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Cover artist Tom Forrestall

On October 28th, 2010 Tom Forrestall, joined the eight day AJC – UIA Ruach and Cheva Mission to Israel. When the mission was completed, Tom spent the next 27 days in the Holy Land and painted 35 watercolours, expressing his feelings and personal observations of many parts of the country.

Tom Forrestall is one of Canada's most exciting realist painters. Forrestall was born in Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia in 1936. In 1965, he held his first solo show at Roberts Gallery in Toronto and has since continued to show in galleries and museums across Canada. He was elected a member of the Royal Canadian Academy in 1973.

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NOTE TO OUR READERS

Our Atlantic Jewish community is losing more and more members as the years go on.

In the past, Shalom has printed stories of regional community members who have passed away.

While we try to acknowledge the major contributions of many of our late friends and family members, we request that you inform Shalom of passings of which we may be unaware so we may recognize these individuals.

Shalom's editorial staff reserves the right to determine the length of memorial pieces to be printed in the magazine.

Written articles are the opinion of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the AJC.

President's Message

by Michael Argand

A summer highlight for many people in our community is Camp Kadimah, whether as a camper, counselor, parent or board member. This summer we had the privilege of a camp visit by the Consul General of Israel, Joel Lion and his wife Rivka. Jo-Anne and I also had the pleasure of hosting them at our cottage for a couple of days of summer fun and relaxation.

This issue of Shalom magazine features the 70th Anniversary of Camp Kadimah, which is owned by the Atlantic Jewish Council, but operated by a separate and very dedicated board of directors. The camp experience for Jewish children has a lasting effect. My recollection is that every President of the AJC is an alumni of Camp Kadimah. Currently, every member of the Atlantic Jewish Council management committee has attended Camp Kadimah with the exception of our new immigrant, Nana Shteinberg, whose children are attending Camp Kadimah--- and a majority of our board members also attended Kadimah. Recent studies confirm what we see in our own community, the value of the Jewish camp experience. A few statistics of interest about adult Jewish identity are:

	Non-Camper	Camper	Impact
Feel being Jewish is very important	.44	.53	21%
Feel very emotionally attached to Israel	.19	.30	55%
Donated to a Jewish Federation in past year	.22	.28	30%

These statistics are but a few cited in a spring 2011 study by Cohen, Miller, Sheskin and Torr, entitled, "Camp Works, The Long -Term Impact of Jewish Overnight Camp". The study states,
 "...this analysis will enable you to

think about the varied ways Jewish summer camp can have a positive affect on the lives of your children and on the sustainability of your community."

This year Camp Kadimah with 205 campers, was down from a high of 350 campers when my son was at camp only a few years ago. I understand that there are many competing interests for your children, but if you care about your child's identity as a Jewish adult, I urge you to ensure that your child will have the best Jewish experience---a full time, 24/7 Jewish experience that will have a lasting effect.

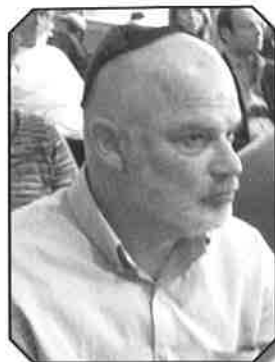
I want to thank Michael Pink for his never-ending dedication as Camp Chairman and to welcome Michael Soberman as the new Co-Chairman of Camp.

I would also like to welcome Naomi Rosenfeld as the new Director of Jewish Student Life of Hillel of Atlantic Canada.

Naomi is a graduate of Queen's University who was very active in the Queen's campus Hillel and she also spent four years at Camp Kadimah! Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that

they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

On Friday, October 11th, I will be attending an important event in Saint John. The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum is hosting a fundraising luncheon with Sir Andrew Burns, former



High Commissioner to Canada who has served as Britain's Ambassador to Israel and is currently the UK's first Envoy for post-Holocaust issues. I encourage you to attend to support the museum, please see page 22 of this issue for further information. I will also be visiting St. John's, Newfoundland this fall, with Consul General Joel Lion. This is a return visit for the Consul General but will be my first visit as President of the AJC and I am looking forward to it.

My family and I want to wish you and your family a healthy and happy Rosh Hashanah and may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.



*On behalf of
 the Atlantic Jewish Council Board
 of Directors and Staff,
 we wish our
 Camp Kadimah Director,
 Jared Goldlust
 &
 Rikki Bennie
 a heartfelt Mazel Tov
 on their upcoming
 marriage in Israel!*

Michael Argand,
 AJC President

From the Desk of Jon Goldberg, Executive Director

As Time Goes By

It's still the same old story," sang Sam when he played the famous song in *Casablanca*. Well, here we are, and it's just a few days before New Year's 5774. This will be my 23rd Rosh Hashanah as Executive Director of the AJC, and once again, as our people have done for thousands of years, it is the time to review and renew our efforts with a sense of hope and optimism.

This past year, we welcomed a new Board of Directors, with Michael Argand as our President. The AJC began a new relationship with CIJA (Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs), which has replaced CJC and a number of other existing national organizations. Our relationship with UIA in Toronto continues to undergo a number of changes, which will be further defined in the near future. The Yom HaShoah programs throughout the region this past spring saw record attendance in a number of communities, and our 65th Anniversary celebrations for Israel's Independence, both in Halifax and in Fredericton, were tremendous successes. Camp Kadimah just finished a terrific summer, and with new co-chairs Michael Pink (in Halifax) and Michael Soberman (in Toronto), the future looks quite encouraging.

Ms. Naomi Rosenfeld, (Kadimah alumni) will be joining our staff in a few weeks as Director of Student Life with Hillel of Atlantic Canada, and I am hopeful that she will be able to reach out to all campuses in the region. I have also been in touch with a number of "Young Leadership" volunteers, and hope to have a number of programs up and running in the new year.

The annual UJA campaign of Atlantic Canada will be kicking off in the near future and I want to thank Howard and Karen Conter and all the canvassers in our region for their efforts on behalf of Israel and our local communities. Their work, and your support, is fundamental

to the ongoing activities and objectives of the AJC.

For the coming year, Mark David of CIJA and I have been working on a number of exciting speakers and programs for all our communities. Edna LeVine has been doing and continues to do a wonderful job with Holocaust education and her other portfolios. Svetlana Ratchinski, our Controller, keeps everything in order, and Maya Moscovich, our UIA staff person and programmer, is a great asset to the organization. To the Rabbis



in the region (Rabbi Yagod in Moncton, Rabbi Goldman in Fredericton, Rabbi Maccabi, Rabbi Isenberg, Rabbi Feldman, and Rabbi Ellis, here in Halifax), thank you for your continued support and your efforts on behalf of the Jewish people.

To all our staff, and to all our readers and their families, my best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. May the coming year be a year of peace in our country and in Eretz Yisrael.



CIJA hosted an informal get-together of Nova Scotia-based alumni from past missions to Israel. Particularly noteworthy was the attendance of Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, third from right, and Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore.



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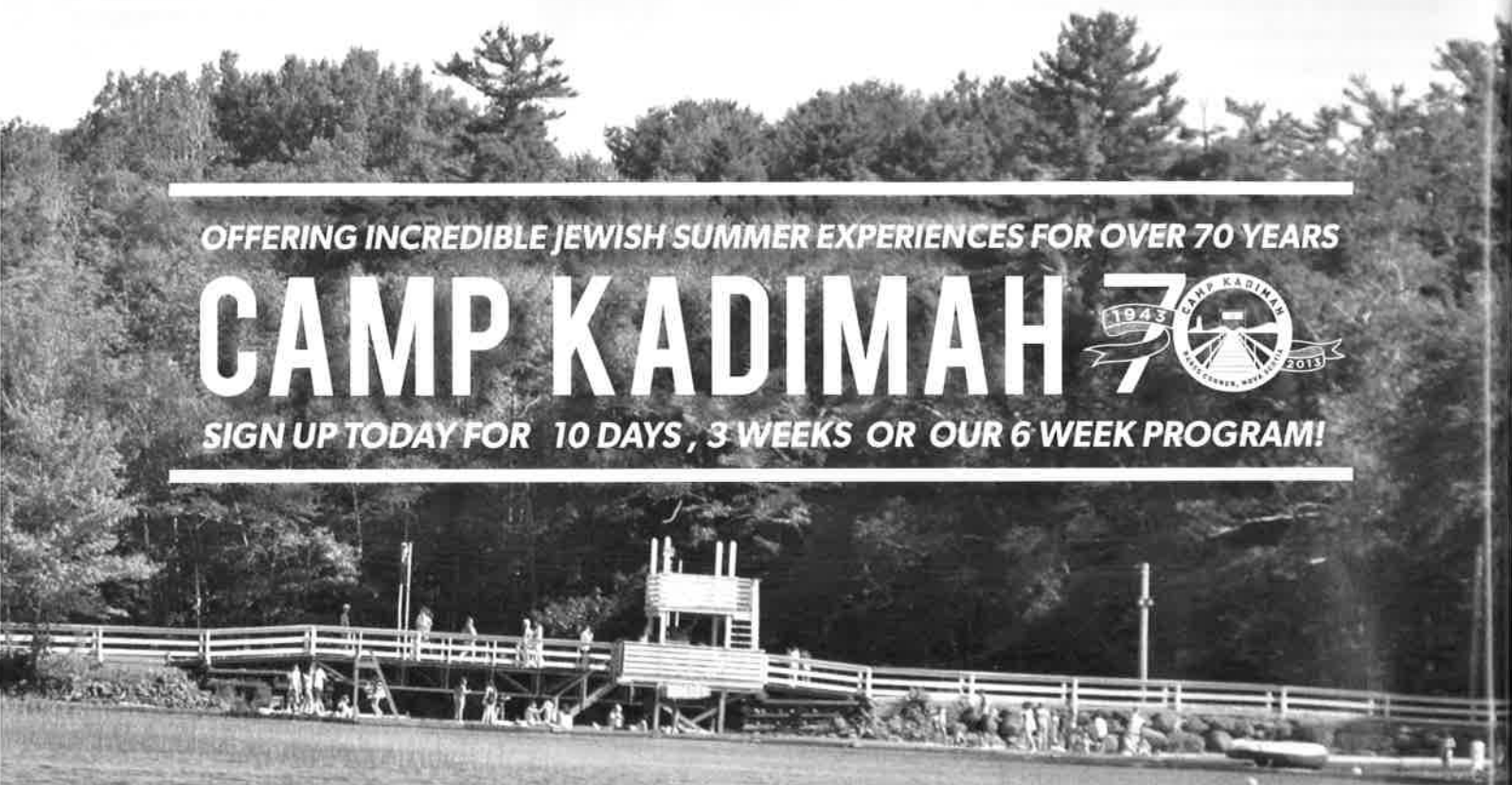


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From the Desk of

Edna LeVine, Director of Community Engagement

Renewing the Vision was the theme of the 2013 Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies conference hosted in Halifax last May. The conference attracted human rights leaders, academics, professionals from all levels of government and the private sector who are interested in building welcoming, inclusive and discrimination-free communities. Acknowledging the problems of reality, I participated in conference sessions that furthered the discussions on how to create effective change to achieve the goal to eliminate discrimination and promote human rights for all.

The AJC continues to receive requests for both Holocaust education resources and for Holocaust survivor speakers. Throughout the 2012-13 school year, including the month of June, survivor Philip Riteman spoke to thousands of students in Nova Scotia and many expressed their appreciation with heartfelt letters of personal reflection. This fall Philip Riteman accepted an invitation to return to St. John's, NL, to address the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.

