it should be: a magnet attracting all world Jewry. We believe that with highly developed technology, we can absorb up to two million more Jews by the beginning of the twenty-first century.

This is an historic necessity, for the present shows us that the Jewish future lies in Israel.

Let us work towards that future in this year 5754. May it be a year of peace, a good year for each and every one of us.

Ezer Weizman,
President of Israel

From the Israeli Prime Minister...

My Dear Friends in Atlantic Canada,

From our common house in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the everlasting capital and the spiritual home of the Jewish people, I send you my warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. *Shana Tova*.

Rosh Hashanah is a time of soul-searching for the Jewish people. Therefore I would like to share with you some of my thoughts at one of the most significant times in the history of the Jewish State.

Let me begin by saying that the Jewish people in Israel share the deep concern of our fellow Jews throughout the world, over the demographic future of the Jewish people. The open pluralistic societies as well as other less fortunate ones have given Jews opportunities to integrate; however, they have also posed the greatest challenge to the task of preserving our Jewish identity, the danger of assimilation.

Indeed, Israel follows with great anxiety the growth of anti-semitism, bigotry and racism. The old demons of anti-semitism have found new ways to lure us. It is our sacred duty to combat fanaticism, to remain alert and to carry the historic message of our Jewish religion, a message of tolerance and openness.

Every Jew in the world should know that the days of wandering are well behind us. Our duty is to be the safe haven for the Jewish people and this mission is deeply entrenched in our minds.

The Zionist thinker Ahad Ha'am foresaw the Jewish State as the spiritual centre for all Jews, a source of

pride, and a focus for our strongest energies. By the early decades of the next century, we will almost certainly reach a great Zionist milestone, and the State of Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Israel today is a strong country. And it is from a position of confidence that we are negotiating with our Arab partners. Peace is the essential element of our security doctrine. However, let there be no misunderstanding: There will be no unilateral compromises on any front. The security of the State of Israel and its citizens is our first and foremost concern, nothing will allow it to be compromised. That is the main principle that guides us. Let me also assure you, Jerusalem will remain united forever, under Israeli sovereignty, as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people. This issue is not open to negotiation.

Moreover, the whole world is no longer against us. Israel now enjoys full diplomatic relations with more than 120 countries. Japan, China, India and other nations, some of them previously hostile or indifferent to our interests are now our trading partners. Leaders from around the world are interested in developing and strengthening economic ties. Multinational firms are viewing us with new interest. The Arab boycott is losing its grip. And more important, Israel's relationship with the United States is firmer and friendlier than at any time in history.

Dear friends, we know that your love for us - as well as ours for you - is undiminished by our geographical separation. We in Israel invite you and your children to come and make your

lives here, to come here often, to invest in our industries. Send your children to explore our country, to study in our universities, to learn in our yeshivot, to participate in our youth programs. There is no doubt in my mind that by doing so, not only will the bonds between our communities be strengthened, but the seeds for Jewish continuity will be sown and will bear fruit. We shall never forget that the Jewish communities around the world have played a central role in bringing to Israel close to half a million immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Yemen. But this historical momentum should be continued. Especially now, greater energy and resources must be expended to enable hundreds of thousands of additional Jews to come to the Jewish homeland and to be properly absorbed.

Above all, our greatest challenge, and my most cordial and heartfelt call upon you is to preserve your Jewish identity. Dear friends, there are still countless challenges and obstacles facing Israel and the Jewish people, but Rosh Hashanah brings with it fresh optimism and confidence. May the year 5754 be a year of peace, a year of strength, and a year of opportunity for the entire house of Israel. As we proclaim on Simchat Torah, "*Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek*" - from strength will come yet greater strength.

Shana Tova U'Mevorechet, Kiiva Vachatima Tova.

Yitzhak Rabin,
Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

New Year's Greetings

to Atlantic Jewish Community
from the
JEWISH WAR VETERANS
Atlantic Post

New Year's Greetings

to the Atlantic Community
from
GAR & JACKIE MELTZER
Saint John, NB

From the Embassy of Israel...

September, 1993

Dear Friends,

On the eve of the New Year we once again reflect upon our lives. We look to where we have been, we look also to where we had hoped to be. This is as true for nations as it is for individuals.

For the Jewish people, such reflection is a religious imperative as well as a natural inclination.

Rosh Hashanah prayers are the timeless expression of community, interdependence and responsibility which has been the hallmark of Jewish life at this time of the year, for generations wherever Jewish people have



lived.

These are prayers which ask to be remembered for long, healthy and rewarding years. These are the prayers of our forebears and the hopes of our children. These are prayers of thanks.

At this time of the year I would like to join all of you in praying for a good year, a year of personal health, fulfillment and reward, a year which will bring us closer to our millennial hope of peace.

I wish you all *Shana Tova*.

Itzhak Shalef,
Ambassador of Israel.

From Canadian Jewish Congress...

September, 1993

The National Small Communities Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress would like to take this opportunity to extend to all our constituents in Atlantic Canada a *Shana Tova* and best wishes for a fruitful and rewarding 5754.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming National Symposium in Halifax, November 5-7, 1993. The National Committee is fortunate to be working with **Myra Freeman** as Co-Chair of the Symposium, and the Canadian Jewish Congress Status of Women Committee, as co-sponsor. Its theme "The Changing Role of Family Members in a Small

Jewish Community" is a topical and important issue for all small Jewish communities. As the host region, we urge your attendance and support at this important event. We will be addressing many issues over the weekend and we need your input. Please consider joining us for a stimulating and no doubt provocative two and a half day event. For more information please contact **Jon Goldberg** at the Atlantic Jewish Council office in Halifax, or **Shellie Ettinger** at the Canadian Jewish Congress National Office in Montreal.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu. L'hitraot.

June Avivi,
Saskatoon,
National Committee Co-chair

Murray Schwartz,
Halifax,
National Committee Co-chair

Shellie Ettinger,
Montreal,
Senior Coordinator-Programs

From "The Bay"...

On behalf of executive of Congregation Sons of Israel, as I express greetings and good wishes to all our friends and relatives in the Atlantic Jewish community, I will quote from Chairman **Murray Schwartz**, opening notes from Canadian Jewish Congress Newsletter:

"As we approach the High Holy Days and the birth of 5754, we should take some time to relax, reflect and smell the apples and honey, and if we are fortunate enough in this nuclear family age, to have family with us, to cherish the times together - thank you, Murray."

But getting back to reality here at home...

We, who live in small communities, have different problems but in our own way, we live with them, and enjoy the good things about small community living.

May we, in these hard times, through our best efforts, continue to survive and pursue the objective of keeping *yiddishkeit* and our synagogue alive -- be happy, healthy and prosperous in the New Year.

Shana Tova.

Elliott Marshall,
President Congregation
Songs of Israel.

From Canadian Young Judaea...

Canadian Young Judaea would like to extend a very Happy New Year to all of her friends and supporters in the Atlantic Region.

It was so heart-warming to see Young Judaea and the Atlantic Jewish Council working together last year to bring Jewish Zionist education to young people in your region.

We are presently busy at work to begin another year of activities. Our hope is to become stronger and more active right across the country. No community is too small, no town more important than the other. Where there are Jewish youth Young Judaea will strive to be there for them.

May this year bring good health and a Mazel to all.

Risa Epstein,
Executive Director,
Canadian Young Judaea

From the Atlantic Jewish Council office...



Jon Goldberg

JON GOLDBERG
AJC Regional
Program Coordinator

*We wish all members of the
Atlantic Region a year filled
with Happiness, Good Health
and Prosperity.*



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Reflections on a special summer

by Daniel Freeman, Halifax

This past summer, as one of 26 Bronfman Youth Fellows, I had the opportunity to visit Israel on an intensive program of study, travel and dialogue. I am pleased to have the opportunity to share with you a little of my summer.

