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Greetings from Prime Minister Menachem Begin

ON THE OCCASION OF
YOM HA'ATZMAUT, ISRAEL'S THIRTY-FIRST
ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

From Eternal Jerusalem, the indivisible capital of Israel—greetings to all of you wherever you dwell.

Last year, on the thirtieth anniversary of our regained independence, I wrote to you: "It is true that for the last 30 years we have not enjoyed a single day of peace. We have embarked last year, in the wake of ceaseless previous efforts, on the road of direct negotiations to establish peace between ourselves and our neighbours. Despite all the difficulties, we believe that this noble goal will be reached. We shall not cease in our effort to achieve the peace and the security for which we yearn."

This year I can report to you that the first decisive step towards the achievement of this noble goal was accomplished. On the 26th of March, 1979, the treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt, the largest and strongest Arab country, was signed. President Sadat and I signed the treaty in Washington, with the President of the United States attaching his signature as witness.

A week later, on the 2nd and 3rd of April, I visited Cairo as the guest of the Egyptian President. Those were two momentous days. Among the delegation with me were representatives of Palmach, Haganah, Irgun and LEHI, disabled heroes, representatives of bereaved families, in other words, the heroism of our people. We came into direct contact with the people of Egypt, a good-hearted, hospitable people, and thus cemented the relationship between our two nations.

Admittedly the twelve months, between March 1978 and March 1979, were difficult, even very difficult. Our devotion to the cause of peace was doubted. False accusations were made. We had to accept abuse not only from foreigners but also, what is more painful, from some of our own people.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT GREETINGS FROM MR. YITZHAK NAVON, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

In all the thirty years that we in Israel and you abroad have been celebrating Israel's Independence Day, we have hoped and worked for the attainment of peace between us and our neighbors. On this Independence Day—at last—we witness the beginnings of peace.

We know very well that this peace is still only a tender plant which hostile forces and elements are eager to uproot. We now that we must guard it carefully. We know, too, that peace cannot automatically solve our problems. It can give us the opportunity to do so by ourselves. Indeed, we have learnt in these three decades that what we do not do for ourselves no one will do for us. Independence is not achieved by proclamations. It must be won by deeds and sacrifices. In this process Jews everywhere have made their contribution. In the new stage we now enter, there are new challenges all of us must meet. Three chief tasks must be dealt with in this new year of Israel's independence:

Narrowing the social gap in Israel's population, above all in the fields of housing and education.

Cultivating and settling the desolate areas of Israel,

But always truth must prevail; justice must triumph. I have forever believed in the realism of these two moral axioms. What we must always endeavour to ensure, however, is that truth and justice do not win the day too late.

In our case their victory was timely. A turning point has been reached in the Middle East. The first Article of the peace treaty stipulates that the state of war between the parties, Egypt and Israel, has been terminated, a state of war that had lasted for thirty-one years.

In the near future, even as we rejoice, and rightly so, in the peace we have achieved, we may still have to face difficulties. We shall do so with courage. This is not the time to rest on laurels. We shall always stand together. Jewish solidarity is the rock on which we build. We must preserve our rights; we must guarantee for our nation what it must have for the sake of the future generations: Security. To us security means the safeguarding of the lives of our men, women and children.

I therefore call upon you, my brothers and sisters, let us *always* stand together. In so doing, the just cause of Israel will triumph.

I have yet another appeal to make this year, the first with peace: Come to Eretz-Israel. It is a beautiful country. It is a true democracy as manifestly evinced throughout the peace-making process. It is a free country with a free economy, and your children will live here a wholesome, meaningful Jewish life.

Great days are behind us; great challenges lie ahead. In Israel's peaceful glory we rejoice.

**Hag Sameach
Menachem Begin**

especially in the Negev which is now of such reemphasized central importance, bending all our energies to strengthening Jewish education in all lands and making Aliya a true mass movement both from free and threatened communities—a movement that will bring the "sons from far and the daughters from the end of the earth".

In the light of what the Jewish people has accomplished in the past, we may look forward with hope and confidence to the fulfillment of these tasks with the same courage, energy and success. Hag Sameach.

Ron Wallace

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Public Affairs Dept.
Shirlee Fox

Update on Halifax Public Affairs Discussion Group

The past few months have unfolded some interesting experiences which combined learning through participation in the Public Affairs discussion sessions.

These meetings were held in Halifax, every two weeks at the office of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Covering a wide range of pertinent topics, every participant who presented a paper endeavored to cover her subject in great detail. Because of the in-depth research on each subject, the decision was taken by the members of the group to make these papers available to non-participants and from time to time they will be published in **Shalom**. They will also be available as resource material for interested groups and individuals.

A sampling of the subjects covered are as follows:
"Jewish Land Claims in Palestine" —Sarah Yablon

"The History of the Palestinians"

—Leah Epstein

"A Profile of Menachem Begin"

—Sandra Hoffman

"The History of Jerusalem"

—Naomi Fishman

"View of Lebanon"

—Evette Bowman

"The Political Parties of Israel"

—Muriel Jacobson

With a membership of sixteen, upcoming subjects will be as diverse as those already presented. The following women are also members of this very exciting bi-weekly learning group:

Anita Dubinsky, Shirlee Fox, Barbara Paton, Shifra Richman, Shirlee Medjuck, Hedda Medjuck, Leona Freeman, Lenore Mencher, Marcia Earhard, Sheila Zive.

