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by Larry Freeman

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From the desk of the Executive Director

As we near the Passover season, and celebrate the deliverance of Jews from Egypt thousands of years ago, I feel this year is full of reminders that our people throughout the world are still in many instances in need of a modern day Moses.

In 1995 the Jewish people are still threatened in a physical sense in Europe and in Israel and in a spiritual and more subliminal manner here in North America.

Today, in the former Soviet Union, there are over a million Jews with exit visas. Israel in the last six years has absorbed over 600,000 Olim from central and eastern Europe. These Jews have been delivered to Eretz through the work of the Jewish agency financed in large part with donations from world Jewry. Many of us in Atlantic Canada gave generously to Operation Exodus and still do every year but many unfortunately do not. The situation is getting worse economically and politically in the former USSR and we all know the Jews will be among the first to suffer. Just because the western media doesn't consider this fashionable news don't be lulled into thinking the situation is stable. It isn't! Everyday of every month hundreds of your fellow Jews in Moscow, Krakow, Tashkent or Siberia are delivered through the efforts of Israel with your support to the Jewish homeland. We must keep the exodus alive. This past year marked the deliverance of the Jewish community from Syria. Did you know that Canadian Jewry led the way in saving the remnants of that 3000 year old Jewish community. The task force on Syrian Jewry of CJC has for the past ten years lobbied, bribed and ransomed thousands of your fellow Jews to safety.

Here in North America the Jewish community in a physical sense is relatively secure. However, in our efforts to be accepted and become just like our fellow Canadians, we may now face our greatest threat yet, "Assimilation". Have we too become slaves to a process that has in less than 100 years brought the Canadian Jewish Community into the mainstream of Canadian society? The more I read about the travails of



by Jon Goldberg

North American Jewry, the more I meet and hear from Jews from across Canada who are involved in Jewish community service as lay leaders or professionals, the more I hear the words "Jewish continuity". How do we put back the Jewish in Canadian Jewish communities. That my friends is the biggest problem facing us here in our country today. Through education, programming, Israel experience and our religious leaders we must begin to stem the tide. The figures are shocking. Did you know that almost 50% of Jews over 25 years of age are being lost every year. Totally assimilating into general society. That 40% of all marriages in North America involve one of the partners being a non-Jew and 85 %

of the children are not being brought up Jewish. My friends, in many ways our assimilation here in North America has now become the biggest threat of all the Jewish people.

At your Seders this year as you sit and share the wonderful legacy that is the story of Passover, say a prayer for our fellow Jews in physical danger. Let them all be safe "next year in Jerusalem" and say a prayer for all of us here in North America that we too can be delivered to a life restored with a fulfilling sense of our Jewishness and the realization that we can live our lives here both as good Jews and good citizens. One goes hand-in-hand, it's not either-or.

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Educational kits teach Judaism

by Joel Jacobson

The launch of a Jewish educational outreach program will "enable us, through understanding, to work towards the elimination of prejudice and ignorance," Marcia Koven told more than 80 New Brunswick educators and government officials February 20.

In a Heritage Day ceremony at Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, NB, Koven, director of the Jewish Historical Society of Saint John, unveiled a manual and artifacts that will take Jewish traditions into classrooms throughout the province and the rest of Atlantic Canada.

The materials, in both English and French, include workbooks, video and audio tapes, recipes, activities and a variety of items to show elementary and junior high school children what Juda-

ism is all about. There are holiday kits for the major holidays and Shabbat, and a special kit on Jewish life cycles, describing Jewish life from birth to grave.

"The kit is hands-on and has wonderful artifacts, which are so useful instead of just pointing to pictures in a book," said Cathy LeBouthillier, school supervisor for the French district schools of Saint John. "It is colourful, easy to read and geared to people who know little about the Jewish culture."

Koven said the Historical Society's museum is visited by hundreds of Saint John youngsters every year, "but what about the rest of the province? They may never meet a Jewish person and have pre-conceived ideas of Jews. With this program, we can show how beautiful our religion is and how all religions can identify with each other."

She said she wanted a first-class pro-

duction and, with the help of Carl and Ruth Wolpin, both Saint John-area public school teachers, the kit and manual were produced. A professional translator was hired to convert the kit to French.

The Shabbat kit contains a tablecloth, two real challahs, varnished for preservation, a Kiddush cup, music tapes, videos, games and activities and recipes. "A teacher can actually bake challah in her classroom," said Koven.

The Chanukah kit contains dreidels, a menorah, candles and cookie cutters as well as working materials and audio/video cassettes. There are also kits for Passover, Shavuot and the High Holidays.

The program was funded through the Saint John Foundation, the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Foundation, Department of Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, Canada/New Brunswick Cooperation Agreement on Cultural Development, the Tammy Fallon Memorial Fund, friends and family of Mrs. Rose Freedman, and friends and family of Jen and Lou Michelson. Koven said the support from New Brunswick's Department of Education was outstanding.

Kits will be lent to schools on a two-week basis, said Koven, sent out and returned at the Museum's expense "until the money runs out." But she hopes the response to the program will generate more funding and creation of additional kits.

Koven said Carl Wolpin would be pleased to lead communities in workshops on using the kit.

"It would even be great for Hebrew schools to use as a learning tool," she said.

Ann Baker, education coordinator for New Brunswick museums, said no one would be intimidated by the material. "It is well done, the writing clear and concise. When we had the Coat of Many Colours display at the Saint John Museum, not being Jewish, I had to do a lot of homework to understand what it was all about. If I had had something like these kits, it would have been much easier for me."

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Mazel Tov to the fine young men of Givati

by Naomi Honey

January 31, I had the privilege of attending the Beret Ceremony of Givati, the elite infantry unit of the IDF. The ceremony was very moving, as after a 72km hike (overnight), at least 300 very young men were awarded their well earned Purple Berets.

One of eight soldiers of this division, who were distinguished as the most excellent soldiers, was our son, Andrew Honey. He has been recognized on four separate occasions throughout basic training as the most excellent soldier in his unit.

As we are all aware, the young men and women of the IDF have a most difficult task to perform. Heartfelt thanks to those who contribute to the Association for the well-being of Israel's Soldiers. I have seen for myself the projects this organization has sponsored to make life just a little easier for the soldiers, their widows and children.

Mazel Tov to the fine young men of Givati!!



Andrew (right) receives pin from "Givati" (Commander) for "most excellent soldier"

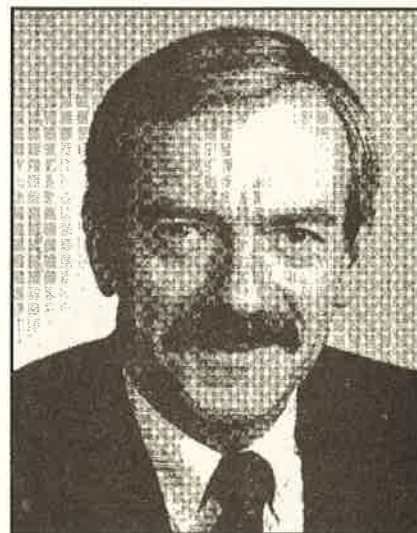
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From Around



ZIM NAVIGATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS:
Pictured at the opening of an art exhibit featuring the work of Fred Ross at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, l-r: JUDITH SCHLESINGER, President of ZIM Canada; MERV RUSSELL, Chairman of Halifax Port Corporation; FRED ROSS, Saint John Artist.

(Chronicle Herald Photo)



Mrs. SARAH YABLON, ELLA MORRIS, HELEN ISRAEL, BARBARA ALBERSTAT, MINDY JACOBSON, DEVORAH GRAFSTEIN, at a recent meeting of Halifax ORT.



Your AJC Executive hard at work.



Rabbi ELLIS from Moncton, NB, addresses a recent meeting of the AJC Executive.



The newest members of the AJC Executive (L-R): ROSALIE SIMEON, PEI Representative; CATHY ZILBERT, Halifax, Special Events Chairman; SHERRIE PINK, Halifax, AJC Campus Liaison.

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Ambassador BEN-DOV of Israel addresses a breakfast meeting at Beth-Israel Synagogue in Halifax, Purim 1995.



SHEVA MEDJUCK and VICTOR GOLDBERG shown at an early morning meeting of the Management Committee.



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BRIAN INDIG, President of APJSF (holding cake) with members of his executive at a recent meeting.



AJC President LARRY FREEMAN congratulates Areva GALI SALOMON and her husband DAVID BROCK at a reception held in honour of the newlyweds.



At the AJC reception for Gali and David (L-R): MIRIAM GREEN, AJC Fredericton Representative; BARBARA PATON, AJC Secretary; MYRA FREEMAN, Regional Chairman, Gift of Israel; and LEONA FREEMAN, Halifax Hadassah President.