The recent publication of the memoirs of Holocaust survivor, Israel Unger, *The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger*, resulted in a book tour and provided the communities in Atlantic Canada an opportunity for enrichment. Dr. Unger's unwavering commitment and contributions to Holocaust education is greatly appreciated. We have his book review on page 17.

Canada is a member of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and this year Canada has assumed the Chairmanship, which rotates annually. Dr. Mario Silva, Canadian Chair of the IHRA, will be in Halifax on October 27th to officially open Holocaust Education Week (HEW). This fall marks the 10th year for HEW in Halifax and with our committee Chair Marcie-Ann Gilsig, we have organized special programs, intensifying our vision and commitment to Holocaust education. Our closing program on

November 7th will commemorate the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht with a special presentation of Jewish choral music in partnership with the Dalhousie University Chorus.

Please refer to the article on page 14 for additional information on Holocaust Education Week and check our website, theajc.ns.ca for program updates.

The Partners for Human Rights committee (the AJC is a long time member) has selected the 2013 theme *Speak Up Against Discrimination* for our annual December 10th event (International Human Rights Day). As the AJC representative, I will chair the Nova Scotia Human Rights Award committee this year (award recipients to be announced on December 10th). Please check our website for nomination information.



The March of the Living (MOL) is a valuable program for youth (high school students, grades 10-12) to strengthen their Jewish identity and connection to Israel. MOL is a 2 week educational program that takes place in Poland and Israel in the spring (tentative 2014 dates: April 23/24 – May 7/8). This year in addition to the youth contingent, the 2014 MOL will include a National Adult Mission. Registration for the trip opens online September 30th and closes on October 21st. If you are interested in participating, please send me an email: elevine@theajc.ns.ca and for program information: marchoftheliving.org

Once again this year the AJC will participate in the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program for students in grade 9. Please send me an email if you are interested in participating: elevine@theajc.ns.ca and for program information: humanrights.asperfoundation.com

Wishing you a sweet & healthy new year!
Shana Tova!

Unto Every Person There is a Name

Yom HaShoah 5774, April 28th, 2014

The AJC is a long time participant in the "Unto Every Person There is a Name" ceremony to honour the victims of the Holocaust. Once again this spring we will commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, with the annual reading of names of those murdered in the Holocaust.

During the ceremony participants read the names of the victims of the Shoah, noting where and when they were born and where and when they were murdered by the Nazis.

If you had family members murdered in the Holocaust, we ask, if you wish, that you send their names to the AJC, so that we can include them in our Reading of Names Ceremony.

This year is B'nai B'rith International's 25th annual *Unto Every Person There Is a Name* program. To submit a name and information, please write to elevine@theajc.ca, or call the AJC at (902) 422-7491.

Camp Kadimah: Amazing 2013 Summer



Consul General of Israel, Mr. Joel Lion, second from left, and his wife Rivka, enjoy a day at Camp Kadimah with director Jared Goldlust, and committee co-chair Michael Pink.



Having fun in the Chadar after lunch!



Macharniks ready for a blue and white Shabbat.



Gibbies posing after dancing in Shir Kud.



Goshies out on Lake Williams for a sail.

Amazing 2013 Summer Comes to an End!

by Jared Goldlust, Director, Camp Kadimah

Camp Kadimah 2013 has just come to a close and what an incredible summer it was in Barss Corner!

This camp season was a fantastic one from start to finish; filled with great weather, memorable moments and most importantly lasting friendships.

This summer we were happy to welcome over 60 new campers to the Kadimah family. Within days these kids felt right at home at Kadimah, creating great bonds with their peers and adding to the spirit of camp. As well, an impressive total of 79 campers from Atlantic Canada participated in one of our full summer programs. For the sixth year in a row, we ran our Pre-Gibbie Day Program, where twenty kids from the region got to experience camp for the day.

On the program front, Kadimah specialists helped develop the skills of many campers in the myriad of peulot (activities) available at camp. The popular traditional camp programs including Maccabia (colour war),

hockey marathon, Haganah night and so much more were enjoyed by all.

There were four excellent theatrical play productions this summer put on by Junior Camp, Machar, CIT and the Staff. Our informal Jewish and Zionist programming continued to be strong this summer, with a few fun additions to the Shabbat experience at camp to go along with our spirited dancing and singing at our famous onegs.

With the end of one summer means the beginning of a new year of continuing the special camp bonds, and welcoming more young kids into the Kadimah family. Shortly after the High Holidays, application season for 2014 will begin! All applications can be done online and be sure to apply



early so you can take advantage of our early bird discount!

If you are new to Kadimah or know of someone who may be interested in the summer of their lives, a Kadimah staff will happily meet with you and tell you all about Camp. So whether it is our one day Pre-Gibbie Day program, a Taste of Kadimah, our 3-week Intro program or our full six week program, Kadimah has something for you. Please email me directly at jared@campkadimah.com or call at 1866-KADIMAH (523-4624).

On November 2nd the entire Camp Kadimah family will reunite together to celebrate Kadimah's 70th in Toronto. We look forward to seeing all the generations of Kadimahniks in attendance. For more information and to buy tickets to this great even, please look at the ad on the next page.

We wish you a Shana Tova U'metuka and look forward to staying connected throughout the year for all things Kadimah!

A Letter From Kadimah Alum

Dear Camp Kadimah,

Mazel Tov on your 70th anniversary! It seems like it was just yesterday that we celebrated your 65th. We had such an amazing time seeing so many old friends and can't wait to celebrate with you again November 2, 2013 in Toronto.

We have so many fond memories dating back to 1973. We didn't start the same year but our memories and strong connections are the same. We both went all the way through each section and ultimately ended up on staff.

Now we each have two daughters following in our footsteps. The amazing thing about that is they are doing so many of the same activities and programs that we did and still sing many of the same songs. It seems you,

Kadimah, don't age like us!

With both of us being Maritimers it means so much to have had Camp Kadimah as a formative part of ours and our kids' lives. How great is it that our kids also get to experience first hand that special Camp Kadimah Family feeling!

Now you have grown to include so many campers from all parts of Canada, the United States and Israel. Not only have they strengthened our camp but they have added so much to our camp life. We, like so many others, believe in the importance of a Jewish Zionist camp and will always support you in any way we can.

Can't wait for November!

Thanks for the memories and lasting friendships.

Love,

Rachel (Sadofsky) Budovitch 1973-1982

Tobi (Nathanson) Liederman 1974-1983



Camp Kadimah: Amazing 2013 Summer



Gibbies having a blast on the low ropes course.



Macharniks taking a break from hockey marathon.



Rabbi Ari Isenberg speaks to campers.



The Yellow team marches across the bridge during Maccabia 2013.



Goshies smiling before the summer end banquet.



The female house league basketball team accepts their trophy for winning the championship.

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Report from the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

by Mark David – Advocacy Consultant (Atlantic Canada)

If there is one truth about Israel and Jewish advocacy, it is that you never know what the day will bring. And while we normally advocate in the court of public opinion, sometimes we have the opportunity to advocate in a court of law.

An example arose recently in New Brunswick. The Centre, represented by its internal General Counsel Richard Marceau (who has previously visited Atlantic Canada on less controversial business), is taking a lead role in the legal campaign to prevent a deceased resident of New Brunswick from bequeathing a substantial amount (at least six figures) to the National Alliance, a prominent US-based neo-Nazi group infamous for rabid antisemitism and incitement. To date the campaign has been successful - a New Brunswick judge issued an injunction in late July preventing

the bequest from leaving New Brunswick until a fuller determination can be made whether the deceased's will is invalid because it leaves everything to such a group.

David Koschitzky, Chair of the Centre's Board, noted the importance of the Jewish community's legal intervention in this case: "History has shown the alarming progression from radicalization to incitement to violence. The organized Jewish community in Canada has long fought these dangerous trends both to defend our community and preserve the values that have made our country great. We are confident that this legal effort will result in a serious setback for those who would threaten our fellow Jews and other minorities."

The Centre's advocacy work also consists of more traditional activities, particularly in strengthening relationships with key non-Jewish audiences.

In June, Dylan Hanley, CIJA Director of University Relations, was in Fredericton and Halifax to share his fascinating personal journey in a lively and provocative presentation entitled "The Accidental Zionist: Lessons from a Former Anti-Israel Activist".

While Dylan was in the region, and given his experience in leading so many missions to Israel, the Centre hosted an informal get-together of Nova Scotia-based alumni from such previous missions - including those focused on elected officials, student representatives, journalists, and business leaders. Particularly noteworthy was the attendance of Nova Scotia Premier Darrell



Dexter and Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore. Alumni Matthew Godwin and Valerie Chisholm coordinated the event, which was also attended by Jon Goldberg and members of the local Jewish community. Buoyed by plentiful amounts of Israeli wine, spirits were high as people re-connected and made new connections. The formal part of the evening was brief but powerful, as Premier Dexter spoke of the importance of supporting the only democracy in the Middle East and the efforts of his Government to increase economic, technological and academic ties between Nova Scotia and Israel.

In late July, we enjoyed another great and festive day at the 2013 Halifax Pride Community Fair - marking the 25th anniversary of Halifax Pride. Lots of people came by the Size Doesn't Matter booth - an internationally-renowned campaign that shows Israel as a hub of diversity, innovation, and human rights - and lots of great swag was given away. The booth attracted a lot of attention and conversation about Size Doesn't Matter and Israel, and was ably led by volunteers Jing, Linda, Bobbi, Peggy, Hannah, and Sherri.

In closing, personally and on behalf of the Centre, I would like to wish Shalom readers a happy, healthy, and prosperous 5774.

A message from Steve McDonald, Associate Director of Communications for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

During the High Holidays we are called upon to reflect on the past year, consider our choices and actions, and - in the spirit of improvement - rededicate ourselves to a higher purpose. This Rosh Hashanah, it is worth reflecting on the developments and milestones that marked Jewish community activism over the past year. As the advocacy arm of the Atlantic Jewish Council (and all Federations across Canada), the Centre for



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When it comes to building relationships with our non-Jewish neighbours, reaching out often means speaking up – especially when the cause is urgent and important. Such an issue made national headlines in June when the Quebec Soccer Federation announced that Sikh players would no longer be allowed to wear religious headgear during gameplay. The idea that children would be disqualified from a sport simply for wearing a turban called for action, in keeping with the Jewish community's history of standing up for the religious freedoms of all minorities. In response, CIJA wrote to FIFA (which oversees international soccer regulations) asking that it issue a statement confirming the acceptability of religious headgear on the soccer pitch. We were pleased that FIFA quickly did so and the Quebec Soccer Federation in turn cancelled its ban, citing FIFA's ruling as the reason for its decision.

Just as we must be vigilant in preserving the freedoms of all Canadians, we must do our part to strengthen the national freedom of the Jewish people as embodied in the State of Israel. Among other activities, CIJA's fact-finding missions to Israel have enabled leaders in key sectors to understand firsthand the challenges facing the Jewish state and the mutual benefits in increased Canada-Israel ties.

It was during a CIJA mission this July that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (the AUCC, which represents 97 Canadian institutions, including many across Atlantic Canada) signed an agreement with its Israeli counterpart. This ground-breaking partnership will effectively pave the way for greater Canada-Israel academic and research cooperation (including more student and faculty exchanges, as well as joint research projects). As AUCC Vice-President Christine Tausig Ford noted: "While we've all heard about Israel as the 'start-up nation', this has been an eye-opening experience. ...AUCC presidents are making real and long-lasting connections on research and education. We have so much in common, and lots to

build on." It is noteworthy that this mission included Dr. Sean Riley, President of St. Francis Xavier University.

