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It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings of the season to the readers of Shalom.

As we begin a new year, we should pause to reflect on Canada's bounty, which is both a legacy and a trust. This is a time for celebration, when we honour the traditions with which each of us has enriched this great country we call home. Surrounded by loved ones and confident that a bright future awaits us, Canadians cannot help but rejoice.

My family and I would like to offer you our very best wishes for a happy holiday. May the blessings of the season continue to touch your lives as we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of the new year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Victor Goldberg

As a lifelong resident of Atlantic Canada, I am both trepidatious and excited to assume the presidency of the Atlantic Jewish Council. The trepidation stems from the fact that I have large shoes to fill. As was evident by the attendance and tributes at our very successful bi-annual convention, **Larry Freeman** has succeeded in raising the profile of the AJC to its present level - that of a well-run, multi-faceted, quasi-federation significantly connected to national organizations such as the Canadian Jewish Congress, United Jewish Appeal and Canada-Israel Committee, but at the same time administering more than 120 programs in the last twelve months at the regional level. My excitement is generated from the knowledge that there is an excellent staff in place led by the Executive Director, **Jon Goldberg** and an Executive comprised of seasoned veterans and fresh volunteers eager to participate in communal affairs.

In the last number of years we have concentrated on programming for youth. With the excellent stewardship of the Camp Kadimah Committee, high per capita participation in Israel experience programs such as March of the Living and Kadimah-Israel and varied programs throughout the region spearheaded by our youth programmer, **Yakov Feig**, the AJC has reached out to more of our students and youth than ever before.

While we will redouble these efforts, our demographics evidence that our seniors will require an ever-increasing commitment of human and financial resources. I will therefore make a priority in my term to carefully examine our seniors' needs throughout the region with a view to providing programming and amenities. With the addition of the multi-talented **Shirley Burnstein** to our staff, we have already undertaken initial efforts. However, more is needed.

Two major initiatives are planned. Firstly, after initial discussions with Northwood, the largest seniors complex in Atlantic Canada, we are in the process of forming a committee to determine what facilities can be put in place to meet the needs of our aging population. Northwood is a non-profit agency and considers the Jewish community one of its constituent bodies. In the next number of months, I am hopeful that we will be able to identify specific needs and tangible solutions.

The physical needs of our seniors, whether in Halifax or in other communities in Atlantic Canada, are obviously vital. However, our second initiative is equally important in that the spiritual requirements of many of our people are lacking. Communities such as Sydney, Glace Bay and Saint John are unable to maintain a Rabbi except for High Holidays. While the AJC's mandate is not

to compete with synagogues, we do consider it important that the pastoral needs of Jews in Atlantic Canada are met and, in this regard, we intend to investigate the possibility of coordinating chaplaincy services to those communities in need. Initial discussions have taken place but more concrete proposals should be forthcoming in the early part of 1997.

It is important that the AJC be an inclusive organization as we represent all of you, both regionally and nationally. Each region, with the exception of Halifax, elects an officer to sit on the Executive, and your regional representatives and other executive members work diligently throughout the year with staff to accomplish our mandate, which is to serve the Jews of Atlantic Canada. It is my hope during my term to travel throughout Atlantic Canada and I plan to hold at least one Executive Meeting each year outside of Halifax, no doubt in conjunction with some programming initiative.

I look forward to seeing you or hearing from you during the next two years, and thank you for choosing me as your President.



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Jon M. Goldberg

Israel - the Peace Process - It affects us all

As Executive Director of the AJC these past four years I have tried to carry out our policy of supporting the State of Israel. The AJC has no politics - we are neither left nor right but we are pro-Israel. From **Shamir** to **Rabin** to **Peres** to **Netanyahu** we have dealt with the situations, crises, tragedies and triumphs in a manner befitting our role as representative of the Atlantic Jewish Community.

In a number of instances members of the community have criticized the AJC for being proactive or not being vociferous enough on the issues of the day. This is their right, and I always answer that any individual can and should feel free to write a letter to the Editor or to the CJC or to the Israel Embassy.

I haven't taken a poll of our leadership. I'm sure some were



very upset by the results of last fall's election in Israel. Others were quite satisfied. That's not important from the standpoint of the AJC as an organization. I believe that most if not all of Atlantic Jewry wants to see Israel at peace with its neighbours. No more war, no more terrorism, and no more deaths. The argument arises as to how to reach the state of peace that most Jews want for Eretz.

Early in November of 1996 I had the opportunity of attending the annual General Assembly of Jewish Federations held in Seattle. There were many different Jewish organizations represented who were politically affiliated with the left or right in Israel. Leaflets and papers were constantly being handed out, and on the day that Netanyahu was to appear there was a demonstration in downtown Seattle by pro-Palestinians. The Palestinians were peace-

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YAKOV'S CORNER

By Yakov Feig

I can't believe that it is *Shalom* time again! I guess that there is truth to the saying that "Time flies when you are having fun". The last three months have definitely been action filled, as well as fun.

On the youth and teen level, events began with Rosh Hashanah Apple (and pear) Picking in the Annapolis Valley on September 8th. Thirty-one kids attended from metro Halifax and the Valley. Thanks to madrichim **Jonathan Freeman**, **Nikki Gryfe**, **Debra Jacobson** and **Rebecca Pink**.

Next, a March of the Living Breakfast was held on September 22nd at the Beth Israel. Over 45 people came to hear about the experiences of last year's MOL participants and see a video made by the teens themselves. This event was organized by **Jon Goldberg**, but could not have succeeded without the help of the MOL participants themselves.

On the evening of September 30th I had the opportunity to meet some of our youth and teens in Cape Breton, see a movie, and discuss programming. This was part of my trip to Cape Breton from September 27th to October 1st. I also had the pleasure of meeting with the communities of Glace Bay and Sydney and assisted in their synagogues. It is always a pleasure to visit Cape Breton and I look forward to returning during Passover or Shavuot. Many thanks once again to **Ellie Marsall** of Glace Bay and **Max Lubetzki** of Sydney for making arrangements for me. Kudos as well to **Louis Allen** of New Waterford for being a very gracious host.

On October 13th, over 35 metro youth and teens met at the Beth Israel and marched to the Shaar Shalom to show solidarity with Israel in the 1996 "March to Jerusalem". All participants received T-Shirts and refreshments prepared by **Marianne Ferguson**, **Lea McKnight**, **Marty Merovitch**, **Rita Pink** and **Myrna Yazer**. Many received door prizes generously donated by **Howard Budovitch** of Boomerangs. Thanks to **Jonathan Freeman**, **Debra Freeman**, **Debra Jacobson**, and **Adam Wanderer** for helping with registration and for being marshalls. Thanks as well to **Jon Goldberg** for helping lead the March and his role in preparations. Over \$800 was raised



Having fun at Boomerangs, L-R, Daniel Pink, Renee Zatzman, Brendan Rosen, Shira Tsinman and Eric Abrahams.

for UJA!! Congratulation to **Eric Goldberg** for being the top fund raiser with a total of \$160, and **Joshua Spatz** for raising \$120.

On October 20th, 35 teenagers gathered at Captain's Cue in Halifax to play pool, make their own submarine sandwiches and elect an executive for the Atlantic Jewish Teen Leadership Council. After a hot contest, the first AJTLC executive was chosen: President **Jonathan Freeman**; Vice Presidents **Lauren Abrahams**, **Debra Jacobson**; Communications Chair **Debra Freeman**; High School Reps **Laura Gergely**, **Shaun Sadofsky**; Junior High Rep **Adam Conter**. Congratulations to all! We have already seen the fruits of their labours and I look forward to a great second term.

On October 20th, 25 kids in grades 3-6 met at Fairview Mini Golf followed by a barbecue at the Beth Israel. Thanks to **Suzanne Baggaley**, **Steve Waldman**, and **Steve Zatzman** for helping with transportation and **Boris Tsinman** and others for helping with the food.

On October 27th, a Murder Mystery was planned for grades 6-12 in Moncton. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to poor attendance. We are, however, looking forward to returning to Moncton in February for "Moncton Mania II", the regional convention for grades 6-10 from across Atlantic Canada, with students in Grades 11-12 as Chaperones.

Many of our youth and teens were spotted at our annual Dignity Day at the Cenotaph in Halifax on November 7th. Thanks for coming out.

On November 17th at the Beth Israel, 16 grades 3-6 came for a Young Judea program on Israel held by the teens. Thanks to **Jonathan Freeman** and **Anna Kassner** for their leadership.

On Saturday November 23rd, we had our annual Chanukah Casino Night at the Shaar Shalom in Halifax. This event attracted over 45 teenagers, who played Casino games, ate Latkes, and won many door prizes donated by local merchants. A great time was had by all, so everyone was a winner. Thanks to **Roselyn Allen**, **Mike Berenshtyn**, **Ian Epstein**, **Anne Israeli**, **Debra Jacobson**, **Lea McKnight**, **Simon McKnight**, **David Price**, **Charles Rak**, and **Jane Shkolnik** for their efforts. I know the teens can't wait until we do it all again next year!!



"Do you feel lucky? Spin the Wheel!" Chanukah Casino Night, L-R, Jasmine Oore and Ava Tsinman.



Chanukah Casino Night, L-R, Lisa Goldberg, Matthew McKnight, Anna Kassner, Jonathan Freeman, Shawn Sadofsky and Debra Jacobson.

On Sunday November 24th, 30 youth in Grades 3-6 met at Boomerangs in Dartmouth for Laser Tag, Slot Car Racing, games and refreshments. This is always a popular event!!

I should thank everyone who participated in "Our Heritage Through Jewish Music", the entertainment program at the AJC's Bi-Annual Convention Gala. Thanks to **Sharon Mirsky** and **Adam Newman** for babysitting at the convention.

On December 13th-15th, I spent the weekend on Prince Edward Island, doing an Oneg Shabbat and program with the community at Dunstaffenage Bed & Breakfast on Friday night and a Murder Mystery Night with 7 teens on Saturday night. Once again it was great to see everybody and I must thank **Rosalie, Don, Daniel** and **Menara Simeone** for being gracious and fun hosts.

On December 11th, we had Latke Making for Grades 10-12 at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax. Todah Rabah to **Myrna Yazer** for helping us out.

Also in December, we had a Movie Night for Grades 7-9 at the Park Lane Cinemas in Halifax followed by refreshments at the AJC that attracted 14 teens. Thanks to chaperone **Kim Grove**.

On December 22nd we had a program on Jewish Culture and Identity for grades 3-6 at the Shaar Shalom. This program was great and I look forward to doing more both in Halifax and throughout the region. Thanks to Roselyn Allen for helping early on a Sunday morning.

Overall, I have been very happy with turnouts and enthusiasm by our youth and teens this past term, and I look forward to even more fun next semester.

Though the executive of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation will be including a report on the first term's activities in this issue of *Shalom*. I should say I am impressed with the efforts of both the executive and regional executive in servicing our campuses throughout Atlantic Canada. Thanks to **Ian Epstein, Erin Sperling, Viva Press, Dana Newman, Shayna Allen, Jasmine Oore, Steve Waldman, Perry Chippin, Karen Fainaru, Brett Hirsch, Nicole Druckman, Mitch Abrams, and Matt Hahn** for all their efforts.