Gali's Window

by Gali Brock

"All people, in every generation, must regard themselves as having been personally freed from Egypt" - this is one of the most important messages that Pesach conveys. Well, I could give a traditional interpretation to this statement, however I would like to present my own personal one. As I mentioned in the past, coming to Halifax has taught me a lot about being Jewish and leading Jewish life. My experience in the small Jewish communities of the Atlantic region has exposed me to an interesting variety of people and ideas. The fascinating thing is to look at different generations and their perception of Jewish values which is, as expected, different from generation to generation. The implication of regarding ourselves in every generation as having been personally freed from Egypt is the strongest when it comes to being parents. Naturally, when we are young and restless we may not realize this implication, yet it is when we have our own children that we have a broader and more thorough look at Jewish values. In what terms could parents regard themselves as free Jews? How can parents explain the concept of

being freed year after year for 4,000 years? Each parent would probably find his and her own answers; yet there is one answer that would be acceptable on each one of them. That is participating, being active, being involved, coming to programs. You will all agree that if we want our children to grow up caring about their being Jewish we have to give them as much support and encouragement as possible. This is a call to all the parents, emphasize to your children the importance of being involved and participating, encourage them to come to programs and give a hand, not to take for granted them being Jewish. Not taking for granted our being Jewish - that is the way to remember every year that we were once slaves and had been freed.

We have three months before the summer bird fly away, namely the kids going to summer camps or families going out on vacation. There are some programs scheduled for the spring and I hope to see everyone participating - especially in the Lag Ba'omer picnic as the closing program for Young Judaea. I also have Hebrew classes for advanced every Tuesday nights, the classes are open for everyone to join or at least try!

A few words about programs in the last few months, the Purim carnival was a great success. It was great to see so many young children, some dressed up for Purim, running from one station to the other and playing. It was even better to see that most of the stations were run by teenagers who enjoyed their being considered adults for a few hours. Monthly Young Judaea programs brought together the children to socialize and get some Jewish content. More involvement of Madrichim in the future will enhance the programs to a great extent. In the past two months I visited some non-Jewish schools where I spoke about the Jewish culture and Pesach. The students are always excited and asking stimulating questions which start discussions about Jewish customs and Jewish values.

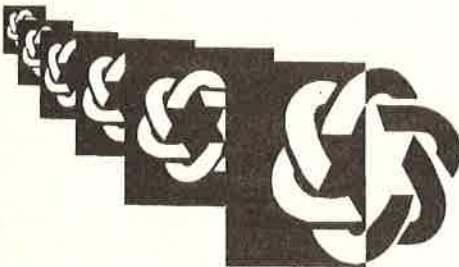
This is my word for this issue. I would like to wish everybody a happy Pesach and wonderful spring time (with warmer weather hopefully...). Don't drink too much wine in the four cups, enjoy your Matza, have a great Seder and as we all say "Next year in Jerusalem"!

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"Tikkun" in Inverness

by Rick MacDonald, Glace Bay, NS

Since the birth of anti-Semitism in the nineteenth century history has been replete with these acts of such an extent that we are rarely made aware of occasions when the opposite has been the case. This writer believes that it is important to herald such incidents because they help to light the path to peace and harmony among us all.

The village of Inverness lies on Cape Breton's west coast and owes its fortune (or lack thereof) to its coal deposits. During the early part of this century the village boasted a population of some 8000 souls with an additional 10,000 rural folks depending on the village's commercial outlets for their needs of that era.

Naturally enough, some of the immigrants fleeing the problems of Eastern Europe for this fair isle saw opportunity in Inverness and an attempt at establishing a Jewish community began. Unfortunately, Inverness had attracted only three families when it went into economic decline and all hopes of attracting enough families to establish a synagogue ended. As a result of this **Mr. Joe Nathanson** left Inverness for Glace Bay when he and his wife raised their family which included such notables as Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice **Hilroy** and New Waterford's former Mayor **Dr. Dan**.

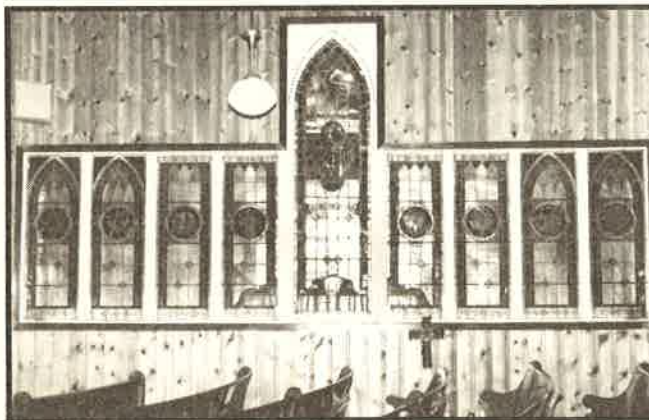
For the Feinstein and Levine families the freedom to pull up stakes was not an option. Investments had been made in various ventures and the commensurate obligations required fulfillment. So they stayed to raise their children and perform their mitzvot far removed from the rest of Atlantic Jewry.

By the time of the outbreak of the second world war these children were now young men and women, and those who could, like many of their peers in the village, went to war. Included in those who died in battle from Inverness were **Lt. Jack Levine** of the British army, **Pte Nathan Feinstein** with the Canadian army and **Sgt. Sam Feinstein**, a tail gunner with the R.C.A.F. With them died any hope that a minyan could ever be formed in Inverness.

At the conclusion of the war the nation's communities undertook the task of erecting suitable monuments to the fallen heroes. In addition to the efforts of federal, provincial and municipal governments, churches and synagogues throughout the land set about the job of finding ways to do the same for embers of their respective congregations who had not returned.

In the case of St. Matthews United Church in Inverness it was decided that they would install stained glass windows with the names and dates of its members who had perished for the cause of freedom imbedded in biblical scenes.

An effort of this nature taking place in a large city would likely go pretty much unnoticed by the community at large. In a village the size of Inverness however this was not the case. In fact the new windows were the subject of much conversation throughout the village and, as might be expected, soon came to the attention of the Levine and Feinstein families.



As long-time merchants within the community both families were on a first name basis with the majority of the village residents and consequently the members of St. Matthew's United Congregation, combined with financial ability and the lack of their own place of worship prompted them to approach the church leadership requesting that they be permitted to participate by supplying a window in memory of their dead sons.

The church membership approved their request, a design was agreed on, and the window was soon installed.

The legacy for the congregation at St. Matthew's is that for almost a half century the image of Magen David has shone down upon them as they've gathered to worship. For the Levine and Feinstein families it was the knowledge that these young men would not be forgotten by the community they could never return to. For Atlantic and world Jewry it is the fact that here is a place where non-Jewish children were raised to adulthood, and continue too be so raised, with warm feelings towards this universal Jewish symbol on their minds and in their hearts.

This writer likes to speculate that perhaps it is possible to see in all of this, traces of the "sparks" spoken of in Lurianic Kabbalism, (R. Issic Luria 1534-1572) and to further imagine the degree of "ecstasy" The Besht would achieve as he contemplated the reality of this ongoing stream of such sparks being reintegrated into the divine source because of this one deed (R. Israel Ba'al Shem Tov 1700-1760).

Or perhaps there is nothing more here than a simple act of ecumenism by men of good will. In the opinion of **Art Levine**, the last surviving Jew in Inverness, "There is nothing extraordinary here."

He may be right. If might also be, however, that what is ordinary in Inverness is far from ordinary in too many other communities and just possibly the people of Inverness have a standard of ordinariness that the rest of us would be well advised to emulate.

Unfortunately during the 70's energy conscious, the windows of this church were sheathed over to prevent heat loss and are now lighted electrically making them no longer visible from the exterior of the building. Viewing can generally be arranged by contacting St. Matthew united church and arranging an appointment.

A Passover Experience: "Generation to Generation"

by Rabbi Pamela Hoffman

One of the wisest, most fascinating men that I have ever met is Rabbi Abraham Twersky - Chasidic Torah scholar, psychiatrist, and medical director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center for Chemical Dependency in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A descendant of several renowned Chasidic dynasties as well as an accomplished practitioner in his field, Rabbi Twersky is able to glean deep psychological insight from the rhythms of Jewish life better than anyone I know. In one of the chapters in this book *Generation to Generation*, Rabbi Twersky describes the accelerated flurry of activities that took place in his home in the days leading up to Passover. I include it here, not only for your reading enjoyment, but because it provides a beautiful reflection by a sophisticated professional in his later years of an experience that is accessible to us all.