As well as forging relationships in new fields (including universities and beyond), CIJA's missions and policy briefings are pivotal in building support for Israel among all parties in Parliament. This ongoing work proves crucial during Israel's most difficult moments, as when Israel was forced to launch Operation Pillar of Defense in November 2012. For eight anxious days, Jewish Canadians watched hundreds of missiles rain down on Israel from Gaza. As far north as Tel Aviv, our Israeli friends and family watched in awe as Israel's anti-missile Iron Dome system worked around-the-clock to protect their lives. That Canada ardently supported Israel's right to defend itself and blamed the escalation on Hamas – a position that saw cross-party support in Parliament – made us proud as Canadians.

2012-13 also saw important breakthroughs in our efforts to counter what remains among CIJA's top concerns: Iran's illegal nuclear program. Last fall, Canada was applauded around the world for removing our Embassy from Tehran and expelling Iranian diplomats from Ottawa. "This practical step must set an example of international morality and responsibility to the international community," declared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

This bold move was followed in December by the listing of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' (IRGC) Qods Force under Canada's anti-terrorism legislation.

The IRGC's role in global terrorism has been a serious concern to Jewish communities around the world; CIJA and other Jewish communal groups have for years called for the IRGC to be outlawed in Canada. Indeed, the organized Canadian Jewish community can be proud of our collective success in increasing pressure from Ottawa on the Iranian regime – and our country's growing reputation as Israel's strongest and most reliable ally.

Space does not permit a total review of the wide range of issues we took on as a community in 2012-13 (if you would like to obtain our Annual Report on Jewish Advocacy Trends, including this year's Advocacy Objectives, please email us at info@cija.ca). That said, the above milestones remain poignant – and challenge us to do even more as a community in 5774.

I encourage you to get more involved in the Atlantic Local Partner Council, a joint AJC-CIJA body that takes on local advocacy issues, by contacting Mark David at ajc@cija.ca.



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Campus News

by Naomi Rosenfeld, Director of Campus Services



Hello Everyone!

I am the new director of Jewish student life for Hillel and I am very excited to meet the entire Atlantic Jewish community! Although originally from Toronto, I've been spending my summers in the Maritimes since I was 9-years-old, at beautiful Camp Kadimah, and I couldn't be happier to be joining this community that I've long admired. Over the past four years, I have been volunteering for Queen's Hillel in Kingston, Ontario, acting at one time or another as frosh representative, Shabbat dinner cook, Holocaust education week chair, and vice-president. In my spare time, I completed an undergraduate degree in psychology. Planning is already underway for this upcoming year, and, together with the student leaders, I look forward to bringing new and innovative programming to Atlantic Hillel. Wishing everyone a Shana Tova!

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Kosher Wine....from The Rock(?!?)

by Peggy Walt

I have an empty bottle that's been sitting on my kitchen counter for a while now ... well, I guess a little more than a year. It's a tallish thin bottle, the kind used for things like balsamic vinegar, but in this case, the label says "Plum Brandy," or, l'Eau-de-Vie de Prunes (which sounds ever more poetic in French, as many things do).

The reason it's become part of the regular collection of movable items on my kitchen counter is because every time I go to recycle it, I remember..." there might be other people like me who do not know that the only kosher winery in Canada is located right here in Atlantic Canada!" Did you know that? I certainly did not. It was May of 2012, and I was beginning the Victoria Day weekend with my family on a little sojourn post-book conference in Newfoundland. We'd rented a car in St. John's, and our ultimate destination was Cape St. Mary's (where we apparently grabbed the one spectacularly sunny day of the year photographing the hundreds of seabirds clinging to the famous cliffs). But first, I was determined to prove to my gang that I was not dreaming it up, the tour guide referred to a kosher winery, located in beautiful downtown Markland, near Whitbourne, NL, a 45 minute drive from St. John's.

We drove through a lovely rural area and followed the signs on a wooded road as I tried to ignore the raised eyebrows and sighing going on around me in our rental car. "Peggy, this time you are really are taking us on a wild goose chase!" But it didn't make sense - those travel guides don't lie! And sure enough, we drove up to a modest-looking white building, the home of Rodrigues Winery. It reminded me of an old-fashioned school house or an inn out of a seaside resort (we later learned the building, which houses the offices and gift shop, and not the production facilities which are behind it, had served as both a court house and a hospital in previous incarnations). I cautiously approached the front door, sadly



realizing that everything looked shut up tight. As I walked back to the car however, a man appeared confirming that I was in fact at the winery - owner Dr. Hilary Rodrigues and his wife Marie France offered to give us a tour and a tasting, even though the winery hadn't opened up for the summer tour season yet. Wow - what an experience!

We learned about the history of the winery, and how an American dentist stationed in Newfoundland with the army had turned his home brewing hobby into a multi-million dollar business. I was impressed with Dr. Rodrigues' business strategies, his perseverance and his of course, his knowledge of keeping kosher. "Why kosher?" we asked. He replied that he knew there would be a market for this product and he was right. The wines have certification from the Kashruth Council of Toronto and the Orthodox Union of Jewish Congregations of America. Since 2001 they even have an elevated certification as Kosher for Passover. The wild berries and fruit are grown in a pollution-free environment without pesticides and the brandy is distilled in a copper pot-still in the typical eastern European "slivovitz" style.

As for the wines? I know that fruit wines are not to everyone's taste. Personally I like them on a hot summer day as a sipping wine. But the brandy and the liqueurs (especially Cloudberry, a native Newfoundland berry) we have been enjoying year-round, and we

brought home a box full for ourselves and as gifts, safely wrapped in protective plastic wrap.

Rodrigues products are sold in Newfoundland, Alberta and Ontario in Canada, and I can only imagine the vast red tape involved in getting this product into Nova Scotia. But have no fear, you can order on-line, and have the Sedna Vodka, Apple Schnapps or Black Currant Wine among many other choices delivered straight to your home (www.rodrigueswinery.com). The company also produces a number of organic health products, such as blueberry/chia seed.

I thought our little sojourn was worth sharing with Shalom visitors, assuming that there might be other folks like the Walt family, who knew nothing about a kosher winery, tucked away in rural Newfoundland. If you're visiting the province, keep driving, you'll find this interesting business and receive a warm welcome. And now, I'll recycle that bottle!



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10th Annual Holocaust Education Week in Halifax: October 27th – November 7th

by Hannah Walt, Summer Student, AJC Administrative and Programming Assistant

This fall, the AJC is proud to announce Halifax's tenth annual Holocaust Education Week.

This period is an important time of remembrance, reflection, and learning, and this year's lineup of events and programs certainly reflects on those themes.

The week will open with guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Michael Kutz's presentation, co-sponsored by the Azrieli Foundation, on October 27th at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Mr. Kutz arrived in Canada as a war orphan in 1948; he now lives in Montreal, with his wife, Pat, and is the author of the book *If, By Miracle*. The book details Mr. Kutz's journey across Europe and to Canada, as well as his efforts as a member of a partisan resistance group in the Belorussian forest.

This year, Canada is hosting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (an intergovernmental body that works to support Holocaust education, remembrance, and research around the

world), and we are especially pleased to have Dr. Mario Silva, the Alliance's Chair, officially open our week.

Another not-to-be-missed event is the Names Instead of Numbers exhibition, taking place (tentatively) at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. This exhibition, an international project, showcases the biographies of 22 of Dachau Camp's prisoners, taken from the Dachau Remembrance Book Project. The exhibition has been shown in five languages, and has travelled to eight countries, including France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

On November 3rd, the Polish Consulate will host a program at the University of King's College, with guest speaker Renata Skotnicka-Zajdman, who will share her story and speak about her experiences as a Holocaust survivor. Rescued as a child by Irena Sendler, Mrs. Skotnicka-Zajdman now lives in Montreal, and has gone on to co-author a book. She has also served as a consultant for the TV movie *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*.

This year, the AJC has purchased the rights to two films, which will be shown on October 29th and November 6th, respectively: *No Place on Earth* and *Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald*. Other communities in the Atlantic region that are interested in screening these films are invited to contact Edna LeVine for more details (elevine@theajc.ns.ca; 902-422-7491 ext. 226).

Bringing the Week's events to a close is the much-anticipated Kristallnacht commemoration concert, featuring the Dalhousie University Choir, under the direction of Mary Martell. Marking the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of the Broken Glass), the concert will be held in Heritage Hall, at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, on November 7th.

For more information on all of Halifax's Holocaust Education Week programs, including descriptions, times, locations, and details, please see the Holocaust Education Week events schedule on our website: www.theajc.ns.ca.

Bella: The Color of Love

by Marcie-Ann Gilsig

The Gilsig Series in Jewish Arts and Culture, an outreach component of the Spatz Chair in Jewish Studies at Dalhousie University, is pleased to bring you the premiere of *Bella: The Color of Love*.

Bella is a one woman theatre piece inspired by the life of unknown artist Bella Chagall (1889-1944), the writer, actress, intellectual scholar and revolutionary who was the muse for her famous husband Marc. Steeped in Hasidic traditions and imagery of the early 1900s, the story follows the couple's beginnings in

revolutionary Moscow, their life in 1920s Paris, their escape to America, and Bella's subsequent death there.

Today, the voices of women previously ignored are finally being heard. While this story is about two famous people, the issues are familiar, deeply felt, and understood by contemporary audiences. Conceived and written by Theresa Tova and Mary Kerr, this work of art has rekindled Bella Rosenfeld's (Chagall) unique voice and her contribution to this world. The show stars Theresa Tova as

Bella, with an original musical score by pianist Matt Herskowitz, and is directed and choreographed by Danny Grossman, with Production Designer Mary Kerr.

When: October 8th and 9th, 2013, 8pm

Where: Dunn Theatre,
Dalhousie University, Halifax

Tickets for general seating are complimentary but must be reserved in advance. A public lecture with the artists will be on October 9th at 1:00pm.

Please see the ad on the inside back cover of this magazine.



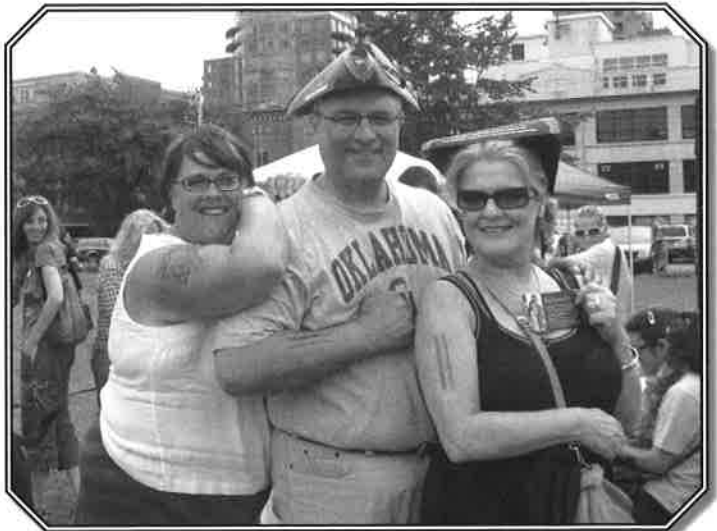
Schuyler Smith, left, chats with visitors to the AJC table at the Pride Week Community Fair.



