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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**by Larry Freeman**

The school year has been completed and regular activities are somewhat suspended; summer has arrived. The past ten months have been very hectic. We have accomplished much in the area of programming having organized or participated in over one hundred events. This has been a year of sadness for the Jewish world as we mourned the passing of Yitzhak Rabin but it has also been a year of renewed hopes for peace in the Middle East. Israel has ushered in a new Government and it is hoped that the Dream of Peace will be continued. It is always easier living in the Diaspora to encourage Israel to make concessions. We can only hope that a balance can be maintained to satisfy the security concerns and at the same time negotiate for peace.

There have been many highlights and accomplishments this year; however, holding an Atlantic Jewish Council Executive meeting in Sydney along with a meeting



with community leaders and presentation of Fiddler on the Roof stand out in my mind.

I have tried during my term in office to bring the Atlantic Jewish Council closer to our communities. We serve all of Atlantic Canada. The meeting in Sydney confirmed to the executive the needs in our smaller communities. We will endeavor to accommodate those needs in the

coming months.

I am embarking on the last six months of my mandate. I have a few more goals to accomplish and with your help I would hope to be able to do this.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and peaceful summer, especially our young people going to Camp Kadimah, Camp Biluim, Kadimah Israel and Biluim Israel. May the experience of these camps help strengthen the continuity of our Atlantic Community.

Shalom. ☐

## BURSARY FOR JEWISH STUDIES AVAILABLE

A small annual fund has come into being in Metro Halifax to provide financial support to Jewish students or previous graduates of the metro area in the form of bursaries. Applicants should be 18 years or over and desirous of participating in an Israeli program of two months duration or more or desirous of undertaking training in the field of Jewish education or Israel studies at a post-secondary institution.

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Jon Goldberg

**H**ere comes summer! That's the theme of our front page for this issue of *Shalom*. Yesterday the staff left for Kadimah. Three days from now we will begin our regular camping season with the largest registration in Camp's history. On July 1st, 25 teens with two chaperones will leave for our seven week Kadimah-Israel program. Other Atlantic youths have found their way to Biluim, Biluim Israel and a myriad of other programs. The Halifax chapter of Chabad are running an excellent summer day camp for kids 4-8 years old. I'm pleased to inform you that Atlantic Canada has the highest percentage of involvement by its children in Jewish summer programs of any region in Canada.

So what, you may ask? Well the answer is simple. It is the only opportunity of most of our youth to have a Jewish experience together with their peers in a Jewish environment. Whether at a Zionist Camp or in Israel we expose our children to a life that most don't see during the rest of the year with few, if any, Jewish classmates in public school, no rabbis in 85% of our communities and constant pressure by the temptations of assimilation. Summer offers your children a chance to experience life in a Jewish world. Sure, it's not perfect and we are losing many of our youth as they go off to college, but it is our best hope.

However six or seven weeks cannot be the only way. It's up to us at the AJC, along

with the religious leaders and lay leaders, to do the best we can to provide Jewish continuity the year round. In the past year



we at the AJC have sponsored, cosponsored or have been involved with over 100 programs for Jewish content - over half in Halifax, but also throughout the region. From eight to eighty-eight we cover the gamut. Our wonderful program staff of **Yakov Feig** and **Shirley Burnstein**, capably assisted by a cadre of volunteers, have brought you a myriad of programs for children, teens, students, adults and seniors.

This coming fall we will endeavor to do an even better job both in Halifax and the region. Yakov will visit your communities for various programs and I hope to have Shirley do some work with seniors in other communities besides Halifax.

On November 29th we will convene the 12th AJC Biannual Convention in Halifax. The planning committee is attempting to make that weekend a memorable one - both educational and enjoyable. We are assem-

bling the largest group of top Canadian Jewish lay leaders ever to be in Atlantic Canada at the same time. There will be panels, forums, dinners, entertainment and, of course, elections so please save the dates and come!

At our last AJC Executive meeting held in Sydney, NS in May, I was asked to prepare a paper on the present condition of Rabbinical service here in Atlantic Canada. Too many of our communities have no rabbis or cannot seem to keep rabbis. A whole generation has grown up without Jewish religious authority. While only in the early stages, your AJC Executive will eventually address the problem. I would appreciate any input our readers might have as I prepare my report.

To all our readers, I wish you and your families a happy and healthy summer. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked with myself and our staff this past year. There are three resolutions I would ask all Atlantic Jewry to consider for Fall 1996: 1. If you have a child 8-18 years old, please send them to our programs; 2. In many instances, please take your children and come yourself; 3. Remember to support the UJA '96 Campaign when it is held in your particular community. We need your support. For ourselves. For our children. For Israel. Forever.

I hope to visit a number of communities in the region myself this summer, and look forward to seeing many of you at Kadimah on visitor's day.

L'Chaim - To Life. ☐

## SILVERBERG SHOW AT SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**O**n Sunday, June 30, 1996, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum opened its annual art exhibition and sale featuring Judaic art by the internationally acclaimed printmaker, **David Silverberg**, artist in residence at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia and formerly of Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular Museum hours

Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will run until September 4, 1996 (Labour Day)

For further information contact: **Marcia Koven**, Curator. Phone/fax: (506) 633-1833

# FROM THE PROGRAMMER'S DESK...

by Yakov Feig

"I promise you Reb Tevye, your daughter will not starve". This was a promise made by Motel The Tailor to his father-in-law to be, Reb Tevye, in the play "Fiddler on the Roof". One might ask, "What is the purpose of beginning this article with such a quotation?" On the surface one would be led to assume that this is a reference to the performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" put on by Halifax's Jewish community performers in Sydney and in Halifax on May 26th, 29th and 30th, 1996. It is true that these performances were wonderful, for their entertainment value, as well as the fact that they united children, teens, university students, adults and seniors who practiced together for months beforehand. However, this is not my reason for the inclusion of the above quotation. It is also not a reference to the character which was played by myself in the above production.

In one sentence, Motel Kamzoil tries to allay Reb Tevye's fear that he will not be a good provider. It is also beautiful for what is implied within. It basically tells Reb Tevye, that as long as one's basic needs are met, one must look at other ways in which people are satiated. Laser Wolf, who was chosen to be the husband of Reb Tevye's daughter Tzeitel, was a very wealthy man. However, he couldn't make Reb Tevye's daughter happy in the way that Motel could.

This brings me to the point of my article. When it comes to programming, I promise you Atlantic Canada, that your children, teens, and university students will not starve. This means that I will con-



*Judaism information booth at Red Cross Multicultural Fair. Halifax, May 1996*



*Presenting Judaism at the Red Cross Multicultural Fair.*

tinue striving to bring quality programming to all of the communities in our region.

During the past three months, the programming year has come to an end with a bang. At the campus level, the APJSF has finished programming for the year, elected a new executive, drawn up a tentative budget/outline of activities for '96 - '97 and planned a few summer programs. I have strong confidence in the Jewish student leadership in Atlantic Canada and their ability to take on new challenges that are awaiting them.

On the youth and teen level, I was also very pleased with the way that the year has wound up. Unfortunately, due to space limitations (I have had the dubious

distinction of having the longest article in the past three issues of Shalom Magazine), I can't even begin to mention everyone that has been involved with every event. However, I would be remiss if I didn't mention all those that were in-

volved with the planning of this year's Yom Ha'atzma'ut celebrations on April 24th in Halifax. A special thank you goes to **Nancy Cieplinski**, who helped cochair the event. A big kudos goes to **Pavel Jockel** for helping to organize the food. Thanks as well to **Roselyn Allen**, **Gordon Dankner**, **Cantor Friedman**, **Deborah Garman**, **Rabbi Grafstein**, **Bracha Koren**, **Martha Markus**, **Dana Newman**, **Joshua**



*Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Halifax April 1996.*

**Raskin**, **Shawn Sadofsky**, **Steve Waldman** and others who helped make the event a major success.

At the community level, I one again would like to thank the Cape Breton community for their warm hospitality during my stay there. I especially would like to thank **Louis and Sylvia Allen** of New Waterford for all their efforts both on my behalf and on behalf of the Jewish Community Players for their Sydney performance of "Fiddler on the Roof".

I also would like to thank everybody that was involved in making the long delayed Jewish Community Picnic in Halifax on June 16th a tremendous success with over 275 people in attendance. Unfortunately, due to the date change, I was not able to attend the picnic myself.

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# BRICKBATS FOR THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY

by **Larry Riteman**,  
Regional Chair Holocaust Education

I write this article with a degree of reluctance but the necessity will become plain. This year, Yom HaShoah came out on Tuesday, April 16 and it was observed in Halifax, Saint John, and St. John's held their service on April 21, Fredericton held theirs on April 14 and Moncton had their service on April 25.

In Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, prominent politicians participated. Saint John, where the Jewish community consists of about 70 families had about 300 people attend. Moncton with about 80 families had over 100 in attendance. Fredericton with 80 families had over 150 in attendance and St. John's, with about 30 families had over 350 in attendance. Here in Halifax with about 600 Jewish households, we had 100-120 in attendance. Included in this was the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia with his entourage, several prominent politicians and several supreme court justices. We also had a few out of town guests from Montreal.

The commendations and high marks that we received from those who attended reflected well on the considerable planning and effort that we in Halifax brought to this project. We had two excellent guest speakers, **Professor Tom Kuttner** and **Professor Natan Nevo**. Professor Kuttner played a pivotal roll in obtaining the first unanimous ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada through the Malcolm Ross case. Professor Nevo spoke of his time in Europe during and after the Shoah. Besides the excellent speakers, **Shimon Walt**, through his dignified music, gave a cultured atmosphere to the proceeding. **Cantor Stuart Friedman** and **Dr. Irving Perlin** lead in the prayers. **Erin Sperling** and **Heidi Lipkus** made valuable contributions as well. Again, I cannot impress on you enough that this remarkable program was brought about by the contributions of many and that I played but a small role in it. Of note, I should also mention: **Marty Zelenietz**, **Ray Ginsberg**, **Jacob Koren**, **Lawrence Ferguson**, **Larry Freeman**, **Mark Rosen**, **Carmi Rubin**, and the irrepressible **Jon Goldberg**.

At the end of the evening the people

from Montreal came to speak with me and expressed that our program was one of the most impressive that they have seen. They were also impressed with the public figures that appeared but they were embarrassed for me with the Jewish attendance. On April 21 I met **Gerda Frieberg**, Ontario Federation president, in Montreal (She was our guest speaker here in 1992.). She told me that every community in Canada could learn from the AJC.

In conclusion, the Yom HaShoah services in the Atlantic Region speaks well for the AJC and the volunteers, but certainly not for Halifax. As I was told in Montreal, if the Arabs in Halifax would have been able to get a lieutenant governor to attend one of their Palestine day functions, every Moslem and a friend would have been there. Any ethnic community would have recognized such an appearance as vital to the public's perception to their self-esteem. As one of the Montreal guests said, "the Jewish community's attendance here is a shunda." I hope for the Halifax Jewish community's sake for the next occasion a marked improvement will occur. □

## A MESSAGE FROM HALIFAX ORT PRESIDENT

by **Helen Israel**

As President of Halifax Women's ORT, I would like to thank the executive, the members and the community for all their support. We have had very satisfactory projects, such as the fruit and flower baskets, the raffles and the tea.

Now ORT is gender neutral so we will be known as Halifax ORT. Shortly we will begin organizing a couples group.

We were saddened by our loss of **Maisie Block** who was a very devoted member and valued worker and she will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy to **Harry** and **Sarah**.

Thank you again for all your support. □

## HEBREW SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER

by **Mark Ludman**

On Sunday, June 9, 1996, closing exercises were held, marking the end of another year at the Beth Israel Synagogue Talmud Torah. Mazel Tov to all the students and their families, especially the graduating class.

The Board of Education has already been hard at work planning for next year and are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

If there are any families with new students interested in joining the school in the Fall, either at the Primary or higher levels, please contact the synagogue office at 902-422-1301. □



# HALIFAX SIMCHAS AND NACHAS

Happy 25th anniversary to: **Andrew & Louise Wolfson**; **Larry & Myra Freeman**; **Norman & Sharron Ross**

Happy 50th anniversary to: **Ike & Edith Schneiderman**; **Dick & Ruth Goldbloom**

**Births** - Congratulations to AJC Executive Members **Michael & Sherry Pink** on the birth of their daughter **Alanna Jennifer**. Congratulations to **Debbie & Jack Novack** on the birth of their daughter **Hanna Rebekah**.

**Weddings** - Congratulations to **Gloria & Steven Pink** on the marriage of their daughter **Cindy** to **Howard Pedvis** of Montreal. Congratulations to **Hymie & Marlene Sable** on the wedding of their daughter **Stefanie Green** to **Jean-Marc Perlemutter**.

**Bar/Bat Mitzvahs**: **Adam Conter**; **Nathan Zilbert**; **Leah Zilbert**; **Noah Pink**; **Adam Wexler**.

**University Graduations** - **Derek Neil Ross**, son of **Norman & Sharron Ross**, graduated Concordia University in Montreal, with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. **Aviva Rubin**, daughter of **Myrna & Zack Rubin**, graduated from McGill University, with a Bachelor of Arts. **Jason Jacobson**, son of **Cathy & Joel Jacobson**, graduated from McGill University, with a Bachelor of Science. **Deborah Trager**, daughter of **Morris & Goldier Trager**, graduated from McGill University, with a Bachelor of Arts. **Heather Astroff**, daughter of **Marsha & Laurie Astroff**, granddaughter of **Betty Astroff**, graduated from McGill University, with a Bachelor of Social Work with great distinction and Deans honor list and will be taking a Masters of Social Work at NYU, New York. **Robin Cohen**, daughter of **Dr. Annalee Cohen** graduated from McGill university with a Bachelor of Science and first class honours in Psychology. She will pursue a masters in Psychiatry at the

University of Toronto. **Jonathan Cohen**, son of Dr. Annalee Cohen graduating from Yale cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts and distinction in his major of Philosophy. He was the recipient of the James Hass award at Yale for intellectual achievement, strength of character and fundamental humanity. He will attend Cambridge University in the fall to pursue a Masters of Philosophy. **Matthew Cohen**, son of Dr. Annalee Cohen, graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts and first class honours in Political Science. He was on the Deans Honour List. Matthew will be attending University of Toronto Law School in the fall.

**Jonathan Freeman** was awarded the Maurice Berg Award for Biluim Israel.

**High School Graduates** - **N. Kardish**, **Marcie Laing**, **Lisa Mendleson**, **Rachel Pink**, **Joanna Trager**, **Marnina Webber**, **Candice Wolfson**.

**Naomi Ginsberg**, daughter of **Ray & Carol** graduated from St. Patrick's high School with a bilingual diploma receiving the Governor General's Medal. She will be attending the University of Toronto, entering the Engineering Science Program. She received the University's National Scholarship. This summer she will be in Israel participating in the summer program of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Farewell and God speed to **Rabbis Shlomo Grafstein** and **David Ellis** who leave their congregations this month.

A hearty Shalom to **Rabbi & Mrs. Aronoff**, of the Beth Israel. Editor's note

If you have any news for our Simchas and Nachas column please call Patricia at 422-7491 for Halifax; for other communities contact your AJC community Rep. □

## THREE CANTORS CONCERT II

by Leo Weniger

The Three Cantors Concert II, sponsored by the Jewish Men's Club of Halifax and the Atlantic Jewish Council, took place at Beth Israel Synagogue on Monday, May 6th, in aid of the Metro Jewish Family Services Fund. While the attendance was down from last year, and funds raised were also lower, approximately 250 people enjoyed a fantastic evening and almost \$1,100 was raised for the fund.

This year's concert featured the talents of **Cantors Stuart Friedman** (Halifax), **Yaakov Motzen** (Montreal), and **Moshe Weiss** (New York), each singing four songs, mostly in Hebrew and Yiddish, but also in English and Italian. There were also two wonderful duets and a final trio which brought the house down (or, should I say up, since it got a standing ovation, which lead to another trio encore). The cantors were very ably accompanied by **Mr. Stephen Glass** (Montreal) and **Joel Jacobson** was an excellent Master of Ceremonies. The concert benefited from the sound system organized by **Joel Zemel** and the lighting of **Wayne Pottie**, both of which helped to show the skills of the performers.

This concert could not have taken place without the help of many volunteers led by the Concert Committee of **David Brock**, **Shirley Burnstein**, **Cantor Friedman**, **Ralph Garson**, **Jayson**

**Greenblatt**, **Terry Israel**, **Bill Mosher**, **Seymour Prince** and **Leo Weniger** (Chairman). Special thanks to those individuals and companies who provided much needed services and to those companies who purchased program ads and also to those individuals who were patrons, sponsors, donors and friends of the concert. We must also thank the AJC for their cooperation, for sponsoring the reception and their administrative support.

The concert was videotaped by Halifax Cable Channel 10 and was broadcast a number of times throughout the Metro Halifax area. The station asks for comments after its broadcasts and it received many favorable comments. Many of the concert's audience saw the TV broadcast and were impressed with the quality of the TV production. Channel 10 was so pleased with the show that they submitted it to the Vision TV network and it is possible that this concert will be shown across Canada. There are many people who were unable to see the concert live, but saw it on Channel 10. It is our hope that they will show their appreciation by making a donation to the Family Services Fund. Donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt. Please send your cheque, payable to "AJC Charities - Family Services Fund," to the AJC office.