"On the morning before Passover, we ate in the cellar, since all of the rooms in the house had been sanitized for Passover. Danish pastries never tasted as delicious on any occasion as they did in the cellar on that day.

I was fortunate in having a special treat, because on the day before Passover, we baked our own matzah for the Seder. Nothing in the world is as exciting as baking matzah.

The evening before the Seder night, we would drive out to the country where there was a fresh-water spring to fetch water for baking the matzah. Father would take out his pocket watch, and we would wait until precisely the moment of sunset to begin filling the glass jugs, because that is when the water is at its coolest, as it must be to avoid the flour being soured by warm water. Did you ever taste delicious water? Try the spring water on the evening before the Seder. (It helps, incidentally, if you are six or seven years old.)

After we brought the jugs into the house, the men would form a circle and dance to the tune of "And you shall fetch water with joy from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:5), while balancing the water jugs on their shoulders. The actual baking of the matzah did not begin until noontime the following day, corresponding to the time of the Paschal lamb ritual in the days of yore. Since I was not yet Bar Mitzvah, I was not yet permitted to participate in the actual baking of the matzah, but there were plenty of things for me to do. I cleaned the rolling

pins with sandpaper and delivered fresh sheets of butcher paper to the men who were rolling the matzah dough...Everything had to be done with haste and precision, lest anyone cause a momentary hesitancy in preparation of the dough...

A voice would ring out, "A matzah for the oven!" as one of the men would near completion of his matzah dough. "A matzah for the oven!" I would repeat, running to tell Reb Saul to prepare the long pole wherewith he would transfer the matzah into the oven.

After the baking was completed, the men joined hands and danced in a circle. There was true joy. We had just completed preparation for the once-a-year mitzvah of matzah. "Next year in Jerusalem!" went the refrain.

We returned home with boxes of freshly-baked matzah, to the once-a-year menu of fluffy potato dumplings and borscht. I have never tried to repeat this menu during the year. It couldn't possibly taste the same.

The long day was exhausting, but a six or seven year old seems to have infinite reserves of energy. Yet, sometime during the Seder, particularly after a few sips of wine, I would get drowsy, and sit with father on the big couch, which mother had draped with a golden bedspread and padded with huge pillows. I would rest my head on father's lap, and the tunes of the Haggadah were my lullaby. I would drift off into a sweet sleep, which could have been experienced only one other time in the history of the universe, that of Adam in Paradise.

My children are now grown and have children of their own. On Passover, my grandchildren enjoy the Passover excitement as I once did. My reserves of energy are far less than they were in those days. I now sit on the draped couch, and my grandchildren put their heads on my lap, and enjoy the sweet sleep.

I identify with my grandchildren. I know what they feel and how they feel. It is much more that a vicarious gratification, for I am once again the child, falling asleep on father's lap as Passover allows me to be a child once again, in spite of the grey hairs in my beard.

No one knows what awaits them later in life, but whatever and wherever, I will always have Passover with me."

Rabbi Twersky reminds us of one of the great truths of life. The Passover Seder reminds us that we are much more than our age, our stature, our professional achievements, our failings, the grey in our hair, the lines on our face. On Passover we are--at one and the same time--both very young and very old. Once might even say that each one of us contains within ourselves each of the four children of the Passover Haggadah: the wise, the wicked, the simple and the one who does not know how to ask. And yet, somehow paradoxically, each time we chant together the words of the Haggadah we become the ancient chorus of the generations - whether we live in Milwaukee (as Rabbi Twersky did as a child), in Manhattan or in the Maritimes! May this Pesach be your sweetest!

Rabbi Hoffman is the spiritual leader of Shaar-Shalom Synagogue in Halifax.

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From the Rabbi to the Editor

by Rabbi David Ellis, Moncton

In the Chanukah edition of *Shalom* magazine, there was a report on the change of practice at the synagogues in both Saint John, NB and St. John's, NF, of now calling women as well as men for aliyot to the Torah. It may well appear that such is becoming the "thing to do" and a recommended procedure for other synagogues in our region. Indeed, last year at the CJC's Small Communities Conference, the majority of the program was presented by those advocating such innovation. In those communities in the Maritimes which have not given up the traditional practice, they are under pressure to do so, both from minority within and from those outside who would like to see others fall in line.

There are many arguments on both sides of the matter with which everyone is familiar. Some advance the case of equality; others defend tradition. In the dwindling communities of our region, the argument of numbers is likely to be the most persuasive, as those communities outside of Halifax already struggle to find a minyan and face increasingly bleak prospects of obtaining one in future years.

Whatever concerns one would have for changing practice, those in the traditional community would make one observation. Whenever a community abandons traditional synagogue practice in favor of egalitarianism, it is departing from what is from the most vital segment of world Jewry today and the one which will be exercising the predominating influence within the coming generation. Contrary to what it may appear in North America, departure from traditional observance is not the norm else where. In Europe, Latin America, South Africa and Australia, the traditional synagogue is the rule, with non-traditional groups being a small minority.

Most importantly, Jewish traditional life will be the norm in Eretz Yisrael within the next few years. Although there has been a largely secular society in Israel for most of this century, those

who came there in earlier years were motivated by the opportunity to observe Jewish tradition from its sources in the land. While acknowledging the contributions of secularism in building the land of Israel (most of the founders of the state came from traditional upbringings, however much they may have revolted against them) it is becoming apparent that the main reason for remaining in or coming to Israel in the future will also come from an understanding of our traditional heritage and desire to see it practiced unfettered. Alternative movements have never caught on in Israel, despite some belated efforts. Hence if one of our Maritime communities wishes to remain in touch with the creative thrust of Jewish life in Eretz Yisrael, it would be advised to adhere to and become better informed about its own traditional practice, not to abandon it.

Even within the American and Canadian communities, the case is not clear for the new egalitarian practice, as I indicated last year in these pages in a response to the CJC conference. For now, it should be noted that where Jewish observance and tradition are lacking or abandoned that assimilation and the plethora of associated problems are devastating the Jewish community. Traditional Jews are the only segment of the Jewish community showing a numerical increase in recent years.

But these arguments are largely logistical. What about the issue itself, of men and women both being called up to the Torah. Within the traditional community, men and women are given different roles responding to different needs. Man, as our siddur amusingly puts it, has not been made a woman; the regimen of commandments and obligations has been made to control wayward inclinations. Women, on the other hand, are created *kirtzono*, according to G-d's will as they are. Men take on the public affairs, while women see to interiority and the private world.

Are these views out-dated and politically incorrect? Yes, perhaps, in the modern Western world which knows

only of public arena, the headline phrase, and the overt use of power as the decisive factors. But we in the traditional community have never idolized Western culture. To the contrary, a general consensus of opinion is beginning to understand the faults of our society which Jews, with access to generations of historical ups-and-downs, have known for years.

What is decisive for us in the traditional community is the issue of Jewish continuity. When Judaism being practiced in the coming generation, when outstanding Jewish personalities are being created, when a Jewish home is founded as a fond place for individual destinies to begin, be nurtured and return to; it is almost always a Jewish woman and not a man who is responsible. Maintaining different but complementary and equally vibrant roles for the sexes is the traditional prescription for Jewish continuity.

The Maritime communities have had, compared to other regions, a very good record over the years for maintaining the traditional synagogue and thereby being within the accepted tradition in Jewish communities throughout the world. Many times they have failed to meet up to the challenges implied in this tradition. Our Atlantic synagogues have largely been remnants of the *Shet I* type, not making the readjustments required to make tradition viable in North America and ultimately in Eretz Yisrael. But the goal has always been a good one; we just need more work at it.

So in Moncton, Fredericton and Glace Bay, we will struggle through things and sometimes may not get a minyan at our traditional synagogues during this winter. Unless demographics change, we soon may be looking around the rest of the year as well! Even if we eventually lose, we will still know we fought the right battle, as we see those elsewhere, especially in Eretz Yisrael, carry on the traditions we have also preserved.

Rabbi Ellis is the spiritual leader of Congregation Tiferes Israel, Moncton.

The Jewish view of freedom

by Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein

The Passover Holy Days are also entitled "The Holiday of Freedom" Historically what took place 3307 years ago was "The ALMIGHTY took our ancestors out from the life threatening slavery of Egypt." For this goodness, a Jew verbally acknowledges G-d's kindness everyday of the year, and also rejoices with thanks and elaborates the story of the Exodus on the Seder night(s).

However, this physical freedom is limited without the Jewish spirit of freedom. How is this achieved? The ALMIGHTY'S request which Moshe Rabbenu relayed to Pharaoh was, "send out my people so that they may serve me".

