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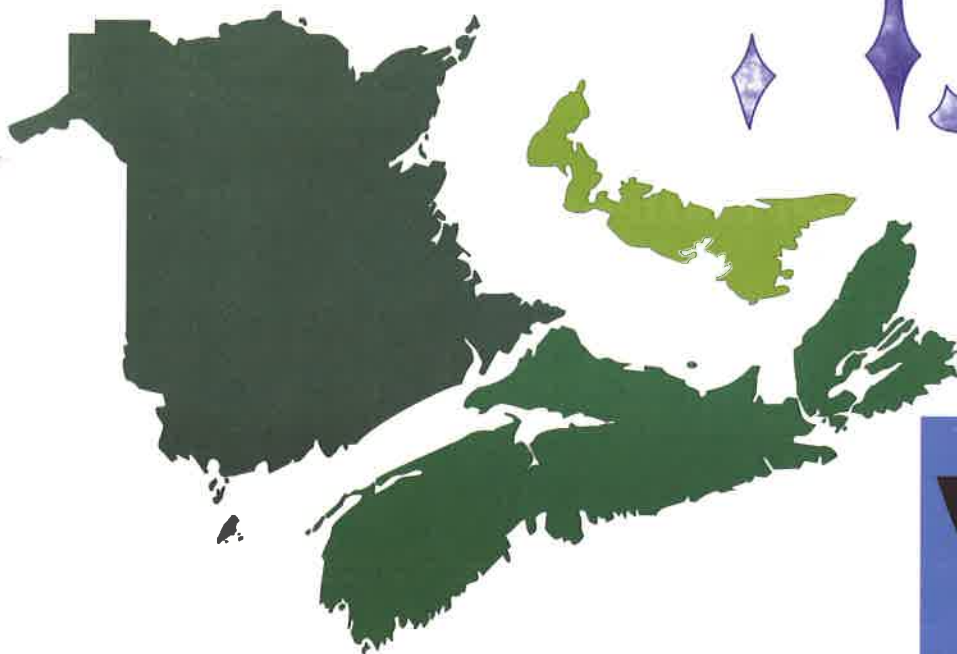
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lawrence Freeman

The success of any organization comes from regenerating and allowing new people with new ideas to step forward and take over the leadership of that organization. It has been four years since I agreed to become the President of the Atlantic Jewish Council and it is time to step aside and allow new blood to move forward and accept the responsibility. I have enjoyed these past four years and feel rewarded from the growth and success of our organization. I believe that our executives during this period have lived up to our collective responsibility of ensuring Jewish Continuity in the Atlantic Region and providing programming to all of our constituents.

We now have a strong operating executive and infrastructure of professionals that work very hard to service your needs. Our relationships with our national organizations has grown to the point that members of our Atlantic Community have assumed major roles in these organizations. We have been able to strengthen our programming for both young people and seniors, and this past year we were chosen as a pilot project for a youth programmer. The project has been such a success that it will now be implemented throughout Canada.

Most of my articles during the past four years have had a common theme, that is, Continuity. We can be proud of our Atlantic Community in that we have all worked together to ensure our survival.

I feel comfortable in stepping aside and look forward to working with your new executive. We will all gather in Halifax on the



weekend of November 29, 1996, to elect that new executive and give them the support that I felt you have always given our executives during my term in office. In closing, I thank all of our Atlantic Communities for the support they have given to me and my executive.

I would be remiss in concluding my last message by not giving special thanks to all of the members of my executive during the past four years. We have worked as a unified force in ensuring that our goals and objectives have been achieved. I would like to give special thanks to **Jon Goldberg**, our Executive Director, who works tirelessly and selflessly for all of us. My wish is that my successor as President and the new executive will have the same cooperation from all of our constituents as I have had and that they will enjoy their term as I have done.

L' Shana Tova, L'Hitraot. ■

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Jon Goldberg

Here we are in 5757 and I trust all our readers have had a good Yontif. This edition of Shalom is our "Holiday Edition." Our deadline was September 27th, so while you will not have received your magazine by Rosh Hashanah, I do hope it will be in your homes on or before Simchat Torah.

As you peruse our magazine, you will notice the announcement regarding the upcoming AJC Bi-Annual Convention to be held in Halifax November 29 to December 1. Your convention committee is working hard to put together a weekend to remember and I ask all who can attend to please do so! My report will be enclosed in the



convention registration kit along with financial updates. You will be offered a top notch selection of speakers and guest panelists. This is an opportunity for Atlantic Canadian Jewry to discuss their mutual concerns and give some direction to the

newly elected officers. I look forward to seeing many of you in Halifax on November 29.

By the time you receive your Shalom our annual UJA Campaign will have begun in your community. When the volunteer canvasser calls, please consider a gift within your means but please give! No gift touches more Jewish lives than your gift to the UJA.

I'm going to keep this short as space is limited. May the year 5757 be a sweet and healthy one for our readers, their families, and kol Israel. ■

FROM THE PROGRAMMER'S DESK...

by Yakov Feig

I can't believe that Rosh Hashanah begins tomorrow night! The summer has just flown by. However, it has definitely been a great one. I had a blast seeing everyone down at Camp Kadimah. It was fun doing programs with our youth and teens in an atmosphere which is conducive to enhancing their Jewish Identity. One such program, in which I was able to take a small part was Yom Hashoah -Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day is an annual tradition at Kadimah in which kids of all ages (doing activities which are appropriate to their age level) learn about the Shoah. This year's commemoration, whose theme was entitled "Faith and the Holocaust", was not a disappointment. **Matt Cohen, Michael Soberman** and the entire staff at Kadimah did a fine job in educating campers in issues pertaining to the subject. I was also happy at the response of the campers to the "Tile" program which I led that day. **Phillip Riteman**, who came to speak to the campers about his wartime experiences, received the campers' complete attention as he delivered his story and fielded their questions. As usual, I was entirely impressed with the tremendous effort put

forth from the campers themselves in participating in activities ranging from the play *Grease*, to their efforts in Maccabiah. One cannot overstate the importance of the role that Camp Kadimah continues to play in

the various communities in helping to organize the festivities for themselves. I would be remiss if I did not give special thanks to **Shirley Chernin** and the baking committee in Glace Bay; **Marlene Unger** and **Ivan**

Levine in Fredericton, **Janet Holtzman** and **Marcia Koven** in Saint John; **Sherri and Shawn Davidson**, all the cooks and **Tom and Prescilla Petrofsky** in P.E.I., as well as **Joe Naylor**, who literally went out of his way for us; and **Sharon, Sheldon and Mitchell Rubin** in Shediach. Finally, I would like to thank **Miriam Naylor** of P.E.I., who joined our Caravan and led a mesmerizing ten minutes of heaven in Shediach as she played Jewish music on her flute. We were truly blessed to stumble upon a talent like



Having fun at Camp Kadimah L-R Joanna Mirsky, Jeremy Pass, Steve Ain and Yakov Feig July 1996

uniting and strengthening our youth and teens.

I also spent a large part of the summer preparing for the Jerusalem 3000 Caravan, a forty minute presentation about the 3000 years of Jerusalem's history since King David made it the capital of his kingdom. It was a pleasure working with creative talents such as **Shirley Burnstein** and **Joanna Mirsky**. It was also a pleasure working with

Miriam, and I hope that some other communities will be able to experience her talents in the near future as well. I also hope to return to all the communities in the near future and to do more programming with your youth, teens, students as well as adults. For more information about the Jerusalem 3000 Caravan, please see the article by **Shirley Burnstein** in this issue of *Shalom* (I definitely could not have ex-

pressed it with the eloquence that she does).

A lot of the summer was also spent in planning activities for the youth, teens, and campus for the fall season. However, the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students' Federation also held our second annual camping trip during the summer. This "Jewish style" camping trip (we stayed at a resort) took place on July 16th to 18th in Cape Breton and attracted 26 people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Perry Chippin, Shayna Allen, Jane Shkolnik, Kim Grove**, as well as our drivers **Jason Jacobson, Avi Koren** and standby **Joey Yazer** for their help in making the weekend a success. A lot of work has been taking place in planning activities on the various campuses throughout Atlantic Canada for the coming year, and I am confident that we are about to embark on APJSF's most successful year ever of programming with our new Executive and Regional Executive.

Activities with Young Judea have also begun with a smashing start. Our annual Rosh Hashanah Apple (and Pear) Picking Program in the Annapolis Valley attracted

31 kids from both metro Halifax and from the Valley. Special thanks to Madrichim **Jonathan Freeman, Nikki Gryfe, Debra Jacobson** and **Rebecca Pink** for your role in making the program a success. We have an exciting year prepared for all age groups and I know that it will be great! I am particularly excited about elections for the AJTLC, the newly formed Atlantic Jewish Teen Leadership Council, to take place on October 20th. This will give our teens the opportunity to create programming for themselves and to take leadership roles in our communities. We cannot forget that our youth, teens, and students are our future community leaders!

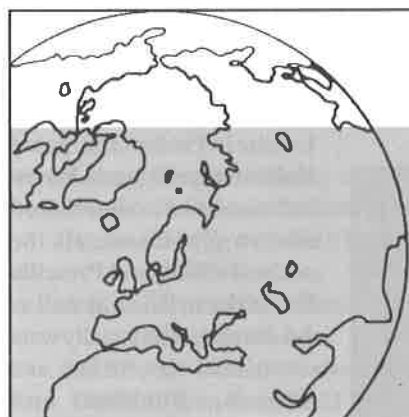
Speaking of leaders, I would like to take



Yom Hashoah Tile Project at Camp Kadimah, July 1996

this opportunity to express my appreciation to our Executive Director, **Jon Goldberg**, who has been intricately involved in the planning of activities ranging from the Jerusalem 3000 Caravan this summer to many of the activities being planned during the upcoming season.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year -L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevun Vetechatemun! ■



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Message from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel

Dear Friends,

With the approach of Rosh Hashanah 5757, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy New Year.

The Days of Awe have traditionally been a time of introspection and soul-searching, when we gaze back even as we eagerly anticipate the future. In this spirit, I would like to share with you my thoughts on Israel and the Jewish people.

First, we must bring security and peace, the two are inseparable. Peace with security means restoring hope and optimism to our nation, and removing the burden of war and terror. Recent years have been filled with unprecedented acts of brutality and violence directed against innocent Israeli civilians. These are incompatible with the peace process.

As we pursue contacts with our neighbors, we shall act to preserve the nation's vital interests. Jerusalem, our eternal capital, shall remain undivided under Israeli sovereignty. In the coming year, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our reunification with the walls, the alleyways and ramparts of our beloved Jerusalem. It is from Jerusalem, the object of our people's longings and tears over the millennia,

that we derive our strength of purpose and national fortitude.