Always open for new participants, the P.A.D. welcomes your enquiries. Please contact Anita Dubinsky or Leah Epstein, Co-Chairman for Public Affairs in Halifax.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL PROGRAMS

by Avrum Weiss

A lot of people have asked "What does the Atlantic Jewish Council do with the money that stays in the council for local needs?" I hope that you will find the time to read this brief article which describes some of the many programs that the Jewish Community of Atlantic Canada supports through the United Jewish Appeal.

The **Shalom** magazine brings local, national and international Jewish news into your homes every month. The many contributors have helped make the **Shalom** magazine one of the most respected Jewish publications in Canada.

Shalom radio and television will begin broadcasting in every Jewish community in Atlantic Canada in September. Plans are underway with local stations and our various community representatives.

Entertainment comes at least twice a year to Jewish communities in Atlantic Canada. These Jewish entertainers provide us with a variety of Jewish music, both old and new. The Atlantic Jewish Council provides speakers to various public schools and to non-Jewish groups about life in the Middle East. Also, speakers are brought in to address various non-Jewish groups as well as synagogue gatherings and topics have ranged from trials of Nazi war criminals to the Palestinian problem to Jerusalem.

Jewish pre-schools serve to further Jewish identification at the most impressionable ages. A pre-school has started in Halifax and another will begin in Moncton in September. In addition to the regular pre-school classes, children receive an introduction to Jewish traditions and Jewish holidays.

For over 35 years the Jewish community of Atlantic Canada has operated and maintained Camp Kadimah. People who have spent their summers at Camp Kadimah

have gone on to leadership positions in Atlantic Canada and the rest of the country. The contributions that Camp Kadimah has made to Jewish life is immeasurable to the dollars that it costs to operate.

The Holocaust committee of the Atlantic Jewish Council prepares material and lectures for non-Jewish groups throughout Atlantic Canada.

The Atlantic Jewish Council in cooperation with the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Jewish Congress will begin programs in September to help educate Jewish children who reside in smaller communities.

These communities have been selected because of their inability to afford either a full time Rabbi or a teacher. These special programs will provide every Jewish child with some type of a Jewish education. Any community having 4 or more children is urged to contact the Atlantic Jewish Council for this type of service.

For our Jewish college students in the Halifax area we



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have a program which provides them with a home away from home. During the past year several programs featuring speakers, movies, breakfasts and dinners have been held in the Halifax area. Jewish college students are urged to contact the Atlantic Jewish Council office so that we may put them on the mailing list for these special programs.

Young Judaea has been a Zionist and Jewish force in Atlantic Canada for many many years. The Atlantic Jewish Council continues to provide support and aid to our younger Jewish population in whatever manner that we can.

Senior adult programs now exist in St. John's and Halifax. Soon a senior adult program will begin in

Moncton. These programs provide senior adults with an opportunity to come together socially to discuss concerns and to gain knowledge. In special cases where other help is indicated, the Atlantic Jewish Council acts as the agent to bring the senior citizens together with the type of help they require.

As you can see the Atlantic Jewish Council provides a wide range of cultural and Zionist programs for every Jewish person in Atlantic Canada. Your continued support through United Jewish Appeal is needed and appreciated. Please help us to continue and expand the quality of Jewish life where we live.

CAMP KADIMAH THANKS YOU

The enrollment at Camp Kadimah now stands at 120 campers. The waiting list is now being taken for additional campers. The Camp Kadimah Committee urges you to register your child immediately if you have yet failed to do so. We may not be able to serve all the children who wish to come to Camp Kadimah this summer. The following children are registered and awaiting a fun filled summer.

Lorraine Belitsky, Andrea Besnos, Eric Block, Laurie Bogante, Jonathan Boniuk, Wendy Boniuk, Andrea Brown, Heidi Brown, Iaan Brown, Lisa Brown, Lorne Brown, Lorne Brown, Mara Brown, Naomi Brown, Neil Brown, Susan Brinker, Amy Budovitch, Jason Budovitch, Bill Chernin, Kenneth Chernin, Lewis Chernin, Robert Chernin, Barry Cohen, Deborah Cohen, Michelle Cohen, Robyn Cohen, Arlene Conter, Michele Cuperfain, Dena Dankner, Laurel David, Phillip David, Adam Devlin, Cherise Devlin, Mark Earhard, Heidi Fischel, Lisa Fischel, Sandra Fischel, Debra Flam, Heather Flam, Shelley Flam, Stephen Flam, Stephen Floman, Kevin Floman, Joel Friedman, Pauline Friedman, Ruth Froman, Andrea Garson, Alan Goldman, Melanie Glick, Gail Gottlieb, Howard Green, Stephanie Green, Lisa

Hans, Miriam Hershenkopf, Ann Israeli, Marla Jacobson, Reena Lazar, Bari Levine, Jocie Levine, Andrea Lis, Michael Lubetsky, Jason McIvor, Jonathan Meretsky, Jan Nathanson, Peter Nathanson, Tobi Nathanson, Amir Nevo, Igal Nevo, Sarah Newman, Alyssa Novick, Hollis Pass, Adam Paton, Miriam Pearl, Jacki Pinsler, David Ross, Alana Ruben, Liana Rubin, Susan Ruch, Linda Ruch, Rachel Sadofsky, Benjamin Schelew, Joey Schwartz, Sandra Schwartz, Tracey Scher, Michael Scher, Robin Shore, Lisa Shulman, Frank Smilestein, Jonathan Smilestein, Amy Smilestone, Natana Shek, Zelaina Strug, Adam Stern, Samuel Webber, Elise Winkler, Stephen Winston, Maxelle Yablon, Andrea Yampolsky, Murray Yazer, Evan Zelikovitz, Karen Zelikovitz, Karen Zelikovitz, Martin Zelikovitz, H. Mark Zive, Wendy Zive, Andrea Chernin, Sylvia Block, Barbra Payne, Danielle Cordon, Esther Tock, Gil Korn, Mark Loebenberg, Barbara Friedman, Cynthia Pink, Michael Pink, Jonathan Sherman, Selig Wilansky, Cheryl Marshall, Brian Epstein, Adrienne Blumenthal, Selig Wilansky.

