

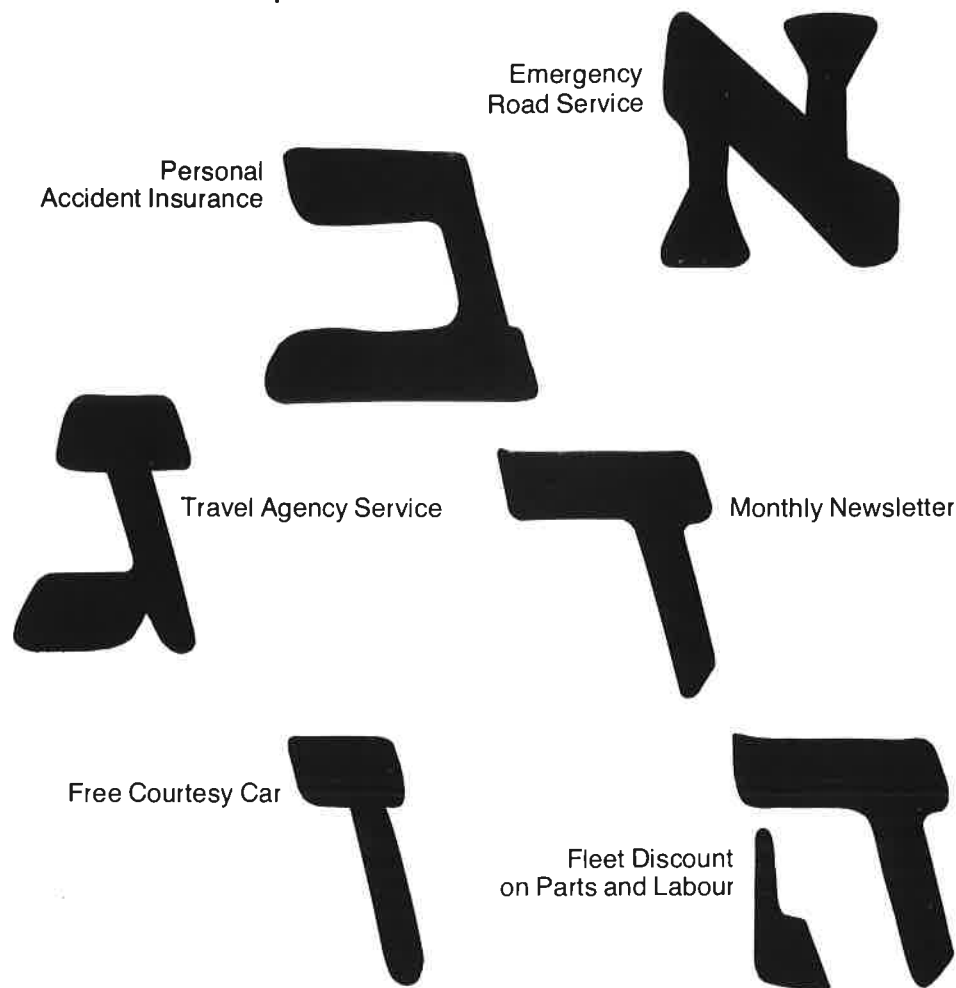
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GOLDA MEIR —1898-1978

DAVID BEN-GURION ON GOLDA MEIR

'The dearest present which American Jewry has presented us'

The following was written by Ben-Gurion to veteran Zionist Leader Israel Goldstein on July 25, 1957:

'The need to be away from Jerusalem today deprived me of an hour of rare gratification: the granting of the Wise Prize to the dearest woman among our people in this generation, to my friend and comrade, Golda Meir. The Jewish people is rich in outstanding personalities, perhaps more so than any other people, but it does not compare unfavorably with other peoples in outstanding women.

Perhaps we are the only people which remembers not only the fathers

but also the mothers of the nation so that Sarah and Rivka and Rachel and Leah are not of less value than Abraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov. And just as we were worthy of having an outstanding woman to stand at the head of the people in the days of the Judges, now at the beginning of the Third Temple we are again privileged to have a noblespirited woman, blessed with ability and understanding, to stand in the front rank of the representatives of our independent people in the shape of Golda, as we are all accustomed to call her in affection and appreciation.

The moral and spiritual greatness of Golda was already revealed when she was a young pioneer in the Emek; the strength of her leadership was shown afterwards in the Labor Movement;

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and with the establishment of the State, she was called upon to represent Israel before a Great Power. Next she excelled as Labor Minister and afterwards the direction of Israeli Foreign policy was placed in her faithful and diligent hands.

Her service brought honor and glory to the whole people and additional charm to the Hebrew woman. You could not find a worthier person for recognition by American Jewry than Golda, who is the dearest present which American Jewry has presented us'.

GOLDA MEIR IN HER OWN WORDS

—Extracts from her
autobiography "My Life"—

On the Holocaust

I have sometimes wondered how we got through those (World War II) years without going to pieces, but perhaps physical and emotional stamina are mostly a matter of habit. People, especially my own family, have charged me for almost as long as I can remember with driving myself too hard, whatever that really means. . . . But during those war years I learned a very important lesson: one can always push oneself a little bit beyond what only yesterday was thought to be the absolute limit. . . .

I remember quite distinctly the day that those first awful reports reached us about the gas chambers and the soap and lampshades that were being made from Jewish bodies. . . . The next day I had an appointment over some minor routine matter with a British official whom I had always liked, and naturally I told him what we had just learned about the Nazi atrocities. After a few minutes he had looked at me with an odd expression and said, "But surely you don't believe all that, do you?" . . . I couldn't explain to him how or why I knew that this was different, but I could see in his

worried, rather kind blue eyes that he thought I had gone quite mad.

On the United Nations partition plan [1947]

The State of Israel! My eyes filled with tears and my hands shook. We had done it. We had brought the Jewish State into existence—and I, Golda Mabovitch Meyerson, had lived to see the day. Whatever happened now, whatever price any of us would have to pay for it, we had recreated the Jewish national home. The long exile was over. From this day on, we would no longer live on sufferance in the land of our forefathers. Now we were a nation like other nations, masters—for the first time in 20 centuries—of our own destiny.

The dream had come true—too late to save those who had perished in the Holocaust, but not too late for the generation to come.

On becoming Prime Minister

On March 7, the Central Committee of the Labour Party voted to nominate me as prime minister; there were 287 votes in favour, none against.

I have often been asked how I felt at that moment, and I wish that I had a poetic answer to the question. I know

that tears rolled down my cheeks and that I held my head in my hands when the voting was over, but all that I recall about my feelings is that I was dazed. I had never planned to be Prime Minister; I had never planned any position, in fact.

I only knew that now I would have to make decisions every day that would affect the lives of millions of people, and I think perhaps that is why I cried. But there wasn't much time for reflection, and any thoughts I had about the path that had begun in Kiev and led me to the Prime Minister's office had to wait.

To grow up as free Jews


Like my generation this generation of sabras will strive, struggle, make mistakes and achieve. Like us, they are totally committed to the development and security of the State of Israel and to the dream of a just society here. Like us, they know that for the Jewish people to remain a people, it is essential that there be a Jewish State where Jews can live as Jews, not on sufferance and not as a minority. I am certain that they will bring at least as much credit to the Jewish people everywhere as we tried to bring.

As for me, my life has been greatly blessed. Not only have I lived to see the State of Israel born, but I have also seen it take it and successfully absorb masses of Jews from all parts of the world.

When I came to this country in 1921, its Jewish population amounted to 80,000 and the entry of each Jew depended on permission granted by the Mandatory Government. We are now a population of over three million, of whom over one million are Jews who have arrived since the establishment of the State under Israel's Law of Return, a law that guarantees the right of every Jew to settle here.

I am also grateful that I live in a country whose people have learned how to go on living in a sea of hatred without hating those who want to destroy them and without abandoning their own vision of peace. To have learned this is a great art, the prescription for which is not written down anywhere. It is part of our way of life in Israel.

And now I have only this desire left: never to lose the feeling that it is I who am indebted for what has been given to me from the time that I first learned about Zionism in a small room in Russia all the way through to my half century here, where I have seen my



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The Boehm Journey To Israel

Trenton, N.J. . . . A very special pilgrimage—a pilgrimage of art—will take place late in November 1978 with "The Boehm Journey To Israel." The trip is part of the celebration of Israel's Thirtieth Anniversary of statehood.

On Sunday, November 26, a jumbo El Al jet will fly a group of specially-invited Americans non-stop to Tel Aviv for an eight day goodwill trip. The group of cultural ambassadors, many of them Boehm collectors, will be under the sponsorship of Helen Boehm, Chairman of the Edward Marshall Boehm Porcelain Company. Most of them will be seeing Israel for the very first time, and under very special circumstances.

Helen Boehm will formally present during the voyage her new Judaic Collection of Boehm porcelain for the permanent collections of both the

Helen Boehm Brings Her Judaic Collection Of Porcelain To Israel

Israel Museum and the Tel Aviv Museum. The Boehm Judaic Collection consists of eight re-creations from the treasures of the Jewish Museum on New York's Fifth Avenue, and fourteen ceremonial vessels, objects of art and sculptures inspired by the extensive historic and artistic research carried out by the Boehm artisans.

The highlight of the collection of Judaic art (made in the Boehm Studios in Trenton, and brought back to its origins during this unusual trip) is a porcelain bas-relief plaque patterned after the Jacques Lipschitz sculpture, "Our Tree of Life". The sculptor personally chose the site for this, his final and most complex work, on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, where it was installed by the Hadassah or-

ganization. The work represented Lipschitz's interpretation of the history, the sufferings and the philosophical uniqueness of the Jewish people. The fact that the Boehm artists could capture the spirit of the monument two-dimensionally—and in porcelain—is a remarkable and major artistic accomplishment.

The Boehm Journey will take its travelers to all of the great museums and historic places of Israel, from Jerusalem to Jericho, from Nazareth to Acre, from the Caves of Qumran to Haifa. The group will spend an evening in a kibbutz; they will be feted at the "Anniversary Ball"; they will tour the Negev, visit prominent artists' studios, and attend a traditional Sabbath Eve Meal.

The art pilgrimage will conclude on Sunday, December 3rd, when Mrs. Boehm will host a black tie "Dinner of

Tribute and Farewell" in Tel Aviv Her guests will include the following officials and their wives: The President and the Prime Minister of Israel; the American Ambassador to Israel; the

Mayors of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; and the President of the Hebrew University.

For further information about the Boehm Judaic Collection, contact

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THE BEST HEBRAIST IN NOVOSIBIRSK

by Malkah Raymist

"I was the best Hebraist in Novosibirsk" said Roisman, a new immigrant to Israel from the U.S.S.R. "That was easy, no one else knew any Hebrew at all."

The Roisman family came to Israel in January 1978 and I met them at their ulpan in Atlit, near Haifa. Alexandre Roisman, electro-mechanical engineer, came with his wife Raya, a physician, and two bright boys aged 13 and 15. Alexandre, in his mid-forties, speaks correct and fairly fluent Hebrew and knows English. He taught himself Hebrew in Novosibirsk, a city in the Urals, Western Siberia, where no one knew a word of Hebrew. Since childhood he knew the Hebrew alphabet but nothing else. Interested in his origins and heritage, he listened avidly to news about Palestine, read the U.N. debates on the partition of Palestine in 1947, followed with bated breath the 1948 Israel-Arab War, and rejoiced when the State of Israel was proclaimed. Basically, it was then that his decision to go to Israel was made.

Hope Of Emigration

After World War II, Zionist information was arriving fairly freely through the limitrophe states annexed by the Soviet Union: Poland, Ukraine, Bessarabia and especially the Baltic States. But it was only after 1969 that the dream of Israel could be considered a possibility. By that time he was a family man, established in Novosibirsk, where he was employed in a factory producing heavy machinery for the making of aircraft. The work was highly secret and he had no hope to be allowed to emigrate. His wife, a surgeon in an outpatient clinic, and his two small boys, were eager to go on aliya.

During those years, Roisman corresponded with Israelis and other foreigners fairly freely for in places as

remote from Moscow as Novosibirsk there are less restrictions in that respect. An old aunt, located in Tel-Aviv, provided an affidavit. He applied for an exit permit in 1972, knowing that he could expect to receive it only five years later because of the security aspect of his work. Strangely enough, he was not immediately dismissed from work for having applied to go to Israel, and continued in his job for eight months. That set him back another eight months. Knowing that it would only "prolong the agony", he resigned and for five years worked as night watchman. Now, he had time to study Hebrew and write many letters abroad. His wife's earnings did not suffice to keep a family of four but they were helped by the many parcels they received from abroad.