The Association of Young Jewish Adults of Atlantic Canada (AYJAAC) has started programming for adults ages 23-39. Our first event, a Wine and Cheese, took place on November 3rd at the home of **Loraine Tobia** in Halifax and attracted 23 people. It was followed by a " 'Twas a Few Nights Before Chanukah Vegetarian Pot-

luck Dinner" on December 3rd with 17 people. We are looking forward to many more successful events. A lot of the initial success must be attributed to the work of **Loraine Tobia** and our committee consisting of **Roselyn Allen, Perry Chippin, David Price, Seymour Prince, Charles Rak, Denise Sherman,** and **Steve Waldman**. Anyone wishing to be added to our AYJAAC mailing list should call the office.

Looking forward to a great 1997!

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL YOUTH/TEENS/STUDENTS UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday January 26th, Halifax

Students and seniors are invited to come and see *Evita* at the Bedford Theatre at 2:00 p.m. followed by a picnic at the Shaar

Shalom Synagogue. Cost: \$10

February 6th - 9th, Crabbe Mountain Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students' Federation - Ski Trip

All university-aged students and young adults are invited for a week-end of skiing, great food, Israel options and more. Cost \$99 for students, \$109 after January 23rd. Non-students \$119, \$129 after January 23rd. Price includes transportation from Halifax, food, triple accommodations, and skiing.

February 14th - 16th, Moncton Moncton/Mania II, Camp Kadimah Rally

All grades 6 - 12 are invited to Moncton for a fun weekend with teens from across Atlantic Canada. Includes special theme programs, meeting your old camp friends, great food, a trip to Crystal Palace and much more. Cost: \$60 for Haligonians, Prince Edward Islanders, Frederictonians, and Saint Johners, \$40 for Monctonians, and \$60 plus subsidized transportation for Cape Bretoners and Newfoundlanders.

February 23rd, Halifax Lasertag & Slot Car Racing

All grades 3 - 6 are invited to Boomerangs in Dartmouth for an afternoon of laser tag and slot car racing. Cost: \$5

March 2nd, Halifax Tobogganing, Gorsebrook Hill

All grades 7 - 9 are invited for an afternoon of tobogganing at Gorsebrook Hill followed by hot chocolate and a small program at the Beth Israel Synagogue.

March 7 - 9th (tentative date), St. John's

The St. John's Jewish community is invited for a fun-filled week-end featuring a program for university students on March 7th, a program for the entire Jewish community on March 8th, and for youth and teens on March 9th. More details to follow in the near future.

March 15th, Halifax (tentative) Purim Casino Night

The entire Jewish community is invited down for a chance to play casino games, win fabulous prizes donated by local merchants, and have fun in an "old fashioned" casino atmosphere. Cost: \$10. More details to follow.

March 17 - 20th, Various campuses

All university students will be invited to an "Israel program booth/Purim booth" featuring Michael Litvack from Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, and Purim treats. More details to follow.

March 23rd, various communities Purim

Many events are being planned. More details to follow in the near future.

Remembrance Day service for school kids held at Temple Sons of Israel

By Sylvia Allen

Editor's note: The following is a speech Sylvia Allen gave to Colby-Saint Joseph School for Remembrance Day.

When I first spoke to Mr. Gabriel on the phone about holding this service at the synagogue, one of the first things we discussed was the subject of head covering. I explained to him that in the Synagogue, it is customary for men and boys to wear some type of hat or cap as a sign of respect, just the opposite to what is done in most places. And so each boy was handed a Kipah, and told you are showing your respect by wearing it in this house of worship. And this is as it should be - when we are guests in someone's house, or church, or even country, we try our very best to do as they do, as long as it doesn't interfere with our own beliefs.

After we discussed the question of baseball caps versus kipahs, Mr. Gabriel said that someone from our congregation who had been in a war should be the guest speaker. Well, I taught elementary school music for over thirty years, so I figured I should qualify. But of course, I'm joking. I loved teaching. But I did want to talk to the class about Remembrance Day, and what it means to me.

You know, when I was your age, it wasn't even called Remembrance Day - it was called Armistice Day because the armistice was the signing of the end of World War I on November 11th, 1918. But then in 1939, we had another World War and I was born just after that war began. You know, in all the years I taught, I would never tell my students how old I was, but if your Math is good, you can figure it out.

Being a child during war time was a lot different from being a

child in the nineties. Besides all the obvious things like - no TV - no microwave ovens - no computers - all that technological stuff - there were some things that today's Canadian children have never experienced.

Almost every child had many relatives who were in the war - fathers, brothers, uncles, sometimes sisters and aunts. But my father wasn't in the war. Oh, he tried to join, but the government told him that his job at home was more important. You see, he was what is called a ship chandler; he had a store that sold everything a ship needed, from the food for the crew, to the rags that were used to keep the engines clean, to the nails and screws used to keep everything together. And during the Second World War, that was very, very important, because Sydney Harbour was a special place. It was here that many of the ships that were taking food and other necessities to Europe gathered before heading out across the Atlantic. They would come to Sydney, and wait until there was a big group of them - then the Navy ships would go with them for protection. This was called a convoy.

So my father didn't go away to war; he and my mother ran the store which was also a neighborhood grocery store. It was a lot different than the big supermarkets that most people shop at nowadays. For instance, if you wanted sugar, it was scooped out of a 100 pound bag, put in a brown paper bag, and weighed. But the biggest difference was ration coupons. Have you ever heard of them? Do you know what rationing is? Well, during the war, every person

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HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY LOUIS

Congregation Sons of Israel celebrates the 95th birthday of Louis Green

By Ellie Marshall

Louis Green: Who is he? How do you describe him? What did he do? What is he noted for? Are these loaded questions? Not so, not really!

It is indeed my pleasure and an honour to talk about this man.

What did he do? He achieved success!

Who is he? He is a gentleman full of wisdom, charitable, a good friend, but most of all, approachable to everyone whether for advice, for encouragement, interpretation of law.

On most any topic, business or investment, he makes it a point to see the grand rule of things, avoids the bad side of people. The standard of conduct he sets is a model to everyone!

Not a leader per se, not a "public-speaker" type, he prefers to

stay in the background, but this position he has taken is not because of lack of ability, but by choice.

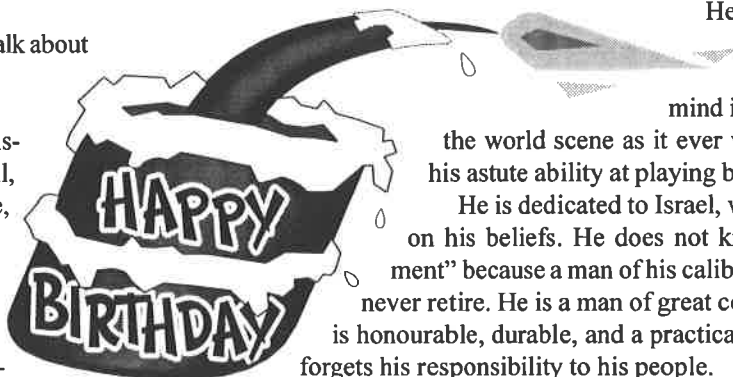
He personifies the best in the sense of his community. His

mind is as active and alert on

the world scene as it ever was, also indicated by his astute ability at playing bridge.

He is dedicated to Israel, with his efforts centred on his beliefs. He does not know the word "retirement" because a man of his calibre and fortitude should never retire. He is a man of great courage and dignity. He is honourable, durable, and a practical person, and he never forgets his responsibility to his people.

Meanwhile Louis: Be in good physical health, in good mental health. Stay the same, don't change. With your attitude and outlook, you can go on forever!



A Bittersweet Commemoration

David Silverberg's show at the Jewish Historical Museum honours the museum's 10th anniversary

By Sue McCluskey

Reprinted from the Saint John Times-Globe, July 9, 1996

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum.

With this anniversary in mind, the museum [held] a show of the engravings by Acadia University's artist-in-residence, **David Silverberg**. Entitled *Khoved* (the Hebrew word for "honour"), the show spans 30 years of Silverberg's work, honouring the anniversary of the museum with a selection of works which all focus on a Jewish theme. The show is comprised of 28 small engravings, most of which can be divided into four major series.

The first series contains works which represent Jewish religious articles, presented in a way that is both informative, as in a catalogue, and pleasing, in their exoticism. Each object hails from a different country, enjoyed by Silverberg in his many travels. *Kaddish Cup* is an engraving of a Kaddish cup from Germany, an ornate cup, meant to hold a candle, which is used on the anniversary of a person's death. *Yad* is an engraving of the pointer used in reading the Torah; in this case, the *Yad* represented features the images of animals and figures. *Dreidel* is an engraving of the traditional Hannukah toy, placed beside the gold coins given to chil-

dren at Hannukah.

In these and the other religious article engravings, the background of each work is filled in with birds and vines. While these backgrounds serve to tie the images together visually, they also serve to tie the images together symbolically. According to Silverberg, the birds in the backgrounds represent the idea of the "wandering Jew," mobile and free yet without a home. The vines represent the growth and rebirth of energy that is contained within that tradition.

The second series is a collection of human figures, which are drawn from old photographs of Polish Jewry. Of these, *The Water Carrier* is a perfect example of Silverberg's narrative skill. This engraving depicts a stooped old man, wearing a yoke, carrying two buckets of water. He is walking among shabby brown buildings, while in the background stands a magnificent red synagogue under a fiery orange sky. The commentary appears to be on the poverty that exists alongside such splendour, while the strong colours of the background also suggest fire, and, with our knowledge of Polish Jewish history, impending trouble.

In 1970, Silverberg visited 11 countries, researching centuries-old Hebrew manu-

scripts. He found that there is no history of representation of Biblical figures within the Jewish tradition, because such representation was not permitted. Imaginary figures, however, were permitted in the Commentaries on the Old Testament, and it is these which appear in the third series in this show. In *Parashat Shekalim* (the weighing of the shekels) and *Mahzor* (a Commentary), the figures of griffins and lions serve to illuminate these engravings of Hebrew manuscripts.

The most powerful series of engravings in the show is the fourth series, which consists of seven portraits of women from the Old Testament. Each woman is accompanied by plants, spices, and butterflies. *Hannah* is portrayed with caraway plants, caraway being used to flavour Sabbath bread. *Esther*, who might be considered the happiest of these women, is depicted with her eyes closed. Each of these women is represented with a black halo. Where white halos are traditionally used in Renaissance art to suggest divinity and peace, Silverberg here has used the opposite to suggest the sadness and mourning that permeates Jewish history. This subtle detail effectively unites the visual and symbolic themes of the series.

In *Khoved*, Silverberg shows us a collection of work which contains great loneliness and sadness, the sadness of a people without a home. Paradoxically, he also gives us a loving interpretation of an enviably rich and exotic tradition. Out of this contradiction comes a show that is emotionally moving without being sentimental. *Khoved* is a bittersweet commemoration of 10 years of Jewish heritage preservation in Saint John.



David Silverberg (left) discusses his work.

By Nancy Cohen

Several community events have kept us busy over the last few months. In October **Judith and Sheldon Godfrey** gave a lively presentation on some of the information in their new book *Search Out The Land: the Jews and the growth of equality in British Colonial America*. All those who attended learned about some of the little known, but fascinating contributions that Jewish settlers made in pre-Confederation Canada.

On November 10, a special Remembrance Day service was held at the Jewish cemetery. This service was organized by **Maurice Jake**, and was the first to take place at the new Field of Honor, which was also made possible by Mr. Jake's hard work. The service included a Colour Party March Past, Roll call of KIAs, and laying of Star of David wreaths to honour the dead. Speeches were made by **Rabbi David Ellis** and **Brigadier General Owen Lockyer**. Several representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion attended to honour their Jewish comrades.