Hannah Walt, left, with Sherri Kasden, volunteered to work at the AJC table during Pride Week.



Philip Riteman (Holocaust survivor), left, spoke to campers at Kadimah & Rabbi Ari Isenberg accompanied him.



Mark David, centre, poses with volunteers, r to l, Bobbi Zahra and Linda Smilestone.



Guest speaker Dylan Hanley, second from right, poses with, from l to r, Dorothy Riteman, Jerry Kohler, Mark Hobbs, Victor Goldberg and Perry Romberg, JFC-UIA.



Premier Darrell Dexter, left, enjoys reminiscing with participants from the mission trips to Israel.

The Atlantic Jewish Foundation: Scholarships & Bursaries for 2014

All applications must be received by April 30th, 2014

The Noa & Sarah Heinish Scholarship

Throughout their lives, Noa and Sarah Heinish devoted themselves to the betterment of their community, their house of worship and the state of Israel.

Passover of 1943 found Noa and Sarah Assisting in the preparation of a Seder for hundreds of young Jewish servicemen stationed in Halifax before shipping out to Europe.

At the end of WWII, Noa was one of a group of interpreters who met the ships which brought Holocaust survivors from Europe to the shores of Halifax. Speaking in Yiddish, he helped them transfer to the trains which took them to family members waiting their arrival in Upper Canada.

Noa Heinish was one of the founders of Shaar Shalom Congregation and served as its first president. Together with Sarah they lent their support to every arm of the congregation.

Sarah Heinish was an active member of Women's League, Hadassah, Neptune Theatre, the Soroptomists and the Nova Scotia Institute for the Blind. Both Noa and Sarah gave generously of their time and resources in the support of Israel Bond drives, United Jewish Appeal, Camp Kadimah and other groups and were leaders in the Canadian Jewish Congress. For many years they operated a successful clothing business on Gottingen Street in downtown Halifax which closed in 1972.

To carry on their good works, the Heinish family established the Noa and Sarah Heinish Foundation. This charitable foundation has provided endowments supporting Jewish educational and health care institutions in Canada and Israel. A portion of the funds has been allocated to the Atlantic Jewish Foundation to provide an annual merit scholarship for a student from the Maritime Jewish Community to study in Israel. Dependent upon the vagaries of the market, the scholarship should provide a stipend of one to a maximum of two thousand dollars to the successful recipient.

Noa and Sarah Heinish Foundation Trust - One scholarship per year for study in Israel

The Miasnik-Rein Trust

A limited number of scholarships of \$2,000 each are available to worthy students, one or both of whose parents profess the Jewish faith. The scholarship is open to students of the Atlantic Region for the purpose of establishing or continuing exposure to their Jewish heritage by means of study, travel, community service or other suitable means.

Miasnik - \$2000 each (Maximum 5 scholarships per year)

Halifax Endowment Fund (Jayson Greenblatt Bursary)

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Jayson Greenblatt Bursary - \$500 each (Maximum 2 scholarships per year)

- Scholarships will be awarded on merit and on the availability of funds.
- Priority will be given to first time applicants.
- Submitting a scholarship application does not confirm automatic receipt of a scholarship.

For further information and applications please contact the Atlantic Jewish Foundation
(scholarships and bursaries) in c/o Jon Goldberg, jgoldberg@theajc.ns.ca

Applications are available online from our website: <http://theajc.ns.ca/mission-statement/>

Book Review:

The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger

by Richard Blaquiere

The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger, Carolyn Gammon, and Israel Unger

234 pp. ISBN13: 978-1-55458-831-2, Wilfred Laurier University Press

Israel Unger's *The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger*; co-authored with Fredericton native Carolyn Gammon and published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press, is a powerful story of courage, survival, humility and love - love of family, love of community and love of peace, justice and truth.

Israel Unger was 18 months old on September 1, 1939, living in the Polish city of Tarnow, when the Nazis launched their all-out assault on his country. Tarnow was home to some 25,000 Jews. Israel's father, Mordecai David, was a successful businessman and Israel and his brother Kalman (Charlie) were members of a large extended family, most of whom did not survive the Holocaust.

Unger's story is fascinating. After the invasion, when it became obvious that the Nazi agenda for the future of the Jews of Tarnow was their complete annihilation, Israel's father took action and built a shelter for his family and five others behind a false wall in the attic of a flour mill he co-owned. It was there that the future Dean of Science at University of New Brunswick lived out the war.

Food in the shelter was scarce, hygiene a luxury, privacy impossible and medical help completely out of reach. At one point, Kalman became sick enough that talk was about how to discard the remains should he die. He survived. One of Israel's earliest memories is of witnessing the brutal murder of his pious maternal grandfather, Chaim Fisch, who, because he wasn't moving fast enough, insisting on retrieving his phylacteries before leaving the house. He was kicked down a stairway by a Nazi soldier who fired bullets into him before he hit the bottom.

The years in the attic were years of deprivation and constant, sometimes crushing, fear. To be discovered would be to die violently, if not immediately, then in the camps. Given that he was a baby when war broke out, the early days of life in the hideout are a fog for Israel, but he was seven when the war ended and some things stuck.

He remembers the Soviet liberation of Tarnow. Dr. Unger can still see himself descending the stairs on wobbly legs for the first time in over two years. He fell. When he looked up after reaching bottom, he saw a large Soviet military boot in front of his face and, from sheer joy, embraced and kissed it.

With his parents and brother, Unger immigrated to Canada after WW2 and settled in Montreal in 1951. Prior to that, Israel's parents, fearful for the safety of their children in Poland because of horrific anti-Jewish pogroms, made spiriting the Unger children to safety their number one priority. They sent Israel and Kalman to France to a program called Rescue Children, a Europe-wide attempt to find homes for Jewish children 'orphaned' by the Holocaust. Not all of the "rescued" children were strictly orphans. After France they were sent to England to stay with a middle-aged childless paternal uncle and his wife.

The parents never stopped working towards reunification with their children that finally happened when their father found employment in France. He brought them separately to Paris, Israel first in 1950, Kalman a year later. Hoping to move to the U.S., the Ungers arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax and within days, in Montreal, where the boys were raised to adulthood.

The book recalls those days in Montreal vividly. Life was not easy, but there was a fire burning in Israel and through hard work and a brain wired for science, he was on his way by the late '60s.

Unger received his post-secondary education at Sir George Williams University,

the University of New Brunswick and the University of Texas, eventually moving to Fredericton on appointment as a professor at UNB in 1965. He married Marlene Parker and they had two daughters, Sharon, a neonatologist in Toronto, and Sheila, a medical geneticist in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1986 he was appointed Dean of Science and was reappointed twice more before retiring. Dr. Unger was and remains a highly respected academic, scientist and social justice and human rights activist.

Unger and his collaborator, Carolyn Gammon, wrote this book clearly intending to tell the story of an extraordinary life. In the process, it became more than just a writing exercise for them. Like so many works motivated by passion and discovery, and framed within the borders of historical and family narratives, this book became a journey of self-discovery and narrative renewal.

The two travelled to Poland, Germany and Israel to do their research, a trip that became more than just an academic exercise. It was, in a sense, a pilgrimage, a mission, a search for the pieces of a puzzle buried in time, some waiting to be unearthed and others lost forever.

Unger and Gammon walk us through the war years and the post-war years with skill, precision and tenderness, the latter perhaps to mitigate the misery that characterizes the first part of the book.

This book of memory is as finely written an account of a life as I have read. There isn't a wasted word or paragraph, yet everything flows smoothly as the years and the decades unfold to reveal to us the extraordinary life of an extraordinary human being.

Richard Blaquiere is a high school teacher in Woodstock, NB, who has taken journeys to Poland and Israel and taught Holocaust history to students for many years. He's a self-admitted Zionist who is enthralled with Israel.



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August, 2013



Greetings from the Consul General of Israel, Mr. Joël Lion, On the occasion of Rosh Hashanah 5774

Shalom dear Friends,

I am truly honored, on the eve of the holiest period on our calendar, to extend my most heartfelt personal best wishes to each and every member of the Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada for the year 5774.

As Consul General, I have worked tirelessly to engender a greater understanding of Israel and its people amongst the population of Atlantic Canada. Since last Rosh Hashanah, I have engaged with leaders from every strata in civil society and worked hand in hand with the Atlantic Jewish Council in order to pave new inroads for Israel throughout the region.

In keeping true with our mission's mandate to broaden the scope of our outreach in Atlantic Canada, Israel and the Jewish people have been fortunate to gain new friends in places that I have visited throughout the year including Halifax, Fredericton and St. John's. Other fruitful initiatives including a heartwarming Yom Haatzmaut reception in Halifax attended by the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier, Mayor of Halifax and other prominent dignitaries, along with another special evening in Fredericton and a visit to your community's youth at Camp Kadimah, have succeeded in bringing Israel to your doorstep.

This engagement with your region, I ensure you, will continue in the New Year as I intend to continue to visit new areas of Atlantic Canada. These visits, I am convinced, will strengthen the already strong relations between Israel and Canada for the mutual benefit of both of our peoples.





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Back home in Israel, meanwhile, our people continues to watch the unfolding events in Egypt, Syria and throughout the region, in the hope that new changes on the ground will sow the seeds of peace in the near future. We are also hopeful that a new round of talks with our Palestinian neighbors will result in a solution to our longstanding conflict based on the principle of two states for two peoples with recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish nation.

As always, Israelis remain as creative and innovative as ever, as we continue to make true on our people's ages-old dream to build a modern and prosperous nation. This is why your support, and that of your community, is as crucial as ever to our success. As Jews we are forever bound by our common history and spiritual bond to the place that gave birth to our prophets and forefathers. This bond, which has sustained us for millennia in exile, is the source of our dynamism and strength as a people.

May the solemnity of this period cause us to reflect and renew our personal vows and attachment to the Land of Israel. May it also nourish our souls and provide us with the strength to go forward at the dawn of a new year.

On behalf of the State of Israel, I wish your community strength and continued prosperity, while wishing each and every one of you peace, health and happiness in 5774.

Thank you for your continued love and support and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Shana Tova!

Sincerely yours,

Joël Lion



Saint John News

by Susan Isaacs Lubin

On Saturday, August 3rd, we had a wonderful Kiddush in the Shul, sponsored by Phil and Diane Bloom. The Kiddush was in honour Phil chanting the Haftorah – his first since his Bar Mitzvah, and also to welcome our new Israelis. We had about almost 60 people attend and for the first time in years, we had a children's table at the Kiddush. This was delightful for us to see the rejuvenation of the Synagogue.

We welcomed another Israeli family this summer – Eital and Ilan Muskal and their two daughters – Emily (9) and Nikka (4). The family has settled in Millidgeville and the girls have been attending day camps and learning English. We hope that this is the beginning of many more families immigrating.

Joe and Renee Arditti represented the Saint John community in Fredericton to greet the Israeli Consul General.

The Jewish Museum is sponsoring a luncheon on October 11th, with a speaker from England, Sir Andrew Burns. This is a major fundraising event for the Museum and we are hoping for a large turnout.

Once again we look forward to Cantor Jeff Spitzer joining us for the High Holidays from the Boston area. Cantor Spitzer has been with us for a number of years now, and this year, as he was last year, he will be joined by his wife, Rabbi Miriam Spitzer. They are both true friends of the community and their joining us for the High Holidays is truly one of the highlights of the year.