Don't miss the next concert which should take place during the Spring of 1997. □

# 1996 MARCH OF THE LIVING REPORT

by Jonathan Freeman

On April 14, 1996 we, the participants of the 1996 March of the Living from Atlantic Canada, along with our chaperone **Tobi Nathanson**, left Canada on a journey that opened our eyes, minds and hearts to our Jewish past. We arrived in Warsaw, Poland and began our tour of what was once the most densely Jewish populated country in the world. We were given the opportunity to see what Jewish life was like in Poland before World War II. After visiting old synagogues and shtetls, speaking with locals who lived there prior to the war, and walking through the Jewish quarter of Warsaw, it became clearer to us what life was like at that time.

We were then transported into a different time period in Poland the darkest pe-

riod most remembered by all of the participants of the 1996 March of the Living. That was the day that all 6000 participants walked side by side, hand in hand, from Auschwitz to Birkenau for the March of the Living. It was a special time for all of us because we were completing the same March that so many of our Jewish ancestors had, only their March ended in their execution. Everyone wore the same blue jackets with a Magen David on the back. Everywhere we looked all we could see was this sea of blue jackets, marching together alongside one another.

We were taken by surprise when we entered the camps. We



*March of the Living participants from Atlantic Canada, Clockwise Elaine Zitner, Jonathan Freeman, Tobi Nathanson, Raie Leith, Emily Schroeder, Keri-Lynn Calp.*



*The entrance to Auschwitz.*

riod in history for the Jews of Poland, the time of the Nazi invasion of Europe. We were taken to a few concentration/extermination camps that are scattered throughout Poland: Plachov, Treblinka, Auschwitz, Birkenau and Majdanek. Some camps left more evidence of the Nazi "final solution" than others. Traveling with us were two guides who were both very knowledgeable of the events of the Holocaust, and were well informed about European Jewry before, during, and after the war.

On our second day in Poland we commemorated Yom Hashoah at Under the Eagle Pharmacy. It was very meaningful to be in Poland with other Jews who were mourning together for those who had perished in the Holocaust. The third day in Poland was probably the day that will be

thought we would be prepared to see what had taken place in the camps, but we were not. Some gas chambers and crematoriums still intact sent chills through our bodies. The mausoleum of human ashes at Majdanek was a horrifying experience - to see

the ashes of so many Jews together in what is the biggest grave of all time.

We left Poland with one thought in mind .... Israel!

After spending a week in Poland, we proceeded to Israel. Upon our arrival, we stepped onto Israeli soil only to be greeted by the rain, but it was Paradise nonetheless. We were taken to the Kotel, an exhilarating experience for everyone. Through many hikes in the Golan Heights and other parts of Israel we were able to gain a better feel for the land. We were fortunate enough to be in Israel for Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day for the Israeli soldiers who died in the line of duty). We were given the opportunity to converse with Israeli youth our own age to find out what meaning that particular day had for them. When Yom

Hazikaron was over Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) was immediately ushered in. This day brought B.B.Q.'s and celebration for all in Israel. We were reunited with most of the 6000 participants of the March of the Living at the Latrun Army Base for food, dancing and singing. We had never before felt so proud to be Jewish. The sense of unity was amazing, and it brought us all closer together.

The free weekend in Israel was a wonderful opportunity to experience modern Jewish life in Israel. We were fortunate enough to participate in the Israeli Shabbat and the true Israeli way of life.

The week in Israel flew by quickly. Having to say good-bye to so many close and important friends was difficult. We knew when we left that the bonds we share are ones that will last forever. Leaving Israel on the plane brought tears to our eyes, but each of us knew that we will return in the future.

We, the Atlantic contingent, believe that the March of the Living is an extremely worthwhile educational experience for all Jewish youth, so they can better understand their history and appreciate modern day Israel. We strongly encourage Jewish teens to participate in the March of the Living. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have been chosen as 1996 participants and have returned to our communities with a richer understanding of our Jewish roots. The March of the Living is indeed an experience of a Lifetime! ☐

# CLUB MASSADA REPORT

by Doreen Gordon

**A**pril - After a brief business meeting in April, Massada and members and guests were treated to a Fashion Fling and Tea at the Shaar Shalom Congregation. Thanks to convenor **Shirley Burnstein**, assisted by **Pinnie Green**, the fashions displayed by our senior models were much enjoyed by all those in attendance. **Sylvia Levin, Shoshana Katz, Barbara Alberstat, Bessie Rinzler, Reva Shane, Riva Spatz** and **Leon and Rene Doof** walked the plank like true professionals. Many thanks to another professional partnership - **Marianne and Lawrence Ferguson** for providing refreshments and table decor.

A token of appreciation was presented to **Sharon Shahey**, head of the women's department of Sears, for permitting our models to display those very attractive clothes and hats. A second thank you went to **Ron Greeve** for filming two events at the Shaar: the Northwood Players performance in February and this recent Fashion Fling. Ron plans to make these two filmings into a video to be shown sometime in the not-too-distant future. In grateful appreciation to Ron for his kind efforts on our behalf, he was made an honorary member of Club Massada. Welcome aboard Ron!

Lucky winner, **Eva Simon** won the door prize - A Basket of goodies from **Alotte Cosmetics**.

**May** - With President **Bessie Rinzler** in the chair, a short meeting of Massada was held, as our members waited in anticipation of seeing themselves on the big screen via **Ron Greeve's** video. Though the lightning for the Northwood Players presentation was unfortunately not as clear as one might have hoped, the singing was fun and the Fashion Fling was once again a great success.

The Line Dancing class led by **Diane Freeman** came to an end for this season. Those of us who feared we'd never learn to put our feet where they were supposed to be, have happily discovered that we very often succeed - and have a lot of fun in the effort!

See you in the fall!

**June** - June 24th was the date of Club Massada's next meeting. We gathered, this time, at the new Athens Restaurant on Quinpool Road at noon for good food and camaraderie.

The sudden passing of **Rene Doof** has saddened us greatly. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. □

## ISRAELI TRAVEL WRITERS VISIT NOVA SCOTIA

by Joel Jacobson

**B**reakfast at Halifax's Citadel Hill. A trip to the scenic south shore. A wake up to fog and drizzle in Lunenburg. A visit to a 19th century replica farm. A rapid change of weather and a glorious day of sunshine and history in the Annapolis Valley.

What better way for seven Israeli tourism and business writers to experience Nova Scotia than to see a myriad of what this province would offer their readers.

"We've seen nice countryside, friendly people and enjoyed excellent food," said **Liora Boneh-Azoulay**, a senior editor with *L'Aisha*, an Israeli women's journal. She spoke after the first two days of a 10-day trip to Canada, during which journalists would visit Montreal, Toronto and Calgary as guests of Air Canada, Tourism Canada, and the Canadian Embassy in Israel.

"I'd recommend people visit more during the summer and fall," she laughed, finding the late April Nova Scotia weather a bit chilly. "Personally, I wanted to see more of the tourism attractions that are unique, such as lobster fishing, and the production of maple syrup, things that are typical for this area but unusual for us. But I realize we are here only for a couple of days."

Representatives of *Jerusalem Post*, *Maariv*, *Yediot Acharanot*, *Globes* and *Telegraph*, leading economic journals, met a group of Jewish Nova Scotia business people at a gourmet dinner hosted by the province's Economic Renewal Agency and its minister responsible, **Robbie Harrison**.

**Shmuel Dikalo** of *Globes*, based in Jerusalem, said the trip was to promote tourism but "I plan to write about the fishing industry and other areas of local business. I realize fishing is poor right now and that's why they're talking tourism. Yet I suggested to someone they think of using the idle fishing boats to promote tourism fishing."

He said the scenery was "like paradise. Israel is like a desert but here there are so many lakes. It's beautiful to see. There is such a different landscape and a different way of life."

**Sam Orbaum**, features editor and humor columnist with *Jerusalem Post*, was raised in Montreal and moved to Israel 15 years ago. "This has surpassed my expectations," he said after his second day in the province. "I always wanted to visit Nova Scotia but never had. It's colorful and the people are remarkably nice. I will certainly write a series of travel pieces."

**Ruth Zeisler**, a commercial counselor with the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv, accompanied the group. "This is the first time the embassy has sent journalists to Canada on a general perspective, this time as a tourist destination. With Air Canada's year-old direct flights to Israel, it is a clear signal to Israel that Canada is looking at Israel as a new partner".

"Last year 68,595 Israelis travelled to Canada, an increase of 22 per cent from 1994. By 1997, we hope to have 110,000 Israelis visiting here."

Meanwhile, she said, 38,000 Canadians travelled to Israel in 1994, and 49,000 in 1995. □



# KADIMAH/ISRAEL GETS READY TO GO...

by Michael B. Soberman

On July 1, twenty-five teenagers from Camp Kadimah and two madrichim will embark on the summer of their lives in Israel. Kadimah/Israel 1996 promises to be an incredible experience for all. All the participants are packed and ready to go and believe me, they are excited.