Upon arrival in New York where the orientation seminar was held, I was pleased and excited to find myself among a group of extraordinary 17 year olds from all over our continent. We were immediately introduced to this summer's faculty: **Rabbi Avi Weinstein** is the former orthodox chaplain from Harvard University Hillel; **Rabbi Michael Paley** is the Director of the Earl Hall Center of Religious Life at Columbia University; **Rabbi James Pone** is the Hillel director at Yale University; **Rabbi Sharon Cohen-Annisfeld**, formerly Associate Director at Tufts University Hillel, is presently Associate Director at Yale University Hillel.

Once in Israel, we began our studies, looking to each other, our educators, our guest lecturers and the land for answers to such questions as "Who is a Jew?", "How can we celebrate the Shabbat as a community without compromising personal integrity?", and "How does Israel's diverse citizenry dictate its political agenda?" All of the answers we discovered led us to believe that while Jews may have different denominations and perspectives, we have a common Jewish agenda which transcends our differences.

We were fortunate enough to receive lectures from many prominent Israeli thinkers, such as **Yehuda Amichai**, **Rabbi Bravender**, **Rabbi Nami Kellman**, **A.B. Yehoshua** and **Dori Gold**. These factual, contemporary, and sometimes controversial individuals all sparked many hours of intense discussion as the themes which they brought to us were hashed and rehashed.

Each of the faculty members taught a mini-course every third day. The four topics available for study, of which each fellow took two, were modern Hebrew literature, Kabbalah, modern Jewish philosophy and friendship. Each course consisted of seven one-hour study sessions, outside reading, and visits to faculty homes during which the topics were further discussed.

One of my favourite memories of the trip will be the Shabbatot. On Shabbat, we would all eat together at the homes of the faculty. No events were planned for Saturday, in keeping with the spirit of the day, and we all discovered the value of a well-needed Shabbat nap. Each Fellow kept a journal throughout the summer, and before Havdallah, we would read one entry from our journal to the rest of the group. This provided a valuable opportunity to share our comments, criticism, insights, feelings, hopes and fears to the fellows and faculty.



We took two four-day trips outside of Jerusalem. The first was to the Galilee and Golan, during which we visited the city of Sefad to learn about Kabbalah, spoke to settlers there who had established cultural, economic, and social liaisons with a neighbouring Arab community, and visited that same Arab community. How quickly all the stereotypes I had concerning Arab-Israelis broke down once I had the privilege of meeting them. Our mental labour was well complemented here by invigorating hikes led by our head counsellor, security director, and chief administrator **Ran Kramer**; Ran is a medical student in Haifa.

Our second trip was to the desert in the south, near Eilat. We slept in a Bedouin tent camp, which really instilled in me a respect for the people of the desert. The desert is a great place to sit at night in a wadi, huddled with your close friends, while the high winds circle around you, and the starlit skies fold around your tiny person. The desert is truly G-d's country. In the desert, I learned to love water and realize how fortunate we are in Canada to possess abundant supplies of water. The beauty of the desert is unparalleled by that of any other place I have seen.

By the end of my five week stay, I was left exhausted, but happy. Although leaving Israel wasn't fun, I know that this was only the beginning of many wonderful visits to come, during which I can continue to learn about the land and its people, both topics which I have approached in a small way. And although I was sad to leave my friends, I was consoled by the knowledge that this experience was only the beginning of many friendships which I will enjoy for the rest of my life.



The annual community picnic held in Halifax in June, drew one of its best crowds ever, over 200. Three of the coordinators are shown here (l-r): Terry Israel, Steve Zatzman and Boris Tsinman.

National Symposium

by Myra Freeman, Conference
Co-chair, Atlantic Jewish Council

November 5-7, 1993
"The Changing Role
of Family Members in a
Small Jewish Community"

Dear Friends:

The National Small Communities of Canadian Jewish Congress, in cooperation with the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Status of Women Committee, is hosting a National Symposium, November 5-7, 1993, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The purpose of this conference is to bring together Jews from the small communities across Canada to discuss items of common concern, interest and importance.

The theme of this conference is "The Changing Role of Family Members in a Small Jewish Community". Keynote speakers include Drs. Benjamin & Rachel Schlesinger, well respected practitioners in the field of Jewish family life; Francine Zuckerman, producer and director of the video *Half the Kingdom*; Professor Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress; and various panelists from small communities across Canada.

The registration fee of \$70 (includ-

ing GST) covers registration, conference materials and kosher meals. Travel subsidies are available so that attendance at this conference will not be a financial burden. Kindly complete your registration form, with any inquiries, and return by October 15, 1993, to: Shellie Ettinger, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5, telephone (514) 931-7531, fax (514) 931-0548.

We hope you will make every effort to attend and that you will encourage your family members to join us. There is a high level of interest expressed for our Symposium from people across Canada, particularly from those in Western Canada. We look forward to your participation.

Program Highlights of the Symposium

"The Changing Role of Family Members in a Small Jewish Community"

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5

4 pm - Registration, Beth Israel Synagogue
6 pm - Dinner, Beth Israel Synagogue
8 pm - Opening Address: "The Jewish Family in the 1990s", Beth Israel Synagogue, Professors Benjamin and

Rachel Schlesinger

9:30 pm - Oneg Shabbat, Beth Israel Synagogue

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6

Morning Services, Beth Israel Synagogue - Orthodox, Shaar Shalom Congregation - Conservative

12 pm - Kiddush Luncheon, Speaker: Professor Irving Abella

1:45 - 3:30 pm - Panel: "The Changing Roles of Family Members in a Small Jewish Community"

3:45 - 5 pm - Panel: "Judaism: Implications of the Changing Roles"

5 - 6 pm - Media Session for campus students

6:30 pm - Havdallah and Dinner, Citadel Inn

7:45 - 9 pm - Panel: "Aspects of Jewish Feminism in Canada", Citadel Inn

9:15 pm - Evening Entertainment

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

8 am - Light Breakfast, Citadel Inn

8:30 - 10:45 am - *Half the Kingdom* video and discussion, Presenter Francine Zuckerman, producer and director of video, Citadel Inn

11 am - 12:15 pm - Media training and sensitization, Citadel Inn

12:30 pm - Brunch, Citadel Inn

1:30 - 2:30 pm - Panel: "Jewish Family Education"

REGISTRATION FORM

The cost of the conference (\$70.00 per person) includes registration fee, kosher meals, conference material and GST. There is no charge for children under 12 years of age. Shabbat dinner and lunch will be served at the Beth Israel Synagogue. Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch will be served at the Citadel Inn.

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APJSF update

by Joshua Ross, co-president

And so begins a new year for APJSF. The new brings with it two new leaders, myself and Joanna Mirsky. Both of us are very excited about the upcoming year, and have a lot of great ideas that involves not just the students but the whole community. For some reason the students have been regarded as an almost separate entity from the rest of the Jewish community, and hopefully this will change as the year goes on. We feel that the students can (and will) learn a great deal from the adults in the community, and it is important for the adults to realize that in the youth lies the future of Judaism. The first step that Joanna and I have taken in that direction is to allow the Jewish high school students to play an active role in APJSF. They have been largely ignored by APJSF in the past, and it is time that they have an awareness and a pride that they can take to university with them when they graduate.

Our primary theme of the year is Jewish continuity, and bringing Jewish students closer together than ever. We hope to have two programs a month, ranging from a welcome back party in early September, to building a succot on campus at the end of September, with many more (hopefully successful) programs to follow. One of the things Joanna and I have done to facilitate the bringing together of the Jewish youth is renting a house together (yes, yes, we have separate rooms...) at 1124 Barrington Street, and it is a 'hang out' place for Jewish students who are welcome to come by anytime, to do anything from relax with other students to have serious discussions on topics ranging from Israel to women in Judaism.