Mazel tov to Jocelyn and Michael Roy on the birth of their first child, Addison. Jocelyn is the daughter of Rhonda Koven Daltrop and stepdad Lorne Daltrop. Addison is the second great grandchild of Elizabeth Koven. Mazel tov to the whole family.

Mazel tov to Micah and Trisha Tait on their marriage in June. Micah is the son of Cathy Cohen Tait and stepson of Bill Thompson. The Honourable Erminie Cohen is the proud grandmother. Mazel tov to all.

Mazel tov to Shelley and Barry Cohen-Thorley who have moved in a new condo in the same building uptown Saint John as Shelley's mother, Erminie Cohen lives.

Mazel tov to Matthew Holtzman on his Bar Mitzvah the end of June in Toronto. Matthew is the son of Wayne and Mona Holtzman and grandson to the Fruchtors from Montreal and also Janet and Norman Holtzman.

Mazel tov to Nancy Morrison on her induction into the Saint John Sports Hall of Fame for her contribution as an official in both Basketball and Softball. Nancy is an award winning official in several sports. Her softball career included a World Championship, Olympic Qualifier, International Tournaments and the pinnacle – umpiring the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Nancy is married to Peter Conley and is the daughter of Joanne Morrison. Mazel tov to all.

Mazel tov to Lloyd and Francine Goldsmith on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ryan in Toronto. Ryan is the son of Renee and Mike Belliss of Toronto.

Sincere condolences to Fay Rozovsky and the entire family on the death of Lorne Rozovsky. Lorne was a brilliant educator in the legal/medical field, and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Saint John Jewish Historical Museum

by Katherine Biggs-Craft, Curator

The summer tourist season at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum officially opened on Sunday, June 9th with the annual general meeting of the members and the election of the Board of the Saint John Jewish Historical Society for 2013-2014.

The meeting was followed by a talk and book signing by Dr. Israel Unger for his book, *The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger*. More than 80 people from the Saint John area listened avidly as Dr. Unger read passages from his book and answered questions from audience members. Many were visibly moved as he spoke of hiding

behind a false wall in a flour factory in Tarnow, Poland with seven other people for two years. Copies of his book were available for sale during the afternoon and Dr. Unger graciously autographed copies for our guests.

We have been fortunate to receive funding from the provincial and federal governments to hire eight university and high school students for the summer. These young people have applied themselves enthusiastically to giving guided tours of the Museum to visitors and to a number of research and archival projects.

Research is being done on the history and activities of the summer community of Pampdenec, located 10 minutes from Saint John, where many Jewish families had summer homes between the 1920s and the 1950s. Many who were there still carry fond memories for the carefree summer days spent there. We hope to have a video produced with interviews, photographs and home movies to tell the story of these remarkable years.

Work is also continuing on our Holocaust exhibit as we uncover more family stories which connect those tragic events to families living in Saint John. We will be

adding more interviews and photographs to this exhibit for 2014.

The enormous task of maintaining our growing archives occupies much of our efforts as material is sorted, described and properly filed, so that future generations can learn about the families and activities which made up the Saint John Jewish community. In recent months we have received several large donations of private papers, organization histories and photographs from Saint John residents and we anticipate receiving more over the fall and winter. We should have updated listings for all of our archival holdings by the spring of 2014.

Over the past number of weeks we have also answered many inquiries from individuals tracing their family history back to Saint John. A diligent search is made of our archival sources, including city directories, burial records, newspaper clippings, organization minutes, and photograph files, and often the resources of other local archives. We also consult

family members who may still be living in the city. It is always rewarding when we are successful in uncovering some previously unknown bit of information which connects family members together. It is all very exciting for us and for our researchers. Having information on the website for the Canadian Jewish Heritage Information Network and two online exhibits at the Virtual Museum of Canada really helps people in search of information to find us and ask specific questions.

The busiest part of the tourism season is yet to come with a large number of cruise ships expected in September and October, when many days will see more than one ship docked on the city's piers and thousands of tourists exploring the city. We expect that many of these visitors will follow our bright blue and white sandwich boards up the hills to reach the Jewish Museum where they will be warmly welcomed by our guides and volunteers. We have also received word that a number

of visitors have booked small private tours through our partnership with Freedom Tours of Saint John and HYPERLINK "<http://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/Saint-John-Jewish-Museum-p/cnsjftjewish.htm>" <http://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/Saint-John-Jewish-Museum-p/cnsjftjewish.htm>. They will have a wonderful tour of the Museum which includes a look "behind the scenes" of the library and archives which most museum visitors don't see. This is a new programme for us and we hope for much success and good reviews to encourage future visitors.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum will be open for tourists until the end of October, but we also welcome group tours by appointment through the winter, so there are opportunities to visit the Museum throughout the year.

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Senior British Diplomat to Speak at October Luncheon

by Gary Davis, President, Saint John Jewish Historical Society

Sir Andrew Burns, first UK Envoy for post-Holocaust Issues, will be guest speaker at an important fundraising luncheon to be held in Saint John on October 11, 2013. Proceeds will benefit the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum by building the endowment that provides an annual grant to the Museum. Sir Andrew's topic will be "Still Coping with the Consequences of the Holocaust".

Sir Andrew served as British Ambassador to Israel and High Commissioner to Canada. He was appointed to his present post in 2010. He previously served as chairman of the Anglo-Israel Association.

Recognition of the Holocaust and its consequences is important for people of all ages and backgrounds. The aim is to help prevent future catastrophes of any size, victimizing any people, anywhere in the world. The audience will include about 100 students from local high schools and nearby universities thanks to generous sponsors.

"This is a great honour for Saint John and for New Brunswick," said retired senator, the Honourable Erminie Cohen, a prominent member of the Jewish Community of Saint John. "Sir Andrew is one of the most knowledgeable people anywhere who can speak about this subject."

Jacqueline Oland, a member of the organizing committee, said, "Sir Andrew is an excellent speaker. I heard him when he visited New Brunswick as British High Commissioner. This is an important event and everyone who attends will learn a great deal from the experience."

Sir Andrew described his assignment this way to the BBC: "My particular role is to give leadership to the process of following up on the

various commitments which the British Government, and many other governments in Europe, have made over the last 10 to 15 years. In the future perhaps most importantly it's about the whole process of education, remembrance and research. Helping to give a lead to the next generation thinking about the awful history of the Holocaust and its lessons and the implications for modern life."

Funds raised will come from ticket sales, donations and sponsorships. Charitable receipts for tax purposes will be issued. Tickets are \$100 and are available or from Harbour Station (in person, online, or by phone) or in person from the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. The luncheon will be held at the Delta Brunswick Hotel, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum Fund was established in 2011 to give annual grants to the Museum to ensure the perpetual existence of its collection. The fund is managed independently by The Greater Saint John Community Foundation.

You can learn more about the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum by visiting our website or our Facebook page. Among our programmes is

a Holocaust Study Programme for high school students, which has been offered annually for 13 years and we host an annual observance for Yom Hashoah. In 2013 our Holocaust Memorial Exhibit was opened for the first time, and we are making videos showing connections between Saint John and the Holocaust. We give access to archival material to historians and scholars interested in the Jewish heritage of Saint John and we conduct tours as an educational service. Thousands of people visit from around the world the Museum annually.

For more Information please contact me at (506) 738-8228 or by email at: ashglen@rogers.com

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Saint John Jewish Historical Museum Fund Receives a \$25,000 Donation

Fay Rozovsky, widow of the late Lorne Rozovsky z"l, announced that Lorne had sent a donation of \$25,000 to the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum Fund, managed by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation. The text of his letter, written to his cousin Gary Davis is below.

Dear Gary,

I am writing this letter because I want people to know why I made my donation to the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum Fund.

When you told me about this fund a few months ago, I realized that it was what I was looking for: a way to make a lasting contribution to the preservation of the history of the Saint John Jewish Community.

Saint John was chosen by my grandparents, Abram and Zelda Rozovsky, to be their home when they emigrated from "Russia" a century ago. It is where my father, his sisters and his brother were raised. When I think of "family" I think of Saint John.

Of course one cannot think of Jewish Saint John without thinking of Pampdenec. It was a special community in itself, even though, for Jewish people, it only existed in the summers from about 1920 to the early 1970s or so. It is heartwarming to know that the Jewish Museum is preserving its memory in documents and in a video.

The establishment of the Jewish Museum over 25 years ago was essential to maintain the personality of the Saint John Jewish Community. Without it I am sure the community would have dwindled as Jewish communities have in many small cities and towns. The Museum now is recognized in

several countries as an important repository of information and artefacts.

It is vital, literally, that the Museum be sustained. The establishment of an endowment, managed independently by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation, which will provide an annual grant to the Museum, was an important decision that will preserve the collection for many years to come.

Hopefully this fund will grow through the contributions of others directly to the fund, to prepare for whatever might happen in the long term. I encourage everyone with an interest in, or love of, the Saint John Jewish Community, to add their contribution, of whatever size, to this important cause.

Love, Your cousin, Lorne

Lorne E. Rozovsky z"l, 1942 - 2013

Lorne Elkin Rozovsky, lawyer, author, educator, and human rights advocate, died August 5, 2013 at his home in Bloomfield, Conn., after a 15-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 70.

A native of Timmins, Ontario Mr. Rozovsky spent his latter years in the United States after a distinguished career in Canada, where he was made Queen's Counsel in Nova Scotia. He authored 18 books and more than 600 articles on health law. He also wrote on Jewish customs and laws, published online by Chabad.org.

Before entering private practice, Mr. Rozovsky served as Legal Counsel to the Ministry of Health in Nova Scotia. A past member of the faculties of Law, Medicine and Dentistry at Dalhousie University in Halifax, he was instrumental in establishing

the Health Law Institute. A student writing award at the Institute was recently established to honor Mr. Rozovsky and his wife.

Among his books were The Canadian Patient's Book of Rights, AIDS and Canadian Law, and Canadian Hospital Law, the first book on the subject published in Canada. He was the only Canadian to be named an honorary fellow for life by the American College of Legal Medicine. In 2012, he was named an honorary Kentucky Colonel by the governor of that state.

Mr. Rozovsky believed in serving every community in which he lived. In Canada, he gave "Concerts in Historic Settings," worked with special needs children in the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers, and served as the Atlantic representative to the National Ballet of Canada. In the United States, Mr. Rozovsky

served on town committees in Bloomfield and was a past President of Temple Beth-El in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Rozovsky was facile at creating ecumenical bonds; among his close friends were faculty members at Providence College in Rhode Island, a Catholic, Dominican school and the alma mater of his wife and sons.

A son of the late Hyman and Gladys (Freiman) Rozovsky, Mr. Rozovsky was a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and the University of Toronto.

He is survived by his wife, Fay (nee Frank) Rozovsky, and their two sons, Joshua and Aaron, and his beloved beagles, Tevye and Motl.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mr. Rozovsky's honor to the Saint John Jewish Museum.

Fredericton Summer News

by Marilyn Kaufman

We continue to try to make ongoing activities in the community interesting. The Sisterhood offered belly dance classes for its members in June and hope to start up again in September. Led by Ayten Kranat, lots of fun was had by all who attended.

The immigration committee is preparing for the upcoming September visit of possible newcomers to our community. We have had one family come in June to settle here in Fredericton. A group had previously visited in the Spring.