A strong and secure Israel also requires a free and vibrant economy. Embarking upon a program of privatization and liberalization will free Israel's entrepreneurial spirit from the stifling shackles of overregulation and government interference. A more competitive and efficient economy will enable Israel to flourish in the increasingly competitive global market place. Opening up the Israeli economy will not be easy, but the benefits will be vast.

One of the engines of our economic and national revival is the continued arrival of tens of thousands of new immigrants each year. This historic return to our homeland is the fulfillment of the age-old visions of the prophets of Israel and the realization of Zionism. The Jewish people are coming home, bringing with them vitality and creativity. We will continue to encourage and foster aliyah, as well as work to ease the often difficult process of immigration and absorption. We shall do our utmost to harness the energies and talents of the newcomers. Already, their impact and contributions can be felt in all sectors of society. I am confident that with your

help, Israel will soon become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Yet even as we celebrate Israel's continued growth, we must view with alarm the trends in Jewish communities worldwide. The plague of assimilation and ignorance is wreaking havoc upon our people, snatching our finest and brightest youth. The "People of the Book" are in danger of becoming the "People Who Do Not Read the Book." At this hallowed time of the year, it becomes especially clear that the surest guarantee of our future lies in understanding and cherishing our heritage. We need to intensify and expand Jewish education. We give our youth the tools to be proud and faithful Jews. We Israelis are committed to working with you in the Diaspora. Together, we can overcome the dire threat posed to our people's continuity.

Wishing you a Shana Tova, and a year of blessings and peace.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Netanyahu



Holiday greetings from CJC

On behalf of the Directors and staff of the Canada-Israel Committee, it is my sincere pleasure to extend warmest wishes to the Atlantic Jewish community for a happy and healthy New Year.

May the year ahead, 5757, hold the promise of peace, security and prosperity for the Jewish community in Canada, Israel and the Middle East.

Shana Tova

Stephen Victor, National Chairman
Canada-Israel Committee



Stephen Victor



The Canadian Zionist Federation

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Shana Tova from CZF

My Fellow Zionists in Atlantic Canada,

The end of another Jewish calendar year is upon us and as we enter the New Year, we hope and pray for the peace and welfare of our fellow Jews around the world.

Our thoughts, as ever, are focused on the State of Israel and its citizens and on the Centrality of Jerusalem.

During this next year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the World Zionist Organization.

We can indeed be proud of its achievements which initiated and promoted the founding of the State of Israel.

We can indeed all be proud in being members of this great movement that helps to transform the fate of the Jewish people.

I hope that we all will continue in our work for the State of Israel, and above all, will educate and motivate our children to follow in this step and to be active members of our communities.

Aliyah continues to be the very forefront of our dreams and our endeavours.

With best wishes to you all for a Shana Tova.

Sincerely,

Kurt Rothschild

President



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CJC greetings for the new year

As we look towards the New Year 5757, many challenges appear on the Jewish agenda: the fight against anti-Semitism and racism nationally and abroad; the prosecution, denaturalization and deportation of suspected Nazi war criminals still resident in Canada; the promotion of national unity; advocacy on key national social policy and equity issues; Jewish continuity; and, of course, support for the state and people of Israel.

Among these aforementioned issues, most are common to Diaspora communities. But one is not. The issue of Quebec separation and Canadian unity is preoccupying Canadians these days and the organized Jewish community is no different, particularly in Quebec where CJC's national headquarters is located. The referendum on sovereignty last fall was too close for comfort and the narrow margin of victory means that we must overcome any sense of fatigue and renew our efforts in

fighting for national unity. To support national unity we must speak repeatedly about the benefits of being Canadian. Canada is one of the greatest countries in the world. Unfortunately, separatists would choose to divide our nation. As Jews, we benefit from a strong Canada.

Meanwhile, the fight against anti-Semitism and racism remains a human rights issue. From groups like the Heritage Front to neo-Nazis in our own Canadian military, these remain sources of concern. While hate is spread in many different ways, we now must pay close attention to the Internet and the likes of Ernst Zundel polluting cyberspace with his views. The pursuit of suspected Nazi war criminals in our country is not getting any easier. Time continues to run out and our judicial system has proven to be a serious deterrent, letting men with blood on their hands free in some cases because of procedural issues. We can't let up the pressure on our federal

government.

In the Middle East we pray that the search for peace will continue, allowing Israel to flourish in an atmosphere of harmony and shalom. May the homeland go from strength to strength.

It is not our role to advise the Israeli government how to conduct its affairs. While we support peace, it is clear the Israeli government, like any other in the world, has as its first responsibility the protection of the lives of its citizens, its way of life and its territorial integrity.

As we go to synagogue during the High Holy Days, let us all pray for a year of goodwill and coalition building between communities. We must all work together in making this a better world in which to live.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Goldie Hershon

President, Canadian Jewish Congress

THREE PILLARS IN DIVINE SERVICE

By Rabbi Mendel Feldman,
Chabad Lubavitch of the Maritimes

Traditionally, the High Holidays are associated with **teshuvah**, **tefilah** and **tzedaka** - the three pillars of our Divine service. The usual translation of these three concepts do not, however, convey their true Jewish essence.

Teshuvah is usually rendered "repentance". However, the exact translation of "repentance" is *charata*. *Charata* connotes movement toward a new path of action. The individual regrets that he committed an evil deed, or failed to perform a good one, and now wishes to conduct himself in a new manner. Teshuvah, on the other hand, signifies return. A Jew is essentially good, and his innermost desire is to do what is right. It is only due to extenuating circumstances that he has erred. This is the Jewish concept of teshuvah - a return to

his roots and origins, to his inner most self, revealing his innate personality.

Tefilah is generally translated as "prayer". Yet the more accurate translation of prayer would be *bakasha*. *Bakasha* underscores a request to G-d to grant us our needs. However, when we lack or desire nothing, our asking is superfluous. Tefilah signifies attaching oneself to G-d, and is relevant to everyone at all times.

Every Jew has soul that is bound and connected to G-d. At times, these ties to the Almighty may become weakened. To correct this, we have specific times during the day for tefilah - to renew and strengthen our tie with G-d. Hence, even for those who lack nothing material, there exists the concept of tefilah - a heartfelt desire to bond to G-d. Our prayers strengthen the bond and

attachment between the Jew and his Creator.

Tzedaka is often translated as "charity", but the Hebrew word for charity is *chesed* - kindness. The recipient need not be *deserving*: There exists no *obligation* per se. The alms are a result of the donor's goodness and elective kindness. Tzedaka, on the other hand, comes from the Hebrew word meaning "justice", signifying that justice demands of a Jew that he give, and for two reasons: First, he is not giving of his own, but only what has been entrusted to him by G-d to give to others. Second, since everyone depends on the Al-mighty to provide for his needs, one is obligated to repay "measure for measure" and give to others. ■

THE TIME HONORED INSTITUTIONS OF JUDAISM

by Rabbi Saul Aranov
Baron de Hirsch Congregation, Halifax

During the high holy days season, we should resolve to support two time honored institutions of Judaism.

The last Sabbath Torah reading before the New Year offers a lectionary that underscores what is involved for us to succeed in our efforts to achieve repentance. It states "this precept (of repentance) is not too distant from you...it is actually very near to you in your mouth and in your heart to do it." (Deut. 30:11-14)

"In your mouth" has two aspects like a "Cherev Peefeeyot" - a double-edged sword.

One aspect involves what we express with our mouths in prayer, which occupies so much of our time when we converse with God during the High Holy Days. We attempt to elevate prayer to become an instrument of action culminating in repentance. How we express ourselves is also important. A clear distinction is discernible between joyous expression of prayer that characterizes the Sephardic rite during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and that of the Ashkenazim.

The Sephardic Jew encounters the Almighty joyously as one who meets his trusted friend. This is the moaning of the word "Rinah" - singing joyously and serving God with mirth. The Ashkenazic rite is somber during the High Holy days. This is the meaning of the word "Tefilah" prayer in the liturgical passage "Lishmoa el ha-Rinah v'el ha - Tefilah" - To listen to joyous chanting and to somber prayer.

Whatever mode of prayer is utilized, all are pledged to the importance of the institution of prayer as a vehicle to God. It is therefore important for a Jewish community to maintain daily prayer services in the morning and the evening throughout the year. We appeal to the members of the Halifax Jewish community to help us to sustain Minyan attendance. Virtually everyone needs

a minyan - prayer quorum to observe the recital of Kaddish on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of a departed relative. Help Beth Israel to continue its daily services.

A double edged sword.

The power of speech can indeed be a double edged sword. It can be used for positive purposes such as for Torah study, prayer and for speaking well of others. In fact the power of speech can be more devastating than robbing a person of their possessions. The latter can be returned but the reputation of an individual which is defamed cannot so easily be rehabilitated.

The second aspect of the power of the mouth involves food intake. Especially during these days of awe when we are being judged, we should resolve to support a second sacred institution of Judaism which involves purchasing Kosher products and adhering to the regimen of the dietary laws of Judaism. When an effort is made by a food chain such as Sobey's or I.G.A. to market Kosher meat and other food products, we have a duty to purchase those products. Otherwise, it will not pay for those firms to offer them for sale. Good Jewish citizenship is demonstrated when members of the community support a social institution such as Kashruth observance.

It has been brought to my attention that some Jews purchased meat products from Moslem purveyors which are not under any Rabbinic supervision. I laud the Moslems for their commitment to their dietary laws. We Jews should also demonstrate loyalty to the laws of our faith. If a hotel, such as the Sheraton, will in the future offer Kashruth facilities under proper supervision, then they should have our support. Whatever we do should be performed with heartfelt commitment and concentration whether it be in prayer or in the area of Kashruth for it is in our power, in our mouth and in our heart to do it. ■

Atlantic Jewish Council

10TH BI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

HALIFAX - NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1, 1996

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A unique opportunity to meet the largest selection of national Jewish leadership ever gathered in our region. Atlantic Jewry will convene to debate and discuss in workshops and in general session a number of the most urgent problems that confront our day-to-day lives as Jews here in Atlantic Canada.

Invited guests include:

Mrs. Goldie Hershon	President	Canadian Jewish Congress
Richard Vineberg	President	Council of Jewish Federations
Harvey Wolfe	President	United Israel Appeal of Canada
Kurt Rothschild	President	Canadian Zionist Federation
Sid Halpern	National President	Jewish National Fund
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In addition, to date, we have invited keynote speakers such as Mr. Julius Ciss, National Executive Director of Jews for Judaism and Mr. Bernard C. Moscovitz, Vice President, Chief Operating Officer of United Jewish Appeal of America, New York.

All the above, plus elections, Bi-Annual Atlantic Jewish Community Service Awards, special Saturday night gala and entertainment and an excellent array of kosher meals will make for a weekend to remember.