Also on the theme of Jewish continuity and unity we are going to make a greater effort to involve the students in the other provinces. Simply because they do not live in Halifax is no excuse to ignore them! For that very reason we have money set aside solely to subsidize students who wish to come in for programs, and money for students who wish to set up programs in their own area. Hopefully they will get actively involved in their community, and we are here to support them one hundred percent!

We will be sending out mailings at least once a month to let the students know what is going on, and anyone who would like to be on our mailing list should contact us at the

numbers below or through the AJC. The more adult interest in student activities, the better! In advance we would like to tell everyone that the regional Shabbaton for students will be held in October from the 15th to the 17th. Joanna and I have already put a great deal of effort into it and we would urge all students to participate in a program that involves everything from Jewish student leadership to splatshot. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

That seems to conclude this article, and we can only hope that the next one will be longer, and filled with praise for the Jewish community involvement and many successful programs. At this point we would like to thank **Jonathan Mendleson** and **Timna Gorber** for leaving us a solid base to work with in the APJSF, as well as the effort that have already contributed to the upcoming year that I know will be nothing but a great help. We would also like to thank the AJC executive who have been exceedingly patient with us as we get our act together, and a special thanks to **Jon Goldberg** who gets far from enough credit for the work he does, who has not only been patient with us but has been actively involved in linking the students with the community.

Joanna and I have really enjoyed working with APJSF and the community to date, and are glad we took on the roles of co-chairs for this year. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact either myself at 496-0102, or Joanna at 496-9479 (I can also be reached at that number), or contact us through the AJC. Be well and have a successful year... we know we will!

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AJC Media Relations Task Force

by Larry Riteman

This past summer's edition of the *Shalom* gave notice to all of its avid readers that the AJC had established a Media Relations Task Force (MRTF). One of our first goals was to develop a data control form that can serve as a checklist and aid for gathering up the information we would need if we are to act for our community's benefit. By taking note of media presentations, you give us the sense of what the non-Jewish community will allow. Some of our enemies attack us with such offensive cruelty that if somehow it gets on air, the press will do a quick self defending apology. Other enemies are very shrewd and cover their malice with either the mantle of loyal opposition or the constitutional right to be wrong. It is this sophisticated type that use our media to discover the thresholds to acceptability. If our committee is to really get an effective plan and strategy to help the Atlantic Canadian community value its Jewish community and see its own self defense in terms of our sensitivities, then is vital that you ALL HELP. There is no point coming to us and crying that the offense threshold on Israel, or Anti Jewish bigotry, or war criminals, is knocked down further in a year from now if you don't help. Another thing I want to stress is

that you should not presume that if you hear a thing on the radio or see it in the papers or T.V. that someone else will let us know about it. It may be true, but it could also be that you are the only one. So, after all that, let me introduce to you the Media Standards Report.

The report form is laid out to give you a checklist of facts you will need when informing us of biased coverage. There is room here for 3 different media episodes, so if you use it up, more will be provided upon a request for it.

Name & Address: - (your own)

Time: - Month, day and year of the episode coming to your attention.

Where: - Where are you - at home, in the car; what service - CTV, CBC, CBN, *Mail Star*, *Telegraph-Journal*, etc.

Topic: - Put the Number. (eg) "1. Jerusalem's claim of ownership." or (eg) "2. Malcolm Ross"

Part of: - (eg) "CTV News", or "CBC Witness", the program title or the opened page or letter to editor page, etc.

Tone: - This is, of course, most subjective, however, I consider first impressions and hunches quite probably on the mark. Therefore, take your best shot and don't try to justify it unless you wish to use the comment box.

N.B. - If you refer to a newspaper article please send or fax copy of article along with your report to

M.R.T.F. c/o Atlantic Jewish Council. I have suggested five kinds of tone a program may select (but some may be aware that there are five factors with 20 ranges to traits that your interviewer can display (Warren Norman, 1963) This is meant only as a guide.

Any counter opinion - Some programs or news columns will sometimes use what is known as the two-sided argument. This is where a pretended counter opinion is used to reinforce the main opinion message. But there are other programs that will use their total approach to give their audience a wide view of the whole issue.

By who - If a counter opinion is allowed to air and the opinion is presented by a high credibility communicator, e.g. say Bibi Netanyahu vs Hanan Ashawari, the wide view is the programs' desire. But if Hanan Ashawari is countered by Abi Nathan, then it is evident that a two-sided argument dissemination technique is at work. Both of these can only reinforce an Arab rights view.

Comment - Don't hesitate to use both barrels if you feel you must.

Well, good luck. We hope to be hearing from you soon and remember, it is you alone that can make the difference. So, if you believe that we can't do anything about it, then you will be right, and our enemies will get bolder!

MEDIA STANDARDS REPORT

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Canadian Jewish Congress report

Jewish issues and the Federal election

In preparation for the forthcoming federal election, Canadian Jewish Congress has produced its traditional Federal General Election Political Action Guide.

For nearly 75 years CJC has served as the national representative organization of Canadian Jewry. Being a non-partisan body, Congress has established enduring relations with all federal parties.

The handbook will be utilized by CJC Political Action committees across the country - including the Atlantic Region - in meetings with candidates during the election campaign. At this time the various issues of concern on the Jewish agenda will be raised. They include: Nazi war criminals in Canada, anti-Semitism in Canada and internationally, terrorism, multiculturalism, the Arab boycott against Israel, refugee and immigration matters, the constitution, employment equity, the elderly, persons with disabilities, AIDS/HIV, sexual orientation, gun control, aboriginal issues, status of women, hunger in Canada, the Court Challenges Program, Syrian Jewry and the fate and whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg.

States CJC President Professor Irving Abella, "As Canadians and Jews we advance our causes in a multicultural Canada, which is the antithesis of the narrow and confining climate which many of our families ex-



by Mike Cohen

National Director of Communications
and Israel Affairs

perienced. Canada cherishes our ethnicity within its multicultural fabric. It is our obligation as Canadians to participate in the political life of our country.

Meanwhile, CJC is pleased to report that for the second time in three years, and indeed for only the second time in its history, meetings of the National Executive will be held in Israel December 27, 1993 to January 5, 1994. The group will be based at the Carlton

in Tel Aviv and the Laromme in Jerusalem. Members of the National Executive, National Israel Affairs Committee, AJC executive members and their spouses and children aged 16 and over are invited to participate. Other community leaders and activists may apply on the recommendations of the AJC. The cost will be approximately \$1800 per person (double occupancy). That will include air transportation via El Al, hotel accommodations, land transport arrangements in Israel, daily breakfast and some meals. For more information call the AJC or contact me at the CJC national office (514) 931 7531.

On behalf of Canadian Jewish Congress, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a *Shana Tova* and best wishes for a healthy 5754.

CJC looks forward to holding its National Small Communities Committee conference in Halifax November 5 to 7. The theme for the conference is "The Changing Role in Family Members in a Small Jewish Community".



ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Two members of the AJC media relations committee on their way to PEI to observe the Safadi trial, Nate Cohen and Larry Riteman (wearing the good looking hat).



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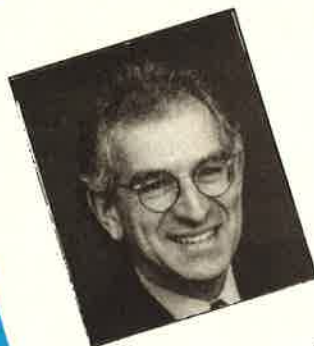
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A Message to the Atlantic Region

The Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada have a proud tradition of support for Israel. Our involvement in the upbuilding of the Jewish state far exceeds our limited numbers. The Zionist component of Camp Kadimah, over half a century, is just one outstanding example. There are many others.

Today we have an opportunity as Jews that will only come once during our lifetime: the rescue and return to Israel of the Jews of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. This mass Aliyah is just now passing the half million mark, an enormous accomplishment for both Israel and Jews everywhere. United Israel Appeal is the central campaign for Israel and raises the funds that make possible the mass Aliyah and dramatic rescue operations of recent years.