Because of the parcels he was often called a parasite and summoned to the KGB. They harassed him, frequently searched his home, confiscating anything they thought suspicious and threatening that his family would never leave. His wife suffered greatly at her work, was constantly harassed, called a traitor and subjected to endless intrigues. The KGB kept them on tenterhooks. The foreign press began to write about the Jews of Novosibirsk and that helped those who waited to receive permits.

Learning Hebrew The Hard Way

"Let me now tell you about my Hebrew. I knew the Hebrew alphabet though nothing else. My only access to something in Hebrew letters was through a volume of Shalom Aleichem—in Yiddish. I knew no Yiddish but it was spoken by some Jews in Novosibirsk, so I learned to read and understand it. But Hebrew? I was no nearer to knowing Hebrew than before. Much later and with great difficulty, I acquired a Hebrew Bible and a small, very insufficient Hebrew-

Russian dictionary. When we reached Israel, I could speak Hebrew fairly fluently, having also listened to Kol Israel Hebrew broadcasts and some Hebrew lessons from the same source.

"I speak and read but understand much less—there are so many new words, and they all speak so quickly. But I am studying at the ulpan, my wife too is making progress, and our boys attend school in Haifa where they get help from a Russian speaking tutor.

How Can They Go Elsewhere?

"My oldest boy, now barely 15, was to leave with my mother ahead of us but was stopped at the last moment on the grounds that in another 18 months he would be called up to the army. The grandmother had to go alone and is now in an old people's home, very pleased with the place. They could not stop the boy from leaving with his parents.

"We also acquired an uncle. In Russia we received letters from an old man named Roisman, who thought we were his relatives and wanted to know what he could do for us. But we searched all the ramifications of my family, and he was not a relative. He kept sending us parcels, and when we came he decided that, relative or not, he is our uncle. We call him uncle and to the boys he is like a grandfather. This also makes him happy as he is widowed and has no children.

"I hope to find work in the aircraft industry. We are very happy here. One thing I cannot understand—how is it possible for Jews who leave the Soviet Union, to go anywhere else but to Israel?"



MORE THAN MONEY

by Louise Adler

We know that Israel is in need of contributions and loans—that is, monetary. She must spend such a high proportion of her income for defense that there is not sufficient remaining for her economic needs of government services, development, education, social services, etc. We also realize that she requires manpower, both brain and brawn. But there are other needs too—cultural ones. There are priceless gifts to meet these needs.

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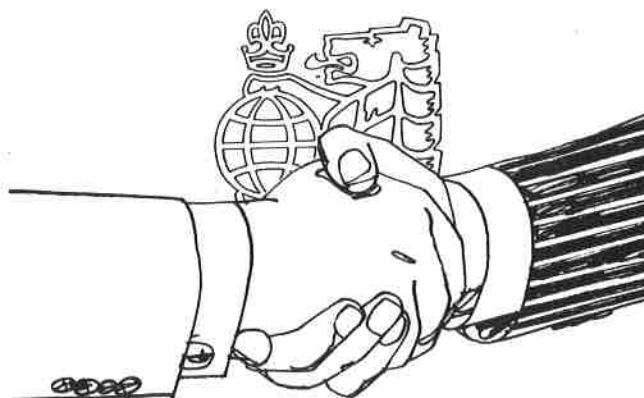
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HAPPENINGS IN SAINT JOHN

November and December 1978

by Louise Adler

SISTERHOOD AND SHOMER CLUB JOINT CHANUKAH PARTY

A most delightful Chanukah festivity was enjoyed by a large representation of the entire Jewish Community—truly a family affair. Jointly presided over by Joseph Adler, president of the Shomer Club and Janet Holtzman, president of the Sisterhood, the program opened with prayer by Rose Freedman, Hon. President of Sisterhood and First Vice President of the Shomer Club. This was followed by a message of welcome from both presidents. Greetings from the Congregation Shaarei Zedek were given by Lou Michelson, President. Blanche Kashetsky, treasurer of the Shomer Club read a delightfully humorous Chanukah poem. Sam Cohen, Chairman of the Shomer Club's Entertainment Committee, presented Mr. Ray Willis, a professional musician, who played a number of stirring pieces on the Hammond Organ and Bessie Selby led community singing.

A group of young children from the Hebrew School sang songs as Jeannette Eisenberg (our Rebbitzin), performed the Candle Lighting Ceremony from the stage and simultaneously one guest at each table lit candles.

A highlight of the party was an auction of baked goods. Ellis Levine, the auctioneer, conducted a most successful event. For example, bagels were bid up to One Dollar each.

Kay Levine, on behalf of the Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo, presented Malcolm Carpenter with an Associate Membership in Hadassah-Wizo. Rose Freedman, on behalf of the Shomer Club, presented a gift to Doris Jacobson, who, after many years of service in the Jewish Community of Saint John, is moving to Toronto. Janet Holtzman, on behalf of Sisterhood, made a presentation to Mac and Doris Carpenter in recognition of their continuing outstanding services.

The traditional refreshments were ample and delicious. The afternoon concluded with a presentation of gifts to the children by Sisterhood's president and assisted by Terri Levine and Marcia Koven. Gifts were given to the members of the Shomer Club.

BOOK REVIEW CLUB

At the December meeting of the Book Review Club most of the members participated in presenting humorous stories from literature and personal experiences. Included in the selections were stories from: A Treasury of Jewish Humor by Nathan Ausubel, Return of Hyman Kaplan by Leo Roston, Jewish Wit and Wisdom by Bill Adler and Knishes are Out and other Sketches by Becky Sokolov.

The members enjoyed the morning to such an extent that it was difficult to conclude the session. The program was introduced by a brief presentation of Wit v.s. Humor.

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Abe Calp, President Congregation Shaarei Zedek, brought greetings.



Head Table at Prayer—L to R. Marcia Koven, Introduced Speaker; Abe Calp, President Congregation Shaarei Zedek, Greetings; Beatte Klarsfeld, Guest Speaker; Joseph Adler, President Shomer Club, Chairman of the Program; Avrum Weiss, Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council, Greetings; Louise Adler, led discussion; Ella Grosweiner, thanked the Speaker.



Beatte Klarsfeld, Guest Speaker.



Rose Freedman, 1st V.P. Shomer Club, led in prayer.

The Atlantic Jewish Council and the Shomer Club jointly sponsored a most impressive program presenting Beatte Klarsfeld on Sunday afternoon, November 26, 1978. An unusually large gathering listened intently to her message. They were so deeply moved that very few were able to participate in the discussion period. Many of us were particularly impressed by the demonstrations both during Mrs. Klarsfeld's explanation and visual illustrations via film that not only witnesses testified to the crimes committed by particular individuals but the factual written incriminations signed by the perpetrators of the atrocities which they then were powerless to deny.

This indeed was an afternoon of "Less we forget."



Louise Adler led discussion.



Marcia Koven introduced the Speaker.



Avrum Weiss, Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council, Greetings.



Ella Grosweiner thanked the Speaker.

SYDNEY NEWS

by Helene Seigel

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Newman Dubinsky on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bram Schwartz on their 20th wedding anniversary.

The Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah—50 years

The Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah, Sydney, Nova Scotia celebrated its 50th anniversary on Wednesday, November 29, 1978, by a gala event. A very large assembly of Hadassah members with invited guests from Glace Bay and New Waterford turned out for this very important function. Mrs. Harold Schwartz, President of the Sydney chapter, was the M.C. for the evening. Seated with her at the head table were her executive: Mrs. S. Bernick, Mrs. N. Nathanson, Mrs. L. Friedman, Mrs. H. Davis, Mrs. M. Chernin, Mrs. H. Dubinsky, Mrs. J. Chernin (President of the Cape Breton Council), Mrs. Charles Balinsky (National President of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo), and Mrs. R. Medjuck (Regional Chairperson of the Atlantic Provinces). Those also honoured at the head table were: Mrs. I. Green and Mrs. J. Nathanson—charter members of the chapter. Other charter members who were not able to be present were: Mrs. Dave Epstein, Mrs. I. Perlin, Mrs. Gordon Elman, Mrs. Nathan Lefton. There were a number of congratulatory letters received by members of the Sydney chapter who have left to reside in other cities: Mrs. Ida Marcus, Halifax; Mrs. Nina Cohen, Florida; Mrs. Pearl Bernick, Toronto; Mrs. Ruth Wolfson, Toronto; and Mrs. M. Begun, Montreal.



From left to right: Diane Schwartz—Pres. of Chapter; Shirley Chernin, Pres. of Cape Breton Council; Ida Green, Charter Member; Fanny Nathanson, Clara Balinsky, National Pres. Shirlee Medjuck, Regional Chairman, N.S. and Newfoundland.

Each table was centered with blue and gold candles, but it was at the head table that the creativity of certain members was well noted. A small, open house to represent Nahalal was designed and built by Mr. and Mrs. Bennie David and Mrs. Louis Friedman. This made a very attractive and original centerpiece and those who were involved should be proud of their achievement and highly commended.

Mr. Manning MacDonald, Mayor of Sydney, also sent a congratulatory message and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Charles Balinsky, paid tribute to Sydney's involvement in the Nahalal Agricultural and Secondary School, WIZO's first project in Israel, and lauded the members for their dedication and efforts in all

Hadassah activities for the past number of years. Our National President traced the beginnings of Hadassah from its founder, President Mrs. A.J. Freiman of Ottawa, in 1917, to the present day. A quiet tribute was made at this time to the memory of Mrs. Rae Jacobson for her untimely death while returning from the Atlantic Hadassah-WIZO conference at St. Andrews by the Sea. Mrs. Balinsky ended her remarks by announcing that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO was honouring the Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah by a contribution to the Nahalal Agricultural School in Israel.



Choir of the evening.

Mrs. Morris Nathanson, a former president, gave the vote of thanks and praised Mrs. Balinsky for her untiring efforts on behalf of Hadassah.

A scroll was presented to Mrs. M. Claener from the National officers of Hadassah-WIZO in memory of Mrs. Rae Jacobson whose memory was also honoured by Mrs. Gordon Elman, Mrs. A. Schwartz (Rose) and family and Dr. and Mrs. N. Epstein. Also at this time a donation was given by the family of Mrs. A. Schwartz to honour her recovery.

Mrs. M. Chernin and Mrs. H. Dubinsky were the program convenors for the evening. A choir, under the direction of Mrs. H. Dubinsky, sang a parody which included the most important events of the Sydney Chapter from 1928-1978. From its very beginning the Sydney Chapter endeavored to raise its allotted budget by many different functions; became involved in the Youth Aliyah program; assisted in the war effort; and rejoiced and contributed to the birth of the State of Israel in 1948. In 1967, the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-WIZO was formed and in 1967 Sydney participated in the first Cape



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The very entertaining parody ended with everyone rising and singing "Lomer Alle in Einen" and then the song of the grand finale, "Shalom Aleichem".

Members of the choir were as follows: Mrs. H. Dubinsky (narrator), Mrs. S. Mendleson, Mrs. N. Dubinsky, Mrs. H. Davidson, Mrs. M. Lieff, Mrs. M. Chernin, and Mrs. Louis Allen (accompanist).

A money raising project was begun under the direction of Mrs. M. Chernin assisted by Mrs. G. Lecker and Mrs. N. Claener. A large bulletin board had several types of rooms of Nahalal posted to it. All those who contributed placed a marker beneath the room for which they wished their money to be used. Gifts of money were donated to the Sydney



Mrs. Charles Balinsky and Mrs. St. Columbus of New Waterford, one of the orphans brought from Europe by Mrs. A.J. Freeman after the 1st Great War.

Chapter by the President of the New Waterford Chapter of Hadassah, Mrs. D. Nathanson, and by the President of the

Glance Bay Chapter of Hadassah, Miss Fanny Cohen. The Queen Esther Chapter of Sydney donated a shelf of books and all money raised by this project will be used to furnish a dormitory in Nahalal.

The Nahalal Agricultural Secondary School is an important landmark in Israel, started in 1921 by WIZO as an agricultural school for girls.

Its maintenance was completely taken over by Canadian Hadassah in 1926. It is now a co-educational school providing home and education for disadvantaged children. These children are trained in modern farming methods while also receiving a high school education. Its foremost goal today is to join forces with other organizations to help eliminate social and cultural gaps amongst the population; and help to combat high inflation and the lack of suitable housing. A worthy goal. May they achieve the utmost success.