An agenda will be mailed to all members of the Atlantic Jewish Community on or before October 18.

If you are interested in Jewish continuity and Jewish life in Atlantic Canada, in Israel affairs or community relations, we urge you to register and attend our weekend of thought-provoking and fun activities

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TRAVEL:

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Saturday evening Reception - 8 pm; Sunday breakfast - 8 am;

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

by Sheldon Cohen

Kadimah '96 is over but the wonderful memories will last a life time. Our camp is a special place for Jewish youth to join together in a safe, friendly environment, to focus on our Jewish identity and partake in a wide variety of Camp life programmes.

This past summer was the largest enrollment in Camp's 53 year history. The 265 campers and C.I.T.'s had an amazing summer. The programme ran very well despite

bad weather the first few weeks. The spirit and enthusiasm of all was, however, never dampened.

Among the more memorable programmes were our plays *Grease* and *Tommy*, Maccabia, Haganah night, Machar day, Friday night oneys, song and dance which followed, chugim, special all day programmes, bonfires and evening programmes.

A special note of thanks to all counselors, specialists and head staff. To **Carol Ginsberg**, our administrative secretary, **Jon Goldberg** for assistance with staffing and programming. As well to **Yakov Feig**, we always welcome you and appreciate your assistance and interest in camp.

We wish all campers, staff, committee members and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Have a great year. Take care. ■

KADIMAH ISRAEL 1996... LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME

by Michael B. Soberman

This past summer, I was fortunate to have been part of a very new and special part of Kadimah - Kadimah Israel 1996. I feel that it is safe to say that the same excellent reputation that is associated with Camp Kadimah in North America is now present in Eretz Israel. Everywhere that we went in Israel, the people and organizations that we came in contact with were very impressed with Kadimah Israel and the ruach and chevra of the participants.

I, along with **Jonathan Cohen** and **Roselyn Allen**, was Madrich for a wonderful, energetic and inquisitive group of twenty-five teenagers and together we embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. The summer began with two difficult yet rewarding weeks of volunteering on an army base as a part of the Sar El program. Every member of the group, with the exception of myself who had not yet joined them, can say that they contributed to the I.D.F. Next the group spent a week taking in the sights and sounds of Jerusalem. The focus of Kadimah Israel, in addition to experiencing Israel, was to learn Hadracha skills that would enable them to translate their Israel experience into meaningful programming when they return to Camp Kadimah as staff in 1997.

Following Jerusalem, the group spent more than two weeks touring the country from top to bottom. First we went south into the Negev Desert and then we went North to the Galilee and the Golan Heights, and of course down south again for three

glorious days in Eilat. While we were touring the country we went hiking, rappelling, kayaking, skating, cycling, climbing, swimming, boating, hiking, hiking and yes, more hiking. Yes we did a lot of hiking. We visited a Druze village, Har Cholutz,

Massada, the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, Mitzpe Ramon, Tiberias, Arad, a Bedouin camp, the Canada Israel Centre in Metulla and picked apples on Kibbutz Merom Golan and much more. If this wasn't enough, we had programs on Israel Politics, culture, geography, history and more. We experienced Tisha B'av, Yad Vashem, Rabin Square, Independence Hall, and beautiful Shabbat services in Tiberias, on the beach in Eilat and who could forget our service at the Kotel. In case you were wondering we were really, really, really busy this summer and have the pictures and memories to prove it! Our time in Israel concluded with a week in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where we tied the summer together and participated in Hadracha sessions dealing with Israeli arts



Kadimah Israel participants at Julis Army Base

and crafts, songs and dances that we will all bring to Camp Kadimah next summer.

Kadimah Israel 1996 was a wonderful, fantastic, educational, memorable and unforgettable experience for all of us. I cannot imagine a better group of people to have experienced it with. If anyone wants to find out more about what Kadimah Israel 1996 was all about, just ask one of the twenty-five young adults who attended, but be prepared as it could take a while! For those of you interested in Kadimah Israel 1997, the same experience awaits you.

To Kadimah Israel 1996, I look forward to our Friday evening Sikum Hayom on July 4, 1997 at Camp Kadimah. ■

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GREAT ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

by Debra Jacobson, Brooke Rudnick, Erika Yazer
Kadimah Israel '96 participants

The first half of our summer in Israel has flown by. Every day has been a new experience full of different activities. It feels like just yesterday we arrived at the Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. Since then we've learned so much and been so busy.

As soon as we arrived in Tel Aviv, we were met by a soldier who was to be our leader for the first two weeks of our trip in the Sar-El program. As we were bussed to "Julis", our army base, the jet lag hit us, but we managed to stay awake with our eyes glued to the windows just to catch some first glimpses of Israel.

Some things we first noticed were the extensive heat, aggressive drivers, palm trees, and dry sand. We settled at Sar-El pretty quickly. We were given uniforms, and started work on the first day. Some of the jobs people had were working with tanks, guns, electricity, welding, kitchen duty, laundry, and the bakery where some of us learned to make pastries. At the beginning everyone was exhausted and felt like we were being malnourished (the army food was so different than anything we had ever tasted), but we quickly got used to it, like real soldiers. Although some of us may not have enjoyed ourselves at times, in the end, we had acquired some skills, met and befriended Israeli soldiers, and had the experience of a lifetime.

After leaving Sar-El, we spent a weekend at the Hotel Ami in Tel Aviv. Even though under other circumstances, the hotel wouldn't have been up to our standards, it felt like a palace after our conditions at Julis. This was our first taste of city life in Israel. Some of the highlights of Tel Aviv were the beautiful beach on the Mediterranean Sea; the promenade where we saw a diversity of people; the clubs; stores and restaurants. This is when we learned the meaning of the expression "a city that never sleeps".

Some of the most important educational things we saw in Tel Aviv were Jaffa; the hustle and bustle of the market on Friday afternoon; Rabin Square which, for all of us, was a very moving experience. In our homes in North America, his assassination didn't hit us the way it did while we stood where he stood minutes before his death. We realized from the graffiti on the walls how much he was loved and needed.

Next we arrive in Israel's capital, the holiest city in the world. Jerusalem was all we expected, and more. One of the first things we did was visit the old city and the Kotel. It was interesting to see the many different faces from all around the

world, all of whom were praying at this vast structure which is so important to the Jewish people. As we walked up to touch the wall, put in a note, and say a prayer, we really felt unified with all of the people there. After learning what really happened in our past, touching the wall enabled us to think of the people 2000 years ago and even 50 years ago when they couldn't even touch or pray at the Wall.

Even though all the lectures and seminars we attended helped us learn a lot, we feel that the way in which we were able to learn the most was from seeing things and participating like we did at Mea Shearim and Beit Guvrin. Mea Shearim is the most orthodox neighborhood in Israel. When we were there we saw a totally different type of people. The way they dress, act and live is far from what we're used to. Beit Guvrin was a unique experience in itself. We actually saw and participated in an archaeological dig. Some of us found ancient pottery, coins, bones, etc. We were even allowed to take home some pieces of ancient Greek pottery.

Our next stop was a small city in the middle of the Judean Desert called Arad. When we arrived there we caught our first glimpses of the desert which was extremely different than any of



Kadimah Israel 1996: In the burial caves at Beit Guvrin

us imagined. The desert was rocky, not sandy, and was reddish-brown. This is where all of our hiking began. Every day was tiring, but we saw so many ancient and modern places, as well as many natural sites.

We would have to say that our best day was when we left Arad at 3:45 a.m. to climb Massada, and float in the Dead Sea. Massada was beautiful even though on that day the sunrise was hidden by clouds. When we toured the top, we could imagine what the Jews went through there thousands of years ago. It made us very proud to be Jewish. The same afternoon we had another unique experience when we floated in the Dead Sea. All kinds of screams of pain were heard from our group as the salt hit our cuts and scratches, but no one will ever forget the feeling of floating effortlessly.

To top off that amazing day, we stayed at a Bedouin camp where we rode camels and learned about Bedouin culture. It was one of our best night's sleep.

These were definitely the highlights of our first three and a half weeks in Israel. If we wrote every detail, this would have been ten times longer. So far this summer has been absolutely amazing. It's great to have a branch of Kadimah in Israel. ■

THE CAMP SAR EL EXPERIENCE

by Elliott Noel, St. John's
Kadimah Israel '96 participant

After many hours of tiresome travelling through long hours of the night, we finally arrived at what was to be our first destination in Israel - Julis, a military camp, for the Sar-El volunteer program. There, we were given our first taste of the country which was to be our home for the next 7 weeks - in the army. Although exhausted from our trip, after a good night's sleep we gradually became adjusted to our new environment. Donning our army outfits (complete with boots, hats and even socks), we were all assigned to various jobs. Some went to the kitchens and laundry, others repaired vehicle engines and replaced tires.

We performed our jobs during the morning and afternoon, and in the evening had lectures and activities. Everyone generally got along with army co-workers - it was an excellent way to get to know people. Working along-



At the ruins of Sousia:

Brooke Rudnick

Mira Chatt, Rachel Jacobson

Erika Yazer, Debra Jacobson, Tiffany Cohen

side and getting dirty was so exhausting, yet somewhat fulfilling. Although it wasn't, perhaps, how most of us had imagined our first weeks of Israel, it proved to be an interesting experience.

During our weekends, we had the opportunity to see various archaeological sites in the area, and received our first taste of Tel Aviv - Jaffa. Many received dermatological souvenirs from the beach and practiced our French with a few of our co-inhabitants at the youth hostel.

When it came time to leave, we felt ready to get into the next part of our trip, yet we still missed the people we had met in the army. Any summer experience in Israel is incomplete without visiting the army, as it is such an important factor in the social fabric of the country.

Working alongside Israelis was an excellent way for us to get accustomed with Israeli culture and society. ■

KINLEY VISITS KADIMAH

by Joel Jacobson

Jim Kinley made a triumphant return to Camp Kadimah recently after an absence of more than 53 years.

The last time Mr. Kinley used Lake William in Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia, where Camp Kadimah is located, was in 1942 when the area was a guides' camp. This time Mr. Kinley visited as Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, the first time a Nova Scotia vice-regal representative came to the camp.

"He and **Mrs. Kinley** had a marvelous time. We couldn't get him to leave, not that we wanted to," said **Jon Goldberg**, executive director of Atlantic Jewish Council, who helped host the visit. Their Honours, living in Government House in Halifax during their five year term, but whose full-time home is in Lunenburg County, arrived late morning for a swim in Kadimah's pool. They had lunch with the campers and staff who greeted them with *Heyvenu Sholom Aleichem*, and visited various areas of Kadimah including the cultural and arts and crafts centres.