The physical departure of the Israelites from Egypt without the acceptance of the Torah from G-d at Mount Sinai 49 days later would have resulted in a return to Egypt's corrupt life style. There would not have been a viable Jewish people. Our divine oral tradition teaches that, "there is no truly free Jewish person except if one is engaged in Torah study."

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I wish you all a very joyous Pesach.

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Rabbi Grafstein is the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax.

Up-to-date new of our Jewish war vets

by Gar Meltzer

January 8, 1995, Saint John Jewish War Veterans attended a tri-military service at the cathedral, at which 800 people attended. Commander Meltzer was asked to read a prayer from the old testament.

May 3-17

Canadian Jewish War Veterans, Toronto Headquarters, is planning a trip to Israel commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Defeat of the Nazi Forces in Europe. Should be a great get together. Come join the trip.

May 6

I invite all the Jewish veterans to attend services in their Synagogue with their families and friends to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the defeat of the Nazi forces in Europe and the end of the war, and to thank G-d we won the war and we and our children can walk and talk freely in a free world. Your rabbi will be glad to greet you and lead you in prayers. Please make it a point to attend.

Nov 13

Toronto Post CJWV is sponsoring a fund raising dinner, expecting 700 people. All Canadian members and their friends are invited to come. Black tie, \$125 a ticket. In the past, this event has been well attended by many dignitaries.

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Passover teaches family values

A message from the Regional Director Chabad
Lubavitch of the Maritimes

by Rabbi Mendel Feldman

Amongst the more prominent features of Passover is the emphasis on family participation. This can be traced back to the first Passover which the Jews observed while still in Egypt with the Divine imperative, "Take a lamb - the Pascal sacrifice - unto each household". Thus, the thousands of years the Passover festival, especially, the Seder celebration, is synonymous with family feast.

At first glance these observances seem merely social and of little religious significance, ritual observances are usually reserved for collective Synagogue worship. Furthermore, when the Jewish people were liberated from Egyptian bondage they became a nation. Why were we commanded to celebrate the birth of nationalism with a sumptuous family feast? It would seem more appropriate to study and rededicate ourselves to the basic tenants of faith.

Permit me to suggest that the intent is to bring to our attention that continuity can only be sustained through strong family ties. The development of a healthy attitude, character and positive traits are a result of nurturing mutual respect and open dialogue. Regrettably many of today's social ills can be attributed to a break down of the family unit, resulting from a lack of communication. Absentee parents are usually heard to justify their absence by spending "quality time" with their children. The Passover Seder brings to our attention that any time spent together with our spouse and children is of merit and helps forge healthy relationships. Unfortunately in today's society with such diverse personal interests in pursuit of personal pleasure, families seldom enjoy dinner together. Our thirst to be kept abreast of current events, sports, etc. has us gazing at CNN even while we grab a bite around the kitchen table.



Rabbi Mendy, Bassie and Zavi Feldman

The central theme of the "Seder" is to underscore the need and merit of communicating with our children. In fact the Bible repeats this injunction four times corresponding to four distinct personalities, the wise, the wicked, the simpleton and the indifferent, clearly alluding to our responsibility as parents to relate to each and every child in accordance to his or her needs.

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Atlantic Jewry's presence important at CJC National Plenary

by Larry Freeman

Every three years more than 1,000 Jews from across the country gather in Montreal or Toronto for the National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress. Having attended the last events as a delegate representing the Atlantic Jewish Council I can unequivocally vouch for the importance of being there.

With this in mind, we are urging as many members of Atlantic Jewry to be at Montreal's Bonaventure Hilton Hotel May 14 and 15 when the agenda of Canadian Jewish Congress - the major spokesperson for Jews across the country - is set. There will be two days of thought provoking sessions with high profile keynote speakers and delegates will have an opportunity to not only vote on resolutions, but in elections for top officers as well.

Arthur Saffron, Ivan Levine, Myra Freeman, David and Margie Attis, Joe Naylor, Lee Cohen, Jon Goldberg, Mark Rosen, Messod and Claire Salama, Sheva Medjuck, Larry Riteman, Irwin Lampert...these are some of the Atlantic Jews who have been part of previous AJC Plenary delegations, but it is important we increase this list multifold. Our own Mark Rosen will be speaking on a Jewish continuity panel, as will Messod Salama. Sheva Medjuck is a candidate for associate chair of the National Executive. I have the

privilege of heading the Plenary credentials committee.

The Plenary represents perhaps our best opportunity to really carry the banner of Atlantic Jewry. It is an event like no other, a chance to converse with other Jews from across the country and most importantly the time for us to let our voices be heard.

We may only be some 2,500 Jews in Atlantic Canada, but we are very much part of a vibrant Canadian Jewish community of 350,000.

The Canadian Jewish Congress has paid us the ultimate tribute during the mandate of President **Irving Abella** by holding a national conference in Halifax in November 1993 and staging meetings of its national officers and community relations committees concurrently with our convention here last fall. We must show them we truly want to be part of the decision-making process.

The Monday morning resolutions session will effectively move Congress policy in new directions or seek to change long-standing positions. During the fall and early winter months CJC asked regional representatives and members of national standing committees to initiate discussions to formulate resolutions they wanted to bring forward. We were very much part of that process. Now it is time to follow through.

We can register you through the AJC so please call us at (902) 422-7491.

CJC National Plenary in Montreal to Attract Jews from across the country

By Mike Cohen,
National Director of Communications

Registration is underway for the 24th National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress. More than 1,000 delegates and observers from across the country will convene May 14 and 15 at Montreal's Bonaventure Hilton Hotel for the prestigious triennial event, highlighted by the election of officers, voting on resolutions and prominent keynote speakers.

Beyond History: Building for a Stronger Future is the theme for this Plenary chaired by **Goldie Hershon**. Registration fees have been set at \$125.35 for delegates and observers and \$68.37 for young adults (25 and under) and senior citizens (65 and over). A special full-time student rate of \$28.49 has been established. These prices include GST. Atlantic Jewish Council President **Larry Freeman** and Executive Director **Jon Goldberg** hope to attract a large delegation from the Maritimes.

The Plenary will review and assess ongoing and emerging

concerns as well as determine appropriate directions for the Canadian Jewish community. Television star **Shirley Solomon**, **Hana Gartner** of CBC's *Fifth Estate*, World Jewish

Congress President **Edgar Bronfman**, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Executive Director **Neal Sher**, Federal Minister Responsible for the Quebec Referendum **Lucienne Robillard**, Israel MK and former Foreign Minister **David Levy**, Israel Deputy Foreign Minister **Yossi Beilin** and former Canadian Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney's** ex-Chief of Staff **Stanley Hartt** are among the scheduled speakers. Prime Minister **Jean Chretien** has been invited to address the Sunday luncheon while at that program **Andrea Bronfman** will be honored for her role in coordinating the Coat of Many Colors Exhibit.



CBC's Hana Gartner

For complete registration information please call **Jon Goldberg** at (902) 422-7491. **Myra Freeman**, **Ivan Levine** and **Arthur Saffron** are among the AJC officials on the Plenary planning committee.

Commemorative plaque for Jewish WWII veterans

by Maurice Jake

Congregation Tiferes Israel in Moncton, NB announced the establishment of a commemorative plaque to honor all Jewish veterans of WWII on active service and who were born in Atlantic Canada.

The following names have been recorded; if a name is not on the list that fits the above criteria, or if there are any corrections on the way the name reads, please contact:

Mr. Maurice Jake, P.O. Box 623 STN Moncton C.R.O. Moncton, NB, E1C 8M7, Tel. (506) 855-0011.

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Shalom from Jerusalem

by Reuven Rosenfelder

Spring is in the air here, and housewives have launched the thorough cleaning and scrubbing job which has become part of the Pesach ritual all over the country. In two weeks we will sit down by the Seder table. Every Jew will experience that special feeling of unity which marks this major occasion in the Jewish calendar.

The Seder is devoted to our history and heritage, and as such it puts our everyday concerns and preoccupations into perspective. It does not mean that they disappear. In Israel, of course, the main item on the agenda is the peace process. As you know, the initial euphoria has passed and the many complex issues have come to the fore. Understandably, every terrorist attack has strong repercussions in public opinion.

The Government of Prime Minister Rabin is pursuing the process with remarkable determination. I believe he still has major support among the people, who realize that the pursuit of a political settlement is difficult and painful. But the approaching general elections, to be held next year, will not make the internal controversy any lighter. The opposite, of course, is true.

Beyond controversy at Pesach 5755 is what can really make us proud. Israel, with the help of Jewish communities around the world, has absorbed more than 630,000 immigrants in the past five years. What we were able to do in saving Jewish lives, bringing them to Israel and absorbing them into everyday life in this country - is now a matter of record. How many countries can point to a similar record?