This colourful evening ended with the serving of beautiful desserts, all of which was very tastefully arranged by the refreshment convenors: Mrs. B. Friedman and Mrs. L. Schneiderman.

The Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah has passed its half century. Much has been done, much more remains to be done. May the strength and the will be theirs for evermore.

On December 24, 1978, the eve of Chanukah, our children entertained their parents and friends with a very pleasing concert under the direction of Rabbi S. Wisemon. Following this, a potluck supper, convened by Mrs. L. Zelicovitz and Mrs. S. Sherman, was served to all. There was a feeling of merriment and congeniality in the air, and as the Chanukah lights were lit and the blessings recited, I know we all wished each other peace, and peace to our fellow men. Happy Chanukah to all.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST. JOHN'S

by Helen Nathanson

A new representative from St. John's, Dorothy Riteman, attended her first Atlantic Jewish Council meeting in



Chanukah Party Dec. 1978

Halifax. She was very impressed with the agenda and came home very enthusiastic.

Our childrens' Chanukah party saw the largest number in the primary class in a good many years. Under the direction of Rabbi Zlatin this group entertained their proud parents and friends. With the end of the performance the children were rewarded with a feed of lutkas and hot dogs by Barbara Fine, Tova Auerbach and Helen Nathanson.

Tobi Nathanson, Frankie Smilestein, Steven Flomen,



Rivka Peled and Joseph Milo, Dec. 1978.

Sammy Toytman, David Scholl and Randy Mauscof took centre stage as the older children formed the entertainment for the adult's party the following evening. The Chanukah spirit prevailed as Nardy Nathanson sold 2 menorahs of Chanukah candles. After the lights were kindled and the blessing recited by the Rabbi we were all treated to a delicious buffet as set out by Genevieve Lipkus, Marg Smilestein and Dorothy Riteman.

A busy week for all as we once more assembled at Shul for a return engagement of Rivka Peled and Joseph Milo. Two

fine entertainers, they were well received by the community. Tea for the evening was set out by Helen Jochelman and Helen Nathanson.

Gila Smilestein carried the Judaeen greetings from St. John's as she attended Mifgash over Chanukah.

Dara Nathanson was selected as a representative of York University to attend a UIA leadership tour of Israel for 10 days. As one of 4 Canadians among 120 Americans she is at the time of this writing in Israel.

Glace Bay Celebrates Chanukah

by Bruce Simon

The Glace Bay Jewish Community strikes again by hosting yet another spectacular event. During this year's Chanukah supper, two native sons, Dr. Dan Nathanson and Mr. Ben Prossin, were honoured for their outstanding achievements in the line of community work.

Festivities got underway at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail party held on the first floor of the Talmud Torah in which the local press was in attendance. The procession then moved upstairs to the main auditorium where the traditional candle lighting ceremony was conducted by young Stewart Sable. This was followed by the singing of "Mo Oz Tzur" and finally the blessing over the bread was made by Rabbi Wiseman before the meal was served. The banquet meal was co-ordinated by Mr. Samuel Karrel with assistance from Mrs. Ruth Simon, Mrs. Jen Chernin and others. The Young Judaeen Organization of Glace Bay played their part in the serving of the meal which they did most efficiently.

Dr. Phil Simon, Chairman for the evening's program, delivered the opening remarks of welcome and continued on to draw a parallel between Chanukah "the holiday of lights", and the fact that the evening's two honorees shed light through their various community involvements. The many telegrams of congratulations



were then acknowledged. Mr. Elli Marshall, Vice-President of Congregation Sons of Israel, was then called upon to forward his remarks to Ben Prossin. Elli relayed Ben's deep involvement in the Zionist movement originating with the Glace Bay Young Judaea organization. The tribute to Dr. Dan Nathanson was made by Dr. Phil Simon. Dr. Phil recounted the many accomplishments and the high regard held for Dr. Nathanson during his term as mayor of New Waterford.

Contributions to Hebrew University in the form of a Hadassah Certificate were presented to the honorees by Mr. Daniel Mendelson and Mr. Sam Karrel.

Given a chance to reply, both men

recollected the fine memories associated with their growing-up years in Glace Bay and thanked the congregation for taking time out to honor them.

Dr. Phil concluded the program by thanking his committee workers with special reference to Mr. Sam Karrel, who was in charge of the Chanukah meal.

With the completion of this part of the program the musical entertainment of Rivka Peled and her husband Joseph Milo who accompanied her, set the audience ablaze with their lively Hebrew and Yiddish selections, truly a perfect ending for such an occasion.

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FREDERICTON NEWS

by Jennie Brown

Speedy recoveries to Bessie Handelman, Eta Berk, Sarah Levick and Larry Eusler.

The following have returned to their studies after spending the holidays with their parents:

Arthur, Dalhousie University, son of Sheila and Harry Chippin.

Shawn, Dalhousie University, son of Betty and Irwin Rosenzweig.

Robbie, Dalhousie University, son of Gwen and Bob Velensky.

Jeffrey, Dalhousie University, son of Audrey and Harold Velensky.

Richard, son of Betty and Jack Levine.

Brian, Dalhousie University, and Terry, Ryerson University, son and daughter of Rosalie and Gerry Budovitch.

Stephanie, University of Calgary, School of Social Work, daughter of Sylvia and Irving Meyers.

Beverly, McGill University, Aaron, University of Western Ontario and Barry, Osgoode, Hall Court, daughter and sons of Rita and Sid Tobin.

Rhoda, University of Western Ontario, daughter of Sarah and Harry Lang.

Sybil Berk, Dalhousie University, daughter of Eta and Meyer Berk.

Ruth Chippin, Ryerson University, and Carol Chippin, High School teacher in Toronto, daughters of Jennie and Joe Chippin.

Dr. Joel Berk, has returned to Toronto, after visiting his parents, Eta and Meyer Berk.

Mark Zisser has returned to his home in Brooklyn, New York, after visiting his aunt and uncles, Rose and Sam Satter and Sam Shepherd.

Irwin Galosky, has returned to his home in Toronto, after visiting his aunt and uncle, Leona and Alfred Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Freeman, have returned to Toronto after visiting their mother, Lillian Freeman.

Shaindel Sarah, daughter of Jeffrey and Ruth Goldman, Toronto, has returned home after visiting her grandparents, Amelia and Harry Goldman.

Lorne Rozovsky, Halifax, Nova Scotia, is visiting his

parents, Gladys and Hyman Rozovsky, prior to leaving for Israel.

Condolences to Rose Satter and Sam Shepherd, upon the death of their sister, Annie Shepherd, New York. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

A Chanukah evening of fun and frolic was held on December 24th at the Synagogue, sponsored by the Sisterhood and Young Judeans. The evening began with a Latke and Hot Dog supper at 5:00 p.m. for children from the ages of 1 to 20, followed by the exchanges of gifts and songs. At 7:30 the Community was invited in for short plays and Hebrew dances by the Chedar children.

At 8:00 p.m. there was a Disco and it was a pleasure watching the parents and the children dancing and enjoying themselves. The Sisterhood presented each child with Chanukah gelt, dreidels and books. For all present, the evening was enjoyable.

This year, as we have done in the past, members of our Jewish Community worked at the Dr. Everett G. Chalmers Hospital, to allow our Gentile friends to spend Christmas Day with their families. All departments were well staffed. Husbands and wives teamed up in the emergency station. The wards, admitting office, information and the gift shop were all staffed by the men and women. As an added goodwill gesture, everything that was passed around on the carts was given to the patients, compliments of the Congregation of Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. The entire day's proceedings were ably directed by Rabbi Spiro.

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Beth Israel Sisterhood

by Bette Ross

December was a very successful month for Sisterhood. Following our Book Fair of December 3rd, we had a "Spotlight on Chanukah Dance." This was a great success and we congratulate convenors Phyllis Bluestein and Sandy Gordon and their committee composed of Ginger Sadofsky, Evelyn Luner and Yona Korn. I'd like to point out that four out of the five girls on this committee were all new members and along with long-standing member Ginger Sadofsky, they gave us a night to remember. We must thank additional helpers Zelda Kutchinsky and Shirley Wolman who helped Ginger make delightful refreshments; and Sylvia Hadari who looked after last-minute physical arrangements. Evelyn's publicity was excellent and Yona's decorations were also excellent. So, all that was needed after this organization was dancers and we got them. We got a good lot of them and I know that a great time was had by all.

I hear via the grapevine that Phyllis and Sandy cannot wait to put on another dance and there are many of us who eagerly anticipate it. For absentees last time, I say, try it next time. You'll love it!!

On January 6th we assisted the Board of Governors in making an Appreciation Night for Cantor George Lieberman and what an outstanding night it was. Who else but Cantor George could have drawn a crowd of about 300 people to honour him?—all of whom signed a great book that was presented to George as a memento. It was a very beautiful and memorable evening capably chaired by Anita Dubinsky. Motzi was made by Mr. Morris Lieberman who along with Mrs. Lieberman, had come from New York to see their son honoured. Rose Pritzker made the toast to the Queen and the President of the State of Israel, and during the meal the following presentations were made to George by Mark Loebenberg on behalf of the Youth Group; by Bette Ross on behalf of the choir; by Steven Lunar on behalf of the skaters; by Norman Newman on behalf of the Shaar Shalom congregation; by Ben Prossin on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council and by Terry Zive on behalf of our own congregation.

Rabbi Pritzker addressed our guest of honour and then we had the unexpected pleasure of hearing Mr. M.B. Fineberg reminiscing about George's arrival. In his response, George assured us that we have only just begun; so we look forward to many more years together.

At this point of the evening we were treated to a musical interlude rendered by Dr. Lowell Shore and Mrs. Shirley Burnstein, narrated by Edwin Rubin and accompanied on the piano by Richard March of Dalhousie Music Department. Needless to say, this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In his closing remarks, President Steven Pink expressed gratitude to all who had helped to make such an evening possible. This included 29 sponsors; Terry Zive and his committee of Anita Dubinsky—Chairperson, Larry Freeman—Chief Chef, Gloria Pink and Carol Lee Loebenberg—Ticket Sales, Bette Ross—flowers, Sisterhood Liaison and Physical Arrangements. Thanks also went to Larry Freeman's helpers who included Myra Freeman, Gloria and Steven Pink, Terry Zive, Edwin and Sue Rubin, Hedda and

Frank Medjuck. Appreciation was also expressed to all of those who had made donations to the Synagogue in Cantor's name. It was in all a very special evening, but then it was for a very special person.

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Canadian Young Judaea Opens Its Doors

by Tina Ornstein: National Director

In the sixty-one years of our existence, Canadian Young Judaea has built itself up to be the largest Zionist youth movement in Canada. For many years now, the backbone of our activities has been our network of affiliated summer camps spread out across the country from coast-to-coast. Most of these camps serve a particular region, such as Camp Hatikvah in the West, Camp Shalom in Ontario, Camp Kinneret in Quebec and Camp Kadimah in the Maritimes. There is a lot that can be said about each and every one of these beautiful institutions, but today I would like to say a few words about our two camps which service the entire country as opposed to any one specific area.

The first is Camp Biluim, our national leadership training institute, situated on a lake in the heart of the Laurentian Mountains about 80 miles north of Montreal. At this spot, about sixty sixteen-year-old boys and girls from Halifax to Vancouver gather each July and August for the most unique seven weeks of their lives. The tremendous recreation hall, dining

hall, waterfront and sportsfields etc. are shared with Eastern Regions Camp Kinneret, but Biluim retains its separate identity by living in a well equipped tent area just far enough away (and just close enough) for comfort. The emphasis of the program is on developing leadership skills while coming face-to-face with the challenges of the Jewish people and the State of Israel today. We are especially proud of our staff who are carefully chosen for their ability to guide young people firmly yet without stifling their personal growth and initiative. For the active and alert young Canadian Jew of today, Biluim is where it's at. Any former Biluimnik will tell you that the friendships forged by living and working together at Biluim are not forgotten quickly.

And for the seventeen-year-olds there is Biluim Israel—a six-and-a-half week, action-packed tour of Israel. The country is explored from top-to-bottom and every effort is made to help the participant see beyond the surface to the dreams and fears which motivate the citizens of the Jewish state today. Aside from touring, there are two weeks of working on kibbutz

and a week of field school where the young leaders of Israel's "Society for the Protection of Nature" share with our Biluimniks their knowledge and love of Israel's natural environment. There is also a home hospitality Shabbat where each participant is welcomed to an Israeli home for a taste of how the "real" Israeli lives. All these features, coupled with a hand-picked staff of Canadians and Israelis, make for an exciting and memorable first encounter with Israel.