The High Holidays of the year 5754 are upon us. For Jews it is a time of individual and collective reckoning. It is also at this time that we launch the 1993 UIA Campaign in the Atlantic Region. In each of our communities, dedicated leaders and volunteers give willingly of their time and energy to ensure the success of our campaign. Sincere appreciation is extended to them for their efforts in this most important work.

How can we in Atlantic Canada make a difference?

By participation in this historic and critical moment in Jewish history, we place ourselves at the centre of the most crucial issue of the Jewish world. By doing our utmost, we can help ensure that no Jew is left behind for want of dollars. By our demonstrating commitment, we show that "No Jew Stands Alone".

Wishing you a *Shana Tova* - a good and healthy year.

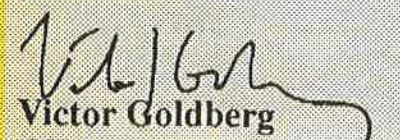
Jim M. Spatz, Chairman
Atlantic Region
United Israel Appeal of Canada



PLANNING THE HALIFAX CAMPAIGN

The Halifax 1993 Campaign got off to a good start at Canvassers Kick Off on September 8. Cards were distributed to canvassers and plans for a number of events were discussed. L-R: JIM SPATZ, Atlantic UIA Chairman; RUTH GOLDBLOOM; VICTOR GOLDBERG, Halifax Campaign Chairman; and REUVEN ROSENFELDER, Israeli Emmissary for UIA

I am confident that, with your continued commitment and generous response, we will achieve our goal. We have an outstanding team of volunteer leaders and canvassers. When you are personally contacted about your pledge, please give it the most sincere consideration. Israel is counting on you...Open your heart to this call!


Victor Goldberg
Chair
1993 Halifax Campaign

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Reunion

By Joel Jacobson

Prelude

Two years ago, when it was realized Camp Kadimah would be enjoying its 50th birthday in 1993, a committee was established to prepare a weekend of celebration.

Gloria (Jacobson) Pink, originally from Saint John, NB, and her husband, **Steven (Yarmouth)**, who met and fell in love at Kadimah, accepted the major responsibility of chairing the reunion committee.

Their committee of 27, plus dozens who worked behind the scenes, put on a party that 420 people will rave about for years to come. There were dinners and a dance. There were gifts for everyone in a registration package. An Iton covering 50 years of laughs and tears, was assembled.

Pictures, artifacts and old camp yearbooks were amassed and put on display. A fund raising team collected for a new camp building. A multimedia slide show and a musical camp skit brought the weekend to a rousing close.

It was a weekend to laugh and to cry, to remember the good days of camp life and to look ahead to another half century when children and grandchildren of the alumni of the first 50 years can enjoy what has proven to be a unifying force for Jewish people in Atlantic Canada.

Friday, July 30

(Maiden names and original home towns in parenthesis)

The sun rose, supposedly, in Halifax. The cloud cover, mixed with a dense fog, was a portent of rain. Committee people shuddered as they listened to forecasts which predicated little better for the rest of the weekend.

"There are 400 people coming to this reunion," said the Pinks. "We can't have rain, particularly on Sunday when we're all going to camp for Visiting Day. Do you know what camp will be like with hundreds of people trying to cram into a few tents and onto the porches of cabins?"

"Not to worry," said an optimist. "Things will be fine." **Karen (Abramsky, Kingston)** and **Howard Conter (Halifax)** started work at seven moving memorabilia and artifacts into the Halifax Hilton's Atlantic Room.

Leon (Sydney) and **Zelda (Borshy, Halifax)** **Zelikovitz** brought to the hotel 500 registration kits that were filled with giveaways, knick knacks and reunion registration. They had tagged every alumnus with a colored dot to identify their decade at Kadimah.

Frank Medjuck (Halifax) lugged dozens of boxes of yearbooks to the registration area. The book was a labour of love for Frank, who slaved night after night for the past several months, cajoling people to write articles of their camp memories, finding appropriate pictures, reading annual Itonim to pick suitable articles, and then compiling it all into 150 pages of memories, while staying within a strict budget. Fun!

Everything was ready. If you prepare it, they will come to the reunion of dreams.

The first registrants arrived late morning and by early afternoon, dozens of people were milling about, trying to recognize each other, looking at name tags, and lying, "Aren't you ...? You haven't changed a bit!"

By evening, the majority of the 420 registered alumni, spouses, significant others and children were in town, ready to party.

Shabbat dinner, complete with chicken, was preceded by a Kaballat Shabbat service. And dinner, started late, wasn't really necessary.

People were on their feet between courses, table hopping to renew acquaintances with friends they hadn't seen in decades. Dinner master of ceremonies **Alan Stern** was saddled with the almost-impossible task of controlling a laughing, crying, howling mob of adults.

"It was the first Jewish affair I've attended that food was secondary," said Gloria Pink.

But Stern persevered and eventually was able to call on speakers from

each of Kadimah's five decades who recalled the highlights of their years.

Camp directors were honoured and novelty prizes were handed out (oldest attending alumnus, youngest, the alumnus who attended camp longest, longest serving director etc.)

A sing-song, led by **Evie (Dubinsky, Sydney)** **Carnat** of Moncton, brought a long, but exhilarating evening to a close, and still people didn't want to go home. The lobby remained full much later into the night.

Saturday, July 31

In fact, the early shul goes only had time to return to their rooms for tal-laisim and yarmulkes. By 9 a.m. *shacharis* had started. **Simon Gaum (Sydney and now Halifax)** announced the start page and kept everyone in line for the next two and half hours. **Michael Halzel (Halifax and now Worcester, Mass)** **Frank Cappell (Halifax and Toronto)**, **Bruce Elman (Sydney and Edmonton)**, **Robert Silver (Saint John, NB and Toronto)** conducted the service.

Isaac Boniuk (Glace Bay and now St. Louis, Mo) chanted the haftorah. A sermon by Rabbi Emeritus **Allan Langner** of Montreal Congregation Beth El, husband of 1943 alumnus **Nancy Langer**, enlightened us all.

The Sydney bunch specifically, and Cape Bretoners generally, played a major role in the service. Gaum, Elman, others who carried and removed Torahs and who had aliyahs always, in my mind at least, seemed to be better equipped to daven than their friends, like me, from Halifax.

They had the benefit of consistent instruction from long-time **Rabbi Israel Kenner**, while the Halifax gang had different Hebrew school teachers annually through the late 40s and early 50s and, therefore, started with the Aleph-Bet each year.

To this day, Sydneyites like Gaum, **Irv Sherman** and **Zelikovitz** remember everything they were taught and daven well (under penalty of attracting the wrath, from above, of their late Rabbi and mentor).

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Kadimah Pictorial



Two old friends from Fredericton, MITCH BUDOVITCH (left) and JOE MEDJUCK, now of Los Angeles, shared memories at the Camp Kadimah 50th anniversary reunion in Halifax.



FRED ROSS, Truro and Ottawa, the alumnus with the longest attendance at camp, 19 years, tells of his favorite days, and nights at Camp Kadimah.



(18) Camp Kadimah's version of the Big Bopper, HOWARD CONTER, Halifax, sings his rendition of Chantilly Lace, wowing the crowd at the banquet Sunday, especially emcee AUDREY ATTIS LAMPERT, Moncton.

A moment after preparing strawberry shortcake, Kadimah cook ANNE JOUDREY (right) and staffers SANDRA ACKER (left) and LYNN WAGNER celebrate their culinary triumph.



Campers and staff from the first years of CAMP KADIMAH, 1943 to 1947, met again at the 50th anniversary reunion in Halifax. From left, SHIRLEY BORDEN ABRAMSKY, Kingston, Ont.; DOREEN NATHANSON GORDON, Halifax; ALFIE GORDON, Halifax; and JULIA KAPLAN BILSKER, Montreal.