As we look to the next several years, it is clear to those who hear the talk at the Jewish Agency Building in Jerusalem that Jewish continuity, and the relationship between Israel and Jewish communities overseas, are becoming the focus for the future. The two issues are related. The Jewish Agency will have a growing role in assuring Jewish continuity through education, the "Israel Experience" and other programs.

New ways to strengthen the links and involvement with Israel will have to be developed. They will be different from the links of the past. "Partnership

2000", a major new Jewish Agency project of regional development in Israel, points to the way of the future. The Agency is inviting Diaspora participation in the process, without linking it specific fund-raising.

Personally, I would like to tell you that I will no longer be visiting the Atlantic region, as I have done during the past two years as UIA's Israeli Emissary. After Pesach I will be moving from the UIA of Canada Jerusalem Office to another wing of the Jewish Agency Building, to head the Communications Department of Keren Hayesod (world UIA).

I truly appreciated the opportunity to work on behalf of Israel and UIA in Halifax and the Jewish communities in the Atlantic. It was a very good experience. I was fortunate to be part of the wonderful Atlantic mission to Prague and Israel last October. I met many fine people and made personal friendships.

I would like to thank Jim Spatz and Victor Goldberg, who really lead UIA's cause in the Atlantic with dedication and understanding. Thanks to Larry Freeman and a special note of appreciation to Jon Goldberg.

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For women only

by Devorah Grafstein

From ancient times Rosh Chodesh has been a Jewish women's celebration. In recent times it is being revived as a time of physical and spiritual refreshment for the modern Jewish woman. (The tradition tells the husbands to relieve their wives of work or child care that keeps them from celebrating the day of the new moon.) The declaring of

the new moon is the first Mitzvah given to Israel.

Rosh Chodesh parties are being held at Beth Israel Synagogue every new Hebrew month. Come for a time of spiritual renewal. Our month of "Iyar" party is Sunday, April 30.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Devorah Grafstein at 423-7307

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Saint Mary's University - Holocaust Collection

by Edmund Morris

The Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary's University is the site of a small but fine Holocaust Collection for ready-use by students and faculty, to accompany Internet computer and inter-library loan services available to Library users.

The initial collection has been established by an endowment contribution from **Herman Newman** and a personal collection of books and documents about the Holocaust, to which he continues to add, from **Edmund Morris**.

"Ordinarily, Herman and I would be happy to be anonymous, but we think it significant that the impetus for the collection be seen to have been jointly that of a Jewish survivor and a Catholic Christian", Mr. Morris said.

"It is not the intention to duplicate larger Holocaust collections at Dalhousie, U.N.B. and elsewhere. What is desired is to ensure that all students, faculty and other Saint Mary's library users have immediate access to a core of informed knowledge and commentary on one of the seminal events --- many would say the seminal event --- of our violent century.

"The important consideration was immediate availability. The prime purpose is to support classroom references to the Holocaust with immediately accessible library resources. Where the need is for more detailed scholarship, and where students' and others' interest, even as scholars in other academic courses, is encouraged and expanded by the ready-use collection, they are able to identify material anywhere in the world through Internet and borrow through available inter-library loans."

Contributions to the collection endowment, from which only earnings will be spent thereby assuring continuing updating of material, and offers of useable volumes other than novels relating to the Holocaust, will be appreciated by the Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3 (902) 420-5543, (facsimile) 420-5561.



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Report from the rock

by Claire Frankel-Salama

Ah, spring! The crocuses are pushing their tender green shoots through the snow, the toboggans are being retired to the basement, and the Passover orders have arrived! One of our members, a doctor at the Health Sciences, was taken aback by a rather strange question posed by a colleague. It seems that her daughter was working in the store that supplies the community with its Passover necessities. She wanted to know how we enjoyed our 36 bottles or "jellyfish". Try as he might, the doctor could not make the woman understand what "jellied fish" really was. At least it is not as bad as some of the things we Jews have been accused of eating at Passover.

Despite the three and a half metres of snow we have enjoyed this past winter, the season has been an active one. In February we had a Hadassah potluck at Ann Gregory's during which we said a formal goodbye to Naomi and Simon Skoll. Naomi has been extremely active both in the Synagogue and Hadassah. Since the departure of Louis Ferman, Naomi has been writing and organizing our Holocaust evening. This program is always well attended by many people from outside the community. Both Naomi and Simon have worked tirelessly with the Russian refugees on behalf of JIAS during the past few years.

On February 26th we had the second in our series of evenings devoted to "Women's Studies". The topic that evening was "Yiftah's daughter", and participants included young teenagers as well as adults.

Efrat Tzadik, our Areva, has been very busy with Hebrew school and the Outreach program. She has visited schools from the Goulds to Paradise (no, I'm not kidding). She helped us with our Purim children's carnival, and directed two plays that were presented during the reception following Ernie Mauskopf's reading of the Megillah. Two of our members missed the festivities as they were in Israel: Judy Wilansky attended a family wedding, and Dr.

Robin McGrath gave a paper on Native studies at the Hebrew University.

This Saturday we are holding a tea at the Salama's in order to say goodbye to Ryna Levy who is moving to the other side of Canada. Although we are sorry to lose her, we congratulate her on her recent marriage and her soon-to-be-completed Ph.D.

Our plans for the rest of the spring include programs for the Holocaust memorial and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Karen

Lippold and Steve Wolinetz are busy arranging for our evening with the president of Memorial University, Dr. Art May. This past fall Dr. May traveled to Israel as a guest of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and he is going to make a presentation to us.

All of us on the rock wish all readers of the *Shalom* a happy and kosher Pesach surrounded by friends and family. Also, please make sure that the "jellied fish" you eat contains absolutely NO undersized turbot!

Cape Breton Hadassah-Wizo

by Evelyn Davis

On November 21, Dr. Ron MacCormack, Oncologist with the Cape Breton

Inez Schwartz and Mary-Ann Cohen. Shirley Chernin, Vice-President of the Cape Breton Council chaired the meeting.



L-R Mary-Ann Cohen, Dr. Ron MacCormack, Inez Schwartz, Sylvia Allen

Regional Hospital, captivated his audience explaining new equipment and treatments for cancer, available for the first time in Cape Breton.

Men and women gathered at the Temple Sons of Israel for the Medical Services afternoon. Co-convenors were

Dr. MacCormack was introduced by Mary-Ann Cohen. Sylvia Allen thanked the speaker for his interesting, lucid explanation of future treatments at the new facility.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Report from Fredericton

by Miriam Cohen

On January 23, the Atlantic Jewish Council was included in a "round table" with **Sheila Finestone**, Minister of Multiculturalism, to discuss issues pertaining to her field.

Michael Ostroff and **Brian Indig** visited Fredericton in early February. They met with a group of high school students at the home of **Marilyn** and **Seymour Kaufman**. The following evening they were to meet university students, but no one showed up except the gentlemen and **Mitchell Abrams**. The

evening was quite stormy; however, I am not sure if it was well advertised.

A Purim party is in the offing but it is not known whether this will become an eventuality.

There has been little or no activity in the community of Fredericton within the synagogue. Most of the senior members are now in Florida and those that are not, are unable to get around. The younger community members stick to their own inner circles, be they at the work place or at home.

JNF Emissary and Executive Director visit Fredericton

by Miriam Cohen

On Saturday evening, January 22, 1995, **Yehuda Vinitsky**, Jewish National Fund (JNF) Emissary from Israel, and **Mark Mendleson**, Executive Director for Ottawa and eastern Canada, were the guests of **Miriam** and **Warren Cohen**, Fredericton's representative for JNF, at a reception at their home. Those in attendance heard from both Mr. Vinitsky and Mr.

Mendleson on the role of JNF and the importance of its continued support.

The evening was informal and much needed dialogue helped to evaluate JNF's role in a changing society. All those who attended had the opportunity to express their views openly and the evening turned out to be very beneficial.

Secretary of State for Multiculturalism visits Fredericton

by Miriam Cohen

On Monday, January 23, 1995 **Mrs. Sheila Finestone**, Minister of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women was in Fredericton to officiate at the opening of ceremonies at U.N.B. for their festival of cultural diversity.

Heritage Canada, a federal department which works out of Moncton, arranged for Mrs. Finestone to meet with community leaders and members of many multicultural groups in the morning of January 23, at a Round Table for an open discussion.

The Jewish community was well represented. **Rabbi David Spiro**, spiritual leader of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton was in attendance, as was **Ivan Levine**, as a Director of the Human Rights Centre, located at Saint Thomas University, and **Miriam Cohen**, Fredericton's representative on the AJC. **Miriam Cohen** also was in attendance as an educator in the New Brunswick school system for the past twenty seven years.