WANTED

The following positions are now available with the Atlantic Jewish Council. Anyone interested should contact the Atlantic Jewish Council immediately.

The Atlantic Jewish Council Pre-school has an opening for a Director-teacher and a Teacher. All applicants must be college graduates with some background in early childhood education.

The Atlantic Jewish Council needs a director and staff for the summer day camp to be operated in the Halifax area. The ages of children in this program will be from 3-7.

The Atlantic Jewish Council Pre-school in Moncton needs a Director-teacher and Teacher. All applicants must be college graduates with some background in early childhood education.

The Atlantic Jewish Council needs young men and women with a strong Jewish background to travel to smaller communities to provide children with a Jewish education. All applicants must have some knowledge of Hebrew and be willing to spend one weekend a month in a Jewish community in either Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

Applicants that are selected for this program will be trained in the Halifax area.

The Atlantic Jewish Council is vigorously moving ahead to provide new and exciting programs for the Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada.

The rewards and personal satisfactions gained from involvement in these programs cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Helping to create a strong Jewish community is a great mitzvah.

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ART AND THE SCENES

by Anka Laxer

Amedeo Modigliani—1889-1920

In my last article I presented Soutine as the most representative Jewish painter who could be identified with conflicting emotions, typical of a certain period in Jewish history: happiness and fear, devotion and frustration, misery and richness.

Modigliani is not the most representative but the best the Jewish genius has created.

Jean Cocteau characterized the artist: "He was gay, witty, charming and as none of us ever had the least notion of success, he lived royally in the glory bestowed on him by our group, for whom commercial values and problems of general public simply did not exist".

Also, Franco Russoli said of him, "Modigliani as an artist was a witness, he did not open new ways of pictorial expression, except for himself; he did not revolutionize the poetic vision of the world, but offered it one that was both secret and touching.

"Like Soutine, Morandi, Utrillo and Vuillard, he did not condition his age, he illuminated it. These painters are all necessary to the understanding of our time. And Modigliani, as one of these lyricists who speak to the world from their solitude, bore witness to his belief in the face of man as the mirror of his own feelings."

Modigliani was born in Italy and came from a cultivated banking family, keeping up a dignified way of life. As a child he was brought up in an atmosphere of intellectual and moral freedom, socialist and humanitarian principles; proud of, though not obsessed by, his Jewish origins.

Like many Jewish Italian intellectuals of comfortable means, he was enlightened, progressive, democratic in outlook and aristocratic in manners and intelligence.

As a young artist, in 1901, fond of Italian art and all its beauty, he went on a trip to Capri, Naples, Rome and Florence, a journey that was fundamental to his development and which allowed him to think more deeply and to develop the "germinal ideas" he had collected. He was a great admirer of the Italian masters, "Trecento" and "Quattrocento" and an extraordinary advocate of Dante Alighieri (he would recite by heart pages from "The Divine Comedy").

In 1908 when only 24 years old, Modigliani came to Paris, where he found the most intense artistic life. Very soon, due to his exceptional social aptitudes, his charisma, his own physical beauty, and his genius, he became one of the most popular figures in Montparnasse. His friends Cezanne, Braque, Picasso, Matisse, Soutine, the Romanian sculptor Brancusi, the poet Paul Guillaume, Cocteau, Kisling . . . were his admirers and through them he could reach the insurmountable heights of his art.

Modigliani was interested only in painting people. His faces and nudes showed his concern for his character's feelings. Modigliani's women were neither a symbol nor an abstraction compared to Renoir's sensual or Ingres'

beautiful women. To him, there were so many different women, each one with her own feelings and own character, and like the faces, the bodies of Modigliani's women are always individual and quite distinct from one to another.

He offers us the angelic poetry of his most absolute tribute to spiritual beauty. His nudes, far from ignoring the delight of body, evolve a feeling of melancholy, sadness and the suffering of living. They all belong to the same race: tired, anxious and vulnerable. But the beauty of them was unspeakable.

The fact that Modigliani was also a sculptor explains the volumes and distances in his paintings (*Cariatide*—1914; *Women in an Armchair*—1916; *Portrait of a Man*—1918). In "*Seated Nude*" (1914) the expression of the women's face is above understanding. It resembles Michelangelo's "*Pieta*" (from St. Peter's Basilica, Rome), where the suffering, exhaustion and affection make the sculpture one of the most invaluable pieces of art in the whole cultural inheritance.

His most touching paintings, however, are of children and of the poor.

Modigliani's pity, tenderness and melancholy influence his character's emancipated bodies, listless attitudes, elongated necks and eyes that seem to be half closed because of some secret grief.