• Canadian Young Judaea (sponsored by the Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada) wishes to serve the Canadian Jewish community as best we can, and we have therefore decided to open both these highly successful programs to applicants from the general public. If you're the kind who enjoys a challenge, why don't you contact Perry Sable or Joan Kristall at the Atlantic Jewish Council soon and satisfy your curiosity or write directly to:

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National Network Conference

by Janice Fox

Over the recent holidays, I had the pleasure and honor of attending the first National Network conference in Toronto. Over 250 students from across Canada participated. As a result, Network is now in operation throughout the country.

North American Jewish Student Network was set up to work with all Jewish student organizations on campus. It is a union; a liaison group; a giant umbrella covering all aspects of Jewish youth groups. This movement was created first in the United States, more recently in Canada, and serves an important function. Assume a group in Winnipeg wanted to have a certain program—this group informs Network, and a similar program could be instituted across the country, thus

making it more effective. Network is useful for students who want to know what others are doing. This growing

agency provides the missing link connecting Jewish organizations throughout North America.

One of the major events of this conference was a rally held outside the West German consulate in Toronto. Approximately 150 students with placards marched outside the building, while five members went inside to



speak to the consul personally. This rally was to protest the German Statute of Limitations on Nazi War Criminals, now slated to go into effect on December 31, 1979. The law, as it now stands, will free individuals whose names are not delivered to the West German prosecutor for investigation, from any prosecution. The estimated number of individuals who fall into this category runs into the tens of thousands!

On January 30, 1979, similar demonstrations were held across the United States and Canada. The West German government is very conscious of North American public opinion; the demonstrations have a great effect on the decision makers in West Germany. If this statute becomes effective the world will soon forget the horrors of the Holocaust.

The Network conference ranged in activities: seminars, speakers, forums and "how to" sessions took place daily on four main areas: the Holocaust,



Soviet Jewry, Jewish in the Diaspora (i.e. China, Ethiopia, etc.), and Aliyah. Task forces, a governing board, and regional offices were set up.

A great deal was achieved at this conference, but there is much yet to be done. You can become involved in Network by contacting me at the following address:

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or by contacting the National Network office at the following address:

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DR. RICHARD GOLDBLOOM

Richard B. Goldbloom, M.D., has assumed the presidency of the Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter—succeeding Earle Bowman. The Techion family wishes him much success and personal satisfaction in his new office.

Dr. Goldbloom, a native of Montreal, is a professor at Dalhousie University, Faculty of Medicine. He is the Head of the Department of Pediatrics. In Halifax since 1967, he is also Physician-in-Chief and Director of Research at the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children. Dr. Goldbloom is the author of numerous publications in the field of pediatric research.



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NETWORK CONVENTION

by Mark David

From December 28, 1978, to January 1, 1979, I had the privilege to attend the Network of Canada conference at the Don Valley Holiday Inn in Toronto. Network of Canada is a relatively new group composed primarily of Jewish university students and young adults. Network's goals are to educate Jews and non-Jews about all types of Jewish problems, and to actively ensure that the Jewish point of view is always well represented. While Network of Canada is in its infancy, the American Network has been active for about twelve years.

The exact number of delegates to the convention was hard to determine, but the attendance was often estimated in the 200-300 range. What was not hard to determine, however, was the calibre of the speakers at the conference. The speakers included such people as Emil Fackenheim, a noted Jewish philosopher; Eugene DuBow, an organizer of the anti-Nazi march at Skokie; Professor John

Fried, a participant in the Nuremberg Trials; and Dr. Arnold Safer, an American economist, expert on OPEC and the problems it creates.

The Lecture Series offered several fascinating discussions on many subjects. Simultaneously, there would be as many as six or seven lectures being given, with each person able to choose which one he/she would prefer to attend. Some of the varied lecture topics included: **The Nuremberg Trial: Reminiscence by a Participant**, delivered by Professor John Fried and **Can We Break the OPEC stranglehold?** delivered by Dr. Arnold Safer. I found the most interesting lectures to be the Symposium on War Criminals, Freedom of Speech, and the Statute of Limitations and the talk given by one of the original Soviet Prisoners of Conscience, Shimon Levit. There were also several "how-to" lectures, such as Organizing a Demonstration and How to Organize a Group.

Apart from the lecture series, there

was also the opportunity to learn by observing problems faced by other groups in larger cities. It is interesting to see the problems faced in Montreal, for example, where there are so many Jewish student groups, that they are nearly impossible to coordinate. Also, to see the tight security at the convention, due to the prominence of the speakers and to alleged threats from Neo-Nazi groups came as a rude awakening to me, as it probably would to most people.

Finally, the convention offered the opportunity to meet Jewish people from across Canada. This may have been the most important aspect of the convention, especially for people from small Jewish centres.

If you have the opportunity to attend a Network convention, I would certainly recommend that you do so, for you will learn a lot, and also meet a lot of people from all over Canada.

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Greetings from Mr. M.B. Fineberg.

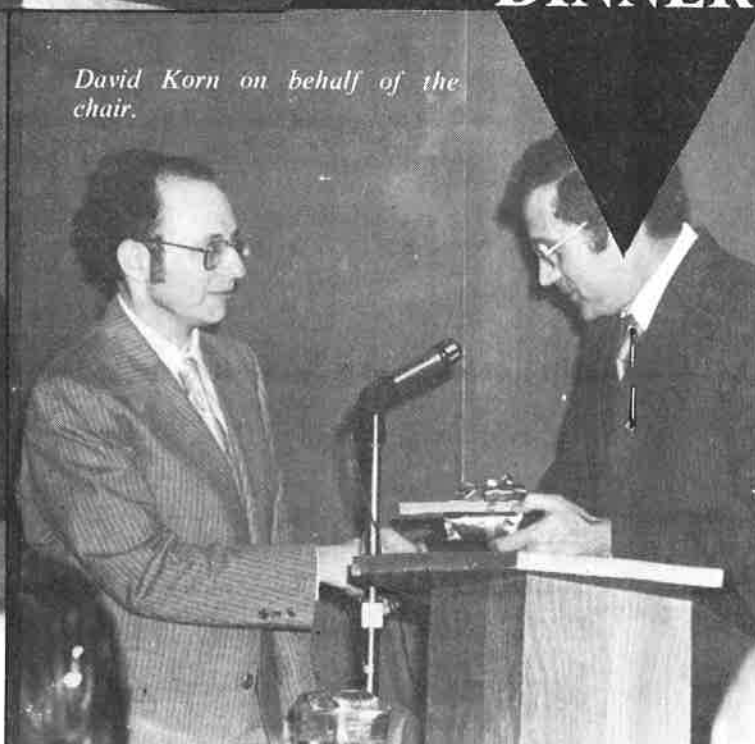
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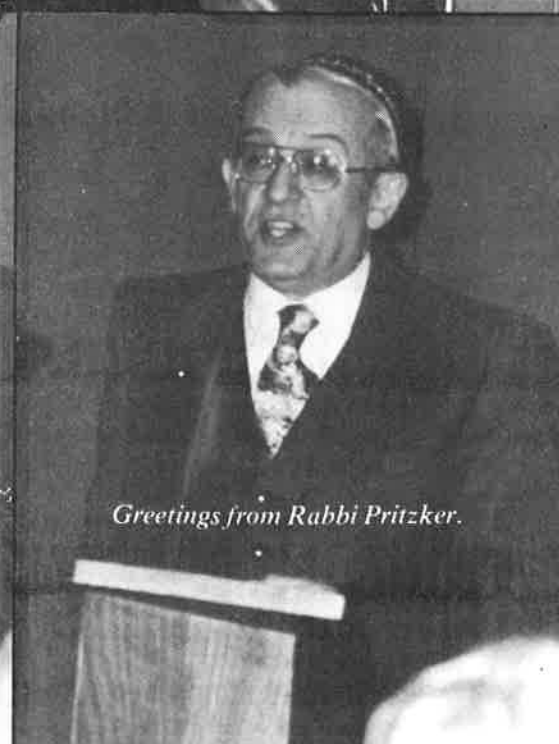
Steven Pink concluding the evening.



Terry Zive on behalf of Beth Israel congregation.



David Korn on behalf of the chair.



Greetings from Rabbi Pritzker.



Bette Ross on behalf of Beth Israel Sisterhood.

Young Judaea 34th Kinus Artzi

by Joel Cuperfain



For a few months now all the eligible Judaeans were hearing stories about the last Kinus and were anxiously looking forward to Kinus 1978. Every two years Young Judaea holds a Kinus, a national convention, as the Kinus members of Y.J. take a long look at the movement, redefine goals, elect new leaders and try to improve the movement in any way possible; of course we also have a lot of fun in the meantime. Kinus 1978 was held at the Beacon Motor Inn on the Niagara Peninsula, over 100 Judaeans from coast to coast attended. From a Judaeans point of view the convention was a success, a lot of work was successfully completed including amending the constitution, voting in resolutions and electing a new Mazkirut, the legislative council of Y.J. In four short days we completed a lot of work even if we were running forty minutes late the entire time. From a social point of view the convention was also a great success. It was a time for old friends to get together and for new friendships to form. In spite of the great amount of time spent on programming, there was still time to socialize and everyone had a great time.



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Donna Gorber and her committee have been busy preparing an evening that everyone will remember. In keeping with ORT's mood of change, the Art Auction moves to a Wednesday evening—April 25, 1979—at the Holiday Inn on Quinpool Road. Preview time will be 7 p.m. with bidding getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Please mark April 25 on your calendar now as ORT ART AUCTION NIGHT. Don't miss a fresh exciting look to an event that has become a classic in the Halifax community.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SEMINAR

The public affairs seminar, co-sponsored by Hadassah-Wizo, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Atlantic Jewish Council, held January 20 and 21 was attended by over fifty people.

The guest speakers were Dr. Amnon Cohen, Mark Resnick, and Dr. Bernhard Abrahamsson. The audience was treated to discussions covering the ARAB BOYCOTT, PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, ENERGY, PALESTINIANS and JERUSALEM.



Seated left to right are: Leah Epstein—Public Affairs Seminar Coordinator, Anita Dubinsky—Public Affairs Seminar Coordinator, Leona Freeman—Chairman of Atlantic Jewish Council Public Affairs.

Standing left to right are: Mark Resnick—Director of Research, Canadian Israel Committee; Avrum Weiss—Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council; Dr. Bernhard Abrahamsson—Professor of International Economics; Dr. Amnon Cohen—Professor of Political Science; and Mr. Ben Prossin—Chairman Atlantic Region, Canadian Zionist Federation.

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Our next meeting will be held before Purim. Join our group and identify with Mizrachi. . . .

Anglo-Jewish Magazine of General Interest

Mr. Samuel Jacobson,
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CANADA.



Dear Mr. Jacobson:

I am writing in answer to your letter to Mr. Dulzin. Please excuse the delay; we wanted to study the important subject you have raised, before replying.

Mr. Dulzin has asked me to thank you for writing and for sharing with us the impressive research you have apparently conducted on the issue.

At its last session, this week, the Zionist Executive elected a Special Committee to study the matter of Publications that are financed today by the different departments of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. We hope that a close survey will enable us to channel the necessary funds to publish a magazine along the lines described in your letter.

Many thanks for your words of encouragement to the Chairman.

Yours sincerely,
Yitzhak Rager,
General Counsel

The need for such a magazine, at this particular time and for the future, should be very obvious to all. The question of how it might be launched is one that requires very serious planning to assure its continuity so that it can become a powerful factor in educating and uniting the Jewish community in the English speaking world.

A venture of this magnitude should require the cooperation of as many national bodies as possible. The present multitude of each little organization publishing its own very partisan views to a very limited readership in total does not reach the wide masses of the community. This results in division, indifference, lack of information and the absence of any cohesive force among the people. The following is a very rough concept of how the venture can be established on a permanent basis.

DEFICIT

(1) While such a publication is so vital that even if the deficit were to run into millions of dollars per year, it would be justified. However, a publication with such a vast circulation should be able to pay its own way and possibly even show a profit or surplus. In order to continue to survive it must attract advertisers. In order to do that it must be able to convince both advertisers

and advertising agencies that the publication will continue for years to come. Therefore it will be necessary to have powerful organizations such as the Jewish Agency, the American Jewish Committee, the B'Nai Brith, the United Jewish Appeal, WIZO, etc. If that proves impractical then a syndicate of philanthropic individuals and foundations might be organized. These would supply the funds and guarantee any deficits and continuity.