Fifteen members of the Legion representing various committees attended a deli lunch at Tiferes Israel Synagogue which was hosted by Mr. Jake. While in the synagogue veterans had the chance to view the memorial plaque that has been installed in the lobby. This handsome plaque holds the names of 324 Jewish Maritimers who volunteered for service during the war. We are proud to have it in our synagogue, and are indeed grateful to Maurice Jake for the hard work he undertook to produce this tribute. His efforts were recognized by the media with articles and pictures in *The Telegraph Journal* [see reprinted article in this edition of *Shalom*] and the *Times-Transcript* as well as interviews on CBC Radio and MITV.

Sadly, we were reminded this fall that racism is still a problem in Moncton. One racist incident caused a man's death, and a few days later the "house of hate" occupied by a group of skinheads was uncovered. These disturbing events led City Council to set up the Community Action Forum on Public Safety which will look at ways to combat racism, and protect the city's minorities. **David Attis**

was appointed to represent the Jewish community on this forum.

Some schools in Moncton have also taken steps to promote tolerance among their

"...racism is still a problem in Moncton. ...the "house of hate" occupied by a group of skinheads was uncovered."

students. With the help of the local RCMP detachment, Riverview High School has set up S.T.A.R. - Students Together Against Racism, and other schools are following suit. Moncton High School recently held a concert in support of tolerance, and Lewisville Middle School held a very successful parade against racism which was well supported by the community.

and told the Jewish community that despite the headlines we have been seeing, Moncton is not in a crisis situation, and hate groups are not a major influence in society. He praised the Moncton Police Force for sending a clear message to hate groups that "you are not welcome here."

Chanukah was celebrated at Tiferes Israel Synagogue with a dinner prepared by members of the Sisterhood. Entertainment was provided by the children. The preschool children, led by **Evie Carnat**, sang several songs. The older children presented a play based on the story *Malke's Secret Recipe* by **David Adler**. This humorous story is in the tradition of tales about the fools of Chelm. Those who participated in the play were **Aviva Attis, Aaron Cohen, Aviva Cohen, Ashley Coppel, Leah Ellis, Tamar Ellis, Maysen Forbes, Deborah Gann, Eleanore Gann and Hyde Jochelman**. It was directed by **Nancy Cohen, Lori Forbes and Marjorie Gann**.

Tiferes Israel Preschool also held its annual Chanukah concert in December. The 3-5 year olds who participated presented Chanukah songs and poems, and were as adorable as ever.

Two girls from the Jewish community danced in DancEast's fourth annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Twelve year old **Jessica Cook**, daughter of **Sarah Mosecovitz** and **Frank Cook**, danced the lead role of Clara, while ten year old **Aviva Cohen**, daughter of **Nancy** and **Ivan Cohen** was a mouse.

Mazel Tov to **Lewis Savage**, son of **Joe and Carol Savage**, on his recent Bar Mitzvah, and to **Francis Weil** and **Anne Albert** on their marriage.

Condolences are extended to the family of the late **David Cohen**, his wife **Debra**, his mother **Rose**, and his brothers **Sam, Barry, and Harvey**. Condolences to **Mendel and Bessie Greenblat** on the loss of their daughter, **Ilsa Shore**, and to **Alan Hans** on the loss of his sister, **Hazel Audrey Novick**.



Rabbi Ellis in the Field of Honour at Moncton's Jewish Cemetery.

In December **Bernie Farber**, National Director of Community Relations with Canadian Jewish Congress, visited Moncton,

By Joseph Naylor, Editor, HA-EE

For the first time - as far as we know - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were conducted on the Island by a Rabbi. (The only other full services of these holydays were conducted in 1975 by **Jeffrey Fine**, who was then a PEI resident.)

In his previous visits to our Community, **Rabbi David Ellis** had 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.

But the High Holyday services this year were not only an historic first, they were first class! The participants especially appreciated Rabbi Ellis taking on the role of "chaplain" and offering explanations and guiding us through the services, as well as coping with our occasional ineptitude.

There were difficulties - the smallness of our Community, the tail-end of a hurricane, and a plague of vicious hornets (sent by the Adversary?). Nevertheless, we had a minyan for every morning and evening service - thanks to the fortuitous (miraculous?)

presence of some visitors and the fine effort of a few individuals. And when we didn't have a minyan, Rabbi Ellis conducted one of his very absorbing and enlightening study sessions.

Thanks are due to all who donated so generously; to **Clive Pickles** for his work to arrange minyans; to **Barrie Carnat** for attending and bringing siddurs; to participants such as **Ed and Irene Kassner**, **Sarah Block** and the **Finstens** for setting such fine examples; to **Jane Naylor**, **Jim Munves**, and all others who contributed food; to all who fought the hornets. **Joe Naylor** wishes to thank everyone for cooperating so well with his attempt to act as gabbai. Above all, thanks to Rabbi Ellis, who brought the scroll, put up with hornet stings, and made it possible for us to fulfill this great mitzvah.

Thanks to **Clive** and **Joyce Pickles** for inviting the Community into their lovely Sukkah for a most enjoyable celebration on 27 September 1996.

The Community's Fourth Annual Meeting was held on 1 September 1996 at the home of **Sherrie** and **Shawn Davidson**.

Executive Officers were elected (or re-elected) unanimously: President - **Sol**

Feldstein; Vice-president - **Henry Srebrnik**; Treasurer - **Winston MacGregor**; Secretary - **Joe Naylor**; Hebrew School Principal - **Rosalie Simeone**; Past President (ex officio) - **Clive Pickles**.

Rosalie Simeone was elected as AJC Representative and **Henry Srebrnik** as Alternate representative.

The meeting featured a talk by guest speaker **Doron Fleisher** of the United Jewish Appeal, a Jerusalem 3000 musical by the Atlantic Jewish Council's Troubadours - **Yakov Feig**, **Shirley Burnstein** and **Joanna Mirsky**, and a discussion with **Jon Goldberg**, Executive Director of the AJC, who answered members' questions about the AJC.

The Community thanks these visitors for their interest and participation and the Atlantic Jewish Council and the United Jewish Appeal for sponsoring their visit. Thanks to all who attended, contributed to a great potluck, shared the work of the Community and helped make a very successful meeting. And special thanks to **Sherrie** and **Shawn Davidson** for hosting the event.

A Jewish view on Canadian unity

By Joel Jacobson

Max Bernard is a man on a mission. For the past five years, he has been trying to help all Canadians convince the people of Quebec that remaining in a united Canada is the only way to go.

Bernard, a Montreal lawyer, is chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' National Unity Committee. Appearing on a Canadian unity panel at the 10th Bi-annual Conference of the Atlantic Jewish Council, he said, "The more work we do now, the greater the chance another referendum will never happen," he said in an interview. "By making this a priority item, we'll dispel the threat hanging

over our collective heads in Canada."

Bernard told 100 delegates to the conference that Atlantic Canadians have always been welcoming and have responded positively to the notion that Canada is worth saving, particularly a Canada with Quebec.

"But we must get the message out to dispel the myths. There is misinformation and we have to get the true story to Quebecers. The people of Canada must motivate the politicians and give momentum to the process that will create conditions in Canada to resolve the problem once and for all. And we have to be prepared to say, as ordinary

citizens, we want Canada united with Quebec in it, and will take the steps needed to get it done."

He said about one-third of Quebecers are committed separatists. About one-third want to stay and the others have to be convinced. "The latter group wants recognition of their place in Canada. If we give them the opportunity to express themselves, they will, and they'll sort out for themselves what they require. We in Canada are certainly understanding of their specificity as a culture and minority language to accommodate that de-

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FREDERICTON NEWS

By Jennie Brown

Mazel Tov to **Harry Levine** upon receiving an award at the 10th Bi-annual convention of the Atlantic Jewish Council for his contribution to the community and to fellow Canadians.

Mazel Tov to **Amelia Goldman** on the marriage of her grandson, **Pasach**, son of **Jeffrey & Ruth Goldman**, Toronto, to **Elianna**, daughter of **Thomas & Susan Karsoly**, Toronto.

Mazel Tov as well to **Mr. Allen M. Ruben** who was appointed Honourary Consul of Sweden in the province of New Brunswick by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at a reception on September 17th.

Anniversary greetings and best wishes for many more to: **Rabbi David & Edith Spiro**, 51 years; **Ezra & Bella Rose**, 42 years; **Bernard & Valerie Chippin**, 39 years; **Alfred & Leona Brown**, 32 years; **Warren & Miriam Cohen**, 26 years; **Steven & Rhoda Fransblow**, 16 years; **Milton & Sandra Levine**, 15 years; **Arnold & Rose Chippin**, 9 years.

A speedy recovery to **Irwin Rosenzweig**.

Condolences to the family of the late **Larry Eusler** who passed away at the Dr. Everette Chalmers hospital after a lingering illness. He was predeceased by his parents **Mayer & Sarah Eusler** and sister **Gazella**.

He is survived by his wife **Rose**, brother **Moisha** in Bat Yam, Israel, daughter **Shelly Desruisseaux** and son **Sheldon** of Fredericton, three grandchildren in Thornhill, ON, brother-in-law **Joe Budovitch**, sisters-in-law **Lillian Cohen** and **Evelyn Budovitch**. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

Helene & Marty Schiffmiller and family **Lani, Eli, Boruch, Aviva** and **Shaindy**, have returned to Ocean Side, Long Island, NY, after spending the Succos holiday with parents **Rabbi David & Edith Spiro**. Grandson **Boruch**, age 10, led the congregation in Yigdal and Adon Olam at the evening and morning services. Grandson **Eli** read the Torah both days, which was enjoyed by the congregation. Last January, for his Bar Mitzvah, **Eli** made a Siyum on one of the tractates of the Talmud. The eldest granddaughter was not present as she is studying in Michala, a Women's University in Jerusalem. She is planning to stay and become an Israeli citizen.

The United Jewish Appeal of Atlantic Canada hosted an evening for Israel, September 8th at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue with Chairmen for the evening, **Harry Levine** and **Marty Payne**. Guest speaker was **Doron Fleischer**, a native of Ramat Gan, Israel. Mr. Fleischer spends three months a year on

missions throughout the Diaspora serving as the Emissary for the UIA. Special presentation of the Manigha Leadership Pin for women was made to **Judith Budovitch**, **Faye Medjuck**, and **Lois Levine**. The Manigha Pin is a beautifully arranged gold Star of David set on a heart and is presented to women who have attained a top level of personal giving. The audience spent an enjoyable evening.

On October 21st a meeting of the **Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah Wizo** was held at the home of **Amelia Goldman** with 23 members present to support the Baby Crèche campaign and to welcome **Judy Mandleman**, National President of Hadassah Wizo. **Judy** spoke on the changes and the happenings within Hadassah during the last three years. She spoke of the umbilical cord transplant program, children's youth villages, **Asof Hasofe Hospital**, the women for women project and various day care centres. It is always an honour and a pleasure to have the National President visit out chapter. Her informative talk was very enlightening. She was thanked by our president, **Marissa Blanchard**, and presented with a gift from our local chapter. Hostesses for the evening were **Faye Medjuck**, **Sheila Chippin**, **Daisy Budovitch**, and **Lil Freeman**.

A Jewish view on Canadian unity

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sire."

For the past six years, CJC has been part of a coalition with Hellenic Canadian Congress and National Congress of Italian-Canadians, which started as a Quebec initiative but became national. Five years ago, the coalition with **Bernard** spearheading CJC's participation, visited every capital city in Canada. The coalition still exists, as strong as ever, and active when political needs require. Now, he said, a new situation has arisen - one year after the referendum - in which the approach must be made as to where things stand today.