In June, Perry Romberg (UIA) and Dylan Hanley (Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs' Director of University Relations) along with Marilyn Kaufman (AJC and CIJA Fredericton Representative) were officially recognized in the NB Legislature and later met with Fredericton MLA Brian Macdonald and the Hon. Danny Soucy, Minister of Secondary Education, Training and Development to discuss possible opportunities open to NB universities through programs in Israel. Later, the trio met with Dr. David Charters from the Gregg Centre (Study of War and Society), UNB, to discuss potential speakers for the upcoming academic year. In the evening, Dylan addressed the core group ... Advocates for Human Rights Fredericton.

Rabbi Goldman's children, Shlomit and Nataniel who reside in Israel, spent three weeks visiting with their father, here in Fredericton. The Rabbi's brother Pesach with his daughter also spent some time visiting.

The Fredericton Jewish community is always happy to welcome visitors passing through on their travels and welcomed a family during Tisha Ba'av.

Albina and Isaac Lazarev were visited by Albina's sister and family from Israel and later by friends from Israel during July.

Marc and Ayten Kranat and their family enjoyed a summer visit from Marc's mother who resides in London, England.

Marilyn and Seymour Kaufman, grandparents and Harry and Sheila Chippin, great-grandparents enjoyed visiting with their grandchildren, Paeyton and Mercedes from Alberta. Also home for a visit was daughter, Joanna Kaufman, now living in Keswick, ON.

Anita Adilman was visited by her daughter, Lea now living and teaching in Taiwan.

Welcome back to: David Aronoff, who spent time in Ottawa visiting his brother Michael and sister - in -law Judy. Matthew Chippin, who spent time on course studies in France.

Mazel Tov to:

Joshua Stephens, proud parents, Shelley and Byron, on his graduation from Fredericton High School. He will be entering the Bachelor of Arts and Criminology Program at St. Thomas University in the fall.

Michelle Chippin, proud parents, Arnold and Rose, on her graduation from Fredericton High School. She will be entering McGill University in the fall.

Daniel Chippin, proud parents, Rose and Arnold, who will be entering the University of Toronto in the Fall to pursue his PHD in Economics.

Joseph (Yosi) Lazarev, proud parents, Albina and Isaac, on his graduation from UNB with honours. He will be attending Medical School at Ottawa University in the fall.

Byron and Shelley Stephens will be celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary on Aug.2nd.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Valerie Chippin recuperating from a broken hip and Jasmine Kranat, recuperating from a broken leg.

Unveilings in Fredericton were held for the late Lil Freeman of Toronto/Fredericton, the late Hyman Rose of Woodstock and the late Harry Lang of Fredericton.

Condolences to the family of the late Barbara Budovitch(Sherry and Stephen, Marlene).

As a new year approaches, Shelley Stephens on behalf of the Sisterhood and Louis Budovitch



Josh will be attending St. Thomas University in the fall.

on behalf of the Sgoolai Israel Congregation, Fredericton, wish you all a Yom Tov.



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Report from The Rock

by Claire Frankel-Salama

There is a common saying that it never rains but it pours. This spring and summer, it has been pouring guests and events, much to our delight.

In late April, 63 English stream and 43 French Immersion pupils from Mary Queen of Peace visited the synagogue for a presentation on the community and on the themes studied in the Grade 4 curriculum in their religions course. Their behaviour was exemplary and their enthusiasm infectious. As a semi-retired teacher, I enjoy getting a little "fix" from all of our school visits.

Early in May we got a call from the AJC that the Consul General of Israel, Joël Lion, would be visiting St. John's for a couple of days. He arrived on Tuesday night, spent a hectic day meeting government and university officials, and

then came for supper and a little break to our house. Following that he had a meeting with the Jewish communities of Newfoundland and Labrador at Beth El synagogue, where the tables were arrayed with Israeli and Canadian flags and the walls of the Social Hall festooned with posters of Israel. Clementines and dates imported from Israel (naturally) were included with the refreshments. The Consul (and ordained Rabbi) spoke to an audience comprising Jews and non-Jews about the situation in the Middle East. He is a very dynamic and entertaining speaker and we look forward to welcoming him again.

At the beginning of June we found out that Team Israel would be participating in the World Ball Hockey Championships here in St. John's. Several members went out to cheer "our boys" on, complete with



Lea Ferman holding a Torah redeemed by her father, the late Lewis Ferman z"l

Israeli flag. A few team members were interviewed on CBC radio and the entire team posed for a charming picture with Team Pakistan for the Telegram.

Shortly afterwards, we welcomed Perry

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Romberg, Director of Financial Resource Development at UIA and Dylan Hanley from CIJA. Professor Katherine Side of the Havura arranged for an evening session at Memorial where we listened to the fascinating story of Dylan's 180 degree move from an anti-Israel position to actively advocating for Israel and working for peace in the Middle East. All of the members of the Synagogue who were there that evening were deeply moved and impressed by his story and hope to hear him again in the future.

During the third week in June Rabbi Chai Cohen and his wife, Mitzi, who is originally from Sydney, N.S., visited the province and invited the Jewish communities to a presentation on the Bet HaMikdash to mark the beginning of the three weeks before Tisha Be'Av. Attending as well was Robin McGrath who was visiting from Labrador.

On June 26th we lost our oldest member, Betty (Bronislawa) Barban z"l, who was two months shy of 100. She came to Newfoundland with her husband, Andreas,

from Shanghai where they had fled from Germany and Austria. Deep thanks to Dr. Barbara Grandy, Bonnie Leyton and Trina Rosenzweig of the Chevra Kadisha who performed the Tahara. Michael Paul and Claire Salama lead the graveside funeral service and Messod Salama sang El Moleh Rachamim. As all of you in the small communities know, there are no professionals to do this holy task, and it is up to volunteers to perform "this ultimate kindness". After the graveside service, in the pouring rain, we were invited to the Murray Premises where we had a chance to speak with Dr. Gregory Barban, Betty's son, his wife and three children. A long obituary written by Joan Sullivan appeared in the Globe and Mail shortly afterwards.

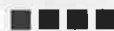
On July 6th at Chapter's we were treated to the launch of "The Unwritten Diary of Izzy Unger" by Carolyn Gammon, currently living in Berlin. She brought some interesting pictures and documents to illustrate her presentation and signed our copies.

Only ten days later we welcomed Rabbis Aharon Meshininov and Leibl Ferris, two

young rabbis with the Lubavitch Roving Rabbis organization. They joined us for services and an Oneg Shabbat and have subsequently held several study sessions for adults and a shofar factory for children. They also attended our annual barbecue on July 28th which was held at the breathtaking Tors Cove home of Dr. David and Christine Wright. While the rest of us ate and schmoozed while searching for whales in the cove, Aharon and Leibl took off on David's ATV, tzitsis flying in the wind. Many thanks to the Wrights for their warm hospitality.

Incredibly, we welcomed still more visiting rabbis this summer. Rabbi Avis Miller, Rabbi Emerita of Adas Israel- the Embassy shul- from Washington DC, and her husband decided to complement their many travels with a visit to this province. Rabbi Miller gave a stirring Dvar Torah on Parashat Re'eh after being welcomed to the home of Drs. Michael Paul and Barbara Grandy. After a week in and around St. John's, the intrepid Rabbis Miller are off to the Northern Peninsula and Labrador. Kol ha-Kavod!

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Rabbis Aharon and Leibl on an ATV at the Wright's in Tors Cove

We have had numerous visitors to the shul mainly from Ontario. Leah Ferman, formerly of St. John's, but now of Toronto, made a brief visit to her first synagogue during which she was able to hold the Torah which was redeemed by her late father, Lewis Ferman z"l, a member of the famous Bielski gang (Defiance) and much-missed member of Beth El. Lewis and Grunya Ferman were recipients of honorary doctorates by MUN for their work in Holocaust education. We also

welcomed Mrs. Zylber, the mother of Marvin, an engineer working on the Muskrat Falls project. The parents of Dr. Mark Zaretsky from Toronto spent a week on the island and also enjoyed time with us in shul. We also had the pleasure of meeting the sister and niece of Dr. Chava Finkler on their first trip to the province. The shul has been sponsoring Oneg Shabbatoth almost weekly during the summer to welcome all of our guests.

Finally, we had a short and impressive talk by Shirley Barnes, a semi-retired nurse and midwife who has worked all over the world, and who now lives in Bonavista, NL. After an initial stay in a Kibbutz in 1968, Shirley began to volunteer with Sar-El and has worked on many different military bases, sometimes on her own, and other times with her sister from Vancouver. She is a well-travelled and articulate speaker and supporter of Israel and we hope that she will share her experiences with as many Newfoundlanders as possible. Her stories of volunteering with Sar-El are truly inspiring.

As summer draws to a close, we welcome



Rabbi Chai Cohen with Robin McGrath and Ernie Mauskopf

the annual visit of Dr. Douglas and Ruth Wilansky, and Judy Wilansky. We are also planning our annual Shofar service at Cape Spear, our pre-Rosh Hashanah memorial service at the Blackmarsh Jewish cemetery and our Community dinner and breaking of the fast which are quickly approaching. A hearty Shanah Tova u-Metukah from the members and friends of Beth El (the Hebrew Congregation of Newfoundland and Labrador) to you all. If you are planning to be in the region, please get in touch – you never know who else will be visiting!

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Jewish Community Havura

by Ruth Noel and Nancy Bennett

What a beautiful summer it's been. It took awhile to get here but when it did we had long hot summer days with perhaps not enough rain, but who complained. By late June the whales were back and they performed for tourists and residents alike for several weeks.

In May, the Havura was asked to provide a speaker for the Eighth Annual Hindu Multi-Faith Symposium. This year's topic was The Role of Devotion in Spiritual Growth. Jonathan Richler volunteered. He was one of eight speakers from as many religions. His talk was titled, The Practice of Secular Devotion: Its Effect on Spiritual Growth—A Jewish Perspective.

In June, some of our members spoke in schools, which is always a rewarding experience. Starting in primary grades, the Newfoundland and Labrador curriculum teaches about world religions and gives the students the opportunity to learn about other religions in a respectful way.

The annual end of the year picnic was held at Nancy Bennett's home. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and about fifty people gathered on the back lawn to eat, play games and kibbutz. The ages ranged from newborn to senior citizen and there was much laughter and camaraderie throughout the afternoon. Robert Sweeny and John

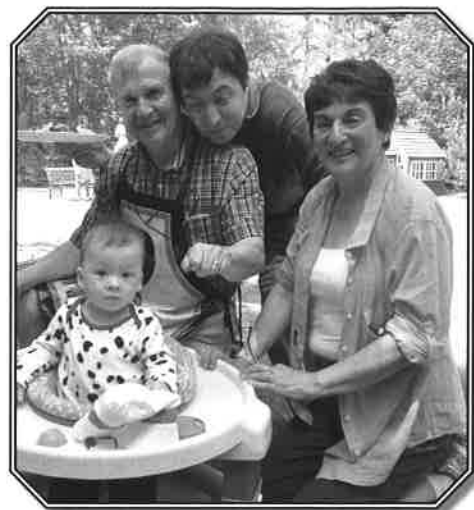
Noel barbequed the salmon and vegetarian burgers and hotdogs. Picnic-goers brought delicious salads, sides and desserts. Lisa Bendzsa brought favours for the kids and a number of adults and kids went swimming in the Manuels River, just down the hill from Nancy's.

June brought the beginning of the tourist season and with it visitors and speakers from away.