AJC President **Larry Freeman** and his wife **Myra** accompanied the vice-regal couple on an extended tour of Lake William in the camp motorboat. "They were gone so long, we sent out the backup boat to find them," laughed Mr. Goldberg later. "We thought they might be stuck." When the couple visited the recreation hall, they saw names of campers and staff from the past 30 years painted on the walls. They were so enthralled, they were later given markers and added their names to the main office wall.

"They had a ball," said Mr. Goldberg. "His Honour had his first swim of the year and saw where his daughter had attended music camp (in a post-Kadimah camp several years ago). He and Mrs. Kinley were given a Camp Kadimah golf shirt and jacket." ■

Annual Meeting of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies will take place during the meetings of the Congress of Learned Societies at Memorial University of Newfoundland on June 1, 1997. It would be very nice if some people from Atlantic Canada could see their way clear to attend. The meetings are very interesting with papers presented by academics from across the country.

For further information interested people can contact Marcia Koven at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row, Saint John, NB, E2L 3H4.
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Reflection: coming back to my roots

by Jonathan Amiel Mendleson

Editor's Note: Jonathan Mendleson was an example of our local Jewish youth who became involved with Israel and Zionism at a young age. He was active here in Young Judea and the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. Serving two terms as President of the APJSF Jon was key in the Atlantic Region for keeping the student movement alive over a period early in the '90's when the AJC was in flux. Jon was always available to help in any Jewish function held here in our community and attended Camp Kadimah for many years as both camper and staff. Our loss is Israel's gain.

The month of Elul, the twelfth month of the year in the Hebrew calendar, is a time for reflection within Judaism. Jews all around the world devote this month to thinking about all the deeds and misdeeds within one's life that occurred over the last year. For the first month, Tishrei, falls Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In Hebrew, these days are known as Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe); in English these days are commonly referred to as the High Holy Days. As a child, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur meant no school and Junior Congregation. I loved the holidays because, simply, I had an excuse to skip school without getting into trouble.

Now, as I sit here in Israel during this *Month of Thought*, I begin to think... Do not worry, I am not going to bore you with my life story; instead I will share with you my feelings over the last 12

months. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are considered personal in nature, so I guess this is where I will begin.

At about this time last year, I was roaming the streets of Halifax, trying to figure out what I was going to do with my life. (Anybody who has graduated from a post-secondary institution

might be able to relate.) Graduating with Diplomas in Photography and Digital Imaging was a great feeling of accomplishment and achievement; however, now was the time to look for work and think about the future. Of course, as most of you knew Halifax was not for me, so I was thinking about my options. The possibilities of Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver or New York were filled with optimism and fear. Hey, starting out in strange places can be frightful at the best of times. As I sat and thought about these places, there was a constant nagging in the back of my head saying, "What about dreams and goals?" My direct response was, "Yeah... so..." Ever try arguing with your



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YACHDAV '96 ATTRACTS YOUNG JEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

by Eli Rubenstein

This winter scores of young adults from across Canada will travel to Basel, Switzerland and on to Israel as part of Yachdav, an international Young Leadership Mission sponsored by Canadian Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal of Canada every 2-3 years.

Yachdav '96 is expected to attract 500 participants, ages 25-40, from 30 different countries. Scheduled to run from December 29, 1996 to January 6, 1997, the mission will afford participants the opportunity to network with young Jewish adults from all over the world.

In Basel, participants will be addressed by **Avrum Burg**, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, at an opening banquet in Casino Hall - the same hall used by Theodore Herzl, one hundred years ago, to convene the first ever Zionist Conference. At the time, Herzl predicted the founding of a modern Jewish state within 50 years, a statement that was to come true a half century (and a few months) later.

In Israel, a highly charged itinerary will see participants whisked to briefings with top level government politicians, defense experts and business leaders. Participants will also see, firsthand, how new immigrants are being absorbed, by visiting absorption centres and Youth Aliyah villages and by greeting a planeload of new olim as it touches down on the tarmac at Ben Gurion airport.

Visits to the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv, Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel's national Holocaust Museum, are also on the itinerary. A tour of Israel's Negev region features a meeting with Egyptian Ambassador to Israel, **Mr. Muhammad Bassyuni**, and a look at how Partnership 2000 programs are transforming the Negev.

Though the trip is educational in its focus, the itinerary includes more recreational activities like jeep rides in the desert, lunch in a Bedouin tent and a relaxing Shabbat in Eilat. The group will welcome in the new year of 1997 at a dinner and party together with Young Leadership Mission participants from UJA in the USA.

Cindy Bergman, 27, a young Toronto entrepreneur who recently started her own marketing company, was ecstatic about her experience on Yachdav '95.

"It was the most magical experience of my life. I had an amazing learning experience and met the most incredibly interesting people. I've traveled throughout Europe and other parts of the world, but when I came back from Israel I felt like a new person. Anyone who can take part in the next Yachdav definitely should.... I would go back in a second!"

The subsidized cost for the mission is \$1580. The fee is based on departure from Toronto and is subject to a minimum gift set by local Federations. For more information on Yachdav '96, call the AJC at telephone (902) 422-7491. ■

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July 10, 1996 was an emotional & proud day for **Larry & Naomi Honey** (Kentville) when their eldest son, **Andrew**, became an officer in the IDF. In addition to completing the difficult and arduous Officer Training, Andrew also received an award for being an Exemplary Soldier. He is currently in charge of his unit serving in Gaza.



Singing in the rain. UJA & AJC hosting UIA leadership at camp Kadimah, August 1996. L-R **Jim Spatz** Regional Chair UJA Atlantic, **Steve Ain** Executive Vice President UIA Canada, **Larry Freeman** President AJC, **Mark Rosen** Co-chair Halifax-Dartmouth UJA Campaign, **Harvey Wolfe** National President UIA Canada.



UIA Emissary **Doron Fleisher** shown here at the entrance to Red Road Country Inn owned by wonderful supporters of Israel, **Reverend & Mrs. Tom Petrofsky** in Kensington PEI, September 1996.



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Mud Bath at the Dead Sea. Standing L-R: **Robb Maizen**, **Adam Wanderer**, **Rachel Jacobson**, **Brooke Rudnick**, **Simon McKnight**. Sitting L- **R Debra Jacobson**, **Jonathan Cohen**. Kadimah Israel 1996



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UJA President's Message

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Your gift to the UJA of Atlantic Canada determines the number of elderly Jews in Eastern and Central Europe and the FSU whom we can help with food and heat and the number of Jews world-wide whom we can provide with a Jewish/Zionist experience (adult education, matzos for Pesach, Jewish summer camps, outreach to Jewish youth, Israel Summer Programs, etc.)

In Israel, more than 671,000 Jews live below the poverty line, including one out of every seven children. They face a 12.5% inflation rate and proposed budget cuts destined to slash rehabilitative and social services. While Israel takes care of its own poor, the Jewish Agency is still responsible for the many poor among the new immigrants, up to and inclusive of their first year in Israel.

Here in the Atlantic provinces, the weaker elements of the community must be taken care of. Jewish children, new immigrants from the FSU and ailing and isolated senior citizens wither without care, just like everyone else. You can make the decision that those who need help get it.

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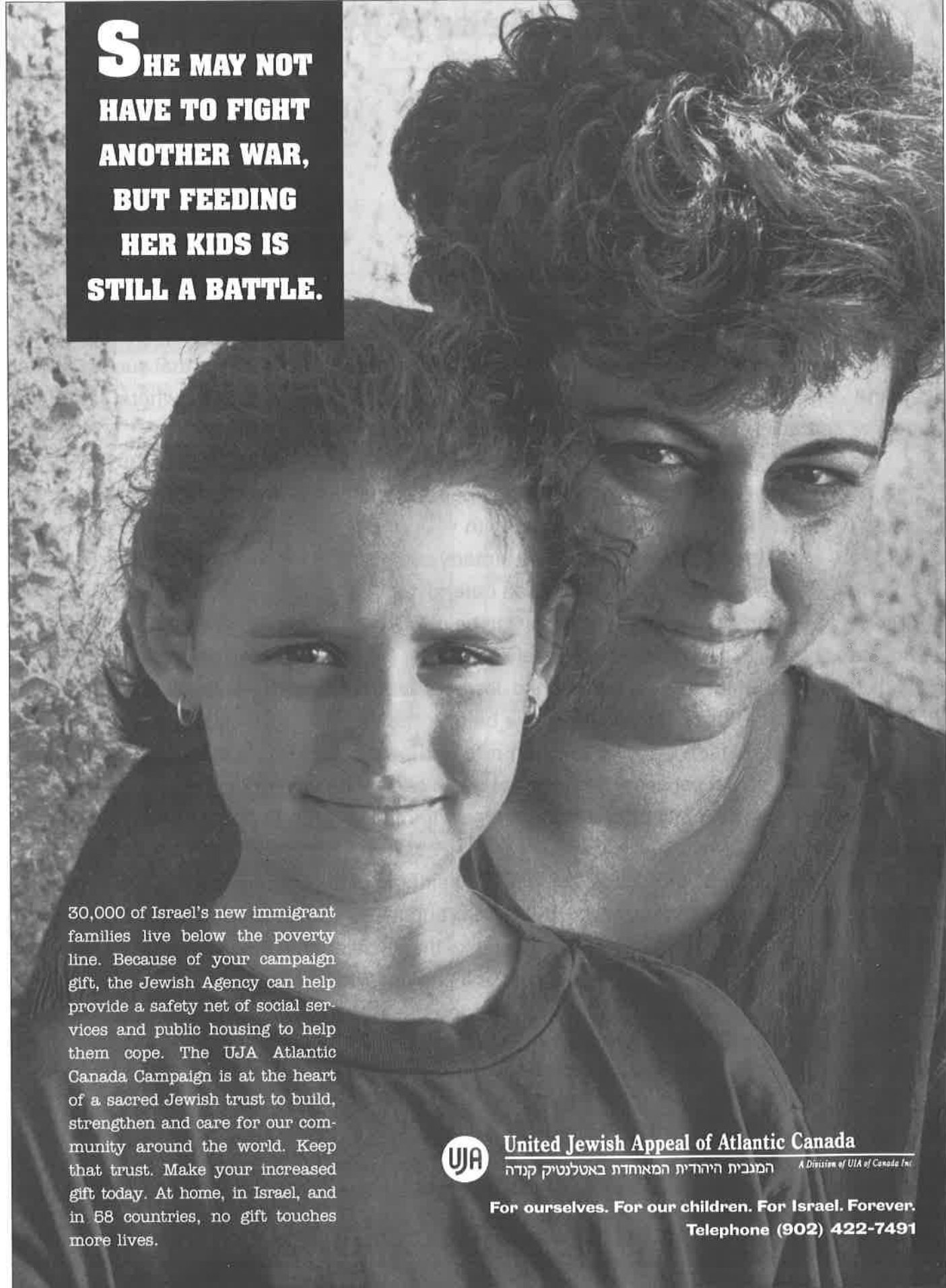
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*His Honour Lt. Gov. **James Kinley** and Her honour **Mrs. Kinley** shown here with AJC President **Larry Freeman** and his wife **Myra** during an official visit to Camp Kadimah, August 1996.*



*Jewish War Veterans of Canada Atlantic Post Commander **Gar Meltzer** (R) is welcoming National President **Sam Pasternack** to a community breakfast held in Halifax, August 1996.*



*His Honor Lt. Gov. **James Kinley** and his party shown here visiting the Arts & Crafts area in the Rubin Cultural Centre of Camp Kadimah this Summer.*



***Jo Mirsky, Yakov Feig and Shirley Burnstein** perform the Jerusalem 3000 Caravan in front of the warm audience in Kensington PEI at the residence of **Sherry & Shawn Davidson**, September 1996.*



***Daniel Gal**, Consul General of Israel in Montreal (L) is given a tour at Camp Kadimah by **Matt Cohen** and **Marty Zatzman**, August 1996.*



***Dr. & Mrs. Martin Zelenietz** of Dartmouth shown here at the Jerusalem 3000 Exhibit in Halifax, July 1996.*

JERUSALEM 3000 CARAVAN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

by Shirley Burnstein

Thank you **Jon**, for giving me the opportunity to be part of the "Jerusalem 3000 Caravan" that did a tour of the Maritimes in August and September 1996.