MANAGEMENT

(2) The next step should be engaging a general manager who has been successful in the magazine publishing field at a salary attractive enough and for a reasonable number of years to make it worth his while to undertake the position. In addition to his salary, he should be given the incentive of a percentage of advertising revenue over and above a minimum quota. This should appeal to a capable, ambitious individual who would want to make a success of a life-time career. Insofar as the rest of the staff is concerned, there should be some sort of a Cost-Sharing Plan that would give them a reward for earning a share of the savings in all the operations, over and above a pre-arranged budget.

READER APPEAL

(3) The contents of the magazine should be such as to attract the widest

possible readership dealing with every aspect of Jewish life, both in Israel and abroad and appealing to every age group and containing both short articles, fiction, humour, sports, music, reader participation, contests, etc. etc.

PRE PUBLICATION

(4) With a solid financial base and a key staff consisting of a managing editor, an advertising salesmanager, a circulation manager, an art and picture editor, all on a salary and incentive basis, it should not be too difficult to approach advertising agencies in advance of publication and attract a substantial amount of advertising to make the venture stand on its own feet or even show a profit.

CONTENTS

(5) Contents—While the magazine should contain a very substantial share of its material dealing with Israel, at least 50% of its pages should be devoted to Jewish life in the English speaking world as well as other areas. It should not deal primarily with negative issues but rather emphasize positive, constructive attitude toward Jewish life. Its interests should be broadly based, dedicated to intelligent Jewish survival. As stated previously, humour, satire and fiction should be quite prominent in its contents. Sports, cartoons,

pictures, biography of prominent individuals in science, philanthropy, sports. It must, in order to attract advertising, be interesting enough to attract readers, otherwise advertisers will cease to use it.

CIRCULATION

(6) Circulation—While the intent is to make sure that every Jewish home receives a copy, it would not be necessary or even advisable that it be mailed free without some input from the subscribers. For example, it might be advisable that with every subscription a gift of books, recordings, pictures or some other articles be supplied whose retail value would be in excess of the normal price of the subscription. Alternately subscribers could get the magazine for a short period free of charge and then be requested to pay for the subscription on the terms just mentioned. The subscription campaign could be conducted on a city by city basis and of a very intensive nature that would involve the widest use of community effort. The final result should be that the vast majority of Jewish homes, in one way or another, would be receiving the magazine.

ADVERTISING REVENUE

(7) Advertising—Even before publication of the first issue, probably many months prior, paste ups or mock ups

of the magazine should be made available to advertising salesmen and advertising agencies in order to advise them in the forthcoming publication and sell them advertising space. It should be the goal of this magazine to obtain at least 50% of its advertising revenue from non-Israeli sources. A quick review of the major magazines in America reveals that the major advertisers, in order of importance, are the automobile industry, the liquor industry, cigarettes, hotels, airlines, photography, stereo and television, office equipment.

IS IT NECESSARY?

(8) Conclusion—The power base for the State of Israel is world opinion and English speaking Jewry in the free world. The most direct of the two is the support of English speaking Jewry. That base must be made united, informed and strongly in support of Israel for many years to come or Israel will be in grave danger. With at least one half billion dollars a year in the form of gift dollars, Israel Bond sales and other revenue at stake this type of magazine is a vital necessity, both for Israel as well as the Jewish community itself. At present the vast majority of Jews receive no publication of importance of any kind. Those vitally interested receive a local publication of local interest and quality ranging

from quite good to very poor. There is of course quite a number of publications at the intellectual level reaching a very narrow market. None of these have really a wide appeal or a circulation large enough to attract advertisers and so either need to be subsidized and have very little effect upon the community or both.

In relation to the tremendous potential from a strictly financial point of view upon contributions to the United Jewish Appeal which support not only Israel but many local activities: to the sale of Israel Bonds; to investments in Israel; to Israel exports; to tourism; to immigration, such a magazine could very well justify any deficit which may occur.

In addition to the strictly financial benefits there is of course also the cultural and educational potential of such a venture. Before there can be any increase in Jewish education of the young, there must be a tremendous education of the parents. It is only when the home environment supports the education of a child that it has any effect. The State of Israel supports its universities to the extent of many tens of millions of dollars per year. Is not a magazine of this dimension as important to Israel and the Jewish community even as are universities.

DID ARAB RACISM CREATE ISRAEL?

by Samuel Jacobson

It may seem very strange that the very nations of the Arab world who are most vicious in their antagonism to the State of Israel are the very ones who helped create that very state. While it is true that the early Zionist pioneers of about a hundred years ago, who were the ones who laid the foundation for Zionist aspirations for elevating the Jewish people of Europe from the status of a persecuted minority to the level of a respected independent nation, did not come from the Arab world but rather from Eastern and Central Europe, the state would never have come into existence, at least in its present condition, were it not for the extreme racism of many Islamic countries of North Africa and the Middle East.

The United Nations motivated by great ideals in the first years of its existence, saw the need and the justice of providing a homeland of their own for the Jews of the world, possibly impelled by a sense of guilt of sins of omission, and sometimes almost cooperation with the Nazis in exterminating 90% of the Jews of Europe. Israel in 1948 contained slightly over a half million Jews. The small number of survivors provided only a half a million Jews at the most who came to Israel in the years immediately after 1948. This would have provided Israel with a total population somewhat in excess of one million.

It was only the extreme hatred by the Moslem world that impelled a tremendous exodus from North Africa

and the Middle East and provided Israel with an Arab speaking population of Jews almost equal to the one million whose roots were from Europe.

In all other situations where refugees are created as the result of war, they are either absorbed in the countries to which they escape or there is an exchange of populations. In this instance almost twice as many Jews were expelled from the Arab speaking world as Arabs ran away at the behest of the invading armies from the State of Israel. In this case these Moslem countries enabled Israel to grow to a population in excess of three million today. The Arab speaking Jews of Israel are the backbone of the army, and while temporarily are not as prominent in the upper echelons of government and industry, they will certainly reach there very soon. If Israel in spite of its minute size is as strong as it is, they have only themselves to blame.

On the one hand the refugees from

both Europe and the Arab world have been absorbed, have been rehabilitated, are now self respecting, free individuals, standing on their own feet. On the other hand, the Arab refugees, fewer in number, have been retained as prisoners by the Arab world, have been used by them for propaganda purposes so that crying crocodile tears they have aroused the sympathy of the world by spending billions of dollars spreading falsehoods.

They hide the fact that the Arab world has one thousand times as much land as Israel. That even before 1973 they were receiving billions of dollars per year more than they could ever spend and still refused to provide a home for their fellow coreligionists, that they compelled the United Nations to feed and house them artificially keeping them at a miserable poverty level for political purposes.

The world little knows the brain-washing and propaganda that goes on

inside those camps, how they are taught to hate and inspired to kill the Jews of Israel at every opportunity with lies that can only be compared to the worst that Hitler invented. Yet this is all financed by the United Nations organization dedicated to world peace! Why doesn't the world wake up to this hypocrisy and sham?

U.J.A. Prime Minister's Mission Report

by Martin Payne

It is not often that a trip to Israel is initiated by an invitation from the Prime Minister of that country. But there it was, an invitation from Prime Minister Menahim Begin, to visit Israel for a period of one week, at his behest to be a part of, perhaps, the peace signing activities between Israel and Egypt and to see at first hand the progress that the Israelis have made in building up the State of Israel. I was delighted. For me, however, there would be no comparison that I could make with the Israelis' achievements over the past decade or two, for it would be the first time that I would be visiting that country. A neophyte, or as the security man described more aptly at my questioning before boarding the plane, a "virgin". Nevertheless, I was delighted.

Our group of twenty businessmen drawn from across Canada arrived at Tel-Aviv airport and were immediately taken by bus (even before checking into the hotel) to the City of Jerusalem where we were escorted to the wailing wall. It was a sight to behold. As it was dark when we reached the site, the searchlights had been turned on, illuminating that wall to the point where you would think that it was daylight. Security guards were everywhere, brandishing all kinds of weapons, from sub-machine guns, to rifles, to revolvers. Some of our group immediately went to the wall to doven while others entered into a conversation with the many hassid that permeated the area and whose sole function was to act as chassinim in return for a charitable contribution. Although our guide recommended that no attention be paid to the

requests of these hassids for tzodokah, nevertheless there were official charity boxes placed at strategic points opposite the wall for those who felt so inclined.

That following day bright and early (5:30 a.m.) we were awakened from our much needed sleep and were on the road by bus an hour later. The contrasts of Jerusalem morning life were a study in paradox. The hassidim returning home from Shul with their

tallith and teffilin tucked under their arm contrasting with a compact car being driven by an Arab, his wife sitting beside him and in the back seat, his goat. And soldiers everywhere. All armed, certainly giving a neophyte a sense of security that if any armed action was necessary, they were certainly ready and able to carry it out. It was an eerie feeling that you were returning to your roots after 2,000 years. For even though my grand-



Left to right: Martin Payne, Menachem Begin, and Jack Rafuse.

parents had been born in the new world, nevertheless the guide's remarks, pointing out the walled City of Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the Mount of Olives, brought me back to my Hebrew school days when these names were only pictures of the imagination. And for a brief second a flicker of memory brought back the Pesach Seder and the expression "next year in Jerusalem" and here I was—this year in Jerusalem!

Our bus headed eastward from Jerusalem towards the West Bank and allowed us to catch a glimmer of the Dead Sea, so placid, so calm, its shiny surface reflecting the rays of the sun like a mirror. Proceeding northward we passed the abandoned refugee camps which for so long had been purposely inhabited by the Palestinians as showpiece misery places trying to demonstrate to the world that these mud huts on the West Bank were the only places of refuge that the Palestinians could seek after their departure from Israel. In fact this was not the case, with the Palestinian population either being persuaded or coerced by the other Arab states to remain in such camps in order, theoretically to obtain the

pity of the world. Now, all deserted, they are a monument to the intransigence of the Palestinians in trying to help themselves in terms of world political realities. We passed through the old city of Jericho where Joshua had the Jewish people sound trumpets and shout, which eventually tumbled the walls of Jericho allowing the Jews of old to capture that city in their first conquest upon entering the promised land. We continue northward passing the various nachals or military or armed communes and where once there was only a wasted desert now we see a tribute to Israel ingenuity:

Rows upon rows and miles upon miles of beautifully cultivated farms producing a green contrast of growth next to the stark nakedness of the drifting desert sand. Sugar beets, cotton, fruits and vegetables, have all been encouraged to grow by means of the Israeli's ability to use the farming process called hydroponics, a process in which plastic covering surrounds the roots of the plants retaining the limited amount of water that is irrigated to the farm. It is interesting to note that on the other side of the Jordan River which flows through this region, the Jordanian settlers in seeing

the success of their Jewish neighbours have also started to use this process of agriculture and that some of their farms are starting to bloom and flourish no less progressively than their Jewish teachers. At that point the thought enters your mind as to why the Palestinians and Jordanians, indeed all the Arab neighbouring countries, waited all these years to follow the example of these Israeli innovators, to make farmland out of desert and grassland out of sand. The answer may well be that indeed the Jews are the chosen people: not necessarily chosen by God but people who have chosen to use their brain and their ingenuity.

Our route takes us along the Sea of Galilee through the town of Tiberius which certainly reminds me of the "Palm Springs of Israel" and then further northland to the Golan Heights and our bus stops at the "good fence" separating Lebanon from Israel. Although we were not allowed to take any pictures of the military installations in the Golan Heights our mind immediately snapped the picture of the armed readiness of the Israeli army to defend its borders but yet having the imagination

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and the foresight to befriend the Lebanese civilians that form a buffer zone between the P.L.O. and the Israeli border. We proceed on through the Golan Heights, and as we climb into the mountains, higher and higher in elevation, and look down the beautifully lush and fertile Israeli Valley below we can see the complete vulnerability of the kibbutz' in the valley and the urgent need to militarily hold that real estate in the Golan Heights that overlooks the farmland. We are escorted to an elevated outpost in the northeastern portion of the Golan Heights and in the distance you could see the mountains that border the Syrian highway that leads to Damascus. Excavations in this area have shown the remains of synagogues and Jewish settlements that date two and three thousand years ago, proof positive that even in those days the Golan was inhabited by our Jewish ancestors.