Like every community in Atlantic Canada, we had our share of out of town visitors. Perry Romberg, CIJA Director of Financial Resource Development & Regional Community Services, brought Dylan Hanley, CIJA Associate Director of University Relations, for an informal talk entitled, The Accidental Zionist: Lessons from a Former Anti-Israel Activist – with stress on "former." Katherine Side and Jonathan Richler arranged for a room at Memorial University and facilitated the meeting.

Elena Hammel and children Siena and Beckett, came to visit for a month from their home in Vancouver. Elena and her husband Jonathan Kitzen lived here for several years but a year ago, reluctantly moved to B.C. for work and school. They were an integral part of our community and it was wonderful to have Elena and the kids back, even for a short time.

We have kept up our scheduled Shabbat services throughout the summer, meeting in various homes and followed by our wonderful potluck suppers. Our last service in July it was so balmy, we held the service outdoors with a beautiful view of Conception Bay. Aharon Meschaninov, a visiting Chabad rabbi



Proud grandparents John and Ruth Noel and son Elliot having fun with grandson Ian at the Havura picnic.

from New York, delivered the Dvar Torah. He and his colleague Leibel Ferris, enjoyed meeting Havura members after the service. They want to learn more about the Jewish community in Newfoundland and do some outreach to unaffiliated Jews throughout the province.

The two rabbis, calling themselves the "Roving Rabbis," emailed a poster about their "Shofar Factory." They had sent for 10 rams horns and held a shofar-making workshop for kids. Everyone got a chance to help saw off the end of a horn and drill a small opening. Then they used sandpaper to polish the outside and shellac to make it shine. Five children and six adults participated. The rabbis also talked about Rosh Hashanah and said that, in addition to the new year, Rosh Hashanah was Adam's birthday.

In July, Kari Brown hosted a baby shower for two new arrivals and one to come in August. On a lovely summer afternoon we gathered to welcome the new babies to our community and to wish good luck to the expectant mother. Lemonade and light refreshments, innovative gifts and lots of talking and laughing made for a pleasant afternoon.



Enjoying the Havura picnic!

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In August, Rabbi Avis Miller joined us for a service at Ruth and John Noel's. She and her husband Ralph were visiting from the Washington DC area and had just finished a week-long tour of the province. She was a rabbi at Adas Israel Congregation in Washington for 22 years and chief rabbi for 10 years. She is currently president of the Maryland-based Open Dor Foundation, which reaches out to unaffiliated and marginally active Jews.

Mazel tov to Elizabeth and Tom Loder and big sister Abbey on the birth of baby girl Aurora.

Mazel tov to Inbal Bahar and Sharon Koubi, brother Noam and sisters Daphna and Ayala on the home birth of baby boy Amit. Amit was named after their dear friend Arnold Bennett who died in 2011 and in honour of Andrea Monro, a friend and Havura member who served as Inbal's doula.

Mazel tov to Israel Unger on the publication of his book, *The Unwritten Diary of Israel Unger*, about his family's Holocaust experience in Poland and his life in Canada.

His co-author, Carolyn Gammon, travelled to St. John's for a book launch at Chapters bookstore on July 3.

This report covers only part of the summer so stay tuned for more news in the next edition of *Shalom*. We welcome any visitors who come this way and please join us for services if you can.

We always have a Shabbat meal afterwards and it's a good chance to meet us in an informal setting. We're busy planning our High Holiday services and welcome any of you who find yourselves in Newfoundland for the holidays. Have a healthy and happy New Year.

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Cape Breton News

by Evy and Barrie Carnat

We have been blessed with a wonderful summer in Cape Breton enriched by the many people who have joined us at our Shabbat Services at Temple sons of Israel. Our strong weekly minyans of 20+ men and women continue as do the delicious Kiddush lunches following our services. We have been buoyed with the welcome return of summer residents including David and Anita Schick, Irwin Epstein, Heidi and Rose Schwartz Rubinoff, Harold and Evelyn Davis's daughters Beverly and Lynn, and granddaughter Shira.



Whitney Karrel, guest speaker at the annual Hadassah Dinner.

The Sydney and Glace Bay chapters of Hadassah held their end-of-the-year dinner in June, and featured guest speaker, Whitney Karrel, daughter of Martin and Margaret Karrel. This past year, Whitney spent several months working in a youth program in Ghana. This was also our occasion to bid a sad farewell to a special friend, Diana Schwartz, who has now moved to Halifax.

Fanny Cohen recently celebrated her 105th birthday at her home in Glace Bay. A quote about her in a recent article in the Cape Breton Post: "Fanny will tell you stories of the strikes, the journeys she made as a teacher, but yet then, she can also talk about Prince William having a baby." She does her daily cryptograms and crossword puzzles, and continues to be an avid reader.

We are looking forward to the community celebration of Rose Schwartz Rubinoff's Bat Mitzvah. Rose lives in Toronto with her parents, Heidi and Daniel, and summers in Englishtown, Cape Breton. She is the granddaughter of Inez and Bram (zl) Schwartz.



A family gathering celebrating Goldie Gardner Cohen's 100th birthday! Another Cape Bretoner centenarian, Goldie formerly of Glace Bay, is the mother of Sheldon Cohen, Director of Camp Kadimah 1981-2000. Pictured here with granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

We invite readers of this article to visit beautiful Cape Breton, take in the glorious sights, and join us on Shabbat and be welcomed with open arms. The Celtic Colours International Music Festival in October provides an ideal time to connect with Cape Breton. If you or your family were former members of our community and would like to receive our weekly bulletin, please contact us at: evnbar@yahoo.com.

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from left to right : Evelyn Davis presents Diana Schwartz with a certificate recognizing her long term contributions to the Sydney Chapter of Hadassah.

Israel and the Sabbath: Our Model, Our Final Home

by Rabbi David Ellis, Regional Chaplain, Atlantic Jewish Council

"For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven . . ."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

(Regarding when to say Hallel) "... perhaps on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur? Is it possible that the King has the books of life and death open before him and to sing him a song? Talmud Arakin 10b

For background

I was asked by one of the communities in the region to comment on scheduling an event on one of the Jewish holidays this fall, where several of them are on Thursday and Friday, running into the Sabbath.

While it was understood that the congregation was not fully observant of all the traditional laws of Sabbath and Yom Tov regarding travel, some asked whether there should be a public Jewish affair on the day.

There was a compromise made, and the event did not go as planned.

However the question itself raised important issues about our Jewish life. Let me share some of my thoughts.

One gets used to many inconsistencies in Jewish observance in this region. Many people would drive to synagogue on Shabbat during the rest of the year but would rent a nearby hotel room for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Sometimes, when the day flows into Shabbat, they will drive back home later in the afternoon before Shabbat.

Others are more "traditional." We should not do things on the holidays; my bubbe and zaide would never have done that!

While perhaps incomplete, all such attitudes are trying to go somewhere. Let's look.

The eventual goal should be, that all world Jewish communities should return, after centuries of challenges and dislocations, to a traditional observance of the Sabbath and holidays. Those forming our role models

are already on the way.

We all support and are proud of Israel. For many years Jews there and abroad said that they now have a secular state and that traditional restrictions like the Sabbath would not be an imposition upon the people.

Yet this is not the final word.

It has been a long established policy that government officials of Israel, whenever they travel to communities in the diaspora, will always publicly observe the Sabbath. Even if the local community does not observe it. Even if they might not observe it personally back in Israel.

An even more striking example is the observance of Yom Kippur in Jerusalem. Anyone who has been there for it has been overwhelmed by what they see. In any ordinarily bustling city, when even on Shabbat there will be a few cars driving, all of a sudden everything stops. Not a car can be seen anywhere in the city, except a rare emergency vehicle occasionally passing

by. They are now probably manned by Druze, Bahai or Christian citizens of Israel.

Persons who usually never attend synagogue will find a cardboard kippah and pop in to catch Kol Nidre and Ne'ielah.

The Reform and Conservative movements have made various

compromises, both theoretical and practical, with the Jewish Sabbath over the decades. Everyone is aware of the inconsistencies of Shabbat observance at Orthodox synagogues, less common nowadays--of parking the car two blocks away from shul then "walking" there. Some more "observant" used to go five blocks.

But in Israel it is different. A synagogue is always nearby. So one need not drive there.

Moreover, the representatives of the liberal movements in Israel have returned to the traditional Sabbath, with more or less the same observances of the Orthodox.

In the states many Reform synagogues now have chavurot of Shabbat observant families.

What is the upshot of all this?

It is simply that from Israel and from our restructuring of Jewish life, we are
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returning to the traditional Sabbath. It is in the heart of all Jews. It is dislocations from our past century and settling in new communities which has led us away.

And frankly we must admit--sometimes traditional Sabbath observers themselves were at fault. Many observed it mechanically and without love. But let's give them some slack as well. Their attitude was also the result of undue stress and turmoil of the times.

Yalta, the wife of Rav Nachman, noted (Chulin 109b) that for everything that G-d had forbade, he made something similar which was permitted. Blood was prohibited but eating liver was allowed. One could not marry a man's wife. But if she were divorced, she could be remarried to another, even if her former husband were still alive. Immediate relatives were not to marry, but if a husband died childless, the brother could take the

widow in levirate marriage. Meat and milk were not eaten together, but the udder of a kosher animal could be eaten (Some later authorities would prohibit it.).

In our times, we are finding many ways to replace whatever we "lose" by Sabbath observance. The five day work week is common. Civil holidays allow us time to take long weekends. Many types of recording equipment allow us to catch that symphony or game on television Friday night at a later time.

In summary our Jewish world is on the way back to the Sabbath, as Israel is now doing. Not by oppressive laws and coercion. But by seeing it as what we need in our world. For personal, communal and even natural renewal. There is much talk about saving our resources--we've had for centuries a whole day of the week not to use the world for our purposes.

Let us then look forward to 5774 as being a year when Jewish communities and

individuals continue to return to the traditional Sabbath and holidays. I'll see everyone around the region during them or soon after.



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State and Religion

by Rabbi Yosef Goldman, Sgoolai Israel Synagogue, Fredericton

Many of my Christian friends call themselves "two day Christians", meaning that they attend services at their church only on Christmas and Easter. Are we "two day Jews" or can we practice our religious beliefs for the entire year, even if we do not go to Synagogue?!

Judaism, in my eyes, is a nationality, not a religion. The first one to name us a nation was the Pharaoh in Egypt: "Behold! The People, the Children of Israel, are now numerous and stronger than we" (Exodus 1, 9). Being a nation, not a religion, we cannot afford to separate state and religion, for us it is one and the same.

In the coming High Holydays, the main theme is that we are announcing to the world that Hashem is the King of the Universe, and we are His People. Rabbi

Nachman of Breslow phrased this idea in very short and concise words: "EIN MELECH B'LO AM" – there is no king without a people (or nation). And in the poem that we all sing, Adon Olam: "at the time when His will brought all into being – then as 'King' was His name proclaimed"; this line is taken from Maimonides explanation of the Thirteen Fundamentals of Faith.

The last point I wish to make is this. Every person is a small world! In the Talmud we find that anyone who saves



even one person, he or she are likened to the Creator, since they saved a whole world. When we hear on the news or read the newspaper, do we look at every catastrophe and shrug it off as another freak accident, another bad thing that just happened because there is evil in the world?! Or, can we perhaps seek G-d's guidance in understanding what His will is for us. When we hear that a snake killed two very young kids very close to our home, our reaction should be, I believe, to pray to Hashem and become closer to Him and to each other. Maybe we can balance these horrendous and hurtful accidents and intentional wrongdoings, with our good actions, prayers and loving-kindness.