As **Yakov** said - "I've done many, many things in our community-" but this will be one of the most memorable.

Glace Bay was our first stop, and many memories filled my thoughts as we drove there - but none as moving as the reception we received and the warmth and appreciation of this community. Thank for your support and I feel a strong urge to return.

We left Glace Bay and drove on to Fredericton with our capable leader, Yakov, at the wheel and in charge of our "well-

in our midst - and I began to realize that that's what it's all about - Camp, conferences, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs - the Maritimes. And we were amazed during our tour of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum of the thought and time dedicated by **Marcia Koven**, our host and curator of the museum. Thank you Saint John - and all who turned out to make it so meaningful.

"Jo Sky" - a girl of many moods and faces - and all beautiful. She was my roommate (I've never shared a room with anyone other than my sister and my husband) - this was going to be tough - but I know I'm a "good sport" and "it saved money," etc., etc. - but I must say - she

was a delight. I listened to her young, fresh views, her talent, which abounds, and her adventure-some spirit - and **Joanna Mirsky** - you're great!

Halifax was next on the list. Home - clean up - and our performance at the Shaar. "That was fun!" - "Good" - "Family" - Yes, faces of our community - ready to enjoy and participate. You did. Thank you Halifax.

Our last leg of the journey! I started to feel as if we had taken on too much. PEI and Shediach - Oh no! But after a short time on the road again - we mustered our spirits and drove on. The beauty of the drive made up for my creaking joints. We were overwhelmed at the reception, the dinner and the excitement we felt at the home of **Sherri & Shawn Davidson**. We even, in true caravan fashion, found an addition to our troop - **Miriam Naylor** - who sings and plays flute beautifully. Thank you PEI for your hospitality - and for lending us Miriam.



Jo Mirsky and Yakov Feig in Shediach N.B

Shediach - last stop - at the seaside home of **Sharon & Sheldon Rubin**, with Hurricane Edouard at our heels and blowing our scripts, hats and costumes in the clean ocean air. We felt as if our tour was complete. We moved indoors for superb food, company, and we had the opportunity to present our new find, Miriam. Her music floated over the room and we were overwhelmed by the beauty of it all - a sing-



Jerusalem 3000 Caravan in Glace Bay. L-R: Izzie Shore, Ellie Marshal, Abe Wetston and Max Lubetsky

being". What a tour guide! I'd never made that drive before and with road conditions, blazing sun and the occasional "pit stop" arrived for dinner - late - at the home of **Dr. & Mrs. Urdang**, who excused our hasty downing of their delicious dinner - and we performed in their shul to - again - faces and friends from my past - eyes and smiles that I recognized and feeling as if I were home. Thank you Fredericton.

Next stop, Saint John. We were in the swing of this by now - the mikes and sound equipment set up with expertise now - costumes unveiled - hats lined up and even time for a rest and a stretch. We were getting quite professional. Again I felt as if I was with family and friends - no strangers



"Heavenly Music" Miriam Naylor in Shediach with Jerusalem 3000 Caravan, September 1996

Reflection: coming back to my roots

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conscience? Try it; it works. After a few more words were said between my conscience and myself, I felt it was time to investigate my options of making Aliyah (immigrating to Israel).

Just before Rosh Hashanah, I received all the general information about Aliyah from the Shaliach in Montreal. A lot of information, but certainly nothing to scare me. By the time Yom Kippur arrived, I decided that Aliyah was for me. Besides, what I had read just reinforced information that I already knew. The decision was final, I am going to Israel and now the process has to begin. If I was not filling out forms, signing contracts, and speaking with Israeli officials, I was constantly convincing my friends and family that this was a reality. Making arrangements to learn Hebrew, finding a place to live, and the usual preparation to leave the family nest was the longest and hardest aspect of the Aliyah process. Throughout this process, I still did not have an exact date of departure. However, by November, the choice was made that the New Year would be the best time. The decision to move to Israel was made during the Jewish New Year, so making the move during the secular New Year would (a) be somewhat symbolic and (b) make for an easy date to remember. So, on the first of January, after finalizing all my packing, I said good-bye to my family and headed for the Halifax International Airport, early that morning. After arriving in Montreal with torn bags, I made my way to Mirabel International Airport and waited for my El Al flight to Israel. This was the final point, my last chance to turn back. Well, the feeling of cold-feet did not even enter my mind.

Waiting in Montreal was made easy thanks to some friends who came to see me off. They stayed with me until it was time to enter the Israeli Security line. There's no turning back now. This is it; reality has set in!

Anybody who has flown El Al to Israel, they say, receives the true Israeli Experience. After 14 hours en route to make Aliyah, some would say I was crazy. Well, I got here and said this is now home. Canada was my home for 23 and a half years, and the place that taught me about where I was heading in my life. Within two hours of being on the ground, I received my luggage, my *Teudat Oleh* (immigration certificate), and was in a taxi to my first destination, Tel Aviv, to friends of the family. I stayed with them for a few days, and then headed to Jerusalem for an international conference sponsored by the World Union of Jewish Students. After the conference my official absorption to Israel began.

Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael was the place where I was to live and learn Hebrew for five-and-a-half months. As well, I was ex-

pected to work within the kibbutz framework for half days. What an experience! Being on a kibbutz that is wealthy, and located on a coast, between Tel Aviv and Haifa, is living comfortably. Not only did I learn Hebrew, I travelled throughout parts of the country with the ulpan program. Upon completion of the ulpan, I decided that staying on the kibbutz as a *Zmani* (temporary worker) would be the best thing for me.

Currently, I am still on the kibbutz as *zman*, working eight hour days, and waiting for my entrance date into my mandatory military service of twelve months. Speaking of the army, I have finally received communication from them, so they have not forgotten about me. Now that the paperwork has started I feel hope that it will be a quick process and anticipate that I will enter the service by the beginning of the [secular] New Year.

What will be in the future is anybody's guess. So I cannot tell you right now what I plan to be doing in the future. All I can say is, so far, my decision to come to Israel was and is promising.

I want to say thank you to some people who have made my first eight months an easy adjustment. **Avi Koren** was in Israel in January and I had the pleasure of travelling with him throughout the country. **Marcia Urdang** I saw and went to Planet Hollywood with in Tel Aviv. She was here on the February UIA mission. **Perry Chippin**, who also attended the Mission, I had a chance to speak with, but was unable to see. Next time. I have to say that I was quite surprised on the kibbutz when **Rabbi Benji Jacoby**, of Toronto, happened to be passing by and stopped in for a visit. Then came **Gali and David Brock**, who introduced me to the Yotvata Dairy chain, and brought my guitar. **Yakov Feig**, the person I spent the most time with, came and stayed on the kibbutz and travelled the north extensively. Who says driving in Israel is crazy!?! Lastly, and certainly of no less importance, is my family. They have supported me throughout this whole change in my life. I do not think I would have been able to do it without their support. Thank you.

Finally, every article must come to an end. Now I am here dealing "patiently" with Israeli bureaucracy. You think Jewish politics is easy, wait until you become an immigrant in Israel. Seriously, I encourage anyone to make Aliyah, and that every late teenager be able to have an Israel Experience.

Shana Tova and Shalom from Israel. ■

JERUSALEM 3000 CARAVAN

song followed, led by **Evie Carnat**. So what more can I say? - thank you Rubins and guests.

It was over. We took Miriam back to the ferry - felt sad - as we left our fellow friend - and with the rain and the wind following, we drove home.

An adventure - for sure. An experience - for sure. Would I do it again? - for sure.

Thank you Jon.

Thank you Yakov.

Thank you Jo. ■

Wanted

Old photographs
of the Jewish community in Glace Bay
are needed for a film documentary.

We are particularly in need of
pictures that include the synagogue,
Talmud Torah, and community events.

If you have pictures and
would let us see them,
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RUTH AND IRVING PINK HONOURED

by Joel Jacobson

A clear voice rang across the social hall of Beth Israel Synagogue.

"Nanny and Grampy are the reasons Yarmouth is on the Jewish map of Canada," said the young man on the dais. "They never pass up a chance to help others. They are responsible for keeping the Yarmouth synagogue open for 40 years. Whether it is Jewish National Fund, United Israel Appeal or Hadassah, Nanny and Grampy will be there."

Thirteen-year-old **Noah Pink** was representing the children and grandchildren of **Irving and Ruth Pink**, paying homage to the giving and caring couple at JNF of Atlantic Canada Negev Dinner in Halifax. "They represent the true meaning of tzedakah. They give their money and time generously to others."

More than 250 people heard Nova Scotia Chief Justice **Lorne Clarke** call Irving Pink, 83, and a lawyer for 60 years, "the dean of the law profession in Nova Scotia. His record of achievement was predictable from his first days at Dalhousie University where he was a scholarship student, achieved academic distinction with a BA in 1933 and LLB in 1936, was editor of the Dalhousie Gazette and received a gold 'D' for leadership and contribution to the life of the university.

He referred to Irving's court appearances, saying he used no charts, overheads, magic or rhetoric. "After his presentations to judges, they would often ask how Pink's clients could be treated so unfairly," said Clarke with a laugh.

Naomi Frankenburg, national JNF Vice-President from Vancouver, said a visit to Ruth in Yarmouth "gave me the feeling I was around royalty. The Pinks were the 'royal family' of Yarmouth. That means 'perfection', as the Royal Family in England meant during World War II when I grew up there."