The round table consisted of twenty five persons from many walks of life. Each person was given two to three minutes to speak on their role or their organizations' role as a multicultural group. Mrs. Finestone responded to each and

everyone of the participants. The meeting was to be a two hour session, but ended up as a three and a half hour session.

It was brought to the attention of the round table by **Miriam Cohen** that the Atlantic Jewish Council provides education programs, cultural programs and general information to all Jewish interested parties in Atlantic Canada. Their interest in human rights was also discussed. Mrs. Finestone was most gracious to her fellow Jewish members of the round table.

As part of the round table it was mentioned many times of the importance of having someone or a body of people to be on media watch to counter the letters to the editor in each newspaper which are racist in nature. This idea was welcomed by all groups in attendance. The multicultural association of New Brunswick proposed that they would look after this.

As the meeting broke up it was interesting to hear Mrs. Finestone ask **Miriam Cohen** if she got "nachas" from a former student, who was at the round table and who was the president of the student council at U.N.B., who made mention that twelve years ago he was in her class and still remembered everything about "Chanukah". And yes, **Miriam** did have "Nachas".

The meeting was most enlightening and rewarding for all who participated. Hopefully the Atlantic Jewish Council will be asked to participate in all programs related to multicultural events in the future at this level.

News from the Valley

by Naomi Honey

An encouraging and thought provoking meeting for the Valley Jewish Community took place at Leah & Robin Horel's home on March 3. With about 22 adults participating, the group considered personal views from many people and recognized differences between individuals in levels of religious observation. Keeping this in mind for future plans, the community is enthusiastically planning future gatherings. The next get together will be the Pesach Seder to be

held at 7:00 p.m. (preparations begin at 5:00 p.m.) Everyone welcome. Please call Leah Horel to confirm and receive more information at 679-1202.

The community would like to hold activities of Jewish interest. Individuals have expressed interest in such subjects as Jewish cooking, the Atlantic Jewish Council and how a small community like the Valley fits into the programming and fund raising. Other suggestions include learning to sing songs in Hebrew, and discussions such as inter-marriage.

The group is dynamic and energetic and hopefully our community of Jewish families will grow in terms of interest and participation as well as in numbers. Geraldine Costa and her husband came all the way from Digby! Many thanks to Carol Ann Fischel, Leah Horel, Marla Davis, and Karen Harrison for their leadership, it is well appreciated.

Remember: Pesach Seder, Kentville Recreation Centre

Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. Sharp! (preparations will begin at 5:00 p.m.)

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT

by Barbara Alberstat

The ORT chapter of Halifax has held meetings each month during the fall and winter season. We are very pleased that so many of its members are willing to hold the meetings in their homes.

Helen Israel has continued for the third year as President, with an active Executive Board. Helen and Edith Schneiderman, Board Representative to Canadian ORT have attended meetings in Montreal and Toronto throughout this time and have brought back fresh ideas, new scholarship cards and valuable information.

Many new schools have opened, including ORT schools in Russia. The need of the ever-increasing enrollment of students

is far outreaching the budget of World ORT and the demands for more space, more courses is always increasing. The enrollment in 1988 was 195,187 with a budget of \$137 million; that has now grown to 252,656 student enrollment with an increased budget of \$258 million.

To help raise funds locally, a Phantom Tea was planned with Barbara Alberstat as convenor of the project. With the help of Muriel Jacobson, Edith Schneiderman and Helen Israel this has proven to be a very well received project and the projected total of funds raised has been surpassed. Thanks to all members of ORT and to the community who responded to enthusiastically. There will be a closing meeting in June. We wish all a healthy and happy summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Ski weekend - A weekend to remember

by Viva Press

Skiing, snowboarding and schmoozing all made the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation (APJSF) regional convention and ski weekend a huge success.

The first annual convention, organized by Jonathan Mendleson and Brian Indig, was held at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Fredericton, New Brunswick from January 5-8. The participants came from schools in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa, and Moncton.

"It's a great way to meet new people," said Steven Indig, a Dalhousie student. Crabbe Mountain served as the base for two days of absolute skiing and snowboarding.

"I'm so-o-o sore!" said Roz Allen, a

don at King's, while recounting her ski adventures.

Wiping-out was also a major factor in the ski experience.

"I swear I was going to be split in two," said Shayna Allen, a recreation management student at Acadia, after describing her split-eagle tumble down the slopes.

First-time boarders took lessons in how to fall.

"I was frustrated as hell," said Jason Levitt, a Dalhousie commerce student. "But it was still fun, I can't wait to try it again."

When asked if he thought snowboarding was for a select group, Levitt answered "If the rabbi can snowboard, anyone can do it."

At the hotel, participation in schmoozing was at its best. The hot tub and pool served as the fish pond, while the pool table was where the sharks hung out.

"I don't need to sink a ball," said Seth Bloom, a first-year Dalhousie student. "I've got the shark (referring to his partner, Shayna)."

Shabbat dinner, rappin'vit da Rabbi, and Havdallah helped bond the group. "This weekend has been the most fun I've had with other Jewish people in a long time," said Aaron Bates, a student from Moncton. Overall the weekend was enjoyed by all.

"It was very enlightening," said Kristen Eckland, a third-year Dalhousie student "I introspected."

Canadian coalition of Jewish women for the Get

by Mary Kanner

Forty women from across Canada met in early March at Camp B'nai Brith in the Laurentians for a Get Education Retreat. Representing the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get (a member of ICAR, the International Coalition for Aguna Rights) as delegates from nine Jewish women's organizations, they learned more about *agunot* and *get* abuse; about what has been done and what needs to be done. The weekend was made possible by grants from the Multiculturalism programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal and a private foundation.

The *get* is a Jewish religious divorce, and a woman whose husband has left her without granting her one is an *aguna* or *chained woman*. The husband has the power to refuse to give the *get*, and she

has the right to not accept it, but he can get around it and remarry, while she cannot unless she sacrifices her religious beliefs and her future children's right to marry as Jews.

Far too many men are using the power to refuse the *get* as a tool of spousal abuse. Some simply refuse to grant it, either to keep her in the marriage or to punish her for leaving, while others use it as a tool for extortion-demanding hundreds of thousands of dollars in exchange for the *get*, going after her share of joint assets, or using it to gain custody of the children.

We all want to believe that it can't happen in *our* community. It happens somewhere else. We want to believe it doesn't happen to nice women, especially to nice Jewish women married to nice Jewish men, but it does. There are things that we can do:

1. In Canada, the divorce law has been changed. Section 21.1 provides that a civil divorce cannot be granted if the *get* remains unsettled. Unfortunately, if she doesn't ask, she doesn't get, so women, their families and friends, family law practitioners, judges, and rabbis need to know the law and how to apply it.

2. Congregations can adopt by-laws so that a man who refuses to give the *get* can be rejected as a member or lose his membership privileges. He can be denied the privilege of an *aliya*, of reading Torah, etc.

3. Rabbis can require couples to sign a prenuptial agreement that should the marriage end, they will both agree to the *get*.

4. The Coalition has funds to establish a telephone line so that women can feel safe to ask for information and for help.



(L-R): Women attending the conference, Norma Joseph, President of ICAR; Devorah Grafstein and Hannah, Emunah Women; (above) Helen Israel, ORT; Esther Brook, ICAR, Vice-President for Canada, Mary Kanner, Atlantic Jewish Council. Dr. Sheva Medjuck of Canadian Jewish Congress, Status of Women Committee was unable to attend.

Camp Kadimah - from the Director's chair

by Sheldon Cohen

In just about twelve weeks the buses will be rolling into the friendly confines of Camp Kadimah to begin another wonderful summer. The 1995 season is shaping up to be another banner year. The beautiful new cultural building has been completed as well as a large cabin on the Machar side. Registration is at an all time high and we are anticipating our biggest enrollment to date. Many new exciting programs are awaiting us all.

At this point I want to introduce some of our head staff and specialists for the coming summer: Assistant Director/CIT Advisor, **Michael Soberman**; Program Director, **Matt Cohen**; Waterfront Director, **Penny Dankner**; Assistant Waterfront Director, **Anne Raskin**; Administrator/Driver, **Michael Druckman**; Giborim section heads, **Adrien Adler**, **Jennifer Miller**. Goshrim section head, **Brian Indig**; Kochot section head, **Michael Rinzler**; Rosh Machar, **Michael Ostroff**; Head of scouting, **Joey Yazer**; Head of tripping, **Rob Matlow**; Sporting assistant, **Jason Jacobson**; Bama Director, **Morris Glazman**; Song and dance specialists, **Stacey Wintre**, **Heather Devlin**.