Wishing you all a Good & Blessed New Year, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life, in the Book of Forgiveness, and in the Book of Sustenance.

The story of 'Yetzer HaRa' - Evil inclination of disagreement

by Rabbi Amram Maccabi, Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax

A typical polite chat with "Yetzer HaRa"
(Based on a true story):

First "Yetzer" cunningly goes to the Ultra Orthodox Jew and says: "Look at those Reform Jews, a worthless group of clowns, manipulating the Torah and its scholars; ruining the Jewish nation as a whole!"

Yetser has a point. Sounds convincing.

Next step, reassured from his success, Yetser now goes to the Reforms, and tells them:

"See those strange behaving – old fashion people, estranging themselves from the normal community, not contributing to society and ruining the Tikun Olam we're trying to build. Locked in their Getho's and not letting anyone in; proud and prejudiced?"

Sounds like strike 2.
Hmmm...

Like a Yoyo, bouncing to and fro the Yetzer continues this prosperous adventure, not wasting a minute, enjoying the moment. Wearing a broad smile while seeing his work now done by itself. For, as we well know, there are many creative exponential ways for disagreement. –All one has to do is decide which side he stands for, or rather which side is he not. Then the absolute madness, ignorance, work of evil appears. It works like a fire that starts with a small match, and then bursts into dangerous flames that must be put out;



careful! Do not go near!

Ohh, how could we forget, it never stops there with just those two groups, Yetzer won't cease fire till he gets to every two Jews he can! Then, he intervenes to put in an extra word, an evil speech in a whisper: 'are your friends really true?' Maybe they belong to another sort of "RE": Reform, REconstrucunist, REconservative, maybe even a dangerous RE-zbhallah..

Perhaps, Yetser drills, all the talk of liberal kindness, is really a sort of "wall" in their mind? Because that's all they ever talk about. On the other hand there are different walls of dispute: Walls for a Getho, Walls for a Mechitza, Walls of tears (Kotel), Oh my goodness they are getting us to a new WALL-o-caust...

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One might ask: What is the problem? G-d created Yetzer Hara of argument for this particular job. To spark an argument between a person and a spouse, rise arguments between neighbors and so on... He starts the fight, he pushes you into the pit of sin, then he shoots you from the back. That's his job....(Baba Batra 15). Arguments sharpen the mind; debates-clarify and strengthen one's point of view.

BUT, our ancestors tell us, it doesn't stop there. Yetzer does not play fair. HE IS A LIER! Always behind disguise.

To Reform ears he speaks in language of liberty and peace – in the name liberté their old fashion education must be stopped. They don't accept basic Égalité, it is another proof their ways are inferior to ours. On behalf of fraternité I exclude you from the family for not accepting new modern rules.

HE IS A LIER! Always uses the right terminology.

Yetzer then sits in the Orthodox office, and over a traditional glass of well aged scotch with a piece of smoked Salmon, he begins the chat – A Broch! What a hurting fall from the slippery slope. We must put more fences, don't let them come close. So what if she's Jewish, she sings too well, you cannot accept that sings nor listen to her or you will be thrown to hell! Did you notice her Talis?...

Yetzer HaRa of disagreement is brought in front of the court of justice:

Judge: What is your name and address?

Yetzer: my English name: Evil inclination of

disagreement. I do not have a set address, I live everywhere – I'm not racist at all, I dwell in everyone! Ultra Orthodox, Reform, Secular, Black and white Jews, Right and left wing, Zionists or Neturei Karta, Scholars and labor at every heart. I always expand my fields of expertise.

Judge: Who do you work for?

Yetzer: Nobody, I am here on behalf of the Evil. I just fool you successfully..

Judge: How do you fool us?

Yetzer: I know you are really one nation; sisters and brothers of the same family. I know that what you have in common is way more that what separates you. I know that HASHEM loves you ALL, that your share the same enemies, that you are all good people with positive intensions – and that there is ONLY ONE WAY TO DESTROY YOU.

Judge: Huh? And what is that?

Yetzer: When you're not together, when you are divided by things you think are crucial. It is actually me destroying you.

Judge: How come you're telling me all this straightforwardly? Aren't you afraid we will discover your deceit?

Yetzer: No. I am not afraid. I know you all too good. For thousands of years you fight with each other, losing way more than you gain. And yet you continue... Look at the Bible, every time you fall in my pits of false disagreements, it is full of examples of brother rivalry.

Chaverim,

We know the ways of the evil inclination, there is nothing new.

At the same time, and this is the good news, we also know the cure for this illness; an old remedy that always works although it doesn't shine with appeal and it is sometimes hard to swallow:

AHAVA and EMUNAH. That's all there is to it: Love and faith. Tons of it. Tons of love for every fellow Jew, and tons of faith in HASHEM that His Will for us is to be together despite the differences.

This sort of medicine, prescribed by God himself in the old cure book of Torah, can be taken several times a day. Actually, as opposed to modern medication, it has no limit. The more you take- the better! And it's free!

You see, the advantage of belonging to such an old nation over so many years in so many countries, is that everything that we go through, every hardship and every sickness: its all: been there done that.

To every problem, there is precedence. And so it has been proven over the centuries, that every time the above prescription was taken- it worked! Nothing can stop us when we are untied. Everything can happen to us- when we are not.

Once we take the first step and make the effort, we can pray to Hashem for the rest:

סֹלֶשׁ יִמְחָרֵב הָשָׁעִי אוֹהֵי יִמְחָרֵב סֹלֶשׁ הַשּׁוֹעַ
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OSE SHALOM BI-MROMAV HU YAA'SE
SHALOM ALENU VE AL KOL ISRAEL -
AMEN!

Proudly Pro-Pride is the Religious Response

by Rabbi Ari Isenberg, Shaar Shalom Congregation, Halifax

As submitted to the Chronicle Herald, July '13

Two years ago, in this very newspaper, I drew your attention to two phrases in the Old Testament, a sacred and holy book that I believe is divinely inspired; phrases that, for millennia, have been cited by most mainstream religions to prohibit and demean same-sex sexual

relations. Consider, if you will, the amount of sheer hatred, injustice, intolerance and shame resulting from this classical



understanding of the unique text.

We cannot fault the Bible's redactors for including principles concerning gender hierarchy, sexual norms, slavery, polygamy, and so forth. After all, the Bible needs to be read in its context as a 3500 year old text. But there is no excuse if we, in our day, do not heed the call to examine Biblical principles vis-à-vis

the social, technological, and medical advancements in our society. In fact, the rabbinic tradition encourages multiple layers of interpretation of all elements of its foundational text. For over two thousand years, rabbis have analyzed and interpreted the Bible and its code of law by disagreeing, questioning and challenging each other in order to forge a deeper meaning, to seek a deeper truth.

In light of what we now know is true, that homosexuality is a perfectly normal and natural variation of human sexual orientation, the religious response should demand a re-examination and re-interpretation of the Biblical text.

For of what value is religion if it acts as a vehicle for suffering and not as a source for healing? So long as there is even one member of the LGBTQ community who feels shamed, disgraced, and whose access to full rights and freedoms is limited, religious leaders should be at the forefront of that individual's fight for dignity.

One of my teachers once reminded me that Judaism teaches, "so great is the importance of human dignity, it supersedes a forbidden precept of the Bible". Since discriminatory attitudes toward members of the LGBTQ community place their basic dignity at stake, the preservation of their human

dignity requires suspension of any religious prohibition.

I am proud to be the rabbi of a community that supports gay and lesbian individuals by granting them full religious rights within the community. We also support same-sex Jewish couples by affirming their union and commitment to one another as sacred, offering them family membership packages, and enabling them to mourn the loss of the other as a spouse.

My deep-rooted religious convictions dictate: the moral, religious response is pro-Pride.

Behold, A People!

by Rabbi Y. I. Yagod, Congregation Tiferes Israel, Moncton

What do most Jews behold when seeing the symbols of the High Holidays?? IF you were to poll the average Canadian or American Jew you will likely hear a "kvetch" (complaint) over the length of services and over times of regulated strictness, enforced rules and rigid formality. We seem to have frequent cases of "seat-angst", social worries ("what shall I wear to services?") and find ourselves burdened with expensive social obligations. Not so encouraging, eh? Perhaps this is why we sometimes have empty seats (!).

However there is another vision to behold: Ahava (love)! This is really what the High Holidays are about!

We are now at the cusp of a New Year. The New Year is preceded by the Hebrew month of Elul. The word ELUL in Hebrew is also an acronym for the words of the passuk (in Shir-HaShirim) Ani Ledodi Vdodi Li. I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me.

Why such long services? Long services are



great time for Jewish meditation. Don't worry about finishing the pages. Don't worry about page numbers, use the time to think and reflect and develop love for what we have inherited. The books have profound ideas and deep nuances to nourish the mind.

What if we just come for a short while?

The Creator of the World asks us to come and meet Him in His House.

He wants us to just show up for our "Appointment with G-d"...with feelings of ahava (love) and He promises that He will reciprocate with everlasting love for all of us.

May You Have A Sweet New Year!

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To Be an Asset

by Rabbi Mendel Feldman, Chabad Lubavitch of the Maritimes

On Rosh Hashanah G-d determines what our next year is going to be like. What the year holds for us, life or the opposite, health or the opposite, peace of mind tranquility and prosperity or the opposite.

Our sages tell us that the exact amount of our earnings for each year is determined on Rosh Hashanah we cannot earn one dollar more than the amount ordained and if we are deserving we will earn the money allotted to us by G-d on Rosh Hashanah.

On Rosh Hashanah we receive life for the next full year, let us reflect on what our wishes are for the upcoming year, what are we going to pray for.

By way of illustration; Jim and Robin worked in a telecommunications company which had taken a turn for the worse and was going to have to layoff many employees.... the day of reckoning was coming near and they both knew that they have to meet with the CEO of the company to try to convince him not to be the ones to be laid off....

Jim met with the CEO and argued why he needed the job most, his wife had just given birth to their third child, they had recently bought a home, and they really

needed the money, she couldn't let him go.

Robin also met with the CEO and argued why she should keep her job, she was an asset to the company, she had developed new ways in marketing their product, in keeping costumers satisfied, in sustaining the company, the company needs her even more in this time of crisis.

Who do you think kept their job?

When we come to G-d and ask for our needs and wishes we need to think in G-d's terms, what is it that he needs from us, why should he grant us our hearts desires?

Why should he bring world peace? Why should G-d give us another year of health and happiness? We need to give him a good reason, a reason that would benefit Him. On Rosh Hashana it's crucial that we think about what G-d needs from us, and only then can we expect

G-d to grant our wishes as well.



We need to dig deep into our souls and hearts and see what it is we can give back to G-d.... G-d grant me health because?

Because if you grant me health I promise I will use that health to be a better Jew, not only a better person. He wants us to be better Jews, to Daven, to observe Shabbat, to study Torah, to give charity. That's what he needs us for, that is what he created us for, that is why He chose us for from amongst all the nations.

So on Rosh Hashanah instead of focusing only on what we want from G-d let us think about what G-d wants from us!

If you open your prayer books you will notice that this is exactly what we are praying for, you won't find a list of personal requests, instead we focus primarily on G-d's needs and only after do we also request our needs, life and health.

So as we prepare for Rosh Hashanah let us first make a general commitment to G-d that we will be better Jews this year and let us also take upon ourselves a specific mitzvah for the year, which would act as the key for which G-d will bless us in abundant with a sweet year in a most tangible way.

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