He said antagonism has arisen for four reasons: 1) Because of the 1995 vote, which satisfied no one because of the bitterness caused by both camps; 2) over the focus on ethnics; 3) because the rest of Canada hope the problem would have been solved by federalists

but wasn't; 4) because, despite the best of good will, politicians can't deal with the issue without a sense of where the public lies.

A new pamphlet published by the coalition cites the three "R's" to national unity: reconciliation, recognition and renewal.

Reconciliation means Canadians recognize the unique place the French language and culture has and always will occupy within Canada.

Recognition calls for Canadians to recognize that Quebec, while equal to all provinces, is different, mainly because of its language and culture.

And renewal suggests renewing the federated partnership based on modern imperatives of sound governmental management.

NEWS FROM THE ROCK

By Claire Frankel-Salama

"The times, they are a-changing..."

Imagine a Christmas assembly at a denominational (Protestant) school in Newfoundland. The band is warming up, people are settling in their seats awaiting the usual diet of "Hark..." and "Silent..." etc. Suddenly the bandmaster raises his arms, and the audience is treated to a rousing interpretation of *HaTikvah*? Yours truly, unable to remain in my seat, jumped to attention. Had my foot fallen asleep? Had a tiny four-legged creature nuzzled my footwear? As those familiar notes brought me to my feet, I was transported out of Christmasland back to the numerous Israel bond functions, AJC conferences and synagogue programmes I have attended. I was no longer a stranger in a strange land, but a member of a community that transcends geography. Of course, none of the other 500 guests recognized the soul-stirring melody, but many of them commented on the beauty of the piece. Amen.

Meanwhile, our tiny little community has experienced a pleasant fall season. In October, **Polina and Rufina Litvak** had a joint

Bat Mitzvah in our synagogue, Beth-El. They read the Haftarah, sang the blessings according to the Sephardic minhag, and delivered short but moving speeches. The synagogue presented each girl with a gold "Magen David", and the guests were treated to a delicious luncheon of Estonian and East European delicacies. The girls had been instructed by our three WUJS teachers, **Efrat Tzadik, Lee Lmdan, and Keren Fainaru**, as well as one of our resident "daveners", **Messod Salama**.

At approximately the same time, a Youth group for teenagers was formed. The President of this group is **Rufina Litvak**, and they meet twice a month at the teacher's house. Not only do they have their own programmes, but they helped to set up and run the children's Chanukah party.

At the end of November, five of us winged our way to the AJC conference in Halifax. The opportunities of the weekend were extended to the entire St. John's Jewish community as **Goldie Hershon**, President of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and **Jack Jedwab**, Director of Communications flew into our city on the following Monday.

There they met with **Premier Brian Tobin** and **Education Minister Roger Grimes**, and discussed both the National Unity issue and the matter of education reform. As the new education system is now being set up, this visit was most timely and of great value to this community. This is the first time the president of CJC has visited Newfoundland while in office. On Monday evening, a reception was held at the home of **Messod and Claire Salama** with some twenty-five people in attendance.

The following Sunday was taken up by the children's Chanukah party in the morning, and the general party in the late afternoon. After the candles were sold and the supper with latkes was served, the audience was treated to several short plays by the children of the Hebrew School and the members of the Youth Group. Chanukah was also celebrated at Chancellor Park, a home for senior citizens, for the benefit of **Mrs. Leah Rosenberg**.

So as winter gears up for its yearly challenge, we wish you all a minimum of storms and a maximum of sunshine, and hope to hear from those of you who visit our fair isle.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ful and stood on one side of the street with their placards and banners. On the other side of the street were the pro-Israel forces. What was surprising to me was there was more hostility between the pro-Israel forces than the Jews and Arabs. I thought for a moment the police would be needed to break up the Jewish demonstrators. Here were a group of Jews hollering not at the Palestinians but at each other. Traitors, terrorists, murderers, etc.! You can imagine how I felt coming from Halifax and seeing such hostility among our people. When Peres came to speak the next day the leaflets and handouts from some of the groups were filled with venom and hatred. Why do I tell you these things? It's because I'm worried about the unity of the Jewish people, in particular in Israel, but also throughout the Diaspora.

Today is the second day of 1997. In the last two months we have seen a slowdown of the peace process, renewed fighting and terrorism in Israel and the occupied territo-

ries and acts of extremists, Israeli and Palestinian, intended to destroy any hope of a peaceful settlement.

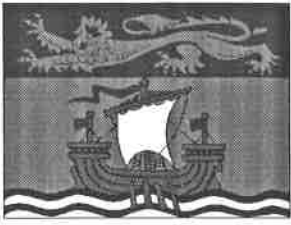
The calls come in to my office almost daily. Some of our own people curse the "orthodox" for destroying the peace process. Others blame the unobservant Jews for wanting to give back Jewish land. This is ridiculous. I want everyone to know that there is no relationship at all between the "orthodox Jewish" movement in Canada and the Jewish extremists who killed Rabin or sprayed machine gun bullets in Hebron. Anyone who thinks this is wrong only helps to divide our people. I believe that many of our people here in Atlantic Canada are confused and disillusioned over the "peace process" in the Middle East. We watch TV, read the newspapers and hear words like *ultra-right*, *Jewish extremists*, etc. and try to draw parallels here in Atlantic Canada. There are none! Let us not look for more trouble than we have

already. Sure, we as Jews can agree to disagree on a myriad of issues, but we must stay united as a people. Here in Atlantic Canada our numbers are small. We cannot afford the luxury of dividing ourselves on political lines based on party-politics in Israel.

I want to assure all our readers that we at the AJC will continue to attempt to present Israel in the best possible light to our Gentile neighbours and friends. We will continue with your support to save Jewish lives! Immigration, absorption in Israel, Jewish continuity here in the Diaspora. This is our mandate along with keeping the Zionist Dream alive and from these guidelines we can and will not be moved.

Let us pray 1997 will be a year of Shalom! For Israel and for all our fellow human beings with whom we share the planet called Earth.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AROUND THE REGION



Moncton remembers

By Mendel Greenblatt

The 1996 Remembrance Day services were held Saturday, November 9th, at Tiferes Israel Synagogue and Monday, November 11th at the Moncton Coliseum, as it has been for the past three years.

At the synagogue services Aliyahs were given to members and associate members of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

At the Remembrance Day Services the Star of David Wreath was laid by **Mr. Mendel Greenblatt**, Moncton Post Commander, Jewish War Veterans of Canada, and the prayer was read by **Mr. Nathan Cohen**.

Saint John remembers

By I. J. Davis, Adjutant

JWV of Canada, Atlantic Post #4

This year's Memorial Services were held on Saturday, November 9, 1996, at the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue. The Congregation was still in shock over the unexpected passing of our highly respected lay-leader, **Lou Michelson**, upon whom we had depended for looking after our religious needs and services for over thirteen years. However, with the cooperation of all the members of the Jewish War Veterans and the support of a large attendance of the Congregation, we were able to conduct a most meaningful service. Veterans **Morris Holtzman**, **David Lubin**, **Dr. Joseph Arditti**, **Joan Smith**, **Ben Cohen**, **Bernard Bloom**, **Max Fransblow** and **I. J. Davis** all helped in leading the service.

Our key-note speaker again this year was **Dr. Gary Davis** who stated (in part), "Symbolism was not the foremost concern when hostilities of the first world war ended on November 11, 1918. But for those of us who live in the middle latitudes of the northern hemisphere November is the best time to remember the sacrifices of men and women who fought in all wars.

"In Canada the leaves have mostly fallen. They have done their duty for another year. Next year new leaves will take their places. The leaves scatter in the wind. Lonesome branches sway. Yellows, reds and brown will soon give way to stark contrast of dark and white. Yet even this loss allows the sunlight to reach the interiors of our homes more easily, providing needed warmth. Thus it is a season of both loss and hope for regeneration.

"This symbolism is woven into both the Torah Reading and the Haftorah for today. First in the Torah we mourn, with Abraham, the death of his wife Sarah, the Mother of the Jewish People. At

the end we see the death of Abraham, the Father, and of his eminent son, Ishmael. And in the Haftorah we witness the imminent death of King David.

"When people die in a noble way we see that it was worth doing what they did for their descendants and for their countrymen. Some, like Sarah and Abraham, lived a long time. Others, like King David, lived well, but not long enough. Over the centuries, many died young, sacrificing themselves for those who lived. They, like the leaves, have done their duty.

We must be thankful to those who have protected us from danger and from evil in war, as well as to those who cared for and nurtured us so we could live in peace and protect those who come after us."

Bruce Washburn, Vice-President of our Congregation, thanked Gary Davis on behalf of the Jewish War Veterans and the Congregation.

Adjutant I. J. Davis read the Memorial Roll Call which was followed by one minute silence and the entire Congregation recited the Kaddish in memory of our departed veterans. An appropriate reading by **Cathy Cohen Tait** concluded the Service and the entire Congregation was invited to a Kiddush in the vestry, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans.

On Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11, 1996, Joan Smith, David Lubin and I. J. Davis, attended the ceremonies held at the Cenotaph in Kings' Square in the centre of Saint John. David Lubin delivered the Prayer of Benediction and Joan Smith and Morris Holtzman laid the wreath which was decorated with a Star of David. Two more wreaths were laid at cenotaphs in the west end of the city; one by Max Fransblow and the other by Dr. Joseph Arditti.

Usually, a Jewish War Veterans' Flag Party takes part in laying of the wreaths at the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish cemeteries. However, due to the funeral of our late dear friend and supporter, Lou Michelson, representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #14 offered to lay our wreaths at the Protestant and Catholic cemeteries. We laid our own wreath at our own cemetery and thanks to **Mark Calp**, an associate member, flags were attached to the head-stones of all our departed comrades.

Once again this year, we were invited by the **Reverend Brian G. Sheehan**, Pastor at the Cathedral, to attend and take part in a Service of Remembrance. At the request of Rev. Sheehan, I. J. Davis delivered a reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes. There was a near capacity crowd in the Cathedral and members of all religious denominations were in attendance.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AROUND THE REGION



Sydney remembers

By Dr. Garson Lecker

On Saturday, November 9th, Remembrance Day special services were held in Sydney at Temple Sons of Israel.

The shul was appropriately decorated with Magen David wreaths and plants and all veterans present were honoured with an Aliyah.

The guest speaker was **Mrs. Sylvia Allen** who repeated a speech she had delivered earlier to 250 school children in the synagogue [Sylvia's speech is reprinted in this edition of *Shalom*]. At the onset, Mrs. Allen pointed out that Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the signing of the armistice that ended World War I, but fewer and fewer people were around to recall that, hence the name change. The speech was about being a child in Sydney, growing up during the days of World War II.

A kiddush sponsored by Sylvia Allen, **Evelyn Davis**, **Faye David** and **Barbara Nathanson** followed the service.

Glace Bay remembers

By Ellie Marshall

As November 11th fell on Monday this year, we marked the occasion and included it as part of regular service in Shul on the Shabbos nearest, which fell on November 9th.

Every year we have a little service to commemorate, to remember those veterans of both great wars, and of course, those Jewish Veterans who joined at an out of proportion percentage because they had 2 reasons for serving: to serve their country and to defeat Hitler's murderous fascist regime, which was out not only to dominate the world, but to exterminate all of European Jewry (10 million).

Two boys from the Glace Bay community made the supreme sacrifice: **Pilot Officer Thomas Marshall**, Pilot Instructor, and **Captain Archie Cohen** of the U.S. Army Air Force.