Reunion

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After a light Kiddush, a typical Shabbat afternoon of relaxation took place, with few people studying the Torah, but most reminiscing about Camp while seeing how much of Halifax they remembered.

Miracle of miracles, the weather changed - for the better. The sun even shone for a brief time. The forecast augured well for Sunday.

A Saturday night social at the VIA Rail station, connected to the host hotel, the Halifax Hilton, brought out the beast in everyone. The decor, coordinated by arrangements chair people Louise Wolfson and Myrna Yazer, was perfect for the large station.

The hungry animals ate and ate and ate from a delicious barbecue provided by Bolands Ltd., and IGA Stores.

The Wild animals danced and danced and danced, to the tunes of Montreal DJ Peter Sipos.

The party animals talked and talked and ate and danced and did it all until almost 1 a.m. Sunday. In fact, there was so much noise and revelry that a presentation, planned by the Toronto alumni for Saturday night, had to be postponed for 24 hours because it was surmised no one would be quiet long enough to listen. And they were probably right.

The Cape Bretoners had a group picture taken. The Saint Johners did likewise. And the Newfoundlanders rounded up all their brood for a snapshot.

By 1 a.m. the station was empty and people were resting for the long Sunday ahead.

Sunday, August 1 - Daytime

At 7:29 a.m., Marsha Yampolsky (Montreal) and Matthew Burnstein (Halifax) looked out the window of their Halifax home and screamed.

There was fog. There was mist. There were clouds. Where was the partly sunny sky the meteorologists had predicted that would take the worry away from the two people who had worked hardest to make Visiting Day a day to remember?

They had arranged tents - in case of rain. They had booked Johnny-on-the-Spots - in case of and in preparation for life's necessities. They had booked buses and done all the little things to make it easy for everyone to get to camp and be comfortable.

Would the weather change?

By 7:30 a.m. people were on the road to camp. Fog shrouded Highway 103 until the inland turn at exits 11 and 12 when the fog burned away and a glimmering of sun peeked through.

Visitors Day was to be THE special highlight for the scores who had not been to Kadimah since they finished their camping or counselling careers. And good weather or bad, the day would be perfect.

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Kadimah Pictorial



Campers from the 1970s congregated at Camp Kadimah's 50th anniversary reunion in Halifax. From left, Michael Pink, (Halifax) Toronto; Lainie Rapp, (Montreal) Toronto; Beth Medjuck, Halifax; Michael Collins, (Halifax) Toronto.



Ira Kuchinsky, left, (Halifax), Toronto, trades stories with his brother Mike, (Halifax) Toronto and Hank Webber, Halifax, who doesn't believe any of it, during the 50th anniversary reunion of Camp Kadimah in Halifax.



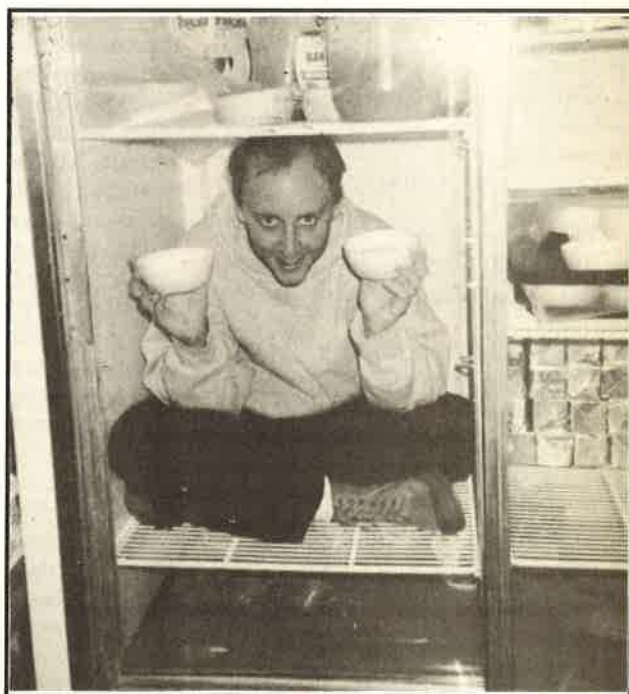
It was 1956 all over again for residents of Cabin 14 at Camp Kadimah's 50th Anniversary reunion in Halifax. From left; Marcia Lee Jacobson Slaven, (Halifax) Montreal; Sandy Yablon Schoenfeld, (Halifax) Baltimore; Sandy Tanzman Brown, (Saint John, NB) Toronto; Renee Devlin Dankner, (Toronto) Halifax; Joan Bond Lipman, (Sydney) Petaluman, CA; Zelda Borshy Zelikovitz, Halifax.



Janet (Newman) Holtzman, Halifax and Saint John, and Ingrid Levitz, Ottawa, mug for the camera.



Joel Pink, (Yarmouth) Halifax, cannot find any friends at the 50th anniversary reunion of Camp Kadimah in Halifax. A few dozen showed up later.



Kadimah staff person Michael "Peewee" Ostroff tried to find a haven where he could eat in peace.

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By 8:15 a.m., the first of seven busses left the Hilton with a buzzing gaggle of alumni who could not wait to see the gates and the sports field and the waterfront.

Those alumni with kids still at camp were given parking passes and most drove their own vehicles. **Ivan and Lois (Lubetsky, Halifax) Levine** of Fredericton were the first to arrive from Halifax, at 8:30 a.m., even though one Toronto non-alumnus couple with children at camp, was first in line after staying the night in Mahone Bay, 30 km away.

With the gates opening at 10 a.m., those in line had an hour or more to talk with friends they hadn't seen in at least eight hours. Cars were lined almost to the general store by the time the gates opened at 10 - under glorious high cloud and sunshine.

And then the feelings and the emotion.

"It was like going back in time," said **Shelley Levitz** of Toronto, originally from St. John's, NF, who attended Kadimah from 1959 to 1968. "Things seem a lot smaller, though, but perhaps that's because I'm bigger," she laughed.

Allan Ross, a Stephenville, NF resident in the 1950s, came from Miami to see the site and his friends. "It's like coming home. Nothing has really changed here."

He expressed amazement at "the memories people have, in such detail of what cabin they were in and who else was in it."

Fred Ross of Ottawa and formerly of Truro and Halifax attended Kadimah for 19 years, as a camper and staff member. He had not returned since he completed his final year as waterfront director in 1964.

"I saw every nook and cranny today," he said. "I didn't miss a thing. But most memorable was standing on the tower overlooking the waterfront - 'my kingdom' - and it brought everything back. The equipment may have changed and maybe some of the waterfront layout, but I could still see

my waterfront staff on the docks, directing things."

In a serious moment, (Dr.) **Ross** admitted the Jewish connection to other children from the Atlantic Provinces was most important to him. "I grew up in a town with half a dozen Jewish families and Kadimah was my only contact with who I really was. I appreciate what the founders of Kadimah did for me and for so many others in the region."

The campers and staff made a half hour presentation of songs, dances, and camp activities. A general swim was provided but sparsely attended. Everyone wanted to visit, to visit old cabins and reminisce about what was.

When the announcement came at 3 p.m. that it was time to leave, few hurried away.

Fred Ross "got the feeling I really wanted to stay. Visitors Day didn't end until 3 p.m. but I didn't leave until 3:30. I couldn't tear myself away."

Sunday, August 1 - Evening

Crowds assembled early for the final banquet. They imbibed of nectars of the bars and perused the memorabilia room and talked and talked, remembering a lovely afternoon and still recalling those glory days of yesteryear.

Banquet tables were set up like at camp, long and narrow with seating for about 20 at each table. Evening chairperson **Audrey (Attis) Lampert** of Moncton swiftly called the dinner to order and carried an evening of talk and song and entertainment.