Our afternoon is spent at an Israeli army base in the Golan Heights where we are invited to have lunch with the military and view their military installations. It is not surprising to learn that the Israelis are reputed to have the third most potent military force in the area, only after the United States and Russia. It is even reputed to surpass the military ability of NATO forces in Europe. The pride of being a Jew flows throughout your entire body.

The return bus ride had each of the occupants silent, each one deep in his own thoughts, of how far the Jewish people have come since their original expulsion from Israel and the Holy Land, that perhaps, at long last, a rebirth of the sons of David and Solomon, of Elijah and Ezra, has taken root and hopefully will be allowed to grow, if only peace could be obtained.

The next few days were taken up with more touring: a plane ride to Eilat: visit to a naval military base at Sharm El Sheikh: a visit to the kibbutzes of the Ashkelon region: a tour of the areas occupied by the newly immigrated Yemenite Jews and wherever we went a recurring theme seemed to occur: a nation strong in spirit, an army militarily mighty, and the uncanny ability for the inhabitants of this revered land to be able to make fertile what was once wasteland and bring forth water from the desert. Certainly the impression that was given was that there was nothing that the Israelis could not do and that in spite of their adversities the land would flourish and be strong.

The highlight of our trip was of course our meeting with Prime Minister Begin. A mild-mannered man, speaking hardly in a whisper with his hand upon his heart as if to slow down its pace, he reassured us that peace would one day come but that you could not put a clock or a calendar to it. The main problem he stated was yet to come: that a peace with Egypt would not allow the Israelis to spend any less on its defense budget seeing that it was still surrounded by many hostile neighbours not party to the peace agreement, but that the peace agreement with Egypt would psychologically initiate a desire for the inhabitants of Israel to divert more of their productive capacity towards peaceful uses which of course Israel will not be able to afford to do for many years. Much as he had called his followers to arms in the pre-independence days as leader of the feared Irgun, and in the same way as he rallied his supporters in succeeding years as leader of the Likud party, he was now quietly, barely audibly,

exhorting and persuasively issuing a "call to arms" for the 20 Canadian businessmen seated very informally around a rectangular conference table, to help him and his country overcome the price of peace at a time when the price of war would not be diminished by the signing of a peace treaty. His message came through loud and clear: "Look around you my friends and see what we have done thus far. This we have done with your aid. It is an indication of what we can do in the next twenty years—but only with your aid."

The balance of the trip, of course, was anti-climactic. Anything that we saw from that point on led us back to that small conference room with the rectangular table at the centre of which sat a small balding bespectacled man dressed in a non-stylist black suit under which he wore a faded wool vest, and the words that he uttered would become a part of every sight that we saw: "That which we did we did with your aid."

The land of Israel is a miracle. No less a miracle than Moses and the burning bush, or Moses parting the Red Sea. The Israelis have taken a dry arid wasteland and made it produce milk and honey. They have taken a broken disheartened mass of people from many lands sharing only one common bond—that they were all Jewish—and have molded them into a highly disciplined energetic proud force that no longer claim their roots to be in Europe or America or North Africa, but in Israel. For me it was a spiritual homecoming and although I physically flew home a few days later, I know a part of my spirit remains in Israel yet.

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The Majesty And Grandeur Of The Negev

by Norman Lipschutz

The sightseeing bus with its gay company of tourist passengers is plodding its way through the treacherous mountain-passes, climbing and puffing, moaning and zig-zagging. With every move, the membranes of the gentle heart begin to flutter and the delicate nerves begin to jitter, for it is rather an unpleasant thought to go overboard and land in the strange abyss below, should, God forbid, an unfortunate accident overtake us . . . and every moment is loaded with danger! But at the same time, adventure packs our veins and we imagine ourselves heroic characters heading for some strange and mysterious planet. Here and there our guide explains the historical importance of the region, its biblical significance. Our gaze is fixed steadfast at the wide expanse and the grandeur of mountains and valleys. The age-old rock formations, changing in color and beauty with every passing mile, appear to tell of bygone days and a glorious past. Now and then the keen eye is able to perceive a glistening settlement nestled high on a mountain-top—a sort of oasis in an immense desert—and in the vast desolation with which it is surrounded, it bears an inspiring message of good tidings: It holds out a promise of civilization eventually stepping in and conquering the rugged wasteland.

The driver ever so often stops the vehicle to give the passengers the opportunity to step down and examine more closely the colorful composition of the rock formation—truly as magnificent as the rainbow. Some take delight in collecting souvenirs. Others just marvel at the immense grandeur. We're also witness to the industrial development of the area. Though still in its infancy, work is progressing at feverish speed. The mineral deposits of this particular sector are considerable. Machinery is gnawing into the rock formations, and a virgin region resounds with life and promise. Heavy-duty trucks are seen

laboriously working their way up and down the winding highway. They carry huge loads of life-giving phosphates, constantly moving in a northerly direction, in convoy fashion. They gladden the hearts of tourist and citizen alike, for at long last, after centuries of neglect, the desert is to make way for the onward march of civilization. Occasionally an Arab on a donkey is seen lazily making his way by the side of the road, followed by his veiled wives on foot—a bleak reminder of the backwardness of the region and in varying contrast to instepping civilization. Here one may perhaps discover the almost irreconcilable differences between the two peoples. The Arab and his wives evidently are disturbed by the passing vehicles. Their features respond nervously to the clatter of machines and to the commands of man. Why, they must wonder, has man stepped into this paradise to disturb their century-old slumber? The devil, it appears, is everywhere nowadays, and Allah must be punishing his children for their wrongdoings. . . .

Occasionally a Bedouin on horseback is seen galloping through. The animal is frightened by the strange monster. It stands on its hind legs and almost drops its rider. The desert-dweller handsomely controls the reins and succeeds in putting the animal at ease. With a curse on his lips for this man-driven conveyance, he maneuvers his pony from the main highway onto a side road.

Here and there the magic camps of the Bedouin tribesmen come into view. The flocks of sheep tenderly graze in the nearby pasturelands, and the Bedouin womenfolk are seen to attend to their daily chores. Their children though are quick to observe the vehicle. They rush up to it, and clamor for bakshish. The adventurous company of sightseers show their generosity and numerous coins are dropped on the roadway, to be quickly collected by the nomad children. Their gratitude is expressed by a noisy mumbo-jumbo, waving of hands and a display

of white teeth. In their exuberance they cross and re-cross the road, and the driver takes great pain not to run them over. Finally, he appeals to the passengers to stop the practice of throwing coins for fear it might result in casualties. The Bedouin kids appear to wish us God speed and a pleasant journey in their desert homeland.

While plowing through this exotic land, we also came across a pack of camels, in strange contrast to the modern bus, whose motor is exerting every ounce of energy, and pushing the machine up and down with ever-increasing tempo. The heat is stifling and oppressive. It is definitely a Chamsin day—one of the fifty killers that regularly and unmercifully attack the land since time immemorial—every single year. The guide is indeed more than welcome. We drink to our heart's content, and soon ask for a refill . . . he's a very kind sort of a chap, and is always willing to oblige.

Now and again we halt to examine a newly opened copper-mine. The guide explains the potential of the area. Soon the bus is to hit the newly-built road leading towards the Dead Sea, and immensely cutting the distance to this most legendary of all seas. The machine appears to be gradually picking up speed, as it is steadily pushing downwards to a point far below sea-level. The heat here is overpowering, but the grandeur of the region is sufficient to compensate for the inconvenience caused by the peculiar climate. Soon we are to witness a statue carved in the rock formation. It bears a resemblance to Lot's wife, of biblical fame. The guide explains that it was here, exactly on this spot, that this legendary lady turned into a pillar of salt, for she chose to disobey God's command not to gaze back when the Almighty ordered the destruction of neighboring Sodom and Gomorrah for the wickedness of their inhabitants. It is an impressive sight, and it brings back



vivid recollections of my Cheder days as the Rabbi related to us the story in all its magnificence. On us children this unique tale inscribed an everlasting impression, and now, as we actually visit the very locale described in the Old Testament, a feeling of exaltation grips our entire being. Our mind wanders back to the glory of ancient days and we imagine ourselves to be the actual participants in one of the greatest dramas ever witnessed.

In due course the famed Yam Ha'melach or Dead Sea (literally the Sea of Salt) is to come into full view. The nearby phosphate cliffs inspire us with awe. It is a picturesque spectacle to behold. We descend into the legendary cave of Sdom, and the guide cautions the sightseers to beware of the slippery ground, as indeed we must. Every step seems to be an ordeal. The cliffs appear to contain nothing but salt. The crystal-walls of the dark cave shine with their immense brilliance. The guide leads the way and helps both young and old in their difficult safari. He cautions his charges repeatedly to be on the constant lookout for treacherous rocks. Slowly and painstakingly we climb up the inside hollowness of the mountain, torches leading the way. At long last we reach a sight to overpower our emotions. Facing us and before our perplexed eyes is a huge and mysteriously carved cave—shaped like a crater with an opening at the very top admitting the rays of the sun, and considerably lighting up the very strange and immensely beautiful walls of the interior. The adventurous crowd decides to rest up from its laborious climb and to breathe in the cool and damp air of this grotesque creature. The guide relates numerous episodes in connection with this exemplary cave, all related in some measure to drama as described in the Book of Books. We are filled with emotional tenderness, and, as a result, this strange structure takes on added significance. It leaves a lasting impression.

Slowly and with a great deal of effort we descend the treacherous cliffs, simply feeling our way as we follow in each other's footsteps—the torches lighting up the difficult path. As we come out of the opening, and back into the stifling heat, in sight of

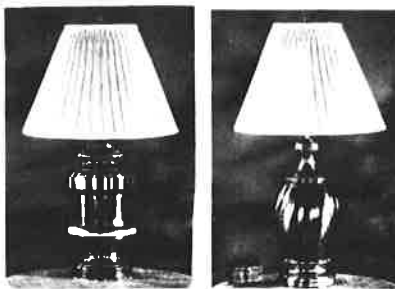
the Dead Sea, we touch lightly the rock formation, and our fingertips feel the cooling effect of the refreshing crystals. We are to camp in the shade of the mountain and refresh our being with the cool breeze emanating from the inside bowels of the huge cave. We further delight our spirits with cold liquids served by the obliging members of the Sdom canteen, as we view the magic wonderland—a truly enchanting panorama.

As we bid farewell to this strange and bewitching place, we feel that our journey was well rewarded. As the bus turns back and begins its treacherous climb up the zig-zagging highway, and pushes its way ever closer to approaching civilization, we grasp the importance of this virgin and scarcely-touched area, to the newly-established State. We pray and hope that some day in the not-too-distant future flourishing towns and cities will replace the vast desolation, and gardens will bloom where once sand-dunes prospered. A glorious past

gives hope to an equally promising future. The foundations have already been laid. New conquests will be made, given the necessary vision and determination!

Modern Be'er-Sheba is to come into full view. It stands on the site of the Biblical town, where the Patriarch Abraham once set camp and founded a nation. It is the gateway to the Negev, and plans call for its steady expansion and growth, until it might someday become the capital of a prosperous and flourishing grain-belt. As of present, it resembles very much a strange mixture of European and strange mixture of European and Oriental stock. However, they all take great pride in their accomplishments to date, and dream and work for an even more noteworthy future. God grant that the dreams of these hardy pioneers—the conquerors of the desert—take on realistic proportions!

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This prestigious institution has previously selected Mr. Lipschutz—a prominent Maritime literary figure—for inclusion in their **Dictionary of International Biographies**, 15th Edition, and in **Men of Achievement**—Volume VI. These will be distributed throughout the world.

Mr. Lipschutz has been extended an invitation to attend the International Congress on the Arts and Communi-

cations, to convene in Cambridge, Mass., next July.

The data on Mr. Lipschutz, in addition to paying tribute to his literary achievements as Author of "Victory through Darkness and Despair" (New York), Magazine Editor and Publisher and contributor to various publications, also includes his

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many efforts on behalf of the Zionist movement and mentions his writings in the Shalom Magazine, the Canadian Zionist, the Chronicle-Review, the Jewish Press, etc.

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HOW PEACE MAY CHANGE THE NEGEV

by Robert D. Kaplan

Near Avdat in the northern Negev, a garden is sprouting thanks to the Desert Research Institute of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva. The plants and flowers are receiving nourishment from an intricate canal network carrying rainwater to the garden from the upper slopes. But the credit for this irrigation system does not belong to the university scientists—2,000 years ago much of the Negev was a garden on account of this method.