He died dramatically in January 1920 of tuberculosis, and was buried in the Pere Lachaise Cemetery in an elaborate funeral that witnessed the affection and esteem in which Modigliani was held.

OPOLDEPS

The Rainbow Over the Sad Girl

by Jocie Levine,
Fredericton, N.B. Age 12

The beautiful rainbow over the sad girl,
was sitting there shining upon the pearl,
Her beautiful curls shining in the sun,
but she's not having any fun.
The sweet little girl sat there as a mark,
when she really should be happy as a lark.
I wish that she'd be happy, she's got
everything for her,
a cute little dog, and cat with gorgeous fur.
The rainbow hanging over her beauty,
is there, just for her own security.
The rainbow tells her to be happy,
that you're beautiful you know,
I have to sit here just so.
Do me a favour, the rainbow would say,
be happy just for us today.

Beth Israel Synagogue

—HALIFAX
by Bette Ross

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Our Nostalgia Dance, held on March 31, was yet another success for Sisterhood. Once again, Sandy Gordon and Phyllis Blustein arranged a great evening for us. As always we must express gratitude to all of those people who made such an evening possible. They were: Barry Gordon and Don Rose who looked after the music; Ginger Sadofsky, Zelda Kuchinsky, Clara Dankner and Doreen Gordon who produced a most enjoyable spaghetti dinner; and Sylvia Hadari, Deborah Merovitch, Linda Raskin and Sue Rubin who so tastefully did our decorating. Many of our dancers came appropriately and nostalgically dressed which gave that extra touch of fun to the evening, and Alfie and Doreen

Gordon won first prize for their nostalgic costume. So once again, many thanks to Sandy and Phyllis and team for another successful dance.

Purim was a happy time once more for the children who had fun and games and a light supper before the reading of the Megillah. Many thanks go to Annalee Cohen, Barbara Yablon, Tanya Webber, Myrna Rubin and Sue Rubin for making the supper.

Our April meeting was followed by a Tupperware Party and proved to be a very positive evening. Our members bought Tupperware for themselves and the profit made on these purchases enabled us to get Tupperware for the Shul.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Welcome back all vacationers from the Sunny South.

Mazel Tov to Barry Tobin, BA, LLB, son of Rita and Sid Tobin, upon being admitted to the Ontario Bar. He has established an office in London, Ontario. David Chippin, Civil Engineer, son of Sheila and Harry Chippin, has taken up residence in Calgary where he has accepted a position.

Goldie and Ben Budovitch have returned from visiting their daughter Revie and son-in-law Paul, in London, Ontario, also daughter Brenda in Toronto.

Gertie and Sam Budovitch have returned from Montreal where they attended the Sportsman's Show. While there, they visited their daughters, Ruth Lynne, Myrna and ~~son-in-law Stephen~~ Glick, Gail Gottlieb, Howard Green, Stephanie Green, Lisa

were the doubles champs. In the bowling league, Al Ruben's team consisting of Bea Sherman, Roz Brown, Lawrence Chippin, Mike Goldenberg, and Leonard Velensky were season's champs. For the men, Harry Lang had the highest average, Mike Goldenberg had the highest single score, and Marvin Rose had the highest triple score. The women did well too, Bella Rose had the highest average, Rosalie Goldenberg had the highest single, and Bea Sherman had the highest triple. Some of the men also participated in a golf match this past summer, and the champion of that event was Sid Tobin.

WANTED

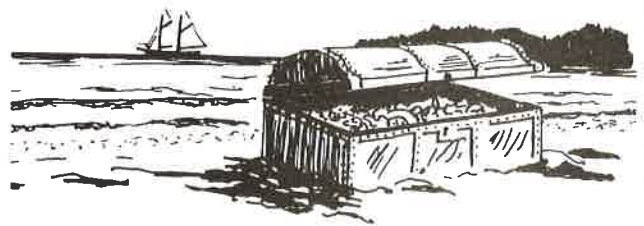
We are looking for the pleasure of having Stella Richmond and Tibor Herdan, husband and wife team, and Israel's leading Opera Concert stars entertain us at a special Purim Program in the Vestry of the Sgoolai Synagogue. The Vestry was filled to capacity, the singing superb and an enjoyable evening were the comments of all present.

**Best Wishes for a Healthy and
Happy Passover.**

On February 18, the Fredericton chapter of B'nai Brith held its annual sports brunch. The main attraction for the entire community was the fact that the men on the executive prepared and served all of the food. Bernie Vigod's special omelettes and Irwin Rosenzweig's scrambled eggs were a real hit. There was an exceptionally good turnout by the community and a good time was had by all. Trophies for the various 1978 sports events sponsored by B'nai Brith were given out by Steve Rauch. The results of the two day summer tennis tournament were—Arnold Budovitch and Willie Levine, the singles winners, and the teams of Al Ruben and Dave Besner, Willie Levine and Warren Cohen,

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Betty and Aaron Brody	—34 years
Sophie and Albert Brym	—29 years
Sylvia and Irving Meyers	—27 years
Betty and Irwin Rosenzweig	—24 years

Mark, son of Milton Levine, who has been visiting his father, has returned to New Jersey, U.S.A. to resume his studies. Mark is the grandson of Mrs. Simon Levine.

Lawrence and fiancée Adele Grichman, who were visiting his parents, Betty and Jack Levine, were delightfully entertained at an engagement party in their honor. Also visiting them were their children, Rosalie and Gary Mintz and daughter, Debbie and Terry Steinberg, all from Montreal, and Richard who is attending school out of town, Mrs. Bernard Grichman and daughter Sandra, Toronto, were also guests.