A group led by **Myra (Holtzman, Saint John) Freeman** of Halifax led the group in several Maccabiah songs. A group of younger alumni responded with some songs from their era. Later in the evening, the older Toronto alumni sang two songs and the younger alumni one. All three were written specifically for the weekend.

Camp chairmen were honoured. More awards were given, including an Oscar to **Joe Medjuck** (Fredericton) who now produces films (*Kindergarten Cop*, *Beethoven*, *Twins*, *Ghostbusters*) in Hollywood but has never won an Oscar.

Mark Rosen, Darrell Pink and Michael April presented a multimedia slide show that brought tears and laughter as alumni saw pictures of themselves from their younger days and even pictures of their children or grandchildren from today.

A skit, written by **Barbara (Newman, Halifax) Yablon, Bunny (Cohen, St. John's) Shore and Shirley (Newman, Halifax) Burnstein**, with direction by Burnstein and musical accompaniment by Shore, ended the night.

Sharon (Shore, Glace Bay) Jacobson of Toronto, and **Ed Rubin** of Halifax had leading roles as a cast of 15 took the audience through a roller coaster of emotion and six weeks of camp in 25 minutes.

It ended with a Peter, Paul and Mary song, *Light One Candle*, with words re-written by **Jack Yablon** to fit the Kadimah experience. Holding flaming candles, the cast asked the audience to join in the final chorus which concluded, "Don't let the light go out!"

Postscript

People had their own recollections of camp life.

Leonard Abramsky of Kingston said the summers he spent there (1976, 1977 and 1980) were the best years of his teenage life. "I went to an Ontario camp for six years but I made better friends at Kadimah in my three years there."

Anita Fineberg, Halifax and Toronto, who attended from 1962 to 1973, said, "People saw each other and it was like they never left."

Charles Flam, who grew up in Chandler, Quebec, where his was the only Jewish family, said, besides allowing him to renew old friendships, the reunion made him realize how important Camp Kadimah is to the survival of the Jewish identity in small communities.

"Without Camp Kadimah, I probably would not be Jewish today," he said.

Those who weren't there missed a great weekend. Those who were will have more memories to add to the memories of their years at Camp Kadimah.

Reunion...

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"It was beyond our wildest dream," said Gloria Pink. "We could organize to a point and we know we were ready, but the feelings and the people made it happen. It was an unusual happening mainly because people came and wanted it to be like the old days - and it was."

She said the weekend showed "we are keeping Kadimah alive."



Happy Camp Kadimah alumni celebrated 50 years of memories in Halifax. From left, SIMON GAUM, (Sydney) Halifax; JAMIE LEVITZ, (Corner Brook, NF) Toronto; ALAYNE LEITH TRESCH, Natick, MA; STEVEN PINK, (Yarmouth) Halifax; GLORIA JACOBSON PINK, (Saint John, NB) Halifax. The Pinks were co-chairpersons of the organizing committee.

by Andrew Wolfson and Mark Rosen, Co-chairs, Camp Committee

"We have travelled far..."

As we sit to write this article, it is hard to believe that the '93 season is over and that the Camp Committee has already met to prepare for Kadimah '94.

Words are difficult to find in expressing our emotions towards this past summer. Stupendous, inspirational, but most of all *ruach* and *chevra*. Kadimah '93 was an outstanding success and this success should be credited to our Director, **Sheldon Cohen**, the head and general staff and our campers. Without their hard work and participation the implementation of Kadimah's program could not occur, and certainly not at the level of success it enjoyed.

The highlight of our season was the 50th Anniversary Reunion. Much has been said complimenting those who organized the event. However, at the risk of being repetitive, the Camp Committee would like to give a heartfelt "*Yechee Hedad*" to all of the members of the Reunion Committee for their extraordinary efforts in bringing the dream of a 50th Anniversary to fruition. The time spent in preparation and attention to detail paid off in spades. The Kadimah family has a renewed sense of *chevra* as a result of

your work. A special *kol Hakavod* to Steven and Gloria Pink, our Reunion Committee Chairs.

In addition, we are pleased to advise that the fundraising aspect of the Reunion was also a success. To date over \$100,000 has been raised towards the building of the Jewish Resource Centre. Thank you to those who have given their pledges. To those who have not - there is still time!

Further, we are doubly pleased to advise that the Reunion Weekend paid for itself, even to the extent of providing a small profit to Kadimah. *Mazel Tov*.

The Camp season was a huge success. Our enrollment of 205 campers enjoyed the usual range of activities such as swimming, landsports, arts and crafts, song and dance, scouting and thematic programming. Special events such as Maccabia, Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Hityashvut remain as mainstays of our program.

We are proud of our staff and the job they do under the direction of Sheldon Cohen. Sheldon, by the way, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah year as Director of Kadimah and certainly the continuity of his leadership has not only allowed for problem free summers, but has enabled the Camp Committee to concentrate its efforts in supplying the machinery for him to operate a successful season.

This summer large sums were spent upgrading our aging facility. A new foundation and steps were supplied for the Dining Hall, a new bar-b-que was built, and cosmetic surgery was provided in other needed areas. Our facility, as we all know, is not getting younger. It requires continued and ongoing maintenance each summer in order to provide a camp worthy of our campers and your money.

Kadimah was also successful in renting the facility once again to the Canadian Parents for French. This arrangement has been occurring for the past seven years, and the funds generated from this has permitted the Camp Committee to keep our fees down. However, due to increasing costs of operations, it is unlikely that our current level of fees can be maintained if we hope to continue the high standards of Kadimah's program and our facility. We cannot let either suffer. If we do, we shall return to the days of 120 campers, the result of which will eventually cause the demise of our "second home".

On behalf of the Camp Committee we would like to thank all of those whose efforts have made Kadimah '93 a truly special season. Our spirit has been renewed and we look forward to an exciting '94 season.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kadimah '93

Or Yehuda comes to Nova Scotia

by Jonathan Mendleson

During the week of July 9-18, 1993, four Israeli students, accompanied by their chaperone, **Jodi Litwack** of Toronto, travelled throughout the Atlantic Region of Canada. They went from Newfoundland to the South Shore of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, travelling from community to community, meeting new people, enjoying the hospitality, and performing a skit in honour of the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. This would be tiring to some people, but these girls never let it show.

The four students, **Odelia Moshe**, **Meira Freidman**, **Ilana Bengayev** and **Limor Gabbay**, are all part of the annual Youth to Youth Exchange sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada. This program enables youth from a project renewal community in Israel to visit their twin community in Canada. As well, youth from Canada visit their twinned project renewal community in Israel. These students have come from Or Yehuda, a community of 25,000, just outside of Tel Aviv. Or Yehuda is twinned with the Atlantic Region and the small communities of Ontario.

The group arrived in Halifax/Dartmouth after visiting Newfoundland and Cape Breton. While in the Metro Halifax/Dartmouth area, they stayed with **Aviva**, **Benson** and **Timna Gorber**, all of whom are past participants of the Youth to Youth exchange. The Gorbers and their guests went to a feature film the evening that they arrived, and the following day **Joshua Ross** and I took them out to Peggy's Cove for the day. The group got an opportunity to try authentic Nova Scotia fish and chips and loved it. That evening they performed their skit in front of about 30 people at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax. Following their skit they entertained questions, most of which were about the



Representatives from Or Yehuda - l-r **MEIRA FREIDMAN**, **ODELIA MOSHE**, **ILANA BENGAYEV**, **LIMOR GABBAY**, before their arrival in Canada.

army service, of which they all join next year.

The following day began at 5:30 a.m. as their next stop on the tour was the Springhill/Amherst area of Nova Scotia. I accompanied them, and what a busy day it was. Thanks to **Mr. Arthur Saffron** of Springhill who organized a fun filled day despite the unpleasant weather. The first stop on the agenda was Camp Tidnish. Camp Tidnish located just outside of Amherst, is a summer camp for mentally and physically challenged people. For some of the campers it is their first time away from home, so the visit by these talented Israeli students was something unique for these campers to enjoy. The skit, which portrays life in Jerusalem has singing and dancing, and of course dialogue. The greatest moment was the audience participation. The performers invited members of the very attentive audience to come up to the stage and become involved, as they did everywhere else. This time it was truly special the girls said. They brought a bit of their culture to this group of campers, as well as experiencing parts of their lifestyle.