We honoured the few Jewish Veterans left with an Aliyah. After the services followed a nice Kiddush, prepared by the Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary.

We had representation at the local Legion Remembrance Day Services, and designated members to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph, one from the congregation, one for the Jewish veterans, and individuals who laid wreaths for family members who had fallen during the war or passed away since.

Halifax remembers

Submitted by the Baron de Hirsch Congregation

This year Remembrance Day was very upbeat as the ideal weather conditions and a brilliantly shining sun brought out a record number of people.

The Jewish Community was honoured by having **Rabbi Saul I. Aranov** deliver a message and prayer in addition to the Catholic and Protestant Padres, **Padre Jaques Contin** and **Padre Cooke**.

Veterans still express concern at the rate of depletion in their ranks. "How," they ask, "will our efforts be remembered in years to come?"

The answer need not be that "old soldiers fade away." Rather through the study of history, they should be remembered. It is the challenge to those who teach history to make it relevant.

At the ceremony **Mr. Lawrence Ferguson** laid a wreath for Jewish War Veterans and **Mr. Victor Goldberg** laid a wreath on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Halifax remembers

By Dr. Irving Perlin, Religious Services Committee of Shaar Shalom Synagogue

Remembrance Day services were held at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on November 9. The Bimah displayed a Canadian flag and an Israeli flag, one on each side of the Ark. A wreath composed of poppies was displayed in front of the base of the reading table.

Several veterans attended the service and were given appropriate honours - Aliyah and taking part in the conduct of the services. **Dr. Leo Green** was given the Mafta Aliyah and recited the Haftorah.

Following the Torah services, just before Musaf, various prayers were recited for the Government, the State of Israel and a responsive reading by **Leonard Fineberg** concerning a wish for peace.

The names of those veterans who were lost were read, a moment of silence observed and the Al Molek prayer for the dead was recited.

Following the services personal poppies by those present were placed on the wreath.

A Kiddish was then held in the social room and veterans recited the Kiddush and Hamotzi.

MASSADA NEWS

By Doreen Gordon

Slate of officers of Club Massada for the new season are as follows: President, **Bessie Rinzler**; Vice President, **Edith Schneiderman**; Recording Secretary, **Ella Morris**; Corresponding Secretary, **Sara Yablon**; Treasurer, **Phil Alberstat**; Membership, **Barbara Alberstat**; Hospitality, **Borace Jacobson**; Program Chair, **Shirley Burnstein**; Publicity, **Doreen Gordon**; Telephone Convenor, **Molly Whitzman**; Telephone Committee, **Shoshana Katz**, **Naomi Judah**, **Marta Markus**, **Jean Zlatin**.

The initial meeting of the 1996-97 season of Club Massada of Halifax was held on Tuesday, October 1st at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, with 35 members attending. Three new members, **Ruth** and **Ralph Garson** and **Helena Jockel**, were warmly welcomed into our ranks. A moment of silence was held in memory of **Dr. Mendel Burnstein** and **Mrs. Renee Doof**.

Shirley B. regaled us with anecdotes of her tour of the Maritimes together with **Yakov Feig** and **Joanna Mirsky** via Jerusalem 3000 Caravan (see *Shalom*, Fall 1996).

Sara Yablon told the members that she had received a letter from **Mrs. Fraidie Martz** of Vancouver. Mrs. Martz has written a book entitled *Open Your Hearts*, the story of the Jewish war orphans of Canada. *Open Your Hearts* tells the story of the 1,123 Jewish war orphans whom the Canadian Government reluctantly allowed into Canada between 1947 and 1949. In the cavernous reception area of Pier 21 in Halifax on a grey September day in 1947, a group of men and women waited for the first 20 Jewish orphans who had survived the Holocaust in hiding or in concentration and labour camps. They were allowed into Canada under the terms of a unique federal Order-In-Council. This was not only the beginning point of their new lives, but also the culmination of years of work by Canadians across the country. No one knew, given the terrible traumas these young people had endured, what to expect; no one knew the extent of the kindness and generosity which awaited them in Canada. Though their names will not be included in Mrs. Martz's book, we should make mention that three of these children became beloved members of Jewish Haligonian families and the Halifax Jewish Community.

Published by Véhicule Press in Montreal, this book is a must-read for all of us. Look for *Open Your Hearts* in book stores now. Thank you, Sara, for bringing it to our attention!

Program Chair Shirley Burnstein arranged the following activi-

ties: Line Dancing began again on Thursday, October 10th at the Beth Israel at 10:30 a.m.

The first Intergenerational Shabbat Dinner of the season was held at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on Friday, October 11th. Word spread rapidly that students, seniors and anyone else in the community who wanted to come were welcome. As usual, an enjoyable time was had by all!

A new Elderobics class began on Tuesday, October 15th at Beth Israel at 1 p.m.

On October 20th a community choir began at the Lord Nelson Hotel at 7 p.m. in the Georgian Lounge via the AJC.

An excellent play was performed on Sunday, October 20th at the Northwood Multipurpose Centre Auditorium. Cameo Production of Montreal presented *Dance Like a Butterfly* by **Aviva Ravel**, starring **Miriam Samuels** as Tilly. This was a one-woman show that addressed the situation of our aging population and Miriam Samuels was excellent in that role. Director was **Rena Cohen**; Technical Director, **James Douglas**; Music, **Peter Sipos**. Admission was free.

Massada's November meeting was held in the Beth Israel's Youth lounge. After a brief discourse, it was on with the Fashion Show! Five Massada members pranced about the room displaying their finery as commentator **Arlene Solomon** proudly pro-

moted her Weekenders line of knitted fashions. Several members happily purchased items of their choice, so there was advantage on both sides. **Rabbi Saul Aranov** and his lovely wife **Dina** were honoured guests. Tea and cakes were served, ending a pleasant afternoon.

October 25th was the date of the second Intergenerational Shabbat Dinner held in the Youth Lounge of the Beth Israel, with a very nice turnout of both seniors and students. After a delicious meal was served, Yakov Feig led the group in a singing session, after which he introduced the invited guests: Rabbi and Mrs. Aranov, **Cantor Friedman** and guest speaker, **Lil Garson**. Rabbi Aranov spoke eloquently, Cantor Stuart sang beautifully and Lily Garson was much enjoyed - as expected!

Several years ago Haligonians eagerly listened to Lil Garson's



President Bessie Rinzler presenting a gift to Shirley Burnstein in appreciation for all her efforts on behalf of Club Massada. The presentation was made at a luncheon held on June 24th, the last Massada gathering until the fall. A large number of people turned out on that beautiful sunny day, including visitors, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

stories on CBC's "This Country in the Morning." The story she told had been printed in *Reader's Digest*. It was about living and growing up near the coke ovens in Whitney Pier in Cape Breton and it was about her papa and his responses to the problems of life. It was poignant, funny, and entertaining.

A custom that has evolved out of the Intergenerational Dinners is that every person present shall stand up, give his or her name and tell something about him or herself, whatever comes to mind. It is interesting to hear the responses. Last year a student found himself the only male at a table with seven senior ladies. When his turn came to speak he thought quickly and announced how lucky he was to be sitting at a table with so many beautiful women!

A university student, when asked if she enjoyed the



Jean Zlatin, Doreen Gordon, Edith Schneiderman, Barbara Alberstat and Shoshana Katz, modeling for Massada Fashion Show, November 1996.

Intergenerational Dinner, responded thusly: "Yes! As a student I only get to see other students. I never get to see children and I never get to see adults - except profs and they don't count!! So this is great!"

Massada's Chanukah Meeting was held on December 10th at Shaar Shalom with a very nice turnout of members. Rabbi Aranov lit the candles on the menorah and Cantor Friedman played the piano and entertained the audience with Chanukah songs.

After a delicious latke luncheon members were treated to stories by **Mona Guillemette**.

Mona has a gift, a wonderful attitude toward life, a zest for living, for poetry, for people and enjoyment.

Surprise! The winner of the raffle was, for the second time, **Eva Simon**. She won a white knitted pussycat - a gift from Mona Guillemette!

Northwood celebrates Chanukah

By Joel Jacobson

The latkes were hot, the challah fresh, and the candles glowed as brightly as the faces of the 11 Jewish residents of Northwood Manor, a Halifax senior citizens residence which hosted its first-ever Chanukah party.

Northwood's management and the Atlantic Jewish Council are working together to establish a special wing at the Manor for Jewish seniors. This party was organized, said **Gael Phillips**, director of clinical services, "because Christmas is a happy time for most of our people. Chanukah should be happy for our Jewish residents."

While the majority of the Manor's population is Christian, Jews make up the second largest percentage, said **Susan Dempsey**, senior director of dietetic services. She and her assistant, **Charles Kwan**, organized the day with help from **Isabelle Vardon** and **Shirley Burnstein**, also staffers at Northwood.

"We've had monthly Sabbath dinners for the Jewish residents but this is the first time we've done a Chanukah celebration," said Dempsey. "Charles got Shirley's latke recipe and then found a recipe for Challah which was specially made at an outside baker."

Rabbi Saul Aranov, appointed rabbi of Beth Israel Synagogue in late July, lit the Chanukah candles, and said the blessing on the wine. Resident **Howard Polar**, a man in his late 80s who regularly attends most daily services at the synagogue and reads Monday and Thursday Torah portions, said the motzi.

Most of the residents and a few special guests participated in a Rabbi Aranov led sing-song of Chanukah melodies in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

FROM THE DESK OF SHIRLEY B.

By Shirley Burnstein

Well, here we are - into 1997. Some are in the sunny South. Others are here facing the winter and hopefully about to participate in Massada Club meetings, Community Choir and whatever else we can do to warm up our spirits. So don't feel we're facing the 'winter blahs.' Look over our upcoming events. Call us for transportation and join us for up-coming programs, such as:

Sunday, January 19th - 7:00 p.m. - Community Choir - Shaar Shalom Auditorium. All ages welcome - even if you think you can't sing.

Sunday, January 26th - 2:00 p.m. - Bedford Empire Theatre - *Evita* (pick up and drop off) Special rate!! Picnic lunch to follow at Shaar Shalom at 4:30. Price - \$10.00!!! What a deal!! So call Edith (423-9076) or AJC for reservations and transportation. We're hoping to have at least forty attend.

We are already planning for the celebration of Jewish Music Month - February 23rd. Keep the date in mind and look for information on what that event will consist of. You'll enjoy. Watch for us!

Bi-Annual Convention Hi-lights



Victor Goldberg, Halifax UJA Chairman, shown here with **Jean LeVine** and National UJA President, **Harvey Wolfe**, during presentation of a special sculpture to honor **Mr. Joe Simon**



Premier **John Savage** presenting the Order of Good Cheer to **Mrs. Goldie Hershon**, President of CJC and **Daniel Gal**, Consul General of Israel



Young Judaeen entertainers at the Gala Saturday night performance



Scottish Piper leading outgoing president **Larry Freeman** into Saturday night Gala



Lt. Gov., **James Kinley** presenting a special bell to the Atlantic Jewish Council for Camp Kadimah L-R: **Mark Rosen**; **Andrew Wolfson**; **Larry Freeman**; Lt. Gov. **Kinley**



President-elect **Victor Goldberg** presenting **Larry Freeman** with a plaque on behalf of the AJC in appreciation of his 4 years of outstanding service as president of the organization

From around the region



Rabbi S. Aranov gives a Chanukah Dvar Torah at Lt. Gov.'s Chanukah reception, Halifax, December 1996



Mr. Lawrence Ferguson laying a wreath in Halifax on behalf of Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Remembrance Day, 1996



Proud participants at UJA March to Jerusalem, Halifax, October 1996



Dignity Day candle lighting ceremony, Halifax, November 1996



AJC officers at a meeting at the Bi-Annual Convention L-R **Ivan Levine**; **Barbara Paton**; **Mark Rosen**; **Larry Freeman**



The receiving line at the Lt. Gov. Chanukah Party, Halifax, December 1996. L-R: Chief Justice, **Lorne Clark**; **Mrs. Clark**; AJC president, **Victor Goldberg**; **Mrs. Goldberg**

The 10th Bi-Annual Atlantic Jewish Council convention took place November 29 - December 1, 1996 in Halifax. One of the workshops presented at the convention dealt with being Jewish on campus.