Kadimah/Israel 1996 will be a seven week adventure that will enable the participants to experience all the facets of Israel and Israeli life. They begin by spending two weeks on Sar-El (Volunteers for Israel) where they will work on an army base and get a taste of what their Israeli peers will be doing once they turn eighteen. From there they will spend a week exploring the sights and sounds of Jerusalem before traveling south to Sde Boker, Mitzpe Ramon, Eilat, Massada, Yoram Roded, the Dead Sea and Ein Gedi. After touring the south the group moves North to Haifa, Rosh Hanikra, Tzfat, and Tiberias. They will be participating in the Sea to Sea hike from the Mediterranean to the Kinneret before spending eight days on a kibbutz. The last week of the trip will be spent

in Jerusalem with a stop in Tel Aviv along the way. Their summer will be filled with opportunities to attend Hadracha seminars, learn about Israel, Judaism and Israeli culture. At the conclusion of their summer they will be able to bring these experiences back and use them when they return to Camp Kadimah on staff in the summer of 1998.

I am looking forward to joining Kadimah/Israel 1996 in mid July for the last half of their trip and I know this experience will be all that they dreamed it would be... and more.

L'hitraot and have a blast!

Madrichim are **Roselyn Allen** and **Jon Cohen**.

Participants are (from Halifax) **Mira Chatt, Debra Jacobson, Simon McKnight, Rebecca Pink, Josh Raskin, Shaun Sadofsky, Adam Wanderer, and Erika Yazer**; (from Kingston, ON) **Robb Maizen**; (from Moncton) **Jordan Lampert**; (from Montreal) **Tiffany Cohen**; (from St. John's) **Elliott Noel**; (from Toronto) **Matthew Craig, Sarah Craig, Neil Devlin, Ben Freiman, Rachel Jacobson, Sammy Kohen, Sari Sadofsky, Jeremy Shimkofsky, Risa Weverman**; (from the US) **Brian Altman, Jenell Rubin, and Brooke Rudnick**. □

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

by Sheldon Cohen

Camp Director

With camp underway, final preparations were made for a super fun filled summer. Kadimah '96 will be the largest enrollment in the camp's history. At 264 campers and CITs we certainly have our work cut out for us.

With strong senior staff, talented specialists and caring counselors we will provide all with a great program. Many new and exciting activities are planned to compliment the many successful ones from the past.

**Michael Soberman**, the assistant camp director and CIT Advisory, will depart camp after the second week to join **Roz Allen, Jon Cohen** and twenty-five Kadimah Israel kids in Israel. This is our second year offering a Kadimah Israel program. Several of our staff this year attended last year's program. Assisting Sobes with the CIT program is **Jennifer Miller** and **Michael Rinzler**, **Matthew Cohen** returns as Program Director as will **Penny Dankner** and **Ann Raskin** as waterfront director and assistant waterfront.

**Brian Indig** takes over from **Michael Druckman** as our administrator/driver (Mr. Druckman has been drafted by the Montreal Expos at first base)

Camp Kadimah welcomes **Marty** and **Belarie Zatzman** to our family. Marty will assist with administrative matters and programming while Belarie will coordinate our arts and crafts and drama programs. We are very fortunate to have Marty and Belarie on our staff.

Other staff at camp this summer are **Adrien Adler** - Giborim Section Head, **Jason Altman** - Goshim Section Head, **Robin Cohen**



*Head staff getting ready for another great summer at Kadimah. L to R: Penny Dankner, Waterfront Director, Matt Cohen, Program Director, Mike Ostroff, Rosh Machar.*

- Kochot Section Head, **Michael Ostroff** - Rosh Machar, **Rob Matlow** - Tripping/Scouting, **Louis Wolfson** - Boating, **Jonah Jacobson** - Sports, **Heather Devlin** - Dance.

We look forward to seeing many of you at camp on visitor's day, Sunday, July 28.

Trusting you and your family have a happy safe and enjoyable summer.

Shalom. □

# PINKS TO BE HONOURER

by Joel Jacobson

**T**he night? September 8, 1996.

The place? Beth Israel Synagogue Social Hall.

The event? The JNF Negev Dinner.

The honorees? **Irving and Ruth Pink** of Yarmouth.

"Why us?" they asked a reporter in unison. "We didn't have to have the recognition. Anything we do is because we enjoy doing it." Irving adds, "It really does us more good than the people we might be helping. It keeps us alive and going." The Pinks have been stalwarts of the Yarmouth community for more than 60 years, since that day in 1936 when Irving finished his law degree at Dalhousie University and returned home to open a practice. He and Ruth have made their home there since they married in 1938.

Irving continues to practice law today. In June, at age 83, he received a 60-year certificate for dedication to law from the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society. "I'd love to quit, but I've nothing else to do," he laughs. "Yes," his wife of 58 years agrees. "His work has been his hobby." Not entirely true, for Irving Pink has devoted hundreds, no, thousands of hours, to nonprofit ventures, to the betterment of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. He has worked hard for UIA, JNF and Israel Bond campaigns. He has been a stalwart of the Yarmouth Jewish community, from the days when 30 to 40 families made it a vibrant force, until today when a handful of families comprises the community.

"We still have a synagogue but only bring a rabbi in for the high holidays. Our building is owned by Shaar Shalom in Halifax (the Yarmouth congregation was orthodox until it became necessary to count women in its minyanim and conservatism was adopted) so there will be some continuity." Irving is proud of the building in which he has davened since boyhood: "It is an eye opener, with cushion seats and a bright and clean bimah." Ruth has also been a pillar of the Jewish community. There are only five members of Hadassah but she has worked hard to keep them together. "Four years ago, we created a foundation and contacted



every past member and their children," she recalls. "The contribution made by 14 or 15 people let us unveil a plaque in Israel to perpetuate the Yarmouth chapter, Daughters of Zion."

The two Pinks have given much to the secular community. Irving chaired the Yarmouth Regional Hospital board for 25 years, was president of the Yarmouth Liberal Association, was one of only two nonelected citizens ever to be elected president of the Nova Scotia Union of Municipalities, president of the Nova Scotia Education Association, a member of the board of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and president of the Yarmouth Public Library, YMCA and Rotary club. He ran for the liberals in Yarmouth during the **Robert Stanfield** era in the 1950s and 60s, but lost. "I hate going to meetings," he says, "and had difficulty asking for

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## Jewish National Fund Atlantic Canada

1996 Negev Dinner - in honour of

***Ruth and Irving Pink, Q.C.***

of Yarmouth, NS

**Sunday, September 8, 1996  
Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax**

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# FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

by Joel Jacobson

The house lights dimmed, the spotlights came up, and from the wings, the familiar strains of the opening theme permeated Beth Israel Synagogue from the violin of **Kathryn Hamilton**. *Fiddler on the Roof* was underway.

Tevye, portrayed brilliantly by **Morris Glazman**, complained, joked, sang and talked his way into the hearts of the 250 people filling the synagogue auditorium. Reprising a role he performed so well as a high school student four years ago, Glazman carried the show staged by the Halifax Jewish Community Players and the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The cast of 40, directed by **Nancy Marshall** with musical direction by **Shirley Burnstein** and produced by **Ray Ginsberg**, was made up of young children, teens and adults from the Halifax community. *Fiddler* opened on the road in Sydney before an appreciative audience of close to 100 people May 26 before playing two nights in Halifax May 29 and 30.

*Fiddler* was staged without sets and with a keyboard player accompanying the singers. Most of the action took place in



*The villagers perform "Sunrise, Sunset" in Sydney Shul.*

the middle of an audience sitting "in the round", permitting interaction between cast and spectators and allowing the audience to use its own imagination to depict the small Russian town of Anatevka.

"Because the vast majority of the audience was Jewish, this added to the village atmosphere and made for a very informal setting," said Glazman, who, in 1993, played in Queen Elizabeth High School's traditional production, in a 1,200 seat auditorium with full stage, sets and orchestra. "I enjoyed playing closer to the audience, especially when you know so many of them and can play directly to them."

"What was so satisfying was that so many age groups were involved, with such a variety of talent. And we put it together in just one month," said Glazman who completed his second year of science at McGill, returning home 30 days before the production was staged.

Marshall also directed the QEH *Fiddler* and Glazman called her a "brilliant lady. Working with her again was just great."

He said the performance in Sydney was "an adventure because we didn't have mikes or lighting but it was very hamish. The audience loved it and it was a major social event in Sydney. We were glad to play there."