Before their performance the girls were told that some of the campers may make noises uncontrollably or appear inattentive. Even the staff were amazed by the attentive behavior of the campers. One staff member commented to me during the performance that "this has been the best this group has ever been". I relayed this message to the girls, and it made them feel accepted into the campers' lifestyle.

Finishing the performance and getting ready to leave, the camp director stressed how important groups like this one are to the campers of Camp Tidnish.

Departing Camp Tidnish, **Mr. Saffron** took the group and I to the home of friends of his, **Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham's**. At the Cottingham's, the group was invited to lunch and answered many of their questions. We returned to Springhill, and toured the Anne Murray Centre. This was an opportunity for the four Israeli students to get a taste of our local music scene. From the Anne Murray Centre, we crossed the street and met the Mayor of Springhill for tea. Aside from drinking tea, the Mayor discussed the town and gave the girls a bit of a history lesson. The girls also complimented the Mayor for being a woman in this position of leadership. They all thought it was great and wished her lots of luck for her future endeavours.

Greetings from Or Yehuda...

by Jodi Litwack

When Odelia, Ilana, Meira, Limor and I arrived in St. John's Newfoundland on July 9th, we had no idea that the warmth and hospitality that welcomed us there would follow us on the rest of our trip through the Atlantic Region. It was overwhelming. Your communities embraced us like we were your old friends and when we left we felt like family. Thank you everyone, for making it an experience that the four girls and I will never forget.

All my best wishes for a Shana Tova.

Special thank yous to: Ruth Noel; Lionel and Linda Pereira-Mendoza; Dr. & Mrs. Lecker; Sylvia & Louis Allen; Timna, Aviva and Benson Gorber; Edward & Donna Gorber; Jon Mendleson; Arthur Saffron; David & Debra Kogon; Elaine Rieber; Miriam Cohen Sharon Ruben; Mitchel Franklin; Beverley Franklin; Larry and Naomi Honey; Camp Kadimah Staff and Jon Goldberg.

The next stop on the agenda was supper at the Kogan's home. Not only was the group going to eat supper there, they were also going to be spending the night at the Kogan's. After supper they unloaded their luggage, took a nap and went off to Sackville, New Brunswick, where we met the famous artist, **David Silverberg** for the evening. Climbing through the renovation work at Mount Alison University we found the studio of Mr.

Silverberg, and there he explained his technique of producing and image from engraved metal. During his explanation, the group got an opportunity to see the very first run of his latest work. It was very beautiful, like the rest of the work he has done.

After seeing his studio and how he works the group then went to the Silverberg's home where Mr. Silverberg's wife, **Yvette** served tea, coffee and dessert. Following all of

that the group went back to the Kogan's home for a good night sleep after a very long day.

The next morning, the group had a radio and two print media interviews and had the rest of the day to relax and head off to Prince Edward Island.

I would like to thank **Jon Goldberg** of the Atlantic Jewish Council, who gave me the opportunity to travel to Springhill and Amherst with the Israelis.

Mazel Tov...

by **Shirley Chernin**

On May 5, the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo held its 25th Annual Bazaar convened by **Joan Elman** and **Edith Lecker**, Sydney and Shirley Chernin of Glace Bay.

For the first time in many years of Bazaar history it was a sunny, clear day and the crowds were lined up outside the Synagogue about two hours prior to the one o'clock opening. Our members were out in full force, and we were assisted by male members of the congregation and university students, and we thank them.

An admission ticket draw entitled the winner to a VCR compliments of Hitachi and Schwartz & Co.

CJCB announcer **Phil Thompson** broadcast live from the auditorium

during the day.

To celebrate this 25th celebration, anniversary cakes were drawn for each hour and given to the lucky ticket holders.

As usual the clothing departments, consisting of new and used ladies' and mens' clothing were the busiest spots for the first hour. Home baking and cooking sold out very quickly and sales were spread throughout the day to the other departments.

Children in attendance were happy to have their faces painted by two women, volunteers with Pediatric Play Program, Glace Bay.

This year we donated proceeds from the book table to Aid Coalition of Cape Breton. Two members of this organization were on hand to receive

our cheque for this project.

The annual auction began at 6 pm with **Alan Henderson** as auctioneer. He provided a very entertaining evening and the purchasers left very satisfied.

At 9 pm the draws were held on the VCR and Food Hampers, coffee and birthday cake were served to the audience in celebration of our 25th Bazaar. On Thursday any remaining clothing was given to St. Vincent de Paul Society to be distributed to the needy.

For 25 years, Hadassah-Wizo Bazaar has been an ambassador of good will in Cape Breton. To our good friends who supported us over the years, we can only say "Thank You!" for 25 wonderful years of friendship.

JNF welcomes new emissary

In continuing to fulfill its mandate as one of the major leading Zionist organizations, Jewish National Fund has recently welcomed its new Emissary from Israel, **Yehuda Vinitsky**.

Assuming the post of Jerusalem Emissary to Eastern Canada, Vinitsky has undertaken the responsibility of raising funds for a variety of JNF land redemption projects throughout Israel with current emphasis being placed on developing a network of much needed water reservoirs.

Yehuda joins the Jewish National Fund with an extensive background and proficiency in financial and tax planning. Born and raised in Israel, he graduated from Hebrew University Law School receiving his LL.B. He furthered his studies at the University of Missouri where he successfully com-

pleted the Graduate Program, concentrating in taxation and went on to receive a Certified Financial Planning Degree.

Yehuda has expertise in individual and corporate tax law. As a private lawyer, he represented foreign investors in Israel. He most recently served as Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel's Attorney for Financial Projects and Bequests and had direct responsibility for all English speaking countries. Yehuda will make his home in Montreal and his wife **Anat**, an Economist, formerly with the Bank of Israel.

There is a wide choice of initiatives through which you can link your name or that of someone you wish to honour, with the State of Israel. An initial down payment of 10% will establish a Foun-

dation Project of your choice with the balance payable over several years, with Israel Bonds if you wish, by a bequest to JNF in your will or by making JNF the beneficiary of an insurance policy. Your generous undertaking will be acknowledged with a beautiful, framed certificate and a dedication of your project will take place in Israel with the establishment of a plaque on the Wall of Honour.

We invite you to contact Yehuda and allow him to share with you the various means through which you may establish a Foundation Project. Please contact him at the Montreal JNF office (514) 934-0313 or through **Mrs. Rachel Barzilai** at the Atlantic Jewish Council office (902) 422-7491

Saint John, NB update

by Janet Holtzman

As I look back over the past two months, I am convinced that we had a very laid back summer.

The month of June was filled with Hadassah and Sisterhood closing meetings, Hebrew school closing and the Bar Mitzvah of Eli Wolpin.

The first week of July saw eight of our children off to Camp Kadimah as campers and one child as a staff member. Unfortunately our evening with the four Israeli girls had to be cancelled due to a death in our community. Mitchell Franklin and his wife Janice had been kind enough to offer their warm hospitality and most comfortable accommoda-

tions to the girls for two days. I have spoken to the Franklins personally and the girls were really thrilled with a couple of days on the famous Franklin Farm.

Abe Davis, Chairman of the Israeli Bond drive held a successful evening in the synagogue in mid July.

Our Saint John Historical Museum has had another very fruitful summer and will be continuing with tours and research throughout the fall and winter months.

We are now looking ahead to the High Holy Days and our visiting rabbi, Rabbi Bacon who has become a part of our Saint John family after nine years. We are planning our annual break the fast supper, for the community after Yom Kippur services. Happy new year to all!