In the days of King Herod the Great, a people of Arab origin called Nabateans made the generally arid Negev bloom. The same thing may be about to happen today, not because of any specific development program but because of the new political era dawning in the Middle East. This is not to imply that Israelis have not been successful in reclaiming and populating the southern, desert region of the country, stretching from north of Beersheva to Eilat. They have been remarkably successful. But the success has been to some extent restricted due to a slew of other priorities in the past three decades.

Six Percent—And About To Change

Only six percent of Israelis live in the Negev region which constitutes two thirds of pre 1967 Israeli territory. Only 10 percent of the capital investment has been directed there, compared to 33 percent up until 1965. But all this is about to change. I'm not making a prognosis, merely drawing an inescapable conclusion. The effects of peace between Israel and Egypt will first be felt in the Negev. The entire southern branch of the Israel Defense Forces will be transferred from the Sinai peninsula to the Negev. It is planned to relocate all the settlers now living in the Rafiah Approaches in the Negev. Millions of dollars will be poured into this desert region to build civilian settlements and troop facilities, and the effect may be felt through the entire economy of southern Israel, changing its pattern of life.

Beersheva, which in the past three decades has grown from a small development town to the nation's fourth largest city, could further develop into the crossroads of the

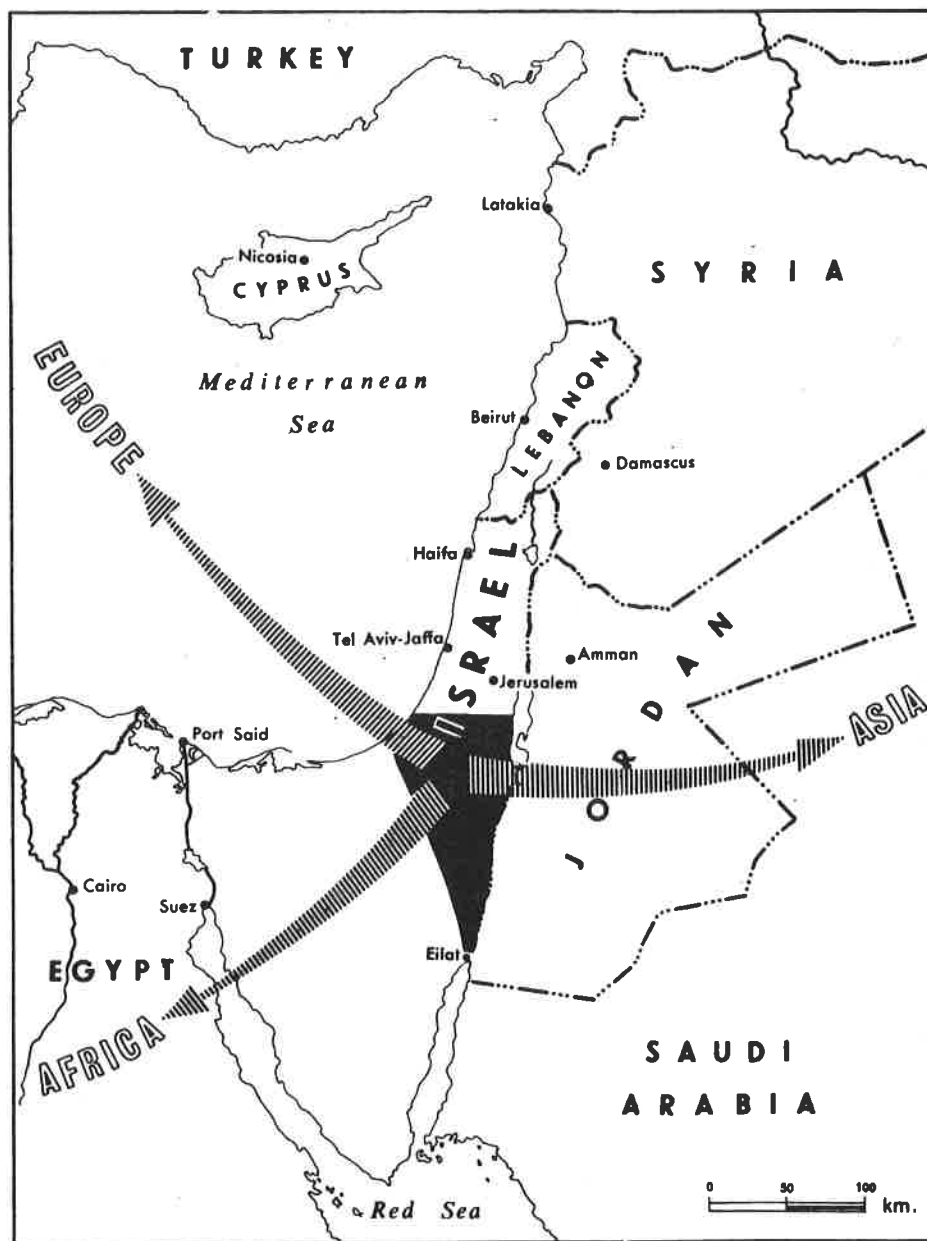
Middle East, just as the Negev could be a land bridge between continents. A volunteer council, headed by Ben-Gurion University President Yosef Tekoah, has proposed an international airport for the town that would support an associated aircrafts industry employing 15,000 local residents.

Not only Beersheva, but all the other development towns in the region, would have to grow in an era of peace. Army personnel and military service businesses will be located in

towns like Dimona, Yeroham and Mitzpe Ramon. And for the few years it will take to build these facilities, construction workers will also inhabit these places.

Developing The Development Towns

For years, these "development towns" experienced an inadequate rate of development. Even with mortgage incentives and other benefits, people from the north were generally reluctant to move to these places. As a result, pockets of poverty have grown up within them. In fact,



The Negev—land bridge between continents

places like Dimona and Yeroham are to be among the beneficiaries of the Jewish Agency's Project Renewal, a program designed to rejuvenate 160 poverty stricken neighborhoods throughout the country in five years.

Within the new economic perspectives of the Negev, not only will the development towns further develop, but new ones will be built. A proposal has been made for the construction of five new Negev towns inhabited by 10,000 Israelis each. In addition, 100 new settlements, including 20 for the Rafiah residents, are on the drawing boards for the absorption of 100,000 newcomers into the region.

Six Million in the Negev?

Even 100,000 is a conservative figure by some estimates. Professor Haim Darin-Drabkin, a consultant to the United Nations on land policy,

said recently that the Negev can potentially support a population of six million. A number of trial balloons have been floated regarding ways to reclaim the desert, so as to provide for the kind of population Professor Darin-Drabkin has spoken about. One idea is a canal that would link the Dead Sea with the Mediterranean, feeding artificial lakes in the northern Negev that in turn would be the basis for power stations.

Jewish Agency Settlement Department Chief Raanan Weitz said that with the use of the new "drip-drop" irrigation method, the Negev could become the grain capital of the Middle East. Weitz implied that in the 1990's, a food crisis will replace the current energy crisis, and Negev grain could be as important as Arab oil for the world. Regarding oil, another idea

local scientists have come up with is solar ponds in the Negev, growing a form of algae that can easily be converted into petroleum.

Region of Peace

The nerve center for all these brain storms will be Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. At the school's recent annual Board of Governors' conclave, President Tekoah said his institution will be "the university of peace," referring to cooperation with Egyptian universities on desert development schemes.

One could go one step further and call the Negev the imminent "region of peace". For in the Negev peace may not be an abstract idea, but a power-house generating new currents of development with immediate, tangible benefits.

Web of Deceit and the Hate Propaganda Legislation

by Dr. Julius Israeli

I would like to share with my Jewish brothers in the Atlantic region about the campaign I lead against Web of Deceit and its author Malcolm Ross, who teaches grade six children at the Magnetic Hill School in Moncton, N.B.

For the first time, I learned about Malcolm Ross from some anti-Semitic letters to the Editor he published in The Moncton Times of February 8 and February 22. Evidently I counter-attacked these articles.

Around April 20, Web of Deceit was on the shelves of newsstands in the main cities of New Brunswick. Web of Deceit was advertised through letters to the Editor signed by G.A. Daley or by Malcolm Ross (see for example, The Moncton Times of May 1, The North Shore Leader of May 3 and June 7, The Daily Gleaner of June 7 etc.).

On April 26 in a letter addressed to Arnold McLeod, the Director of the School District 15 in Moncton, N.B., I asked the dismissal of Malcolm Ross from his position of elementary school teacher. On May 1, Arnold McLeod officially informed me that "what a person writes, in a democratic society, is subject to scrutiny by the laws of the

land and the freedom to write and publish within these laws is strongly supported by public sentiments". Meanwhile Rev. Gary McCauley, the ATV commentator, was won to our cause and in several commentaries broadcasted by ATV he strongly asked the dismissal of Malcolm Ross from his teaching position. One of his most important commentaries was printed verbatim in The North Shore Leader of May 17. On account of the public opinion created by Rev. McCauley, Mr. Arnold McLeod informed me on May 11, that he will bring my request for the dismissal of Malcolm Ross to the May 24 meeting of the Board of School Trustees. This meeting was reported in full in The Moncton Times of May 26. The School Board decided not to take any action against Malcolm Ross because it has no complaints about Ross teaching his theories in the school. The Moncton Times of May 26 also published an editorial in which it condemned Web of Deceit and called people "to stand up and denounce this book and others like it for the evil they are".

Immediately after the appearance of Web of Deceit on the newsstands, I contacted the Hon. Rodman Logan, the New Brunswick Minister of Justice,

through the New Brunswick Premier's Office, through the office of the local Crown Prosecutor, through the RCMP detachment in Newcastle, and I asked him to apply the Hate Propaganda Legislation against Web of Deceit and its author.

As more and more letters to the editor appeared in the New Brunswick newspapers, the Canadian Press took an interest in the controversy generated by Web of Deceit and the article written by them was published in The Telegraph Journal of June 3 and in The Daily Gleaner of June 2. In the interview given to the Canadian Press reporter, Dr. Noel Kinsella, the Chairman of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, stated that "it was more important to protect the author's freedom of speech than to try to suppress the book because it may cause discrimination". In a letter to the editor published in The Daily Gleaner of June 13, I launched a counter-attack against Dr. Kinsella pointing out that the Hate Propaganda Legislation is under the exclusive jurisdiction of "the Minister of Justice in the Provincial Government and I deplored also his meddling in an affair that is not under his jurisdiction".

As more letters to the editor piled up, The Globe and Mail of June 17 published its first article on this controversy. In this article it is written that Dr. Kinsella stated that "he personally considers Web of Deceit as an irrelevant kind of publication, not

even good enough to engender a debate on whether or not it is hate literature".

The Globe and Mail of June 19 published another article about Web of Deceit and from this article I quote that "several school officials have been reached by parents of children who heard Mr. Ross speak about the need to keep the races separate". I feel obliged to mention that on page 89 of Web of Deceit, Ross tries to convince the reader about the inferiority of the Negro race.

As the debate engendered by Web of Deceit heated up, I launched an appeal to people of good will asking them to write to the Hon. Rodman Logan demanding him to apply the Hate Propaganda Legislation against Web of Deceit and its author. This appeal appeared in my letters to the editor published respectively in The Telegraph Journal of June 7, The North Shore Leader of June 7, The Daily Gleaner of June 13, and The Moncton Times of June 30 etc. I have to mention that I have the impression that many letters to the editor in support of Malcolm Ross were written by members and sympathisers of the Canadian League of Rights in Flesher-ton, Ontario. For example, The Daily Gleaner of June 27, even carried a letter to the editor signed by a person living in Penticton, B.C. who strongly

supported the ideas propagated by Web of Deceit.

On July 1, a Canada Days parade was organized in Newcastle, N.B., and a float sneaked among the parading cars carrying the banner "Fight Truth Decay—Read Web of Deceit by Malcolm Ross". This incident was reported in The Telegraph Journal of July 3 and The Moncton Times of July 10 condemned this incident in its editorial.