Other major cast members were: **Roselyn Allen** (Golde), **Lizzie Oore** (Yente), **Yacov Feig** (Motel), **Carmi Rubin** (Tzeitel) **Emily Schroeder**

(Hodel), **Naomi Ginsberg** (Chava), **Jonathan Freeman** (Perchik) and **Mark Ludman** (Lazar Wolf). □



*Morris Glazman as Tevye  
Roselyn Allen as Golde.*



*Lauren Abrahams as Fruma-Sarah in  
Fiddler dream scene.*



*Lizzie Oore as Yente the matchmaker.*

# From Around



*Learning about Jerusalem at Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel Independence Day. Halifax, April 1996*



*L'Chaim - To Life! Part of the cast of Fiddler on the Roof. Halifax, May 1996*



*L-R Ian Epstein and David Price at the Multicultural Fair running the Jewish Booth. Dartmouth, June 23, 1996*



*Celebrating Tu B'shvat in Moncton Sunday School. L-R Chelsea Coppel, Mason Forbes, Larissa Flanagan, Ben Weiss, Tamar Ellis, Ashley Coppel, Ariella Forbes*



*Members of the Cape Breton Jewish Community shown here at a regional AJC Executive meeting. Sydney, May 1996*



*Halifax native Harriette Laing receiving the Award of Merit from Rick Nurse, President & CEO IWK-Grace Health center and Debbie Matheson, President of the IWK Auxiliary. Halifax, April 23, 1996*

# the Region



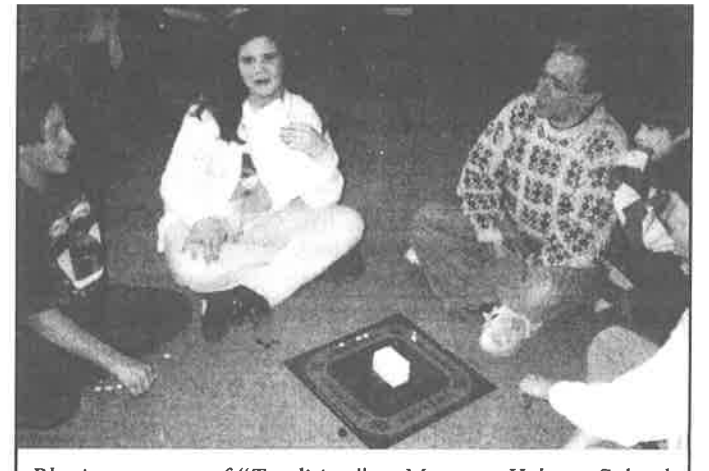
*Learning about Kibbutz life at Yom Ha'atzma'ut. Halifax, April 1996*



*Old Friends meet at the AJC community picnic. Halifax, June 16, 1996*



*UIA Scholar in residence Daniel Levine shown here addressing a brunch at the home of Myrna & Harold Yazer to recruit for UJA leadership mission to Israel, Jordan and Odessa.*



*Playing a game of "Tradition" at Moncton Hebrew School. L-R Andrew Rinzler, Chayna Cohen, Barrie Carnat, Daniel Cohen, Nancy Cohen.*



*Getting ready for the BBQ Community Picnic. Halifax, June 16, 1996*



*Kadimah Director Sheldon Cohen shown here greeting well known comedian Jackie Mason on the streets of N.Y. May 96.*

# "ELLIE ELLIE"

by Jon Goldberg

The sun was shining on the Atlantic Ocean a few hundred yards away as approximately sixty members of the Cape Breton Jewish Community met to honour **Elliott Marshall** at the Miner's Museum Restaurant at 7:00 PM on June 23rd, 1996.

A testimonial dinner given by the Congregation Sons of Israel to honor Ellie for his years of service to the Synagogue and the community both as President and as a member of the board. The evening was organized by **Mr. David Ein** and **Mrs. Shirley Chernin**. Master of ceremonies, David Ein read letters of greetings from Ellie's two brothers and sister and introduced head table dignitaries. The Honoree, **Helen Marshall**, his lovely wife **Mrs. Fanny Cohen**, President of Glace Bay Sisterhood and Hadassah and **Mr. Len Schelew**, Treasurer and Gabbi of the Glace Bay Shul were introduced by Mr. Ein. Mrs. Cohen and Mr. Schelew spoke and then **Max Lubetzki** brought greetings from the Temple Sons of Israel. Ellie's nephew **Dr. Errol Gaum** made a presentation on behalf of the JNF and the AJC Executive Director, **Jon Goldberg**, presented Ellie with a framed map of Israel on behalf of UJA and also a plaque on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Then came the Honoree himself. Known to be a man of more than a few words Ellie addressed the crowd and closed with a poem he wrote which he said expressed his feelings.

*"This Is Me"*

*I am not a Scholar, I never strived to be  
It was not my destiny, as I never acquired a degree  
I am not a Conformist, heaven forbid  
I abide by the rules, that I always did  
The movie game, with it's lights, camera, action  
I believe in a team, but not the wrong faction  
I love life to the fullest, so many things to enjoy  
Play ball, as an interest not a business, nor a play  
I am not what I ain't, who I am, I don't know,  
I am what I am, what you get is what you see  
I value my friends, try to deal with the foe,  
My word is my bond, that is definitely me  
To sum up myself, that a difficult task,  
Will someone offer, pray tell me, I ask,  
To whom can I leave it, on whom can I rely?  
I hope there is someone, who will give it a try.*



L-R: Ellie Marshall, Helen Marshall, Shirley Chernin, and David Ein.

A wonderful evening for a most deserving individual! ☐



**The Atlantic Jewish Council**  
cordially invites you to attend a viewing of  
an exhibit of Israeli Art  
in honour of the 3000 birthday of the City of David.

## **"Mountains Round About"** **"Jerusalem in Israeli Print Making"**

**Thursday July 18 to Friday July 26**  
**Note: Exhibit closed Saturday, July 20th.**  
**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Georgian Lounge, Lord Nelson Hotel**  
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Vice-Chairmen (Atlantic Region) - Barbara Paton, Louis Friedman  
Advisory Committee - Ruth Goldbloom, C.M.

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# CAPE BRETON COUNCIL OF HADASSAH-WIZO HAS BUSY SPRING

by Evelyn Davis

On May 8th, the 28th Annual Hadassah-Wizo Bazaar was held at Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue in Sydney. Once again the public response was overwhelming. Palliative Care was the recipient of assistance from the bazaar. All of the retired men in the community assisted in setting up and selling. Convenors were **Evelyn Davis**, **Diana Schwartz**, **Edith Lecker**, and **Shirley Chernin**. The yearly auction under the convenorship of **Evelyn Druker** was the most successful to date.

On May 22nd the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo held a Youth Aliyah evening at Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue. Diana Schwartz, Council President, chaired the meeting. She welcomed **Lionel** and **Rachel Druker**, who were visiting from Israel and read a letter from our president, **Judy Mandleman**.

**Lily Frank**, National Executive Vice-President, was introduced by **Etta Chernin**. The men and women who were present enjoyed a serious, yet humorous explanation of our role in the development of the State of Israel and our commitment to the preservation of Judaism in an antagonistic world. **Shirley Dubinsky**



*Brendan Yazer and Betty Shore at the Hadassah-Wizo Bazaar Country Store.*

thanked the speaker for her help and sensitivity to the Zionist cause.

Lily Frank was visibly moved by the reception she received and answered the questions presented by the audience. Refreshments were served. Convenors of the evening were **Diane Schwartz** and **Shirley Chernin**.

The annual meeting of the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo was held on June 12th at the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue with president **Diana Schwartz** in the chair. The project convenors presented their reports: **Lil Nathanson** for greeting cards, **Edith Lecker** for specific gifts, **Etta Chemin** for Youth Aliyah and **Evelyn Davis** for bazaar. **Helen Marshall** read the financial report of the bazaar to a delighted membership. Chapter presidents **Faye David** for Sydney and **Fanny Cohen** (read by **Bella Shore**) for Glace Bay presented their reports. **Inez Schwartz** and **Mary Ann Cohen** received pins for the two Medical Services teas which they convened. **Anita Lubetski** was presented with a Kovet pin.

The potluck supper was enjoyed by all. ☐



*Jen Cherun and Anita Lubetski collecting tickets for the Hadassah-Wizo bazaar.*

# HEBREW CONGREGATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND COMMEMORATES YOM HASHOAH

by Dr. Michael Paul

On April 21, 1996 over 350 people attended the Yom Hashoah Remembrance Service at the Beth El Synagogue in St. John's. Dignitaries in attendance included His Honour and Mrs. **Fred Russell**, Lt. Governor, **Mr. A. Wells**, Deputy Mayor of St. John's, **Mr. W. Noel**, MHA, **Mr. J. Harris**, MHA, and **Mr. Tom Osborne**, MHA. There were also present many of the members of the Congregation and numerous members of various church groups and veterans associations.

The planning of the event went back at least three months. **Claire Salama**, **Ruth Noel**, **Robin McGrath**, **Karen Lippold**, **Linda Mendoza**, **Barbara Grandy**, **Nadine Hoenig** and **Lee Lamdan** worked very hard to organize the event.