She called Ruth a strong community worker, "a strong woman with positive views, a woman of courage, warm, with a sense of humour and a false sense of modesty. She can see what needs to be done - and sees that it gets done. That's a rare quality."

Frankenburg said that Ruth's influence extends far beyond Yarmouth, Halifax and Nova Scotia. "She is known right across Canada. It was very important to me that I come across the country to pay special tribute to Ruth."

When Ruth and Irving thanked their many friends from the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, Ruth said, "being honoured like this is something we thought happened to someone else. We did our so-called deeds for perhaps a selfish reason. There was a challenge to us. We thought we could do the best job, and we did."

Irving said they were "blessed by seeing Israel born and having an opportunity to help it grow, even in a small way."

The Pinks were honoured with the establishment of a special project in their names in the Arava Desert in the Negev, a JNF project to improve and reclaim agricultural lands. This was only fitting as both Pinks have a strong attachment to gardening and the land. ■

NEWS FROM SAINT JOHN

by Janet Holtzman



*Youth Aliyah Campaign Dinner: L-R **Jaqueline Meltzer**; **Ellen Smiley**, National Treasurer of Hadassah-Wizo Canada; **Joanne Morrison**; **Kay Levine**; **Marilyn Kaufman**, General Secretary of Hadassah-Wizo Canada; **Sandra Levine**; **Susan Isaacs Lubin***

The new Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarei Zedek Executive is: Presidents - **Susan Isaacs Lubin**, **Cathy Thompson**; Secretary - **Lori Cohen**; Treasurer - **Sandra Levine**, Corresponding secretary - **Lois Bessoudo**; Membership - **Jaqueline Meltzer**.

The new Hadassah-Wizo Executive is: President - **Sandra Levine**; Vice-President - **Crystal Koven**; Secretary - **Joan Smith**; Treasurer - **Janet Holtzman**; Corresponding secretary - **Lois Bessoudo**; Membership - **Jaqueline Meltzer**

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Mr. & Mrs. I.J. Davis** - 50th; **Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Arditti** - 40th.

New members of the Saint John community! Mazel Tov to: **Andrew & Nicki Hamburg** on the birth of their daughter **Jessica** - and congratulations to grandparents **Norman & Linda Hamburg**; **Sherry & Robbie Sheffman** on the birth of their daughter **Sunny** - and congratulations to grandparents **Marcia & Jerry Koven**; **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Goldsmith** on the birth of a new daughter - and congratulations to grandparents **Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Goldsmith**.

Mazel tov to: **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gaum** on the wedding of their granddaughter **Lesley Gaum**; High School graduates **Daniel Levine**, **Rebecca Wolpin**, **Corey Goodman**; **Mark Bessoudo** son of **Ricardo & Lois Bessoudo**, upon his Bar Mitzvah; **Ruth Wolpin** upon her Bat Mitzvah.

Our sincerest regrets on the passing of the following members of our community and our condolences to their families: **Dorothy Brown**, **Samuel Davis**, **Roy Davis**, **Tessie Calp**, and **Anne Levine**. ■

FREDERICTON NEWS

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary Greetings to: **Frank & Daisy Budovitch**, 54 years; **Harry & Sheila Chippin**, 48 years; **Dr. Joseph & Bertha Landau**, 47 years; **Sid & Rita Tobin**, 44 years; **Dr. Israel & Marlene Unger**, 32 years; **Peter & Sharon Pinsler**, 29 years; **Allen & Rhona Ruben**, 29 years; **Mitchell & Carolyn Budovitch**, 29 years; **Ivan & Lois Levine**, 26 years; **Joe & Cheryl Abrams**, 25 years; **Byron & Shelley Stevens**, 14 years; **Dr. Marissa & Mel Soicher**, 14 years; **Carol & Sammy Airst**, 13 years.

The community was saddened by the demise of **Lucy Chippin** who passed away peacefully at her home after a lengthy illness. She is survived by husband **George**, sons **Larry** and **Robert**, Fredericton, and **Perry**, Halifax, brother **Bob Borchuk**, Toronto, sister **Mia Rubenstein**, Tel Aviv, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law **Betty & Aaron Brody**, Toronto, several nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

The Annual State of Israel Bond Drive for Fredericton was held Tuesday, July 16th. **Arnold Chippin** and **Rabbi David Spiro** co-chaired the event. The bonds that were sold are paying competitive rates of interest, but also offer a small sense of taking part in the booming Israeli economy. Arnold was the guest speaker for the evening. Arnold and his family spent seven weeks in Israel recently. They resided in Netanya. They noticed many changes since their last trip to Israel. Everywhere there were new buildings going up and the roads were much better. There is always construction going on by Canadian standards but this year there was a lot going on even by Israeli standards. The Russian immigrants are quickly being absorbed into Israeli society. Two years ago these immigrants from the former Soviet Union were very noticeable; on this visit, you could still recognize a few but not that many. The vast majority have blended into Israeli society. During their stay they visited **Mackie and Barbara Goldman** in Be'er Sheva, family of **Amelia Goldman**. Also, the Chippins had the opportunity to be in Israel during the election. The only election advertisements on television are political messages shown for one-half hour every evening except Friday evening. Following the sale of Israeli



Fredericton crowd at Jerusalem 3000 Caravan

bonds refreshments were served.

The Jerusalem 3000 Caravan was met by approximately 45 Frederictonians on August 26th at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. The formal presentation by **Shirley Burnstein**, **Yakov Feig** and **Joanna Mirsky** was followed by a sing song and the singing of HaTikvah. The evening ended with coffee and conversation.

A delightful Kiddush was held July 27th following the Shabbat Services, to bid farewell to **Dr. Stephen & Doris Rauch** who are on sabbatical from the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Rauch will be attending Eastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, and Doris will be attending MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A delightful and enjoyable Kiddush and Auf Ruff was held August 31st following Shabbat services, hosted by **Peter & Sharon Pinsler**.

Andrea Brown has returned to Toronto after visiting her parents, **Alfred & Leona Brown**. **David & Gail Chippin** & family have returned to Toronto after visiting parents Harry & Sheila Chippin. **Sybil Berk** has returned to Toronto after visiting her mother, **Eta Berk**. **Jason Budovitch** has returned to Hong Kong after visiting his parents Mitchell & Carolyn Budovitch and his sister **Amy** has returned to Toronto to resume her studies at the University of Toronto. **Brenda Budovitch** has returned to Little Neck, New Jersey, after visiting her aunts and uncles in Fredericton. **Sylvia Chrisman** has returned to Las Vegas after visiting her father **Harry Brown** and mother **Bessie** who is a resident of Pine Grove

Nursing Home. **David Freeman** son of **Stuart & Marcia Freeman** has returned to Toronto after visiting his grandmother, **Lillian Freeman**. **Jocelyn Meddstabt** and daughter **Ellie** and sister **Barrie Horowitz** have returned to Toronto after visiting their parents **Weldon & Joan Levine**. Rabbi **David & Elizabeth Spiro** have returned from Toronto where they visited with their children, **Michael & Betty Spiro** and family. **Eric Budovitch**, son of **Judy & Arnold Budovitch**, has returned to Montreal to resume studies at Concordia University and his brother **Paul** has returned to Toronto to resume studies at Upper Canada College. **Robie Cohen**, son of **Miriam & Warren Cohen**, has returned to Halifax to resume studies at Dalhousie Medical School and his sister **Marcie** has returned to Toronto to be graduate work in psychology at York University. **Joanna Kaufman**, daughter of **Marilyn & Seymour Kaufman**, has returned to Ottawa to resume studies at Carleton University. **Sari Adilman**, daughter of **Dave & Anita Adilman**, graduate of Fredericton High School, has left for Pembroke, Ontario, where she will be attending Algonquin University. **Robert Levine**, son of **Lois & Ivan Levine**, has returned to London, Ontario to resume studies at Western University. **Tara Abrams**, B.Sc. (Pharmacy), daughter of **Cheryl & Joe Abrams**, has returned to Lakeville, Massachusetts where she is employed. Her brother **Mitchell** has returned to resume studies at the University of New Brunswick after attending classes at McGill University during the summer months. **Howard**

CAPE BRETON NOTES

by Sylvia Allen

Mazel Tov to: **Shirley Dubinsky** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson **Evan** in Montreal; **Diane & Harold Schwartz** on the marriage of their daughter **Shoshana** to **Leonard Feiner**.

Anniversaries: **Gail & Martin Chernin**, 10 years; **Helen & Ellie Marshall**, 35 years; **Shirley & Norman Weiner** (formerly of Sydney, now of Haifa), 45 years.

Birthdays: **Avvie Druker**, 65; **Ike David**, 80; **Max Lubetzki**, 80; **Sol Shore**, 90.

Condolences to the families of the late: **Gertrude Bond**, formerly of North Sydney; **Bennie Lipkus**, Glace Bay; **Ruth (Wolfson) Wilansky**, formerly of Newfoundland and Sydney, died in Toronto.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were held at Temple Sons of Israel under the direction of **Morris Bitterman** of Toronto. The diminishing congregation was pleased to have continuity in the form of the choir which has been an integral part of the services since it was formed in the 1940's under the direction of **Rabbi I. Kenner**. As has become the custom in recent years, the choir provided juice, coffee and sweets for the Break Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services.

If anyone has news for "Cape Breton Notes", please contact me, **Sylvia**, at (902) 862-2385.

Shanah Tovah! ■



Ike David celebrating his eightieth birthday with wife Faye and nephew Jonathan Allen, home from Ottawa

FREDERICTON NEWS

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& **Rachel Budovitch** and family returned to Halifax after visiting parents **Frank & Daisy Budovitch**. **Ellen Levine**, daughter of **Sue & Lou Levine** is enrolled in a two year course in Animal Physical Therapy in the USA. She will be doing her internship in Fredericton. Her sister **Bonnie Potash** and daughter have returned to Toronto after a visit with her parents.

Mazel Tov to Peter & Sharon Pinsler upon the marriage of their daughter **Jackie**

Rhea, granddaughter of **Freda Appel & Bernard Pinsler**, to **Eric**, son of **Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Seley**, Florida, which was solemnized by Rabbi David Spiro September 1st at Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. The couple have taken up residence in Washington, DC. Mazel Tov to Amelia Goldman on the marriage of her grandson **Zalman**, son of **Jeffrey & Ruth Goldman**, Toronto, to **Naomi Zeisler**, daughter of **Peter & Esther Zeisler**, Toronto. Mazel Tov to

Jonathan Pinsler, son of Peter & Sharon Pinsler, upon receiving his CFA (Certified Financial Analyst) level #1. Mazel Tov to Sid & Rita Tobin and **Morrie Wolf** upon the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Lana**, son of **Barry & Debbie Tobin**, London, Ontario. Mazel Tov to **Morton Cohen**, son of **Lillian Cohen**, formerly of Fredericton, upon receiving a certificate from the Canadian Red Cross in Toronto for donating 109 pints of blood. L'Shona Tova. ■

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REPORT FROM MONCTON

by Nancy Cohen

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was frantically sewing name tags on 45 pairs of socks as I prepared my three children for camp. Already the kids are back from camp and I'm frantically baking and cooking for the upcoming holidays.