Rabbi David and Edyth Spiro had as their guests for Passover, their daughter, son-in-law, Helene and Martin Schiffmiller and granddaughter Rena.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snider, Montreal, P.Q. were guests of their daughter, Linda, son-in-law Marty Payne and family for Passover.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pinsler, Montreal, P.Q. were guests of their son, Peter, daughter-in-law, Sharon and family for Passover.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Greenberg, Ottawa, Ontario were guests of their daughter, Gertie and son-in-law Sam Budovitch for Passover.

Lorne, son of Gladys and Hyman Rozovsky, is visiting his parents, after spending two interesting and enjoyable months touring Israel.

Aaron and Betty Brody have returned home from Toronto, where they were visiting their son, Dr. Leonard and Bella Brody and family.

The marriage of Stephanie Meyers, daughter of Sylvia and Irving Meyers, to Michael Dorchik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dorchik, Calgary, Alberta, will take place August 5th, at the Scoolai Israel Synagogue.

A Peace Party

The signing of the peace treaty by Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat was celebrated around the world in different ways. This occasion was commemorated by some of the librarians at the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton at a peace party. On Friday, March 30, 1979, the entire cataloguing department was invited to a luncheon that was prepared and served by the hostesses, two librarians: Ashgan Ismail, of the Egyptian community, and Doris Rauch, of the Jewish community. The meal consisted of Carmel wine, Chumus and eggplant dips (served with Chalah); pita with felafel, salad and tehina sauce; and baklava. To set the mood Egyptian and Israeli music was played. All of the guests signed a "Good wishes for peace" poster which was presented to the hostesses.

B'nai Brith of Fredericton

B'nai B'rith Lodge of Fredericton held a regular meeting on March 25, 1979 in order to elect its new executive for the coming year. Elected were: Dr. Steven Rauch, President; Dr. Israel Unger, Vice president; Dr. David Besner,

Treasurer; Mr. Marvin Abugow, Recording secretary; and Mr. Dave Adilman, Corresponding secretary. Trustees are: Rabbi David Spiro, Dr. Josef Landau, Mr. Allen Ruben, Mr. Warren Cohen, Mr. Irwin Rosenzweig, Mr. Arnold Budovitch. Warden is Dr. Bernie Vigod and Chaplain is Mr. Alfred Brown.

Two new members, Mr. Cary Grobe and Mr. Milton Levine, were welcomed to the Lodge. Future lodge activities were also discussed with the result that a fund raising art auction has been planned for June 13 at the Fredericton Playhouse. We are planning to bring in many nice pieces of art including the work of some Israeli artists. It is hoped that we will have a large participating audience attending the auction.

SPRING

by Bari Levine,
Fredericton, N.B. Age 10

This time of the year,
When everything awakes
The grass, the flowers,
the trees, and the lakes.
The leaves begin to grow
and the wind starts to blow
The birds begin to nest
They don't have time to rest
As for me, I like spring the best!!

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A Salute to Israel on
Her 31st Anniversary
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Young Judaea—Saint John

by Sherry Koven

Saint John Young Judaea has finally come to a close for 1978-79. It's been a full and successful year with programs ranging from plays to conventions. Although our membership is not very high, we've seen a lot of enthusiasm and results from everyone that will hopefully cause us to carry on in the future.

The past couple of months we haven't had any major programs or productions but we have continued with our meetings every second week. For the Gib-Gosh group we've

planned things ranging from role playing to life on kibbutz. Kochot and Bogrim have focused on teenagers in the diaspora along with various aspects of Zionism.

Our last meeting was held on May 6th, we held a going away party for one of our members who is moving out of Saint John. We wrapped things up for this year and hope that next year will be as successful. We are pleased to have members going to Kadimah, Biluim and Biluim Israel this summer which will hopefully give Saint John Young Judaea enough inspiration to continue to carry on.

Young Judaea—Moncton

by Linda and Susan Ruch,
Young Judeans

Well, Moncton Judeans are in progress. We had a meeting April 1, at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and it was a success. We had about 10 Young Judeans. We will hold our meetings every second Sunday from April 1. We are having a well planned schedule and hope everyone will join us!

The Young Judeans from Moncton, St. John's, Saint John, Woodstock, and Halifax, went to Fredericton for a Veidah in March from the 9th to the 12th. They were treated with royalty. It was a big success!

The Moncton Young Judeans are hoping to have a Shabbaton of our own.

More information will be given out later.

VEIDAH '79

by Dina Graser

Veidah, 1979, was a tremendous success. It began with the travellers being ushered into the synagogue made up to look like a Hebrew airport. They were questioned, sent to various people, and had their "passports" (Young Judean cards) stamped. Then there was the orientation, after which everyone went to their respective billets. That night we returned to the shul for services, supper, and the Saint John **This Is The Law** program, which was very well done.

The next morning (after services) the program included **The Iran Situation** which began with a skit by the Fredericton boys dressed to represent various Arab leaders conferring about Israel. After that was **Israelie Industry**, then back to billets. Unfortunately, the sleigh ride scheduled for Saturday night was cancelled due to a lack of snow. This gap was resolved by extending the Festival ha Zemer, or Talent Show, which was great fun for everybody. On Sunday there was a discussion on the different peoples in Israel, a quiz, a "theatre in the round", a Hebrew monopoly game, and the film "Lives" on Golda Meir. The weekend rounded up with a glittering disco complete with lights, music, and refreshments.