The two issues in focus were "Is being Jewish still relevant to our students?," and "Is it tough being Jewish on Campus?"

The panel speakers were Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation (APJSF) co-presidents **Ian Epstein** and **Erin Sperling**, AJC Programmer **Yakov Feig**, and CJF Assistant Executive Director **Jeremy Cohen**. The most important thing is to keep the students and community together, Cohen said.

A native of Barrie, Ontario, Sperling came to Halifax with a traditional Jewish background. Having the APJSF as a backbone is very important, Sperling said. Since she started studying at Dalhousie three years ago, Sperling has been asked a lot of questions about Judaism.

"I'm more Jewish than I ever was," she said. "People ask me questions [about Judaism] all the time." Sperling also said it's nice

to see adults are interested in promoting Jewishness on campus. "This is the biggest Jewish community I've been in," she said.

Feig said the APJSF is open to all Jewish students irrespective of how religious they are.

And that's something Epstein stressed as being vital to the APJSF's success. Just because someone doesn't come out to all of the programs, it doesn't make them any less Jewish, Epstein said. Epstein also said he feels more involved

in the Jewish community since coming to Dalhousie from Toronto. But unlike Sperling, Epstein came from a much larger Jewish community.

The panelists and the participants discussed ways in which to attract more Jewish students to the APJSF.

Compared to other JSF's, Feig said, the APJSF has one of the highest percentages of students who turn out.

The programs the APJSF has, be it Shabbat dinners or a ski weekend, are for the Jewish students to feel like their own community.

And, according to Epstein and Sperling, the students do feel welcome in the Halifax community.

Campus forum

*"Is it tough
being Jewish on Campus?"*

By Viva Press

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

By Sheldon Cohen, Camp Kadimah

As a new year unfolds, the count down begins to the opening of Kadimah '97. The past summer was the most successful in our 53 year history with our enrollment at 264. As we have a limited enrollment for Machar and CITs, we urge you to apply as soon as possible.

The program last summer was highlighted by many successful Judaic activities along with the fun-filled daily schedule, chugim, Maccabia, field games, special days, hikes, outings, hockey marathon, Oneg Shabbats, and our two great productions of *Grease* and *Tommy*. Many new campers from all parts of Canada and the United States joined the Kadimah family and the wonderful memories will last a lifetime.

In December we held a successful rally in Toronto where over one hundred Kadimah campers, staff, new campers and parents attended. The highlight was a screening of a half hour video from the '96 season. Campers will receive their video in early March.

A Maritime rally and camp meeting will be held in Moncton on Saturday evening, February 15th and in Halifax, on Sunday, February 16th. We do encourage all to attend and look forward to seeing you. You will be advised by mail as to exact details.

Many new and innovative plans are in store for the '97 season and our renovation and new facilities are ongoing. As we go to print

we are completing our roster of caring and experienced staff. Many participants from our Kadimah Israel trip will be returning to camp on staff. For those considering Kadimah Israel '97, time is running out.

We wish all a very happy and healthy new year and look forward to seeing you at Kadimah in '97.

Shalom.



Sheldon Cohen and Jon Goldberg on the Kadimah Bridge

HADASSAH-WIZO ORGANIZATION OF CANADA

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO pledged its support to assure the "continued well-being, viability and commitment to the people of Israel" at its recent 35th National Convention held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto. The Convention drew hundreds of delegates from as far away as Victoria, BC and Halifax, NS. The Organization honoured and paid tribute to outgoing National President, **Judy Mandelman**, and welcomed the newly-elected 16th National President, **Patricia Joy Alpert**.

The festive Opening Brunch honouring eleven Women of Achievement, amongst them **Judge Rosalie Abella**, Justice Court of Appeals, Ontario; **Diane Francis**, Editor, *Financial Post*; and the **Honourable Sheila Finestone**, Liberal MP, set the stage for the days to come.

The prestigious Canadian Award, given to Canadians who have displayed exemplary humanitarian qualities and who have made a significant contribution to

Canada, was presented to **Mme. Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé**, Supreme Court Justice, who expressed her "deep appreciation of the intense commitment and involvement of the Organization to the well-being of humanity."

The Rebecca Sieff Award, given to those who have made significant contributions to the welfare and well-being of Israel, was presented to **Edgar Bronfman**, President, World Jewish Congress, for his "dedication to the cause of the Jewish people in Israel and throughout the world."

Newly-elected National Officers residing in the Atlantic Provinces include Vice-President **Marilyn Kaufman** (Fredericton, NB); and General Secretary **Bette**

Ross (Halifax, NS). National Executive Vice-President is **Lily Frank** (Montreal).



*Opening meeting of Hadassah-Wizo in Halifax, October 1996
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Farber speaks about anti-Semitism

By Joel Jacobson

Bernie Farber speaks with passion when he addresses groups about anti-Semitism, neo-Nazism and racial hate.

Speaking at the AJC's 10th Bi-annual convention in Halifax, the national director of Community Relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, told an audience of 75 regional leaders hate still exists on the east coast, citing recent neo-nazi activity in Moncton, New Brunswick.

While neo-Nazism in Canada has "valleyed out since reaching a peak in 1993, racist extremism isn't gone. It's dangerous to be lulled into this fairy tale," said Farber.

"Eight weeks ago, police raided a so-called house of hate, found neo-nazi skinheads with a mountain of vile anti-Semitic literature and ran them out of town. Moncton police sent the message - hate groups are not welcome."

Farber also criticized the Canadian government and law enforcers for refusing to prosecute alleged Nazi war criminals.

In a passionate outburst, Farber said it's a disgrace Canada has prosecuted only two



Bernie Farber addresses Moncton School Board at a session for teachers on December 4 1996

Nazi war criminals since World War II.

"We should be ashamed that a foreign journalist, posing as a private detective, discovered 157 alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada. Law enforcement agencies refuse to act. Courts refuse to prosecute with any haste. Cases brought forward have been dropped.

"But we have the memory and unwillingness to remain silent. We won't sit idly while the community is vilified. We'll use all legal means possible to ensure the pro-

tection of our community. We may be criticized for speaking out but silence is our real enemy."

Farber reviewed the history of hate groups in Canada, briefly discussing cases involving convicted hatemongers **Malcolm Ross**, **George Burdie**, and **Wolfgang Droge**. He cautioned that "new" hate outlets are being formed through hate music on compact discs, telephone lines and the Internet.

"It is estimated there are 30 million users of the Internet and world wide

web. By spending a limited amount of dollars, hate groups can go on-line and catch unaware young people in their sticky web of hate."

Though supporting freedom of speech, he called for more vigilance of internet use by service providers and prosecutors over illegal use of the web, through transmission of libel, pornography and hate. He suggested service providers be "good corporate citizens" and develop guidelines making it difficult for hatemongers to access the net.

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BEST WISHES FROM SAINT JOHN

Mazel Tov to **Herzl & Faith Kashetsky** upon the birth of their daughter, **Tova Shalom**. Proud grandmother is **Blanche Kashetsky**.

Mazel Tov to **Wayne Holtzman** upon his graduation as a Chartered Accountant. Proud parents are **Janet & Norman Holtzman**.

Remembrance Day service

Continued from page 6

was allowed so much meat, so much butter, so much sugar, and so many eggs every week and it wasn't nearly as much as we would normally have. The rest was sent to Europe for the soldiers, and for the people in the countries that were at war. Every family here got coupons for however much they were allowed, and once your coupons were used up, you couldn't get more. When someone went to the store for any of those things, they had to give the clerk coupons for what they bought, and then the store had to give them back to the government for however much they sold.

One of the things my brother and my cousin and I used to do was play store. One day, we were playing and we got the ration coupons and somehow, some of the coupons got lost - boy, were we ever in trouble. Of course, it was all my brother's and my cousin's fault! They were always getting in trouble! One day, they got hold of a hammer, and smashed a few dozen eggs, and of course they didn't have ration coupons for them! And in those days, molasses came to the store in a humungous barrel called a puncheon. One day there was a puncheon on the truck outside, and the two of them somehow got the cork out, and we were on a hill, and all the molasses ran down the hill. The people who were trying to drive up the hill didn't think it was so funny.

I also remember some wonderful people that were on the ships that came to Sydney. I remember one man in particular who used to come to our house and he had a fantastic singing voice. My father played guitar, and my mother played piano, and I remember the great singsongs we used to have, and the songs we learned in a lot of different languages, because the ships came from many different countries. And I remember my father's brother being in the army band, and I remember when my mother's brothers came home safely from the war.

But I also remember some of my playmates, whose fathers never came back from the war. And I remember a close friend of the family who had been in the first world war, and whenever he talked about it, the tears would run down his face. And I remember another friend who went into the air force at the age of eighteen, and came home just a

few years later with snow-white hair and has never, ever, spoken of what happened to him in the war.

Because, you see, war is awful. We've got to remember what happened, even if we weren't directly involved, because it is only if we remember, that we can prevent such a thing from happening again. Did you ever put your hand on a hot stove? Even if you didn't, someone like your mother has told you what can happen - so if you're smart, you don't put your hand on that hot stove. Well, it's the same with war. When we have people like these men from the Canadian Legion to remind us, then we will do our very best to avoid war. But at the same time, we must be sure to protect those people in the world who are unable to protect themselves.

But why would they have changed the name from Armistice Day? What's the difference between observing an anniversary of something, and what we do on Remembrance Day? Well, let's put it this way - if all we do is observe the anniversary, then nothing changes. On the other hand, if we remember everything we can about the

event, we might feel differently. And this is especially important when we talk about war because it is only by remembering the past that we can hope to avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

So be proud that you're a Canadian, and be thankful, too, that you're a Canadian, because there are children in other parts of the world, like Zaire, who are living through very terrible times. And let's all do our very best to try to make the prophecy of Micah in the Bible come true. He said: And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

And finally, the words of one of my very favorite songs. It was written by a Canadian, **Ed McCurdy**, and I always used it with my classes for Remembrance Day: *Last night I had the strangest dream I'd never had before / I dreamed mankind had all agreed to put an end to war.*

Lampert honoured

By Joel Jacobson

Moncton judge **Irwin Lampert** was awarded the Bernard M. Bloomfield Award by Jewish National Fund for meritorious service at the Atlantic Jewish Council Bi-annual conference recently.

Judge Lampert has been chairman of JNF Atlantic for 10 years and on the national executive for the same period. **Mark Mendelson**, executive director, JNF Eastern region, called Lampert a "devoted JNF worker, willing to open doors for us and introduce us to people who can make a difference."

Lampert called the announcement of the award "a total surprise. It is such a tremendous honour because the JNF does such wonderful work."