Nine children from the Moncton area attended Camp Kadimah this past summer, and from what I hear, they all had a wonderful time, despite the rainy weather in July. We recently welcomed a new family to Moncton: **Dr. David Cohen, Dr. Carolyn Baer** and their two year old daughter, **Arianne**. David grew up in Moncton, but has lived in Toronto for several years. David's parents, **Nathan and Kay Cohen** are happy to have their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter so close.

In my last report I mentioned another new family who had settled in Moncton and were awaiting the birth of their third child. **Dave, Lori, Maysen, and Elianna Forbes** welcomed a new daughter, **Georgia Ray**, in April. Although she's a very busy Mom, Lori has already found the time to volunteer at the synagogue, and has offered to oversee the shul library. A beautiful memorial plaque commemorating the Jewish men and women of the Maritime

provinces who were in active service during World War II, was recently placed in the lobby of Tiferes Israel Synagogue. This plaque represents many hours of research on the part of **Maurice Jake**, and he is to be commended for his work. We look forward to the official unveiling of this memorial which will take place in the near future. We are pleased to have **Rabbi Kalman Winnick** visiting Moncton for three weeks. Rabbi Winnick, who hails from California, will be conducting High Holy Day services. He also has been giving classes for children and adults.

Much of the news from Moncton falls in the "Simchas and Nachas" category. Mazel tov to the following people:

Marjorie Gann on her Bat Mitzvah. She read the fourth aliyah of the Torah Reading for Shavuot (first day) at the First Narayever Egalitarian Congregation in Toronto. Marjorie lives in Sackville with her husband **Andrew**, and daughters **Eleanore** and **Deborah**, but they spent last year on sabbatical in Toronto; **Rueben Cohen** on the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson **Schuyler Smith** of Halifax; **Mindy Sichel** on her graduation from Concordia University with a degree in Economics; **Elissa Coleman** on

her graduation from the Nova Scotia Teacher's College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Elissa is the first deaf student to complete the two year ECE course in two years. This description of Elissa written by **Rose Ellis** appeared in the Shul bulletin: "Elissa Coleman is an exceptional individual, whose energy, vitality, and determination has enabled her to achieve whatever is within her reach. May her life continue to be a source of inspiration and courage to all..."; **Simcha Attis, Samara Attis, and Aaron Bates** on their graduation from high-school; **Jennifer Savage** on winning the 1996 Bliss Carmen Memorial Prize for Poetry. This prize is given to a student at University of New Brunswick who submits the best group of 6 poems. Jennifer is in her second year at UNB; **Ruby and Joe Rinzler** on the birth of a granddaughter. The proud parents are **Heather and Arie Rinzler-Smitman; Harry and Anne Gorber** on the birth of a grandchild.

On a sadder note, the Moncton Jewish Community lost its oldest member when **Alexandre Sternbach** passed away at the age of 95.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year. ■

REFLECTIONS FROM OXFORD

by Stephanie Kuttner

Stephanie Kuttner, winner of a Rhodes Scholarship in 1995, visited her parents, Loretta & Tom Kuttner of Fredericton recently. Below are some of her reflections on her year at Oxford.

12 September, 1996

Back home in Fredericton, Oxford seems incredibly far away. My first year there was full of challenges and opportunities, new experiences and unchanging traditions. Life in Oxford centres largely on the colleges whose expertise and characters vary as much as those of their members. (Tradition holds that one is not a student or professor of a college, but all are members - junior and senior.) Saint Antony's College - my home in Oxford and one of the newer graduate colleges - makes up for any lack of tradition with the vitality and diversity of its members. By far the most international of the colleges, Saint Antony's is a true meeting place of people and ideas. It is also a place for fun: this year Fredericton was eagerly, if perhaps clumsily, represented on

the Saint Antony's women's rowing team. For me, college life is the most exciting aspect of living overseas.

Lecture series and seminars of the larger university open the doors to the minds of great thinkers. Last year we listened to **Boutros Boutros Gali, Ronald Dworkin, Elie Wiesel, Amartya Sen, Martha Nussbaum** and many others. Exploring one's religious beliefs can be both an academic and spiritual undertaking at Oxford. Helping to run the "Oxford Minyan" has been an opportunity for me to do both. The Minyan is open to interested students of all backgrounds and meets every other Friday for Shabbat dinner, prayers and discussion. Over the past year, the Minyan has been transformed from a conservative

to a reform activity with a healthy feminist orientation. There's never a dull moment with the Minyan! At Passover, we gathered in my kitchen for an international seder composed of family customs from as far away as Australia and Israel. It was a truly unique seder.

Finally, working towards a Master of Philosophy of International Relations is certainly the most important of Oxford endeavours. It is a course of study that is both challenging and rewarding, allowing me to focus on my research on international human rights and refugees. In October, life and studies will start up again in Oxford, where I'll return to complete my M.Phil. From there, life in Canada will seem distant, but always present in my thoughts. ■

PEI JEWISH COMMUNITY REPORT

by Dr. Joe Naylor

Summer on Prince Edward Island is a short, busy time preparing for winter. Fortunately, the past summer has also seen some major Jewish activities for the PEI Community.

A monthly series of Oneg Shabbats continued from the winter. They featured Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by Community pot-luck suppers.

Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein visited our Community on 16 June, 1996. He provided a very stimulating and entertaining evening, with songs, a discussion about Midrash, and a presentation from his magnum opus, *Judaism's Bible*. Rabbi Grafstein has provided a copy of this work in computer format and it is being used by our Adult Study Group. We are very thankful that, on the eve of his departure from our region, Rabbi Grafstein chose to visit our Community. Thanks, too, to the Atlantic Jewish Council for sponsoring his visit. We wish Rabbi Grafstein all the best in his future undertakings.

Mr. Daniel Gal, Consul General of Israel in Montreal, made an official visit to the Province and met with our Community on July 29th. **Dr. Sol & Evelyn Feldstein** were hosts of the meeting.

On August 24th, the Bar Mitzvah of **Daniel Simeone** was celebrated. This only the third time that a Bar/Bat Mitzvah has been celebrated on the Island (see accompanying report).

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the PEI Jewish Community was held on September 1st. A slate of Officers was elected by acclamation: **Sol Feldstein**, President; **Henry Srebrnik**, Vice-President; **Clive Pickles**, Past President; **Winston McGregor**, Treasurer; **Joseph Naylor**, Secretary; **Rosalie Simeone**, Hebrew School. Special thanks to **Jane Naylor** for teaching the Hebrew School over the past year. Rosalie Simeone was nominated as A.J.C. Representative and Henry Srebrnik as Alternative Representative.

A major item of the well-attended meeting was arrangements to have **Rabbi David Ellis** lead services for the High Holydays. The only other time that such services have been held on the Island was over twenty years ago.

The meeting also featured guest speaker **Doron Fleischer** of the United Jewish Appeal, entertainment by the AJC's **Yakov Feig** and his Troubadours, discussion with **Jon Goldberg** who answered Members' questions about the A.J.C., and a pot-luck supper. The event was hosted by **Sherrie & Shawn Davidson**. Sherrie conducts the U.J.A. campaign on the Island.

The Community is looking forward to having Rabbi Ellis conduct High Holyday services. When he had previous opportunities to visit the Island, Rabbi Ellis worked

energetically for our individual and community yiddishkeit. He conducted and taught about services, worked with our Hebrew School and Adult Study Group, taped portions of the Siddur for home study, held sessions in schools and at the University, visited the housebound, and counselled members. We hope that his charming family will have many more visits with our Community.

Mazel Tov to the following:

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs - **Anya Davidson** - Bat Mitzvah in Nashville, Tennessee, May 16, 1996; **Aaron Chase** - Grandson of **Albie Goldman**, March 16, 1996 in Sudbury, Massachusetts; **Daniel Simeone** - Bar Mitzvah August 24, 1996 in Charlottetown.

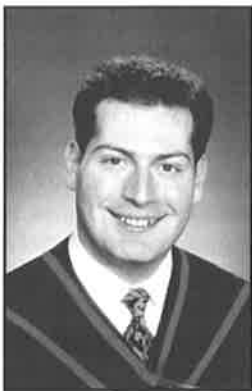
Weddings - Congratulations to **Mel and Bea Davis** on the marriage of their youngest daughter, November, 1995.

Anniversaries - 50 years, Mel and Bea Davis, January, 1996.

Miscellaneous congratulations to: **Tory Thorkelson** on the completion of his Masters Degree in Education; **Susanne Manovill** on the birth of her first grandchild!; **Julie Sauve** for her new position as dance teacher at New Hampton School, Massachusetts; **Jenna Germaine** - on being awarded the A.S.E.F. student exchange scholarship to study in France.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu to all our friends throughout the region. ■

SHERMANS PROUD



Jonathan Sherman

Steve & Helen Sherman, formerly of Sydney, can certainly be proud of their children.

Their son, **Jonathan**, recently graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto with a Bachelor of Laws degree as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from York University. He is currently articling with a Toronto firm of barristers and management consultants.

Their daughter, **Denise**, recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Doctor of Medicine Degree. She is currently a resident doctor at Dalhousie University specializing in the field of Otolaryngology (ear, nose & throat).

We wish them both congratulations and good luck in their chosen careers. ■



Denise Sherman

Relay helps put cancer care campaign over the top

by David Stoneridge

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It took two months, a thousand phone calls and \$10,000. But **Harry Levine** did it again.

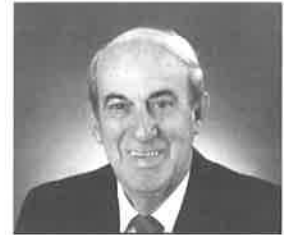
The retired entrepreneur collected the most money for the Labatt Lite 24-Hour Relay. Ever since the relay began in Fredericton eight years ago, Mr. Levine has either garnered the top prize for the most generous pledge or come close. And what's his secret?

"Work, work, work," he says in an interview at Exhibition Park as work crews cleaned up after the charitable relay. "I made over 1,000 telephone calls. That's the only way," says Mr. Levine, who five years ago retired from the department store business. In all, his enthusiastic efforts to collect money for the relay netted \$10,626 - that's up from more than \$8,000 the year before. The relay itself set its own high marks this

year, raising considerably more than the \$380,000 goal.