All in all, the weekend was super, from the programs to the unofficial get-togethers at night. The Fredericton kids worked hard, all the kens contributed their share, and the whole thing was pulled off with enjoyment on everybody's part. A big thanks goes to all those well-deserving ladies who helped out in the kitchen—we sure couldn't have done it without them. And infinite appreciation goes to chaperones and special guests Cookie Greenberg, the rabbi's wife from Moncton, and Tina Ornestein, the National Director of Young Judeans from Toronto. They sure were great.

Everybody participated, everybody had fun, and I think everybody learned something too. It was a fabulous 3 days, and a marvelous experience. See you next year!!



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Our Hebrew School children masquerade for Purim

After the main course everyone was treated to homemade Hamantashen baked by Ella Levitz and Helen Nathanson. The evening was well rounded by entertainers Stella Richmond and Tibor Herdan—Israel's leading opera and concert stars. Our appreciation was shown to Stella with the presentation of a large bouquet of paper flowers by Aylah Frishman.



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Left to right: Moderator John O'Mara, Helen and Nardy Nathanson guests on "Dialogue"

The CBC continues to show its interest in Jewish activities of this community. In this respect they invited Helen and Nardy Nathanson to be interviewed on a half hour programme on Pesach and its relation to the home. They appeared on John O'Mara's programme "Dialogue". It seems that everyone in St. John's saw this taped presentation except Nardy and Helen who were out of town.

Ruby Smilestein, Shelly Lipkus and Nardy Nathanson joined 18 other Canadians on a UJA mission to Israel for Project Renewal. An intensive trip for all but one to be remembered for a long time. A first time for Shelly—he came away very impressed with the country and their people. A second trip for Ruby—who had a fabulous time and came home limping.

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Meanwhile "back in the kitchen" and for weeks previously Ella Levitz and Ruth Noel proportioned the baking of Jewish delicacies among our members. As things progressed smoothly throughout the hall that evening Ella and Ruth had a crisis. The commercial perculators were not heating!! Cool heads prevailed and the blown fuses were located. So well organized was the tea service that over 500 people were served and moving out in half an hour.

Everyone was busy that night. Teenagers Tobi Nathanson, Lana and Stephen Flomen, Esther Tock and Gila Smilestein took care of the cloakroom. Not only did our ladies bake for the evening, they acted as dressers, later servers and finally as a worn out clean up committee.

There were many weary bones for days after—but everywhere people were talking about our energetic Hadassah Chapter. Those that had not seen the show were sorry—those that had—carried forth wonderful publicity for the shows to come.

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THE HUMAN MOSAIC

THE IDEALIST. In one passage in this series I believe I stated that idealists in modern Israel are few and far between. I shall not go back on my word. That is still my conviction. However, one must acknowledge that there definitely are idealists in the land of our forefathers, and you will find most of them, strangely enough, among the Americans, South Africans and Argentinians. These young ladies and gentlemen deserve the greatest of recognition, for they left behind them wealthy homes in their native lands, to come to this country and help turn the wasteland into a blooming garden. They suffer innumerable hardships in the process of integration, for they're not used to extremely difficult conditions. Still, they battle constantly with nature as well as against reactionary policy, and hope someday to conquer all obstacles placed in their way. While doing so, they become hardened and as tough as their adopted land.

The American settlers are struggling and suffering. But with enormous idealism and courage in their veins, they are looking forward to better days and a more promising tomorrow. Life in a new moshav is not easy. The climate at times may become unbearable. The rations are meagre, and the bodies of the Americans take on skeleton proportions. Their faces are drawn; their worries—plentiful; the amount of co-operation from government officials almost nil. "Savlanuth" and "Taktzif"—"patience" and "budget" are two slogans constantly thrust in their face by higher authority—patience to suffer almost insurmountable odds till the Suknuth (Agency) budget will allow a little easing of the situation. . . . In the meantime the new settlers are forced to do without irrigation, without livestock—the essentials of any basic farm-program. Idealists are asked to accomplish the impossible. But authority apparently is satisfied that somehow these Americans will manage to get along. Only God knows how! The suggestion is offered that they send requests for assistance to their parents and other relatives on the American continent. But these pioneers are too proud to follow up on the advice. . . . In the meantime, their stables are empty, their fields dry, their pockets penniless. . . . What are they to do in the interim? The strong-willed search for employment elsewhere. Eventually they resolve to break all ties with the Agency. The meek acquiesce and seem resigned to their fate: they see no way out, for lack of a trade or profession. Among these there are



by Norman Lipschutz

some who suffer a nervous breakdown or generally lose their health. The more outspoken protest the egotism displayed by those in authority. They cry out against the lack of policy and the absence of planning. The over-fed officials, however, are too busy pursuing their own selfish interests to concern themselves or to bother to listen to what they consider superficial complaints. They simply ignore the settlers' request for livestock or water. It is nonetheless vital that the elementary needs of our pioneers be met, if we are to see an ever greater expansion of our agriculture.