As hundreds of reporters swamped me, I sent them to the Hon. Rodman Logan in order to ask him about the progress of the investigation undertaken by the New Brunswick Department of Justice in relation to the complaints he received on account of Web of Deceit. On July 5, the CBC radio in Fredericton announced that the Hon. Rodman Logan decided not to apply the Hate Propaganda Legislation against Web of Deceit. Immediately, I contacted Richard Doyle, the Editor in Chief of The Globe and Mail and he promptly sent a reporter to interview me and the Hon. Rodman Logan. The Globe and Mail of July 12 published these interviews and from their article I make the following quotations: "Mr. Rodman Logan contends that the prosecution under the Criminal Code would not be likely to lead to a conviction of the author or publisher. There are two words (in the

Hate Propaganda Legislation) that cause some difficulty, Mr. Logan said. Wilfully is well known to law and has a special connotation. The other word is hatred. It is not defined in the Code. In the same article it is written that Dr. Julius Israeli "feels that the Government's failure to prosecute the author is causing it to lose credibility among minorities, particularly Jews and Acadians".

In The Moncton Times of July 13, in a letter to the editor I wrote that on July 7 Sergeant G.T. Crich, from the RCMP detachment in Newcastle, dictated to me on the phone the following text: "The position of the Department of Justice is that no action is to be taken in relation to the complaint. This decision is based on the fact that there is insufficient evidence to sustain a prosecution in the opinion of the Crown Prosecutor who researched the matter". In the same letter to the editor, I wrote that "on July 5, I received from Premier Richard Hatfield a letter carrying the date of May 24 and which was mailed to me on July 4". "In this letter the New Brunswick Premier informed me that he requested the Hon. Rodman Logan to have the Department of Justice examine Malcolm Ross's Web of Deceit". I also stated in this letter to the editor that "the Hate Propaganda Legislation is a window dressing

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intended only to impress foreign governments in order to show them that racism is not tolerated in Canada".

In a letter to the editor published in The Moncton Times of July 25, I pointed out that Mr. Hazen Strange, the Director of Prosecutions in the New Brunswick Department of Justice, in his letter of July 7 wrote to me: "After a research of the law which was very limited, and the legislation on hate literature along with the historical background leading up to the inclusion of such an offence in the Criminal Code, I have advised the Minister of Justice that the prosecution of Web of Deceit's author or publisher could not be successfully concluded by Criminal Code action".

Having failed to obtain satisfaction from the New Brunswick Government, I contacted also The International League against racism and anti-Semitism in Paris. "Le Droit de Vivre", the official organ of this International League, in its issue of October, published a very critical article about the attitude of the Canadian authorities in relation to Web of Deceit and its author. Photocopies of this article written in French can be obtained upon request from the writer of this article.

I also contacted CBC Ombudsman and on November 7, a spokesman for the Ombudsman wrote to me the following: "We agree that if there is a law prohibiting Hate Propaganda, it ought to be enforced. However, the

whole issue of censorship, for whatever reasons, is a controversial one. It can be argued that if the government interferes in cases like this one, they will have a stronger precedent for interfering with other publications. The problem with Ombudsman doing a program on this subject is that we feel it would do little good, and would only give added encouragement to Mr. Ross and others like him. We don't feel that we wish to give any more publicity to his publication".

Rev. A.C. Forrest, the former moderator of the United Church of Canada and the present editor of Observer, in a letter addressed to me on June 8, wrote to me that by judging the content of Web of Deceit he "wonders what qualifications for teaching school are in New Brunswick". The Chatham's Horizon of August 18, reported that it is possible to borrow Web of Deceit from Chatham Town Library, which is affiliated with York Regional Library of Fredericton. The same article wrote that Catherine Le Butt, the supervisor of the York Regional Library, quoted to Horizon's reporter the following statement from the Canadian Library Association statement on Intellectual freedom: "Every person in Canada has the fundamental right to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express his thoughts publicly". Personally I saw Web of Deceit displayed on the shelves of other libraries in New Brunswick.

Web of Deceit is promoted nationally by the Canadian League of Rights in Flesherton, Ontario and they sell this book by mail order.

The North Shore Leader of November 1, reported that Ron Gostick, the national Director of the Canadian League of Rights, in the company of Messers Daley and Ross, visited Newcastle on October 27. Mr. Gostick used this occasion to give a public speech about his racist theories and promised to open in Moncton a regional office dedicated only to the Atlantic provinces. I listened to this speech given by Mr. Gostick and after the conference I even had a friendly speech with these gentlemen. Malcolm Ross told me that he is ready to accept me as his brother if I only could accept Jesus of Nazareth as my Lord and Saviour. Evidently I refused this generous offer.

There are nearly eight months since I started my campaign against Web of Deceit. I am convinced that the battle is not over yet. As Mr. Gostick intends to open a regional office in Moncton for the Canadian League of Rights, I advise the members of the Atlantic Jewish community to be vigilant as they may encounter in the future many surprises. With all this, let us hope that "Lo Yanum Ve Lo Yishan Shomer Israel".

This article was written on November 20 by Dr. Julius Israeli, 346 Skyline Avenue, Newcastle, N.B. E1V 1A9, 622-7841.

New President of Beth Israel Synagogue

Dr. Barrie Ross was elected president of the Beth Israel Synagogue on Sunday, January 21st. Dr. Ross was born in Sunderland, England and came to Atlantic Canada in 1957. He settled in St. John's, Newfoundland where he was active in community affairs.

He and his family moved to Halifax in 1973 to continue his practice as a Dermatologist. Dr. Ross also teaches at Dalhousie University and he is a member of its Senate.

Dr. Ross is married to Betty (who is coincidentally President of Beth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood) and they have three children. Two are currently attending University and the youngest is enrolled in grade school.

The Atlantic Jewish Council wishes to congratulate Dr. Ross and wish him a successful turn of office.



MOST URGENT

Executive Directors

From: Eli Eyal, Hasbara Department

Am urgently telexing you Knesset resolution regarding stalemate in peace negotiations plus selected relevant excerpts from Prime Minister Begin's statements plus arguments repudiating distortions and misrepresentations of Israel's position.

Chairman Dulzin and I will appreciate if you will immediately, repeat immediately, distribute this material to the maximum number of constituents and organizations.

It is at this crucial stage politically most important that all your energy and efforts should be channeled to give the widest possible publicity to Israel's far-reaching tangible concessions in her endeavour to achieve signing of peace treaty.

Eli Eyal

KNESSET RESOLUTIONS:

- (1) The Knesset declares that the submissions of new rigid proposals by Egypt prevented the signing of a peace treaty.
- (2) The Knesset declares that the stand of the U.S. Administration, charging Israel with responsibility for the failure to sign a peace treaty, is one-sided, unjust, and does not contribute to the advancement of peace.
- (3) Israel desires peace, has made many sacrifices for the sake of peace, and will continue to act to achieve peace, but it cannot accept proposals that put its welfare and security in jeopardy.

BEGIN'S STATEMENT (EXCERPTS):

"Israel will not sign a treaty of non-peace with Egypt. Israel will sign a treaty of peace with Egypt . . . U.S. Administration would see its mistake and understand that the State of Israel is an important factor in the free world, that it must not be weakened, that it must be continually strengthened, as great and good Americans have been saying in the past few days . . . Article 6, Paragraph 11, of the peace treaty states that the parties that undertake to fulfill their obligations under the treaty stands on their own feet. . . . Why should Israel again open itself to the charge that it had not honoured a target date? The lesson of the December 17 target date for signing a peace treaty with Egypt should be a lesson to us. . . ."

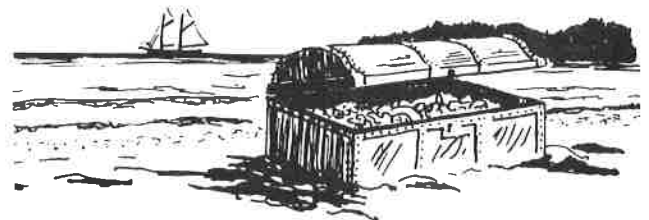
REPUDIATING ARGUMENTS:

- (1) Israel's consistent demand for permanent peace treaty leading to normalization with Egypt is countered by Cairo's vacillating sensitivity to extremist pressures of Baghdad Conference and constant introduction of new conditions that nullified essence of Camp David agreements.
- (2) Egypt demands that article 6 should be interpreted to mean that Egypt retains her freedom to go to war against Israel in case of an Israeli attack against an Arab state, in keeping with prior Egyptian commitments to Arab states. It is crucial to note that in the Arab view, the very presence of Israel in the Golan Heights constitutes aggression. For some

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Egypt demands that the implementation of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt should be made conditional upon the establishment of the elected institutions of the proposed autonomy by a specific deadline December 1979. This demand is the best way to sabotage the peace treaty because due to PLO terrorist intimidations, there are no candidates and no interested voters in the territories in question. Their determination of a fixed target date adds unnecessary pressures in an already overheated situation and defeats the activation of the treaty. Alternatively, the normal implementation of the treaty without any pressure caused by arbitrary deadlines would create a situation conducive to the appearance of a constituency favourably disposed to the concept of autonomy.

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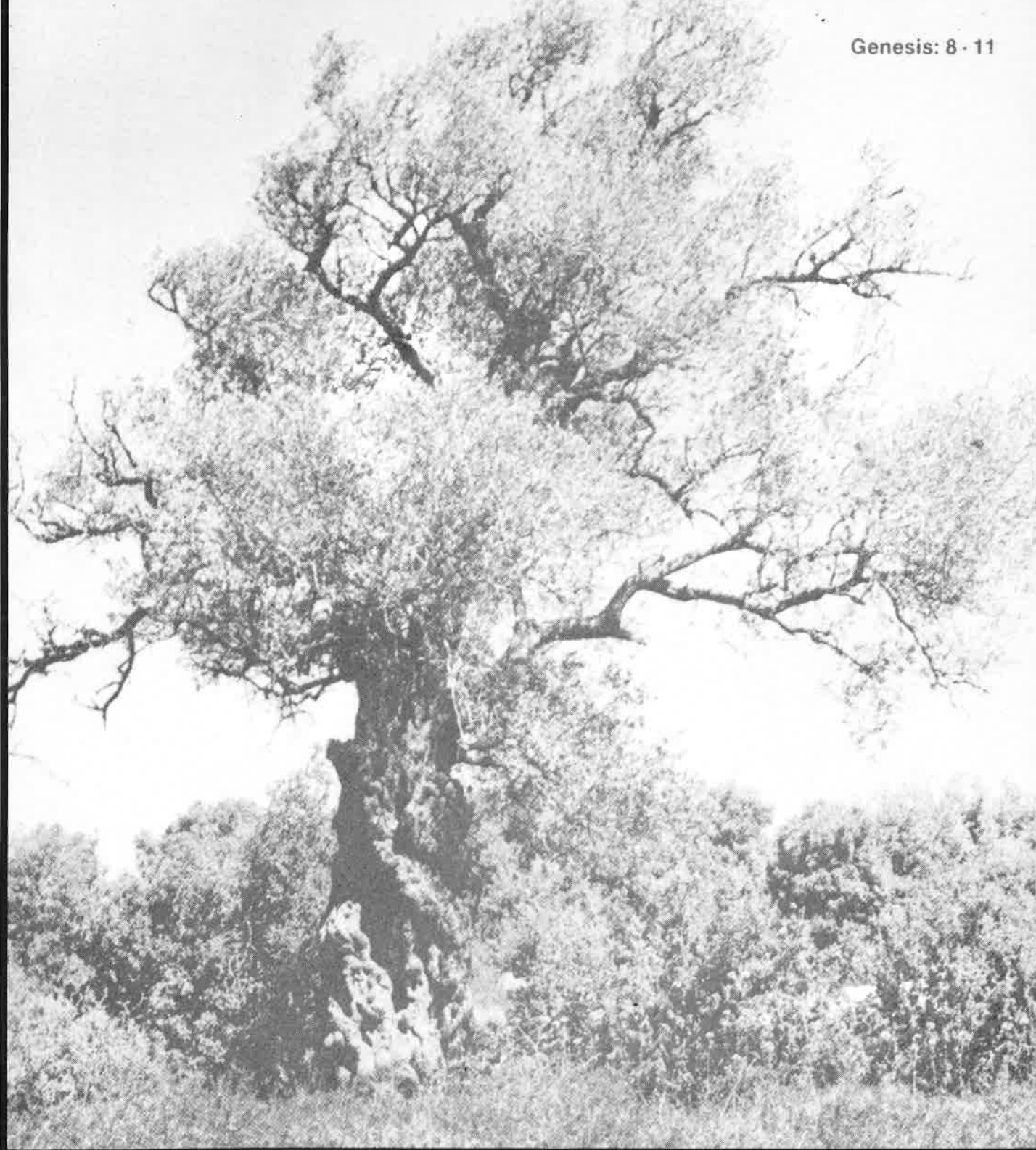
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