News from Canadian Jewish War Veterans

by Gar Meltzer, Commander

A convention of CJWV was held in Ottawa on July 31 to August 2, 1993 when Senator Marshall retired and Comrade Sam Pasternack was elected Commander of Canada. It was well represented from across Canada.

Commander Gar Meltzer (Atlantic Post #4) attended and laid a wreath at the Phalanx Memorial and also hosted a session on Aging. Our Jewish Generals all decked out in red or white uniforms, breasts covered with medals, was a sight to see.

Many friendship were made and renewed. Senator Marshall presented Commander Meltzer with the Canada 125th Anniversary Medal.

It is with deep sorrow we mourn the passing of our comrade Ella Grossweiner. We extend condolences to her family.

Our Jewish War Veterans are ready to assist in any way throughout the Atlantic communities. Please call us for assistance.

Jackie joins me in wishing you all a healthy and happy 5754.

Club Masada

by Edith Schneiderman, Co-president

Our opening meeting of Club Masada is planned for September 9th with a luncheon at the Hotel Sheraton. Program will be a reading by Betty Miller, "Old folks are worth a fortune".

Executive for the year 1993-94 are as follows: Co-Presidents - Betty Miller and Edith Schneiderman; Past President - Bessie Rinzler; Recording Secretary - Ella Morris; Treasurer - Jean Zlatin; Corresponding Secretary - Sara Yablon; Telephone convenors - Molly Whitzman, Lil Aronson, Renee Doof; Sick and Visiting - Rose Argand; Hospitality - Marianne and Lawrence Ferguson; Programme - Betty Miller.

In August we visited the Art Gallery Nova Scotia and were taken on a very informative and most interesting tour which we enjoyed very much. Betty Miller, our programme convenor, is lining up programs for the forthcoming season

ROUND AND ABOUT

SUSAN DAVIS, JIAS of Canada, spoke to a meeting of the AJC executive in Halifax in June.



Chevra meet in Halifax over lunch to discuss youth programming.



Celebrating together at Camp Kadimah reunion, 25 years after their wedding - the groom SHELTON COHEN, the bride FREDA (WAINBERG) COHEN, best man BEN PROSSIN, and usher JON GOLDBERG (back).

with musicals, speakers, tours, etc., and we are looking forward to a successful year.

On behalf of my co-president Betty Miller and the members of Club Masada we wish you a very happy, healthy, peaceful new year.

L'Shana Tova.

PEI update

by Joseph Naylor

The Hebrew School travelled to Moncton and joined the members of the Junior Congregation at Congregation Tiferes Israel on 13 March 1993. A winter storm added to the adventure and length of the trip. Congratulations to all those who took part.

On 14 March 1993, Mr. Avid Ivri, Second Secretary for Press and Information, Embassy of Israel in Ottawa, met with our Community. Although a winter storm limited attendance, Mr. Ivri provided informative discussion on the peace process. Thanks to Irene and Ed Kassner for hosting the event.

A Community Seder was held on 5 April 1993 at the Carrefour de l'Isle St. Jean. Thanks to Rosalie Simeone for organizing the event and to all those who worked and participated to make the celebration so successful.

The Hebrew School commemorated Yom Hashoah with a visit from two students, Michael Soberman (Don Mills, Ontario) and Bill Chernin (Halifax). Our appreciation to the two visitors and to the participants of the school. Thanks to the Atlantic Jewish Council for sponsoring the visit.

Mr. Itzhak Shelef, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Canada, and Mrs. Shelef lunched with our Community on 25 May 1993. Thanks to all who attended the very successful event. Thanks especially to Ambassador Shelef for his masterly review of the peace process and current events in Israel.

Our Community was represented at the Annual General Meeting of the PEI Multicultural Council, held 19 June 1993 by board members Elaine Rieber and Aaron Feldstein, and delegates Didier Froment, Veronica Lutolf, Albie Goldman, Adele Greenberg, and Jane Naylor.

A community party was held July 3, 1993 to say farewell to Didier Froment-Landau and Veronica Lutolf who have returned to France. A Shabbat candle holder set was presented to the couple. Didier and Veronica have been supportive of our community and they will be sorely missed.

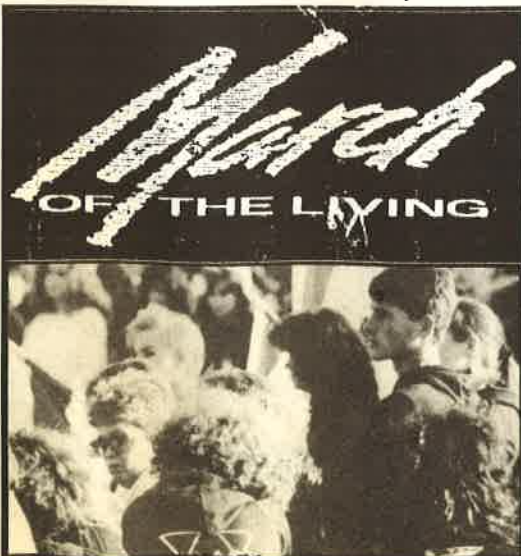
Thanks to Evelyn and Sol Feldstein for hosting the event. Shalom, Didier and Veronica, and Mazel Tov on your forthcoming marriage!

Four Israeli high school students from Or Yehuda visited our community on July 17, 1993. Odelia Moshe, Ilana Ben-gayev, Limor Gabbay and Meira Freidman presented skits complete with music and dance on Israeli life, and they engaged in some lively, informative discussion. Thanks to Elaine Rieber for providing housing for the visitors, to Irene and Ed Kassner for hosting the event at their cottage, to the UIA for sponsoring the visit and above all to Odelia, Ilana, Limor and Meira.

Prior to the presentations by the visiting Or Yehuda youth a community meeting was held which passed unanimously the following: The PEI Jewish community, which began functioning in 1982, officially organized itself on January 13, 1993 in order to enhance in our ancient spirit of *chesed* and *zedakah*, Jewish life on Prince Edward Island by: 1. supporting and maintaining the Hebrew Language and Culture School for its children; 2. commemorating Jewish holy days and celebrating Jewish cultural and religious events; 3. working with other Jewish organizations, especially the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Jewish Congress, and the United Israel Appeal; 4. supporting and promoting adult Jewish studies; 5. promoting harmonious relations with other ethnic communities and with the general community; 6. considering mutual aid and support for its members; 7. conducting activities and projects in support of the above.

Mazel Tov to Wendy Ader on her forthcoming marriage. Unfortunately, she will be leaving us to reside in Halifax. Mazel Tov also to Aaron Feldstein on being accepted into Dalhousie Medical School.

Condolences to Winston MacGregor, on the death of his father, Horace MacGregor, and of his aunt, Mary Ellen Smith. JNF trees have been planted in Israel through the community in their memory. A bequest was left by Mary Ellen Smith for our community.



On April 5, 1994, over three thousand Jewish teens from countries around the world, will share in a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they march the three kilometre distance separating Auschwitz from Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built by the Nazis during World War II. You could be there - along with hundreds of other Canadians taking part in this event.

All participants in the 1994 "March of the Living" will be carefully chosen and acceptance will be based upon emotional maturity and intellectual ability. Applicants should supply a letter of recommendation. In addition, applicants will be requested to submit an essay and attend a personal interview in order to qualify for the program. If you are accepted, you will be provided with several educational seminars that have been specifically created for the "March of the Living". These seminars are designed to equip you with basic knowledge and

background prior to your departure.

COST

The cost of the trip to each Canadian participant is \$2,895. Financial assistance for individuals who are unable (for valid reasons) to meet the \$2,895 fee, may be made available upon request, and will be kept in strict confidence. The "March of the Living" is subsidized, in part, by the United Israel Appeal of Canada and private contributions.

APPLICATIONS

For more information about the 1994 "March of the Living", April 4-17, 1994, please contact:

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