Among those who choose to struggle and to stay put so to speak, is Chavah, a Chicago nurse who came to Haifa several years before, and whose acquaintance I made while in Israel. She worked for a time in her chosen profession. But as she was eager to build the country, she and her husband moved to a newly-found settlement in the hills of Judea. Their homes were not ready, as promised, so they were forced to spend the first year in improvised huts, where the summer heat proved stifling and the winter cold unbearable. Still they never lost their courage. They lived to see the day when decent housing was provided. But the hardships did not end there: in fact, they have only begun. . . . Chavah remained alone in the house with their little son, while her husband labored in far-off Ramleh, pursuing his old trade. The Agency simply could not spare the funds to provide these hardy pioneers with the basic necessities—irrigation for their dry fields, and livestock for their empty stables. . . . Her neighbors simply labored for their food in the surrounding villages, while their own land lay forlorn and fruitless. Chavah used to sit hours on end in the evening and somehow occupy her spare time playing solitaire by the feeble light of the kerosene lamp. More often, when friend and neighbor walked in on her, she offered them tea and a cigarette, and together they somehow whiled away the long hours. Sometimes it was conversation which played a dominant role; at others—the party engaged in songs reminiscent of their youth in the United States. It



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could be that they were homesick for their families or friends, but they have resolved to dedicate their lives to the founding of a new nation, and simply nothing would sway them from their goal and determination—not even family ties. Their parents back home very often could not understand their idealism. To them it looked unreal, bordering on insanity. But I came to know rather intimately the moods and thoughts of these western-bred individuals and I began to respect them for their high sense of idealism. In this new land they have simply found their niche—their *raison d'être*. This pioneering country presented a challenge, and they gladly accepted that challenge! They will forever remain the vanguard among the builders of Zion!

When last I saw Chavah she showed the strains of a pioneering woman's life. Her features were drawn. Her eyes lost their usual brilliance. This young woman was shockingly changed in the short period of eight months, but the will to fight on against almost insurmountable difficulties was still there. . . . The will to build from scratch a new life for herself and her family was still influencing her daily life and driving her ever onward towards new achievements.

One must share the greatest respect and admiration for this exemplary Chalutzah, born and bred on American soil. Such spirit will surely conquer mountains and change the course of history!

THE DON JUAN.

He was a bachelor in the best of traditions—a confirmed bachelor that is, vehemently opposed to marriage.

Jacob was a teacher of English, but in fancy he imagined to be a great adventurer, climbing unconquerable mountains, battling thousands of Arabs, befriended by presidents and politicians—in short, a hero of the Arabian nights. In my estimation he was just an ordinary human being, with perhaps an inkling of superior qualities which he misinterpreted to be capable of the impossible. An eccentric, you might suggest, and you will be basically correct in your assumption. This particular character found it difficult to distinguish between fact and fancy. He definitely suffered from a superiority complex and visions of grandeur enhanced his otherwise prosaic existence. Naive girls, though, fell for his line. . . . They used to listen to his so-called adventures breathtakingly. On many an occasion they also fell in his trap. . . . Always a sport, at all times the gallant cavalier, offering his lady friends to escort them to the theatre, he almost without exception scored a hit. Yes, there was the time when a temperamental redhead chose to scorn his advances. He did not like it a bit, especially when she called his bluff. However, he was quick to revive from this momentary defeat. . . .

His female admirers were many and varied, many taking lessons from him in the English language. Though his hair displayed the effects of onrushing years, his eyes still entertained their youthful fire, and when fixed steadfast at the object of his affection, they had an overpowering domination.

Jacob lived in a one room apartment, overcrowded with books, pots and pans, and a mixture of vegetables, which he exalted for their nutritious values. Besides, he was a

confirmed vegetarian, and took great pride in preparing his own meals. Good natured and friendly, he almost always seemed to invite his guests to share his humble lodging and his meagre food rations. One day he almost got roasted, for his pressure cooker appeared to blow off unnecessary steam, getting out of control and setting the nearby wall on fire. Even in relating this prosaic incident, his flair for adventure tinged it with an air of the supernatural.

The cutest of blondes and brunettes used to delight in his company, and was he ever proud of his conquests! On a number of occasions he introduced yours truly to his sweethearts, and quite frankly, one could not help but be impressed. . . .

To impress his peers was his greatest delight, and in coat and tails he almost exclusively reserved prime seats in the theatre so that he might rub shoulders with the great and powerful. . . .

This then was the man, and such was his mission in life. We all must play our part. Some play it tragic; others—well, others have great fun doing it. To the latter class our hero no doubt owes allegiance.

THE "MESSIAH". He was a strange character indeed, as if dropped on this earth from some other planet. To this new Israel, perhaps he was weird looking and appeared somewhat foreign, but to those drawing inspiration from the Bible, he was very much real. His mode of dress in itself was sufficient to convince one that not everything was in order. But strange or not, people listened to him! True, sardonic remarks often accompanied their comments; still, some

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could not help but give his admonitions a measure of thought. Perhaps the manner of putting his philosophy across was quite not so polished, but his zeal and fire were unmistakably real and to a degree contagious.

What did this modern prophet want from his audience? Well, he called on his listeners to desert their idols—their race for luxurious living—and return to God, for in Him they will discover true salvation and happiness. I agree with this modern mystic one hundred per cent. I disagree with him, though, when he terms himself the true Messiah. I have my doubts. . . . Surely God could have chosen a more fitting representative. . . . But this character nevertheless deserves our plaudits for speaking the truth in a baffled age.