**Dr. Steve Wolinetz**, master of ceremonies, was very eloquent in his comments. Younger members of the congregation - **Daniel Salama**, **Arielle Salama**, **Polina Litvak**, **Rufina Litvak**, **Alex Hoenig**, and **Sylvia Gross** each lit one candle as **Dr. Ernest Deutsch** recited the names of relatives of congregants who perished in the death camps. Each of the young members then recited a poem written by a different child inmate of the Terezin concentration camp, while **Miriam Noel** played the flute.

A highlight of the evening's ceremony was the interview by

**Richard Beaton**, of the CBC, of **Mr. James Coffey**. **Mr. Coffey**, a native Newfoundlander, served in the British forces during the war and visited the Bergen Belsen Concentration camp shortly after its liberation in 1945. He retold with vivid sobriety the horrors he witnessed. He could not understand how humans could debase themselves with such perfidy. His grandson, **Joe Coffey**, read an essay detailing his grandfather's life and how the war

experience had affected him. **Mr. James Coffey** then presented a photograph of a monument erected at the entry to Bergen Belsen, to **Dr. Michael Paul**, President of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

The service continued with **David Wolinetz** reading from the indictment of the Nuremberg Trials. **Dr. Fran Storch** then sang a song from the camps, "Dona Dona," in which some of the attendees joined. **Daniel Salama** then read an account written by one of the children from the camps. Concluding remarks were offered by **Dr. Paul** concerning the value and role of the witness in both ancient and modern times. The singing of HaTikva then ended the solemn



*L-R: Dr. Steven Wolinetz, Dr. Michael Paul, Richard Beaton (CBC) and Mr. James Coffey, Veteran of WWII. Mr. Coffey presented a picture of the Bergen-Belsen memorial to the Jewish Community of Newfoundland and Labrador.*

service.

As people were milling around drinking coffee and nibbling on cake and cookies, one could hear that many people appreciated the service and planned to attend again next year, planning to bring along family members or friends who had missed this year's event. □

## NEWFOUNDLAND COMMUNITY REPORT

by Claire Frankel-Salama

Yom Ha' Atzma'ut was celebrated with a falafel party at the synagogue. The Hebrew School performed a play on the birth of the state of Israel, and **Lee Lamdan**, our WUJS volunteer, taught us several Israeli dances. The evening was good preparation for the **Klein family** who has since embarked on a trip to Israel to visit **Ken Klein's** father in Ashdod, and **Dr. Anne Gregory**, who has accepted a position with "TISOM," a new international business institute in Tel Aviv.

We have still more "Nachas" to report. **Brian Mendoza** received his B.Sc., **Jennifer Curtis** was accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at Manitoba, **Dr. John Hoenig** was given the Templeman Award for his research, and **Robert Mendoza** was elected President of the Student Council (CSU) at Memorial University. In addition, **Elliot Noel** won the provincial Science Fair in the Computer Science Category. He then went on to represent the Province in North Bay, Ontario.

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# RABBI SPIRO RECEIVES HONOURY DEGREE

*Reprint of the Citation for Rabbi David Spiro to be Doctor of Laws from the May 13, 1996 Convocation of St. Thomas University. Read by Dr. Noel Kinsella*

Your Honor, Most Reverend Chancellor, Mr. Premier, Graduates and Friends of St. Thomas University:

The great Hebrew University scholar, **Martin Buber**, has written in his book *I and Thou* that "A wise man provides endless opportunities to discuss what is good." For more than fifty years, **Rabbi David Spiro** has provided endless opportunities to discuss, to reflect and to do what is good.

Fredericton has been privy to this wise man's open door — to his open heart and to his seemingly timeless and indeed endless offer to discuss a life that is good, a life devoted to teaching, a life of sharing knowledge and a life that is a model of discipline.

We in the St. Thomas University community have found that the University's motto of "Doce Bonitatem Scientiam et Disciplinam" -Teach Goodness, Knowledge and Discipline - to be exemplified by the life of "Our Rabbi" as he is affectionately called by the youth of Fredericton.

It was along the banks of the Miramichi that Rabbi David Spiro was born in 1923. Like St. Thomas University, he began his journey in Chatham, New Brunswick. And it would come to pass that St. Thomas and The Rabbi again would intersect along the



*Rabbi David Spiro.*

banks of the Saint John River here in Fredericton.

As Rabbi, in the provincial capital, of Sgoollai Israel Synagogue since 1944, his life has been marked by love of study of the law and the discernment of the Will of God. From the age of five, at his own father's knee, he sought to learn from the law and tradition. He studied in New York and Montreal and received Smichah, or the

"laying on of Hands" at the Rabbinical Seminary Merkaz Hatorah in Montreal

During the past 52 years, Rabbi Spiro has shared his wisdom with the community. The children who have studied under the Rabbi all testify to the impression for good that he has left on their lives. Therefore, if it is true what is written in Midrash Song of Songs Rabbah namely that: "A pupil receives but a fifth of the reward that accrues to the teacher", then Rabbi Spiro is a very rich man because so many people have benefitted from his life's work, his devotion to God and his teaching. He has been a comfort to those who were ill and in the hospital, indeed the Rabbi, from him we have learned the importance of "memory" and better understand what **Edmund Burke** meant when he wrote that "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

In calling to honour today Rabbi David Spiro, St. Thomas University recognizes a man who's life is marked by his love of study of the law and the generous sharing of what he learned of the Will of God with the community. We recognize a teacher for good, a religious leader who has touched men and women of various faith traditions. We recognize a man rich in wisdom, for as it is written in Proverbs 3:14 "Wisdom is more profitable than silver, and the gain she brings is better than gold." The Rabbi is a rich man indeed - a gem, a treasure. St. Thomas is a better institution because of the guest lectures that the Rabbi has delivered to us over the years.

Most Reverend Chancellor, although the Talmud says that "a parent should never make distinctions between his children," one cannot help but observe that the Fredericton community has been favorably considered by God, given that we have had access to Rabbi David Spiro for these many years. I ask therefore, on behalf of the convocation upon this Rabbi, who, as we know from the Hebrew Ravi means Doctor of the Mosaic Law, means teacher, means leader, St. Thomas University now confer the Degree Doctor of Laws (honoris causa). □

## NEWFOUNDLAND COMMUNITY REPORT

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Although the school year is winding down, our activities have not. The Youth Group had a Shabbat dinner at Lee's. Everything was a great success except for the Challahs, which turned out to be more useful as sculpture than as bread. Our closing barbecue took place on June 23rd at the home of **Dr. Susan and Robert Gross**. At that time we said good-bye to Lee, Anne Gregory and **Dr. Alannah Johns**, who is taking up a new position in Toronto. We also hope to be greeting our newest members, **Arnold and Nancy Bennett**, who are retiring here (no kidding) from Maryland, U.S.A. (I added the latter in case you thought that there was a Maryland, NF, as there is a Pasadena, a Catalina and a Long Island.).

Please remember that we would love to see you should you decide to visit Newfoundland. Services are ALWAYS held on Friday night at 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 9:15 a.m. Imagine that! □

# FREDERICTON NEWS

by Jennie Brown

**Anniversary greetings to: Dave & Bea Sheman - 52 years, Lou & Gladys Swetsky - 48 years, Harry & Sarah Lang - 40 years, Dr. Cary & Sydelle Grobe - 32 years, Bob & Roz Brown - 31 years, Weldon & Joan Levine - 30 years, Dr. David & Edye Besner - 28 years, Arnold & Judy Budovitch - 27 years, Seymour & Marilyn Kaufman - 22 years, Saul & Mollie Brown - 18 years.**

Mazel Tov to the following: **Rabbi David Spiro** upon receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law from St. Thomas University. He was very supportive of the Human Rights movement in New Brunswick and worked on several Multicultural projects.

**-Peter & Sharon Pinzler**, upon the engagement of their daughter **Jacki** to **Peter Seley**, son of - **Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Seley**, Florida.

**-Alfred & Leona Brown**, upon the engagement of their daughter **Andrea** to **Elliot Kohn**, son of **Felix** and the late **Goldie Kohn**, Montreal.

**-Alan & Rhona Ruben**, upon the engagement of their daughter **Julie** to **Jordan Rodeny**, son of **Sheldon & Laura Rodeny**, Toronto.

**-Allison Kaufman**, daughter of **Seymour & Marilyn Kaufman**, upon her graduation from Fredericton High School.

**-Marcie Cohen**, daughter of **Warren & Miriam Cohen**, upon her graduation from Concordia University, Montreal, with a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honours in Biology.

**-Amy Budovitch**, daughter of **Mitchell & Caroline Budovitch**, who has a Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia University in Montreal and her PTA from Humber College in Toronto, has been accepted in the Physical Therapy, School of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

**-Andrew Levine**, son of **Ivan & Lois Levine**, upon his graduation from McGill University, Montreal, with a degree in Business Management with great distinction.