"Some people said it could not be done," Labatt official **Patty Martin** told the 2,000 runners and volunteers assembled at the track for the closing ceremonies. "This is the event that takes us over the \$500,000 mark." The \$501,699 raised for the Region 3 Cancer Care Campaign pushed the two-year fund-raiser for cancer treatment, equipment and research over the top. The goal for the cancer campaign is \$1.85-million. With the relay proceeds, the campaign reached more than \$1.9-million.

Mr. Levine takes part in the relay every year for the fun of it - and because he dedicates a lot of his efforts to charity, wanting to give something back to his city. But he suggested the run is getting more and more a chore, not that he is complaining. And



Harry Levine

he's still going - and very grateful he can still make it twice around the 2.4 kilometre track for the relay. It used to be three times. The crowd clapped out a rhythmic beat in salute to Mr. Levine as he took to the stage to acknowledge the award. Some came up to him after the ceremony to shake his hand.

One was **Health Minister Russel King**, still dressed in a tee-shirt and shorts after taking part in the relay.

"Harry, just excellent. Just excellent. Way to go!" Dr. King said with a grin. ■

BAR MITZVAH - PEI STYLE

by Dr. Joe Naylor

August 24th, 1996, was a very special day on Prince Edward Island: a Bar Mitzvah was celebrated. This is a common enough occurrence in other communities, but on Prince Edward Island it was the first Bar Mitzvah celebration in over 20 years and only the third Bar/Bat Mitzvah known to have been celebrated here. Moreover, although the other two services were conducted by learned Shlichei Tzibbur (rare enough on Prince Edward Island), this was the first one led by a Rabbi - **Rabbi David Ellis**, then Rabbi of Congregation Tiferes Israel, Moncton. And furthermore, the Bar Mitzvah - **Daniel**, son of **Rosalie & Don Simeone** - was the first to have both his birth and his celebration on the Island.

It was not only its historical significance that made the event so remarkable. It would have been outstanding wherever it was held. Especially unique was the involvement of the Bar Mitzvah himself. Daniel Simeone had had training, extending back to his early childhood, mainly from his mother, who had often taken her turn as teacher in the small weekly Hebrew School of the PEI Jewish Community. And he had

obtained further yiddishkeit by attendance in Camp Kadimah, a valuable regional summer camp. Further instruction had also been provided recently by Rabbi Ellis who occasionally visited the Island.

But it was Daniel who made the Bar Mitzvah service his own. He immersed himself in his parasha, truly studying his text, and reading major commentators such as Rashi and Hirsch. And when it came to the services, Daniel went beyond the traditional Bar Mitzvah elements - chanting the Haftorah, thanking parents, etc. Indeed, he took on the role of Rabbi - to Rabbi Ellis's evident gratification - offering explanations of the text and raising questions and issues he had formulated himself from the parasha. He involved other worshippers, stimulating lively - one might even say, intense - discussion.

I, myself, will be thinking about the issues he raised for some time. Would the Israelites have succeeded in their mission to the other nations but for Amalek? Was the punishment of the Amalekites primitive or ideally just? What would things have been like without Amalek? What *will* they

be like? (And also the nagging questions: How can we get all our children so involved? And how can we get them to *stay* involved?)

The Bar Mitzvah brought family members from across Canada - including Daniel's Bubbie and Zaydie, **Celia & Norman Margolis** of Vancouver. And just as significantly, it brought members of the PEI Jewish Community together for a traditional service. The Community is very small - about thirty participating families, augmented by a half-dozen supportive summer residents - and the broad spectrum of contentious Jewish positions are reflected in it. There is therefore no synagogue, but we do look to one another to get and to give support. The Community is thus organized and active socially. A recreation room in a Bed and Breakfast owned by a member doubles as a Community Centre. With the addition of a large tent, it was the site for the Bar Mitzvah celebration.

Following the success of this event, the PEI Community made arrangements for Rabbi Ellis to conduct High Holyday services - again, the first in over twenty years. But that's another story. ■

HALIFAX SIMCHAS & NACHAS

Congratulations to:

Zachary Abrahams, son of **Dr. Ron & Joanne Abrahams** on his Bar Mitzvah;

Gregory Bloom, son of **Barbara Bloom**, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Israel;

Andrew Gergely, son of **Marilyn & Peter Gergely** on his Bar Mitzvah celebration;

Sarah Morrison, daughter of **Mitchell Morrison** on her Bat Mitzvah;

Noah Pink, son of **Ronald & Joan Pink** on his Bar Mitzvah;

Schuyler Smith, son of **Natalie Cohen & Michael Smith** on his Bar Mitzvah celebration;

Kayla Wexler, daughter of **Marty & Cheryl Wexler** on her Bat Mitzvah celebration;

Leah Zilbert, daughter of **Dr. Arthur & Kathy Zilbert** on her Bat Mitzvah celebration;

Nathan Zilbert, son of **Dr. Arthur & Kathy Zilbert** on his Bar Mitzvah celebration;

Millie & Harvey Meretsky on the graduations of their children **Jonathan** and **Tami** in Boston this spring;

Dr. George & Sandy Kovacs on the birth of their son, **Ben**;

Bernie & Sheri Myers on the birth of their daughter, **Bronia Arlene**;

Welcome back to:

Sari Schwartz, daughter of **Rona & Murray Schwartz**, from a year in Paris;

Mira Chatt, **Debra Jacobson**, **Simon McKnight**, **Rebecca Pink**, **Josh Raskin**, **Shaun Sadofsky**, **Adam Wanderer**, and **Erika Yazer** from Kadimah Israel '96.

Good luck to Dr. Heather Zitner and her daughter **Elaine** who have left for an extended stay in Israel. ■

REPORT FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

by **Claire Frankel-Salama**

Warm wishes from Newfoundland and Labrador for the New Year, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*.

First of all, let's talk about the 'new'. We are pleased to welcome out new teacher from Israel, **Keren Fainearu**. This year she will have a *new* class of four-year-olds, in addition to the four other levels of children's classes, adult education and community outreach.

On *Yom Kippur* we remember, in particular, those who passed away during the year. This past spring a former member of this congregation, **Dr. Lisa Gilad**, was tragically killed in Ottawa, leaving to mourn her 11 year old daughter, **Jessica**, and her husband, **Dr. Robert Payne**. They have since moved back to St. John's.

Sukkot, of course, makes us think about the fruits of the harvest. As this summer was particularly warm, the blueberries are sweet and plentiful. We are also expecting a good crop of partridge berries (similar to cranberries, but used for jam and wine), as well as 'bakeapples' (no, not 'baked apples', but a type of marsh berry used for preserves and liquor).

Because *Yom Kippur* falls on a Monday, the *Sukkah* will have to be built and decorated during the week. Unfortunately Newfoundland's climate tends to take the blessing "*Mashiv ha-ruach u-morid ha-geshem*" (send the winds and make the rain fall) to the extreme. Who knows where the *Sukkah* will turn up if one of these tropical hurricanes takes a turn to the north-east?

I think they're up to Hurricanes Gittel and Haim by now.

Finally we celebrate *Simchat Torah*. In October we will rejoice when the Torah is read by our two newest B'nai Mitzvah, **Polina** and **Rufina Litvak**. They have both been studying very hard (at least twice a week since their arrival in Canada from Estonia three years ago), and we are looking forward to this simcha.

In conclusion, we have a lot to be thankful for. So the economy isn't exactly booming and it's increasingly hard to find fresh cod for the gefilte fish à la St. John's... We still have a vibrant community that constantly overachieves, and thank God our rocks are yielding more than water. ■

A LETTER TO NEWFOUNDLAND

By **Lee Lamdan**

Dear Newfoundland...

Rosh Hashanah is here again, and so many things have happened this past year.

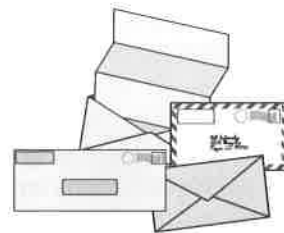
While celebrating this year with my family in Israel, I am sure that flashbacks from last year's Rosh Hashanah will come back to me, and with them, a handful of memories from all throughout the past year. I wanted to take this opportunity and say again what a wonderful year my Newfoundland experience turned out to be.... not because of the TROPICAL WARM WEATHER on the island...

Not because of the BIG, WELL WARMED (purple !!!) SYNAGOGUE, either... but because of the loving and caring people from The Hebrew Congregation Of Newfoundland and because of the great students (kids, teens and adults) that I had the privilege to teach.

I miss you all very much, and hope to see you again soon... this year...in Jerusalem !

Thank you all for making this a wonderful year for me.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova.



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VETERANS HOLD BREAKFAST

by Joel Jacobson

Sam Pasternack is on a mission.

The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada wants to recruit younger members to each and every post across the country. "Unless we develop a core, we'll be a footnote in history. The Jewish people are people of long memory. We consider that we all stood at Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments and we were all in the trenches during the war. That's why it's vitally important the associates carry on."

Pasternack spoke to about 50 veterans and associates at a Halifax breakfast recently, reminding younger audience members that "veterans have seen the terror of hatred unbridled. We all have to carry that memory and message forth. Attrition is taking its natural toll and that's why we need younger blood. Then future members will be able to say they spoke to people who were there."

Pasternack, a retired Toronto retailer born of immigrant parents, enlisted in the

Canadian forces in 1941 at age 17. After training, he served in Northwest Air Command. "I enlisted because I was aware of what was happening and it was our chance to get in our innings," he said.

He is proud he was one of 16,000 enlisted Jews in World War II, 10 per cent of the Canadian Jewish population and higher per capita than the national Canadian average. "In speeches (he makes 20-25 a year), I try to impress that Canadian Jews, contrary to public thought, did participate in World War II. We certainly have our deaths and casualty lists."

As national commander, Pasternack coordinates the eight posts and 1,500 veterans across Canada in projects that, he said, "are as important to Jewish communities at large as they are to the veterans. We look out for the welfare of the veterans but also fight bigotry, racism and help root out war criminals. Anything that affects people of every faith is our concern."

Long-time Atlantic Canada Post com-

mander **Gar Meltzer** of Saint John, NB said it is difficult to get veterans out for ceremonial functions. "They want to forget. That's our biggest battle, not to keep the memory alive so people in the future will never forget our contribution. We have 25 associate members in our region now and I'm proud of that."

Pasternack has been national commander for four years, after serving 12 years as Toronto Post commander. "Only a meshugeneh would do it," he laughed.

But he has received the commemorative medal for the 125th anniversary of confederation (1992) and was named an honorary deputy chief of police in the city of Toronto in 1994. "That was a great thrill. I was never prouder than when the Toronto chief, **Bill MacCormack**, mentioned the Jewish War Veterans of Canada in front of a crowd of 25,000 at Skydome and they all applauded." ■

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