Lampert brought local youth into recent Moncton campaigns by enlisting his teen-age sons and their friends in a telemarketing effort.

"I only asked young people to help because older ones are busy doing other things. And other teens will get involved if their friends are doing it, too. The first year, we raised \$4,000 just by telephone calls and follow ups, all by the kids. We've now been doing this type of campaign for four years."

Addendum to 1996/97 AJC Directory

The following are changes to your AJC Directory from October 1, 1996. You can order your 1996/97 Directory from the AJC for \$18.00. If you have any other changes to the directory, please contact Mary at (902) 422-7491

MONCTON, NB

Coleman, Oscar & Annette - change phone # to: 384-0414

Druckman, Isaac & Betty - change address and phone # to: c/o Betty Rubin, Champlain Place, E1A 4X5, 382-1811

SAINT JOHN, NB

Freedman, Mrs. Rose - deceased

Hamburg, Belle - deceased

Michelson, Lou - deceased

BRIDGETOWN, NS

Johnson, Joseph & Carol - delete

CHESTER BASIN, NS

Long, Sidney & Claire - change address and phone # to: P.O. Box 8116, Halifax, NS B3K 5L8, 429-0541

GLACE BAY, NS

Chernin, Leo - deceased

HALIFAX, NS

Berenshteyn, Mike - addition: SHL Computer Innovations, 1717 Grafton Street, B3J 2C6, 452-2461

Bergen, Scott - addition: 24 Dundas Street #802, Dartmouth, B2Y 4L2

Budovitch, Howard & Rachel - change address and phone # to: 1535 Larch Street, B3H 3W7, 423-7414

Cohen, Barry - addition: 961 South Bland Street #313, B3H 4M6, 423-5747

Cohen, Nathaniel - deceased

Conter, Dr. Ralph - deceased

Fineberg, Aline - change address to: 1279 Wright Avenue, B3J 1C6

Fox, Colin & Cathy - add phone # 420-9961

Friedman, Wendy - addition: 5657 Spring Garden Road #205, B3J 3R4, 425-5436

Friedman, Cantor Stuart - delete

Gorber, Marc - addition: 9 Anahil Drive, Hammonds Plains, B4B 1L9

Hartman, Andrew & Ita - moved

Hertzman, Owen - addition: 6538 Summit Street, B3L 1S3, 453-0596

Heynold, Chris & Valentina Kaplan - addition (summer residence): P.O. Box 1225, Upper Tantallon, B0J 3J0

Kanner, Mary - change phone # to: 876-1171

Kirshner, Gary & Marcia - addition: 16 Turnmill Drive, B3M 4H2, 443-3356

Levine, Goldie - change address and phone # to: 2630 Gottingen Street #817, B3K 3C6, 443-5766

Levstein, Ian - addition: 76 Highfield Park Drive #327, Dartmouth, B3A 4W1

Mirkin, Shawna - addition: 1941 Vernon Street #2, B3H 3N8, 423-6774

Newman, Lloyd - change phone # to: 422-9521

Novack, Ann - deceased

Rappaport, Harry - deceased

Salmon, Charles - addition: P.O. Box 505, Stn. Ctr., B3J 2R7, 422-9337

Simon, Ida - deceased

Star, David & Eleanor - addition: 27 Rockwood, B3N 1X4

Zwerling, Miss Claire - change postal code to: B3L 1M4

Zimmerman, Connie - addition: 32 Wembley Place, B3S 1E6, 443-7234

KINGSTON, NS

Mornan, Bruce & Nancy - moved

WOLFVILLE, NS

Appleton, Mark - change address and phone # to: Box 1535, B0P 1X0, 542-2259

Cronenberg, Steven - addition: Box 243, B0P 1X0

Ward, Linda - addition: Box 336, B0P 1X0

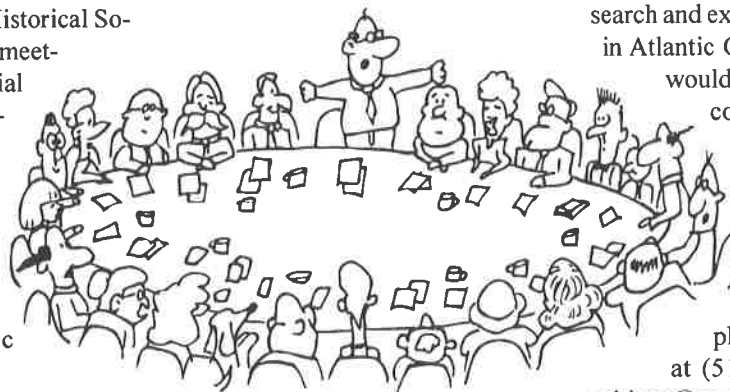
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Davis, Melvin & Beatrice - moved

Association for Canadian Jewish Studies meeting to be held in St. John's

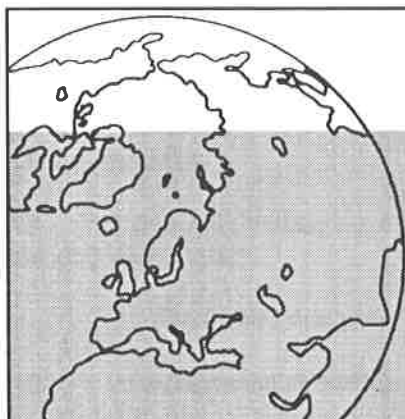
The Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (formerly the Canadian Jewish Historical Society) will be holding its annual meeting on June 1-2, 1997, at Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland in the context of the Canadian Learned Societies Congress, a first for Atlantic Canada.

An interesting programme is planned, featuring talks on a variety of subjects relevant to the Jewish experience in Atlantic Canada.



Should anyone wish to contribute their research and expertise on the Jewish experience in Atlantic Canada to this programme, they would be most welcome to do so by contacting Dr. Paula Draper, C4-142 Pears Ave., Toronto, ON, M5R 1T2. Her fax number is (416) 967-7742.

For any further information please contact Ira Robinson, President of ACJS by telephone at (514) 848-2066, by fax at (514) 848-4541, or by e-mail at robinso@vax2.concordia.ca.



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Survey of Women's Volunteer Work during War

During the First and Second World Wars, women worked both in the paid workforce and the volunteer workforce. The present survey is aimed at anyone who did any unpaid volunteer work during World War II. The information gathered will assist in the formulation of a Masters thesis focussing on volunteer efforts of women (and girls) in N.S. during both world wars.

Some questions will require circling of appropriate answers and there may be more than one category that fits your situation. Please circle as many answers as needed to describe your work.

1. During the war, were you involved in paid and/or volunteer work?
2. Were you a resident of Nova Scotia? If not, where were you living?
3. Did you live in a city, town, village or rural setting?

Paid work If you did not do paid work, go to Question 7.

4. If in the paid workforce, how many hours a week did you work?
5. What kind of work were you doing?
Had you been working before the war began?
If yes, was your wartime employment the same as your pre-war job?
If no, what type of work did you do before the war?
6. Did you continue working after the war?

Unpaid Volunteer Work

7. Approximately how many hours a week did you work as a volunteer? Circle

1-3 4-6 7-10 11-15 16-20 21-30 31-40 more than 40

8. What kind of work did you do?

Knitting	Rolling bandages	Food Preservation	Preparing ditty bags
Quilting	Salvage work	Packing relief supplies	Office/Administrative
Making seamen's jackets	Driving	Sewing for overseas relief	
Entertaining service personnel		Immigration/refugee work	
Other - please describe			

9. Did you or your group discuss and make decisions about what other types of volunteer work to support - eg. did you focus on relief work or were you also involved in raising funds for spitfires, etc.?
10. Did you carry out your volunteer work alone or in a group?
Was your volunteer work done at home? at synagogue/church?
in a community hall? in another person's home?
in school? other - describe

11. How old were you when the war began?

12. Did you have children at that time? If so, how many?

13. Was your volunteer work done within the setting of an organization?

Red Cross Junior Red Cross Synagogue/Church group (Women's or Youth)

Other - describe

14. The following is a list of possible motivations for your engaging in volunteer work. Rank these in order of their importance to you at the time.

	most important			least important		
Had family members or friends serving overseas	1	2	3	4	5	6
To provide humanitarian relief	1	2	3	4	5	6
To be community-spirited	1	2	3	4	5	6
For patriotic reasons	1	2	3	4	5	6
For social contact	1	2	3	4	5	6
Other - describe	1	2	3	4	5	6

15. If your own mother went through the First World War, what do you recall of her reaction and response to the Second World War?

16. Was her reaction and response different from your own? If so, how did it differ?

17. Did you or any woman in your family keep a diary, scrapbook, photo album or group's minute book during World War I or II? If yes, would it be available for study?

Thank you for your cooperation. Please mail to: Sharon MacDonald
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If you have any questions or wish to give added information, I would be pleased to hear from you. Feel free to photocopy this questionnaire and give to others in your community.

Halifax commemorates Dignity Day

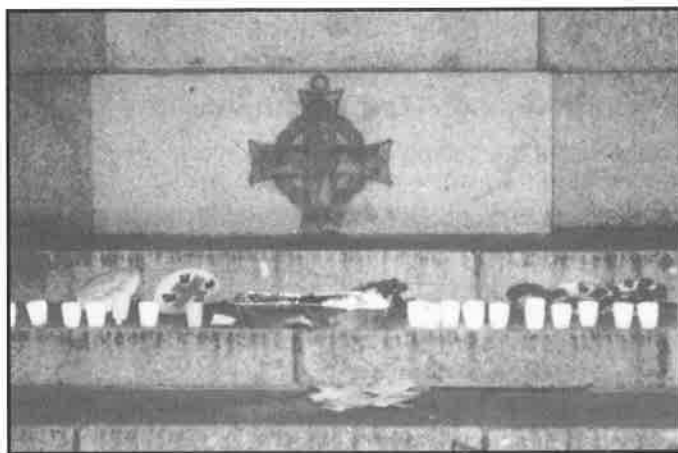
By Joel Jacobson

Canadians must always stand on guard against inaction and intolerance by its people, maintaining a right to ask for action from our governments to prosecute those involved, says **Jon Goldberg**, Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Speaking to more than 200 people at Dignity Day ceremonies in Halifax's Grand Parade at City Hall, Goldberg said alleged Nazi war criminals have found a haven in Canada. He called on government officials to expel those still living in our country "to honour those who fought for our country against the Nazis in World War II."

"If we don't use the legal opportunities available to us against these alleged criminals, we are telling other war criminals, from Bosnia, Rwanda and other countries, they are welcome to our shores."

The large crowd at the sixth annual Dignity Day program, organized by the AJC, attracted many non-Jewish participants, including the lieutenant governor, several members of Parliament, members of the provincial Legislative Assembly, city councillors, and clergy from Protestant and Catholic congregations. Veterans and legion members of all faiths were also in attendance.



Memorial candles light up the cenotaph in Halifax, Dignity Day, 1996.

"I was impressed with the turnout of people from all sectors of the community," said Goldberg. "I wanted to take the opportunity to remind them of the need to combat racial intolerance. We're not without it in Halifax, but compared to other communities in Atlantic Canada and the country, our multi-cultural efforts have gone a long way to understanding."

Speeches were made by members of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation. **Dana Newman** recalled the history of Kristallnacht, which the

evening commemorated, citing the Night of Broken Glass, November 9, 1938, as the night 191 synagogues were destroyed in Germany, 7,500 shops looted and 91 people killed.

"And within a week, Jewish children were barred from public schools and soon the extermination camps opened," she said.