**-Linda Rauch**, daughter of **Dr. Stephen & Doris Rauch**, upon her graduation from McGill University, Montreal, with a degree in Chemical Engineering. She is employed with Celltech in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

**-Tara Abrams**, daughter of **Joe & Cheryl Abrams**, who graduated in Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science degree from Mass College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences. Tara passed her Canadian and State Board Exams and is employed by Omni Care in South Boston, Mass.

**-Dr. Sharon Unger**, daughter of **Israel & Marlene Unger**, was recently made a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics of Canada. Dr. Unger has been Chief Resident at the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital in Halifax. As well, she is a Fellow of the American Academy of Paediatrics. Dr. Unger will be taking up an appointment at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Her sister, **Dr. Sheila Unger** is the Senior Resident in Genetics at the same hospital.

**-Charlotte & Iaan Brown** upon the birth of their daughter **Amanda Mary**. Proud grandparents are **Alfred & Leona Brown** and **Roberta & Armand Gauvin** of Moncton, great-granddaughter for **Jennie Brown**.

The annual Youth Aliyah and Youth Services Brunch was held June in the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue, chaired by **Dr. Marissa Blanchard**, President of Lillian Freeman Chapter of Hadassah Wizo, with convenors, **Cheryl Abrams** and **Lillian Freeman**. Guest speaker, **Ellen Smiley** National Financial Secretary and past national Youth Aliyah Chair was introduced by **Marilyn Kaufman**. She was thanked by **Judy Budovitch**, which was followed by a successful fund raising. On behalf of the members of the chapter, a presentation was made by **Jennie Brown** to **Rabbi Spiro** honoring him upon receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law from St. Thomas University.

Speedy recovery to **Lillian Chippin**, **Lucy Chippin**, **Larry Eusler**, **Amelia Goldman**, **Sarah Lang**, **Ezra Rose** and **Dave Sherman**.

Wishing all readers of the *Shalom* good health and happiness, and an enjoyable summer. □

## CAPE BRETON JEWISH CLUB REMEMBERS THE PAST AT TORONTO FUNCTION

by Dr. Phil Simon

On May 11th the Cape Breton Jewish Club held a meeting. There were close to eighty former Cape Bretoners in attendance. A most interesting program on the roots and historical background was presented. **Dr. Sam Newman**, chairman of the project introduced the evenings events and this was followed by a welcome by the club president, **Dr. Philip Simon**.

Main speaker for the evening was **Irvin Sherman**, whose research on Cape Breton Jewry was most interesting. Following

**Mr. Sherman**, **Dr. Gerald Tulchinsky** of Queen's University spoke on the need to record and write down events, humorous situations and other stories pertaining to our roots.

Following the speakers, members of the audience were invited to come up and tell about their family background or other unique tales.

Refreshments were served. □

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NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF CANADA

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votes." Ruth adds, "He wouldn't kiss the babies." Ruth has been a member of the YMCA board, chairing a financial campaign for a new building in 1983. As an auxiliary member, she was instrumental in publishing the *Bluenose Cookbook* which is now had four editions in seven printings. She and Irving co-chaired a hospital campaign for \$8 million.

Hadassah has been important to Ruth who became a member in 1948, was active locally and as a national vice-chairman, regional chairman and national vice president. She is a fantastic

gardener with her show case garden featured in *Chatelaine Magazine* in 1994. Her pottery creations are sold throughout Nova Scotia. She is on the board of the new Yarmouth Art Gallery. They have passed on their community enthusiasm to four sons - **Steven, Joel, Darrel and Ronald**, all living in Halifax and all involved in charitable work. Steven is a businessman while the others are lawyers, like their father.

Still wonder why Irving and Ruth Pink are being honored? For commitment, dedication and service to their fellow persons, that's why. ☐



# JEW'S HANG ON IN TROUBLED NOVA SCOTIA TOWN

by Donald Harrison

*Reprinted from the San Diego Jewish Press Heritage*

*(Eds. Note: Heritage Editor Donald H. Harrison took a round-trip cruise between New York and Montreal with his wife, Nancy, last summer, collecting Jewish interest stories all along the way. He spent two days visiting Halifax and Cape Breton. This article is part of a series based on his travels, which appeared over the past six months in various Jewish newspapers throughout Southern California with a weekly circulation of over sixty thousand. It is interesting to note some of the inexactitudes of his article.)*

**S**ydney, Cape Breton Island, NS (Special) - Around the turn of the century, Jews flocked to this city with its big harbor, coal mines and steel mills. They started businesses, and established synagogues - four of them.

But in more recent times, the coal mines and steel mill produce perhaps one-tenth of what they used to, and they employ correspondingly fewer people.

As the local economy worsened, some of the Jewish merchants stayed on, but when their children reached adulthood, they moved to other parts of Canada, especially to Montreal and Toronto, where the opportunities abounded.

One after another of Sydney's synagogues was closed, until today there is only one, the Temple Sons of Israel which counts 60 male and female members - far too few to be able to afford a professional staff.

Once the sanctuary overflowed with congregants, especially on the High Holy Days. Today, according to **Frank David**, a member, the congregation is able to generate a *minyan* Friday nights and Saturday mornings, and even to get 10 to 14 men together for the Men's Club breakfast every Sunday morning.

"But most of our members are over there ... and there," said David, 80. He pointed to two memorial plaque boards in the sanctuary.

The Temple Sons of Israel is a spacious building, which has a huge and unused auxiliary chapel. There also is a social hall in which voices echo.

Carefully shutting the synagogue and explaining to me that "I'm not the *shamus*, but I lock and unlock the place," David next drove me a few miles to another section of Sydney, to a building now known as the Whitney Pier Historical Society.

Stars of David welded to the fence gave evidence of the museum's former incarna-



*Once the Whitney Pier Synagogue, this building now houses the multicultural museum of the Whitney Pier Historical Society.*

tion as a synagogue. Inside, the exhibits covered the contributions to Sydney's life by the Scots, the Ukrainians, Poles, Irish, Germans - and Jews.

"This chap here was a member of the Provincial Parliament, **Pinky Gaum**," said David, pointing to wall mounted photographs. "This fellow was his brother, living in Boston, **Cyril Gaum**. There's another brother who is a doctor."

Another citizen in which the local Jewish community takes pride is David's nephew, **Supreme Court Judge Hilroy Nathanson**, who is based in Halifax but who comes to Sydney periodically to hear cases. "He is married to my niece," David said.

Our third stop was the Jewish cemetery, where the names on the stones bespeak the community's Ashkenazic origins. **Leith, Krechow, Gilbert, Wolfson, Glickman, Crystal, Feinstein, Mandelbaum, Epstein and Jacobson** are among them.

We paused before one gravestone, bearing the name of my guide's father: **Abraham David, 1859-1948**.

"He was a kosher butcher here," Frank David said. But by the time the son followed his father into the business, the town no longer could sustain a strictly kosher butcher. Frank David cuts non-kosher meat.

As a result, when there was a bar or bat mitzvah at the synagogue, "we generally had fish and dairy," David said.

Like the historical society, the cemetery is in the Whitney Pier section of Sydney. There was a time "when every second store was Jewish," David told

me as he began to drive me back to the cruise ship landing where I had arrived.

Once Whitney Pier had 85 Jewish families; today there is only one Jewish family living there and two Jewish-owned stores.

"This place over here was owned by Gaum, who represented us in Parliament; over here **Nate Nathanson** had an ice cream parlor, and later he had a radio station, and then a television station before the family sold their interests," David said while en route.

Not far from the landing is the Jost House which is named after the family that lived in it for 130 years of its 210-year history.

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# MEMORIES OF THE HOLOCAUST

by Maura Hanrahan

Reprint

"**W**ork will set you free" was the motto of Auschwitz death camp. The phrase was a cruel mockery. I doubt if anything could set the survivors free after living the horrors of that place. How could they ever be free to love and laugh again? How could their hearts ever leap in pure joy again? Despite the indomitability of the human spirit, I imagine that every postwar emotion was tainted and every experience colored by those months and years.

Except in the most literal sense, not even the kindly face of a Newfoundland soldier could set them free. Recently at the Beth-El Synagogue, about 200 people were spellbound as **James Coffey** told us of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen. He saw the lamp-shades made from human skin. He saw the wrist and ankle shackles used for restraining and whipping prisoners. He remembered a survivor who had seen a living, breathing person thrown into the camp incinerator.

Coffey told us how the townspeople living near Bergen-Belsen claimed they had no idea what was going on inside the

camp. Their claims are difficult to believe, especially given the heroic lengths other people went to in their attempts to hide Jews from the Nazis. More likely, the townspeople did know but were too afraid to do anything. Given what was going on inside the gates, it's no wonder some of the prisoners wanted to shoot them.