This summer, fifteen madrachim (many from last year's C.I.T. program) will be participating in a Kadimah-Israel program. After five weeks in Israel, they will return to Kadimah for one week to share their experience with us.

Penny Dankner will be working in the camp office May and June in preparation for the summer. Information about

camp maybe directed to her (422-7491) Wishing all a happy Passover and we

are counting down the days until the start of our summer session. Shalom

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Hebrew University - looking for students

by Joel Jacobson

It was more than eight years since the executive director of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University had been in Halifax.

But Yoel Nesson, midway through his three-year term in that post, found an enthusiastic group of former Hebrew University students and interested citizens in the Nova Scotia capital ready to hear what the school has been, and will be, doing.

"My purpose was to re-establish ties and let the people know Hebrew University is alive and well," said Nesson in an interview.

In addition, Michael Litvack, academic affairs coordinator in Canada for the university, visited Dalhousie, Acadia and Mount Allison universities during the four day whirlwind tour through the Maritimes, talking to current students about spending a year at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students and to faculty about the curriculum at Hebrew University and the credits Canadian students can earn there.

"Our reputation is such that the invi-

tation to come to Mount Allison came from Carla Neubould, wife of the president (Dr. Ian Neubould). Both visited there last summer as part of a Canadian Jewish Congress tour with other Canadian university presidents," said Nesson.

Nesson stressed that Hebrew University is very involved in the Mid-East peace process. "The government has used our political science and geography departments as a think tank to prepare academic position papers. For example, we have often been commissioned to help draw theoretical borders regarding water rights so the government will know its options in negotiating."

Of course, he said, the university is an apolitical and non-partisan institution dealing in research and applied research and never makes statements.

One of the mandates of Hebrew University, said Nesson, is to promote Jewish culture. "Israel is concerned with its own continuity. Some Israelis think speaking Hebrew and celebrating the holidays is all the continuity they need. But there is more, much more, and Israelis struggle to deal with it.

"Israel is no longer the magic pull for Jewish identification for those from the diaspora. But if we can take a high school student and put him or her through an Israel experience, discussing issues with kids their own age, that young person will return home changed.

"You can't just breath Israelis air and said 'I'm Jewish'," he said.

Hebrew University, celebrating its 70th year this year, has 22,000 students spread over three Jerusalem campuses and at the School of Agriculture in Rehovot, plus another 5,000 registered as foreign or new immigrant students.

Nesson, who made aliyah in 1969, started his university program at Boston University but "went on the one-year program to Hebrew University and lost the return portion of my ticket," he laughed.

He received his bachelor's degree from BU with HU credits and then earned a Masters in Contemporary Jewry and Jewish Education at Hebrew University. He worked and taught at the school for many years until accepting the Canadian posting.

Dr. Myer Mendelson, former area psychiatrist dies in Pennsylvania

Dr. Myer Mendelson, 74, a retired professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania died at his home in Wynnewood, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, on December 25, 1994.

Dr. Mendelson came to Canada from Lithuania as an infant with his parents in 1921, and settled in Moncton, NB, where he grew up. He attended Dalhousie University in Halifax where he earned a B.A., B.Sc. and M.D. Following graduation, Dr. Mendelson did post-graduate training in psychiatry in Halifax, at the Allen Memorial in Montreal and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He then returned to Halifax where he was on staff at the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth, NS.

In 1958 he accepted an invitation to join the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania where he was occupied in teaching, consulting, research and in building and maintaining a private practice. He became a full professor in 1972 and during this tenure, he was also the senior attending physician at the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital and widely

recognized as a clinical teacher of resident physicians and medical students. He retired from his practice in 1992.

Dr. Mendelson's main psychiatric interest was depression and in addition to authoring a standard text book on the subject, *Psychoanalytic Concepts of Depression*, he was a prolific writer of papers on his subject over a period of four decades. He helped develop the Beck Depression Inventory into a standard instrument for measuring depression and an instrument particularly useful as a diagnostic and therapeutic tool for treating children with mental disorders.

His work also focused on manic depressive illness, obesity and theoretical models in psychoanalysis.

Dr. Mendelson was a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Psychiatric Association.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Margaret Jean (Peggy) Algie Mendelson, a daughter, Dr. Sarah Mendelson, a brother, Dr. Morris Mendelson, of Swarthmore, PA, a sister, Ann (Mrs. Jayson) Greenblatt of Halifax.

Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation APJSF

by Brian Indig, President

On January 5-8, 1995 the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation (APJSF) went on their Absolute Skiing Trip to Fredericton, New Brunswick. Thirty students attended this program and it was a major success. On Friday, students enjoyed a full day of skiing, a Shabbat dinner, and then a Shabbat program. On Saturday some students went skiing while others observed the Sabbath. In the evening students had another cultural program and then a free evening. All of the food was catered by Janet Casey and we thank her for her work and devotion. The purpose of this trip was to have students meet other students from other campuses and this goal was achieved because students attended from Acadia, Dalhousie, Kings, Moncton, Toronto, and Ottawa. Special thanks to Jon Mendleson for all his devotion and time towards this program.

On January 16, Michael Ostroff and I visited Moncton and Mount Allison University to visit with APJSF members. Thank you to Dr. Barrie and Evie Carnat for their hospitality. At Mount Allison I met with eight students and we had a party consisting of food and drinks. Rabbi Ellis joined us from Moncton. Students at Mount A were interested in our programs and will have a program in early April. On January 31, six students attended the Anguish to Hope information session with Mr. Eli Rubenstein. Deli and drinks were served. Amanda Kelman, Brian Indig, Erin Sperling, and Roselyn Allen will attend this trip to Israel, Poland, Czech Republic and Jordan in May.

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On February 6, Michael Ostroff and I visited UNB and met with students to inform them what APJSF can do for them. Mitch Abrams was elected the UNB representative for APJSF on campus. Mitch thank you for your hospitality. Michael and I also visited Moncton and Saint John.

On February 10, 36 students attended a Shabbat dinner at the Beth Israel Synagogue. Students had a traditional Shabbat dinner consisting of soup, salad, challah, chicken, potatoes, baby carrots, wine and brownies. The food was catered by Janet Casey. Special guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Freeman. The next day 10 students went bowling and had a fun time.

On March 4 & 5 I attended the Executive meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council and all members of the Executive were pleased with the activities APJSF provided students with this year. On March 5, 30 students attended a Jewish Gender Issue Symposium and a bagel brunch. Guest speakers were Rabbi Pamela Hoffman and Mrs. Devorah Grafstein. Erin Sperling, Jon Mendleson, Jodi Lassner, and Jane Shkolnik were presented with medals at this program in appreciation for all of their work and devotion towards APJSF during the year. At this program we held elections for next year and the following people were elected to the Executive of APJSF for 1995/96:

President: Brian Indig, Vice President: Mitch Abrams, Secretary: Erin Sperling, Treasurer: Michael Hollinger, Executive Member from Network: Jane Shkolnik, Executive Members: Ann Raskin, and Viva Press.

15 Students attended the Megillah reading for Purim at the Beth Israel Synagogue. On March 18, 33 people attended the Purim party at the Dalhousie SUB. Purim music was played and students made their own greggers and were provided with food and Hamantaschen.

On March 24, Erin Sperling, Brian Indig, Jane Shkolnik, Jon Mendleson, Jodi Lassner, and Steven Indig attended the Dalhousie Student Union Student Appreciation Night. Erin Sperling was presented with an award for being society member of the year.

This year has been a major success for the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation and I would like to thank my Executive, Jon Goldberg, Gali Brock, and Jon Mendleson for all you have done. For our students in New Brunswick next year Mitch Abrams will be visiting your campus often and you will have more programs then you have ever had before. Congratulations to all new Executive members for being elected. I want to wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall. Feel the heat, it's summertime!!!!!!!

Community doctor retires

by Joel Jacobson

Forty-six years after starting his gynecological and obstetrics practice in Halifax, Irving Perlin has retired quietly, as in his nature.

But many of his patients, and he has delivered close to 10,000 Nova Scotians in his long career, won't allow his retirement to remove him from their thoughts and affections. They have started an Irving Perlin Scholarship to promote research and education in obstetrics.

"I'm honored they would think to do this, he said, adding he stipulated no canvassing of patients be made. "I think they're promoting this through the media. I just don't want people put on the spot," he said with a modesty his patients and peers have observed through the years. "I did the job I was supposed to do and don't feel people should be obligated."

Being a caring doctor wasn't Perlin's only forte. Like every Jewish boy raised in Cape Breton from the early 1920s through the mid-1960s, Perlin learned Hebrew, the order of Shabbat and holiday services and the cantorial trop from Rabbi Issac Kenner. He became part-time cantor of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax when the congregation formed in 1954 and, still blessed with a fine tenor voice, continues to hold that part-time position.