Reverend Donald Fairfax, a minister representing the clergy of Nova Scotia, called for "value of the dignity of mankind. May we never forget those who proclaimed justice, peace and freedom. We must affirm those qualities for which our loved ones gave their lives."

UIA CONGRATULATES 14-YEAR-OLD HALIFAX GIRL

Editor's note: **Sharon Alexander**, on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, was kind enough to donate \$200 to Ethiopian Jewry through UJA of Atlantic Canada. Below is a copy of a letter that Sharon received from Israel.

Dear Sharon,

We have just been informed that you have generously decided to share your good fortune and have donated \$200 of the gifts you received for your Bat Mitzvah to our Ethiopian Mechina program, a pre-academic 2-year course which prepares Ethiopian youngsters for their Israeli matriculation exams.

We want to express our deep gratitude for your kind generosity. The students in this course come from all over Israel, the children of families whose financial situation does not enable them to assist them in their education or indeed, even provide them with the means of acquiring a trade or profession.

At the college these students are provided with full tuition scholarships, free books and study supplies, rent-free living accommodations and extra tutoring and personal counseling, in addition to a full enrichment program of field trips, museum visits, etc.

Your donation will help us provide these youngsters with the opportunity to achieve their Matriculation Certificate, which is a prerequisite for both continuing on to further studies at our college or at any university in the country, as well as a requirement for any technical or technological profession they may want to acquire. In short, you will have a part in enabling them to build a firm basis for their future as self-supporting, productive citizens in Israel.

What a fitting way to celebrate your Bat Mitzvah - which on the general level means becoming an adult in the Jewish community, responsible for your own actions; but literally, means a Doer of Good Deeds!

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A Canadian student, draped in the flag of Israel, views the haunting monument at the entrance to the Majdanek death camp in Poland.



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Community service awards given

By Joel Jacobson



Dr. Joe Arditti searches for just the right words.



Philip Riteman receives accolades from head table.



Award recipient Max Lubetzki thanking those in attendance.

Standing ovations greeted **Dr. Joseph Arditti**, Saint John; **Naomi Honey**, Kentville, NS; **Harry Levine**, Fredericton; **Max Lubetzki**, Sydney; **Dr. Irving Perlin**, Halifax; and **Philip Riteman**, Bedford, when they were honoured for community service at the Atlantic Jewish Council's 10 Bi-annual conference in Halifax.

Honey, a beacon to the small and widespread Jewish community in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, has planned and hosted meetings in the isolated community. Committed to Israel, she has volunteered for Sar-El and offered her gemological ability to buyers at the Bourse in Ramat Gan. She has been at-large representative on AJC for her area for four years.

"I want to thank AJC but I feel I've gained more from the council than I've given," she told the audience of 150 people, which included Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor **James Kinley**, Premier **John Savage**, Halifax MP **Mary Clancy**, and Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor **Walter Fitzgerald**. "I really want to thank AJC for providing Camp Kadimah and the privilege I had of sending my children there."

Lubetzki has been a pillar of the Sydney Jewish community for decades, serving as president of Temple Sons of Israel on sev-

eral occasions and being active in Chevra Kadisha. In a community without a rabbi, he is responsible for all services held at his shul and presides at funerals and unveilings. He has been involved in the Nova Scotia Society for Crippled Children, Glace Bay Rotary Club, chaired its crippled children fund for 25 years, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and was a governor of University College of Cape Breton.

"I turned 80 in September, celebrated my 52nd wedding anniversary (with wife **Anita**) in October and now this award caps a very special year. I share this honour with my congregation and the many devoted people who come to our shul."

Arditti, born and educated in Turkey, collaborated with Keren Hayesod between 1948 and 1954 to help migrate 50,000 Jews from Turkey to Israel. In Saint John, he was twice president of Sharrei Zedek Synagogue and actively participates in Shabbat and holiday services. The neurosurgeon at Saint John General Hospital was active in B'nai Brith, Jewish United Synagogues, UIA, Canadian Jewish Veterans, and was Saint John Chairman, United Jewish Appeal.

Levine served two terms as president of Sgoelai Israel Synagogue, one term as president of Fredericton B'nai Brith and has co-

chaired UIA campaigns on several occasions. He has been top fund raiser in each of the eight years of the Fredericton Labatt Lite 24-hour relay, has served on boards of the Fredericton Golf Club and Capital Winter Club and is an honorary life president of the YM-YWCA.

Dr. Perlin retired in 1994 after 45 years as a gynecologist and obstetrician in Halifax. He has been part-time cantor at Shaar Shalom Congregation since it was formed in 1954, chairman of UIA in Halifax and was post-commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada in Halifax.

Riteman, a Holocaust survivor, settled in Newfoundland in 1946, selling goods from a pack on his back even though he spoke no English. He now operates a trading company in Halifax. Since 1988, he has been in constant demand from school and church groups to speak on the Holocaust. Almost single-handedly carrying the region's load as a survivor, he talks to thousands of Maritimers each year, preserving the memory of those events. The emotion and passion with which he speaks leave few dry eyes as he specifically encourages school children to vow to carry the message of "never forget" through their generation and beyond.

AJC has new president

By Joel Jacobson

As Victor Goldberg begins a two-year term as president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, he is thinking ahead to the welfare of the Atlantic Jewish community.

He has established two main goals - provision of chaplaincy service to communities throughout the region that are too small to employ a full-time rabbi, and a senior citizen's residence in Halifax, with the largest of the region's Jewish populations.

The Halifax lawyer, assuming responsibility at the biannual conference of the four-province organization December 1, said the council must provide chaplain service to those small communities without rabbis in the Atlantic region.

"The area needs pastoral support. Communities need someone to help with services and to satisfy other pastoral needs."

The only communities with full-time rabbis are Halifax and Fredericton. **Rabbi David Ellis** left Moncton's congregation last summer and has not been replaced. Congregations in Saint John, St. John's, Sydney and Glace Bay have been without full-time rabbinical service for several years.

Goldberg also is spearheading a senior citizen's residence initiative, either indepen-

dent living or a home for special care, with Halifax seniors' residence Northwood Centre.

"There are many Haligonians now living at Northwood Manor in both the independent and care programs. We feel we can service many more seniors from the entire region at the Halifax complex and can use Northwood's manpower and physical resources for this unique opportunity. We're working on a co-venture with Northwood and already have a co-chair in place with another person to be named."

Goldberg replaced **Larry Freeman** of Halifax who served four years as president. "I have big shoes to fill," said Goldberg, who is prepared to work with JIAS to bring immigrant families to the region. "The long term life of small communities will come by adding to the population. We have an initiative in its early stages."

He also emphasized that the AJC will continue to ensure no needy Jewish person in the region is deprived of participating in programming, "here or abroad, because of financial inability."

In remarks concluding his presidency, Freeman said he had two goals as he started his second term in 1994. "We wanted to have

a youth coordinator and, **Yakov Feig**, on staff for almost two years, has done a marvelous job with our youth and teens. It was a pilot project with Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal and is now being adopted by other regions. We started a seniors activity program which has been well-attended, and continued to publish *Shalom*, keeping costs in line."

Other executive members of the Atlantic Jewish Council are: 1st vice-president, **Sheva Medjuck**, Halifax; 2nd vice-president, **Mark Rosen**, Halifax; secretary, **Barbara Paton**, Halifax; treasurer, **Michael Pink**, Halifax; members at large: **Irwin Lampert**, Moncton, **Ivan Levine**, Fredericton, **Sherry Pink**, **Seymour Prince**, **Zack Rubin**, **Kathy Zilbert**, all of Halifax; legal counsel, **Mark David**, Halifax; regional CRC chair, **Tom Kuttner**, Fredericton.

Community representatives will be appointed from within Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, Cape Breton, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.



Naomi Honey of Kentville thanking those gathered for her award.



Harry Levine (l) being congratulated by Lt. Gov. Kinley and his Aide de Campe.



Dr. Irving Perlin addresses the convention.

FROM THE TREASURER

By Michael Pink

The Atlantic Jewish Council is an organization which is funded primarily by grants and from the major national Jewish organizations. Our principal partner is the United Israel Appeal (UIA). Additionally, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and to a lesser degree Camp Kadimah, Jewish National Fund (JNF), Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) and Young Judaea are also partners with AJC.

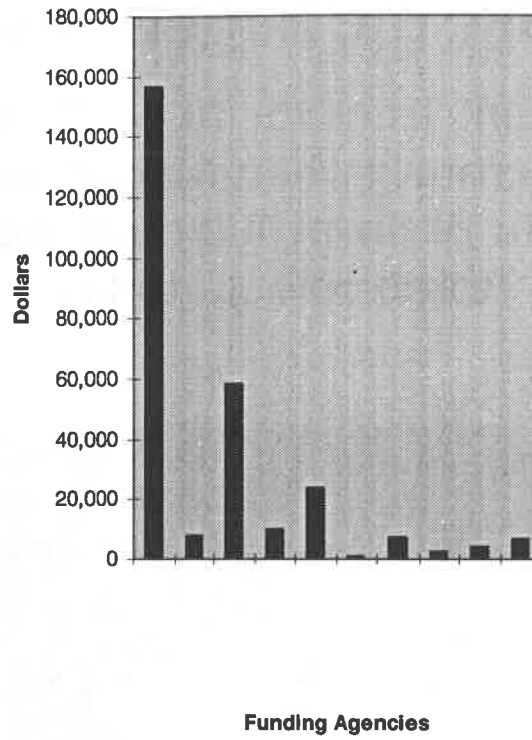
AJC provides a wide selection of programs for all members of our community throughout Atlantic Canada. In excess of 45% of our budget is used on direct program costs. The balance of our funds are used to maintain our office and meeting facilities in the Lord Nelson Hotel, to provide a professional and support staff, and to carry out varied administrative functions associated with the diverse programming which is provided.

Atlantic Jewish Council 1996 Budgeted Revenue & Expenses

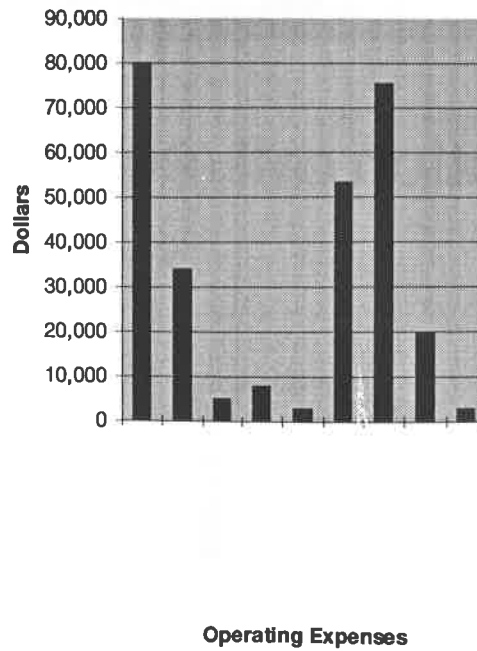
<i>Revenue</i>	
UIA	156,900
UIA - Pilot Project	7,950
CJC	58,439
CJF - Students	10,000
CJF - Pilot Project	24,000
CZF	1,020
JNF	7,200
Young Judaea	2,508
Camp Kadimah	4,000
AJC Directory	7,000
	279,017

<i>Expenses</i>	
Programming - General	80,000
Programming - Students	34,000
AJC Conference	5,000
Shalom Magazine	7,700
Metro Family Services	3,000
Administration	53,335
Wages/Benefits	75,200
Travel	19,600
Other	3,000
	280,835

AJC REVENUE SOURCES



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