These townspeople weren't the only guilty bystanders. Approximately 12,000 people fleeing the Third Reich knocked on Newfoundland's doors in the 1930's and early 1940's. All were refused entry. This story was repeated throughout the western world. How many lives could have been saved?

We would do well to remember that history is repeating itself today. The Indonesian military occupation of East Timor provides another tragic example. Since 1975, 200,000 people have been killed; the rest are in "a living hell" in the words of Nobel Peace Prize nominated **Bishop Carlos Belo**. Horrifyingly reminiscent of the Nazi camps, tens of thousands of East Timorese women have been kidnapped, raped, tortured, and forcibly sterilized. Meanwhile, "Team Canada," including representatives of the Newfoundland government, trots over to

Indonesia, ignoring this genocide.

It's tempting to pretend that things like this don't happen anymore and that the Nazis were deviant and inhuman and rarities. And certainly they did carry out the most awful and comprehensive killing in world history but, in so many times and places, powerful people have not hesitated to carry out atrocities.

For me, the ceremony at Beth-El was a call to be vigilant as well as a tribute to the six million Jews and the thousands of homosexuals, gypsies and political prisoners who died. As the names of the dead relatives of Newfoundland Jews were read aloud - familiar names like **Mauskopf** and **Simon** - the Holocaust became real and immediate, no longer merely a part of history.

I cannot describe the poignancy of hearing local children read the poems of the children of Terezin, the Czech ghetto that served as a holding tank for the death camps. It is just an accident of time and place that it wasn't these children, or other children that you or I love, heading to the gas chambers.

*Maura Hanrahan is a writer and sociologist in St. John's.* □

## JEW'S HANG ON IN TROUBLED NOVA SCOTIA TOWN

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Among the exhibits showing how people lived during the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries is a needlepoint executed by a local resident picturing David with his harp before King Saul.

**Ralph Muggah**, one of the Jost House guides, told me that when the home was built in 1786, the people of the town were mainly Acadians (French settlers), Scottish, Irish, and "Loyalists" who moved from the United States around the time of the Revolutionary War.

Americans remember the "Loyalists" as the "Tories" who supported the British Crown rather than the American revolutionists. One of them was Muggah's great-grandfather.

The coal mines and steel mill began recruiting immigrants to Sydney in the early

1900's Muggah said, thereby adding to the city's multicultural mix people from throughout Europe. Included in this migration were many Jews, Muggah said.

"For a while Jews were running many

of the stores, but now they have gone into the professions," the guide informed me. "They have done very well, but there aren't that many of them. So many people moved away, they don't have a rabbi now." □

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# LETTER FROM PARENTS TO THEIR CHILDREN

by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

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*(Author's note: It is hard to explain why your child should be Jewish. Yet if you do not have a reason neither will they. Here is a letter you might to send to your children and grandchildren)*

**My Dearest Child:**

We rarely if ever talk about being Jewish, and I have to admit that I don't feel all that comfortable doing so. Yet being Jewish is important to me and I hope it will be important to you as well. Here are some reasons why. You don't have to accept them; all I ask is that you think about them. Maybe they will lead you to reasons of your own. After you've read them, I would love to talk with you about them and your reactions to them.

First of all, you are Jewish. I raised you that way and though you can choose otherwise you will be denying a bit of yourself if you do. Such denial is not healthy.

Second, Jewish tradition is part of your inheritance. Traditions link you with history; they are the building blocks of family and community; and to abandon them is to weaken both.

Third, the world needs Jews. We are among the oldest and smallest peoples in the world. Yet we have shaped the world by the power of our ideas and ideals. What a tragedy if these were lost because you stopped living them.

Fourth, the world needs Judaism. Judaism judges people by what they do, period. As our society continues to judge people based on race, ethnicity, creed, victim status and gender, Judaism's emphasis on individual behavior is needed more than ever.

Fifth, the world needs Torah. Torah is the repository of our people's ideals, insights and values; it is the source book for our understanding of the world as a place in which we are to perfect universal justice, compassion and spirituality. Torah must be reinterpreted in each generation so that its insights can be applied to each generation. The world needs you to help with that reinterpretation and application.

Sixth, the world needs ethical monotheism. Ethical monotheism is the Jew's greatest gift to the world. Ethical monotheism holds that the world is one, upheld by a singular spiritual reality and obligated to a universal code of justice and compassion. We Jews believe in an ethical and spiritual unity which transcends all

cultural diversity. This is the core of Judaism and Judaism's revolutionary challenge to the world. Living out the implications of ethical monotheism is what being a Jew is all about. I cannot think of a better benchmark by which to measure the quality of your life.

Seventh, Judaism understands that you cannot work out a private salvation. You are part of the world and responsible for it. Living Jewishly blends the highest moral ideals and the deepest spiritual understandings with the obligations of living in society. Judaism is not for saints, monks or recluses. It is for householders, parents, and ordinary people struggling passionately to live in community.

Eighth, Judaism is a powerful, practical and healthy system for living rightly ethically, and spiritually. To be a Jew is to devote your life to making the world holy. This means that you recognize each person and every thing as an expression of God. It means this you treat each person and every thing with respect. It means that you seek to live each moment with a sense of God's presence. It means that you use Jewish tradition and study to deepen your understanding and your living of these ideals.

If you are looking for a challenge in your life; if you are looking for a cause to which to dedicate your life; if you want to make the world better for your having been born into it - living Jewishly is it.

You know that I am not a great Jew. I don't practice all of what I have written. I am not holding myself up as an example. I am simply speaking from my heart, recognizing as I do so how far I have fallen from the ideals, I want to uphold. Yet they are my ideals, inherited from generations before me, and I do not reject them. Because I do not reject them I can always work toward them. All I ask is that you, in your own way, choose to do the same.

I love you

(Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Or of Miami. He is a monthly contributor to the *Jewish Journal*.) □

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The combination of knowledge and experience made him an authority on masonry wall restoration.



*Pictured is David Korn in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.*

On the daily news from Ottawa, you can see the Parliament Building with a new aluminum scaffolding covered with a green see-through screen.

Behind this screen work-people are busy conserving and restoring the green copper roof, chimneys, turrets, replacing or repairing broken stones, raking and

repointing of masonry, joining and cleaning the soiled facade.

This work was designed ahead of the schedule and below the cost by the restoration team.

David's original work assignment in Ottawa was for a nine month duration. It was extended twice.

He is scheduled to return to Halifax in January of 1997, after two-and-a-half years in Ottawa.

**Dr. Charles and Natalie Oler** were very accommodating in help-

ing David to overcome the loneliness, until **Yona** took a year of absence from teaching at the Shaar Shalom to join him.

To get away from stone and mortar, in his spare time David takes Cantorial lessons and joins Charles in Talmud Shiur.



## FROM THE PROGRAMMER'S DESK...

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However, much thanks goes to **Joanne Nozick** for helping me organize a Scavenger Hunt for the children, as well as to **Roselyn Allen** and **Michael Argand** for their help in carrying it out. A super special thanks goes to **Terry Israel** for being our head barbequer as well as our team of volunteers headed by **Norman Rose** that included **Gordon Dankner**, **Mark Ludman**, **Jeff Schelew** and **Steve Zatsman**. Once again, I apologize in case I am leaving anybody out. However, much thanks to the entire committee as well as the Beth Israel and Shaar Shalom congregations for helping cosponsor an annual success story.

One possible reason for any omissions or errors that may exist in this article, might have to do with the locale in which it is being written. At the moment, I am beginning to wind up my two week summer vacation in Israel. I chose Israel as my vacation destination for many reasons. It has to do with our history, our present, and our future. It has to do with going to the land where it all began. It's a place where you can go to the last remaining wall of the temple mount (Wailing Wall), climb up the mountain in which a band of Jewish Zealots put up a three year struggle against the Romans (Massada), float on the Dead Sea, party it up at a Tel Aviv night-

club, or snorkel or just hang out at a beach on the Red Sea (Eilat). Of course, these are only a few of thousands of options available in Israel. I recommend it to anybody, anytime, for an experience of a lifetime.

Plans are already underway for programming for the '96 and '97 season. I am also eagerly anticipating seeing many of Atlantic Canada's youth and teens this summer at Camp Kadimah as well as seeing many of the communities across our region as part of our Jerusalem 3000 Caravan that will be performing in many communities towards the end of the summer. Wishing everyone a great summer. □





She went to Israel for a year and found a lifetime. Her parents thought it was temporary. But she's so happy. So excited about her future. They can't take it away from her. They want to follow. Her parents want to share her happiness and her excitement. But now the Russian government won't let her father out. They say he learned state secrets while working in a manufacturing plant six years ago. Who goes where, when? Annual program costs for a Na'aleh 16 teenager are \$8,500.

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