But he is better known to the wider Halifax-Dartmouth community as a man who has devoted his life to bringing children into this world.

Born in 1920, Perlin said he wanted to go into medicine from the time he was a teenager at Sydney Academy, because he knew there were opportunities in the medical field. The son of a peddler who came to Sydney from Eastern Europe prior to World War I and later opened a corner grocery-confectionery store, Perlin graduated from Dalhousie University medical school in 1943.

He served two years overseas in World War II, came home thinking orthopedics might be his field after dealing constantly

with casts and wound work, but quickly turned back to his first love, obstetrics and gynecology. He did two years residency and was certified in 1949. "In the first few years, I practiced alone so took no holidays at all. Later on, I would trade time with other doctors and more recently, was part of a group practice where other doctors were there to cover."

Since his early days in practice, Perlin has always lived in Halifax's south end. "I wanted to be close to the Grace (Maternity Hospital) and can recall many occasions walking through snow storms to get to the hospital."

DR. PERLIN HONORED

Dr. Irving Perlin Scholarship

Dr. I.A. Perlin, well-known Nova Scotian obstetrician and gynecologist who retired recently after a 45-year career, is to be honored with a scholarship bearing his name. Citing his dedication to the health and well-being of Nova Scotia women and babies, his respect for his patients and his humanitarianism, former patients have established "The Dr. Perlin Obstetrics Programme" in his honor, to promote research and education in obstetrics.

Since the establishment of his private practice in 1949, Dr. Perlin's entire career was associated with the Victoria General Hospital, the Grace Maternity Hospital, Dalhousie University and the Halifax Infirmary.

Dr. Leo Peddle, Chief of Staff at the Grace Maternity Hospital and Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Dalhousie University expressed his pleasure at the announcement: "Dr. Perlin's contribution to the health and well-being of Nova Scotia women and babies is very significant, and this is a fitting tribute to his life's work."

Donations may be sent to: Dr. Perlin Obstetrics Programme, c/o the Grace Maternity Hospital Foundation, 5980 University Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 4N1 or for More Information please Call Peggy Walt (902) 422-5403 (phone/fax)

One of his more intriguing deliveries occurred when he arrived on a hospital elevator and a patient, not his, started to give birth. "It must have looked odd to see me on my knees when the elevator door opened," he laughed.

On another occasion, he climbed to the top floor of a multi-story apartment building and delivered the first boy to a family of 12 girls. "It was a very exciting time for everyone," he said. Most of his deliveries, however, he considers routine, although he understands the pain and discomfort a woman experiences is not routine.

"An obstetrician has to be a caring individual, one who recognizes the other person's feelings as much as possible," he said. "He or she has to know the subject as well as possible to utilize all the information available, and of course, has to be accessible to the patient at all times."

And, he said "you have to have an understanding and supportive wife. I couldn't have been away from home as much without (his wife) Freida there to look after things."

Technology has changed since Perlin started practicing 46 years ago. Labor has been eased somewhat with the use of epidurals to bring more comfort to the soon-to-be mother. Ultra sound and better diagnostic methods are also a plus.

"But one thing hasn't changed is that babies still come out the same way they used to," he smiled.

The UIA National Leadership Conference, Montreal, March 1995



The "BIG THREE" (L-R): DAVID ATTIS, Moncton; VICTOR GOLDBERG & National Small Communities Director BARNY HARRIS, Toronto.



Dr. GERALD HALBERT, Pres. UIA Canada, with VICTOR GOLDBERG at the Campaign Seminar on Marketing conducted by Lawrence N. Smith.



MICHAEL PINK (third from left), Halifax Representative to the UIA Young Leaders Conference, shown at a luncheon meeting.



Guest Speaker NORMAN FISHMAN, Campaign Director for Minneapolis shown being introduced to the assembly by JIM SPATZ.



Old friends get together at the Convention (L-R): JIM SPATZ, Atlantic Regional Chairman, UIA; DANNY LEVINE, UIA Consultant; VICTOR GOLDBERG, Halifax Chairman, UIA.



AJC Executive Director JON GOLDBERG and AJC President LARRY FREEMAN at the opening address of the Leadership Conference featuring Ambassador ITAMAR RABINOVICH, Israel Ambassador to the United States.

Cantor concert in aid of Jewish family services fund

by Leo Weniger

The Three Cantors Concert will be presented at Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax, at 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 4, 1995, Yom Ha'atzmaut, presented by the Jewish Mens' Club of Halifax and the Atlantic Jewish Council as part of Israel Independence Day celebrations. All net proceeds from this concert will go to the Metro Jewish Family Services Fund which donates money to Jewish families and individuals who have emergency and short term needs.

Three cantors, each with a wealth of concert experience, will be performing at this event. **Cantor Stuart Friedman**, who recently came to the Beth Israel Synagogue, was previously cantor at Congregation B'nai David in Detroit, Michigan. **Cantor Arie Subar**, originally from Israel, is Cantor at Beth Ora Synagogue in Montreal and has been Cantor at synagogues in Israel and Montreal. His brother, **Cantor Yair Subar**, is cantor at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Montreal and has been cantor in Tel Aviv and South Africa. An exiting evening of song in Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages is anticipated. The Cantors will be singing solos, duets and trios for the audience's enjoyment.

This event will be a fund-raiser for an important cause in our community. With the downturn in our economy and with the increase in family breakdowns, there is an increasing requirement to help Jews in need in our community.

There are three ways that you can assist with this event.

Most important is to show your support by attending. Tickets are very reasonable for professional entertainment of this calibre, adults \$10 and students \$7.

Special seating is available with the added incentive of a tax receipt:

Friend: \$18, receive tax receipt (\$8) and acknowledgment in program

Donor: \$36, tax receipt (\$26), program acknowledgment, and preferred seating

Sponsor: \$54, tax receipt (\$44), program acknowledgment, preferred seating

Patron: \$100+ tax receipt (\$90+), program acknowledgment, front row seating

Businesses can support this concert by buying program ads. A program giving information about the Cantors, the fund, and the music to be performed will be produced. This is your opportunity to get your message to the Jewish community. Ads and/or donations can be obtained as follows:

\$ 65	- quarter page	\$120	- half page
\$175	- three quarter page	\$200+	- full page

Half page, and three quarter page ads will receive two tickets. Full page ads will receive two preferred tickets.

For more information about the size of ads, deadlines and tickets, please call **Leo Weniger** at 425-3392.

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by Myra Freeman

As our children grow, we wonder how we can help them to take the next steps on the path to becoming responsible young adults and members of the Jewish community.

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To help you pave the road to Israel for your young teenager, your synagogue, Atlantic Jewish Council and the United Israel Appeal of Canada have joined together to create The Gift of Israel Bar/Bat Mitzvah Registry.

The gift of a lifetime

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The Gift of Israel program eases your preparation for this landmark event. It lets you open a special interest-bearing

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The rewards begin today!

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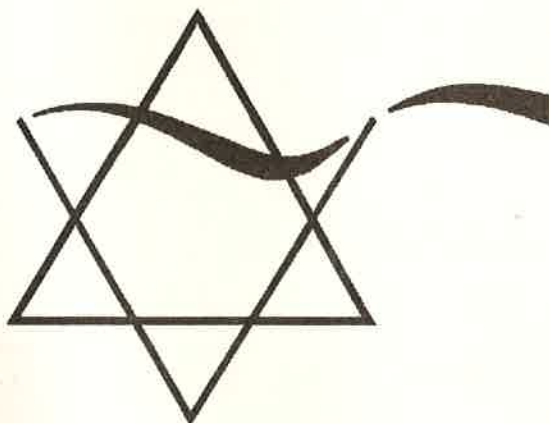
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way to invest in your child's future and reduce the cost of an Israel trip.

Find out more

Discover how the Gift of Israel Bar/Bat Mitzvah Registry can help make it easy for you to give your child the magical experience of Israel. For more information on the experience of a lifetime contact your local representative on the Atlantic Jewish Council:

Halifax, NS - Kathy Zilbert (902) 422-3886
 Valley, NS - Naomi Honey (902) 678-6852
 Cape Breton, NS - Sylvia Allen (902) 862-2385
 Moncton, NB - Evie Carnat (506) 386-5099
 Fredericton, NB - Miriam Cohen (506) 459-5832
 Saint John, NB - Janet Holtzman (506) 658-1107
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 Newfoundland - Claire Salama (709) 753-8660
 or call Gift of Israel, Atlantic Jewish Council office (902) 422-7491



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Write or Call the AJC Office for further info.



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