He demands from the children of Israel to reform their ways in accordance with our religious beliefs. In this day it certainly takes great courage to speak one's mind and to give full expression to one's convictions. The message delivered by this unique man is heard far and wide, for he makes it his duty to publicly announce it wherever he goes. Who knows, perhaps his teachings may influence some to mend their ways. This eccentric may perhaps understand far more than does the average individual. Even our greatest scientists stand powerless before the unleashed fury of the atom. A movement back to God may even save civilization yet. Thus, the preachings of this modern "Messiah" must not fall on deaf ears!

JOGGING IN ISRAEL

In The Footsteps of The Patriarchs

by Janet Mendelsohn

Jogging through Israel's winding mountainous paths or along the sandy shores of the Mediterranean, the swift-footed runner covers paths that have been travelled by the children of Israel since the days of Abraham. Through highways, byways and no ways, the Israeli jogger has his choice of where and how to head out to the open road.

Although Israelis have been wandering through their land for thousands of years, shorts and running shoes have quickened the pace to a brisk jog. Even though the sport has not yet achieved the popularity it enjoys in other parts of the world, interest is gathering as government workers, taxi drivers, Yeshiva students, professors, and tourists—male and female, young and old—are dashing through town and country—just for fun.

Twenty-three-year-old Hebrew University student, Reuven Freund, a new Israeli, has found new bliss in the clean air of Jerusalem.

"The air is crisp and clean in these hills," he smiles, motioning to the open expanses around him. "In this city of almost one-half million, there is not one polluting industry." Built on seven hills, however, Jerusalem is enough to give even the best runner a tug in the quadriceps (muscle at the front of the thigh). "They are a runner's dream," according to Reuven. "Most of them are sloped to a comfortable forty-five degree angle."

For the runner that prefers a flat sprint on the springy beach sand, however, the Mediterranean offers the wide expanse of its beaches. Eliahu Comay is one of the many that have jogged on the beach for many years, away from the crowds of Tel Aviv. At 47, he is considered a "master" of the sport, and recently finished second in the European Championship of Veteran Athletes in Italy. Like most joggers, Comay is not, however, interested in competition as much as he is in running itself. In his daily 20 kilometer workout, he says the first 10 are run for enjoyment and health. The second ten kilometers help him in training for the second Sea of Galilee International Marathon in December.

Encompassing a beautiful and almost completely flat trail around the Sea of Galilee, this marathon attracts an international array of runners to try and compete the 26 mile stretch (42 km.) as well as enjoying the scenic beauty of Israeli running. The Chanukah theme also appeals to Israeli runners, and interested joggers will be able to jog in the annual torch relay from the site of the Maccabean's grave in Modiin, making the long climb up to Jerusalem and concluding at the Western Wall of the Holy Temple.

History follows close on the heels of all Israeli runners. One of tour guide Shraga Hecht's favorite trails winds him over 20 kilometers from his home in western Jerusalem to the outskirts of Bethlehem. As the suburbs of the city disappear in the dust, Shraga enjoys the mountainous

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desert which has changed little in thousands of years. Donkeys often replace speeding cars, and an occasional beduin tent may dot the mountainous horizon.

"In this environment, anyone can leave the pressures and worries of the day behind," adds Shruga. "After being cramped in a bus or car most of the day, there is nothing like a good run." In addition to making sure his tourists enjoy the spectacular sites of Israel, Shruga tries also to give them a run for their money. Very few of them can compete with this fleet-footed runner when he dashes up the snake path winding up the fortress of Masada, high above the Dead Sea.

At least one innovative Israeli has tried to give tourists a big runaround. Richard Wolfe, 21, may be a newcomer to the travel industry, but he recently organized joggers' tours

to the Holy Land. "Jogging routes in Israel are as aesthetically beautiful as any in the world," he assures the uninitiated, and "anyway the tours include plenty of activities for the short-winded joggers."

So jogging in Israel is making progress; two years ago, an independent athletic organization to promote jogging was initiated. Entitled "Ayalot" (the Hebrew word for the slender swift-running gazelles of the desert), the club strives to increase the popularity of the sport and includes runners from the northern border town of Kiryat Shmona to Eilat, the gateway to Sinai.

If the Jewish State is not leading the rest of the world in jogging, Israelis claim a certain pride in their version of the sport. After all—they are jogging in the footsteps of the patriarchs.

Intermarriage, Conversion Twin Jewish Challenges

Reprinted from *Halifax Herald*

by George W. Cornell

NEW YORK (AP)—Traditionally, a Jew who marries outside his faith is considered to be severing his religious ties. But a new study suggests that a more positive attitude might help sustain Judaism in America.

The issue has been keenly debated lately among Jewish leaders who are aware that soaring rates of Jewish intermarriage could point to a gradual swallowing up of their historic existence.

Since 1960, Jewish marriage with non-Jews has soared to more than 30 per cent from less than 10 per cent, along with a sharply declined Jewish birth rate, now hardly at replacement level.

One statistical projection held that within a century the present trend might reduce the present six million U.S. Jews to less than one million, possibly even to as few as 10,000.

Customary Jewish opposition to intermarriage has not arisen from "intolerance, clannishness or any ingrown attitude," says Yehuda Rosenman, director of the communal affairs department of the American Jewish Committee.

"It's simply a desire of Jews to remain as a people to contribute their specific Jewish values to society and not be swallowed up by the majorities among whom they've always lived."

However, the committee's new, three-year study finds that there are possibilities in such intermarriages that could be enhanced, especially the conversion of non-Jewish partners.

The findings, Rosenman says, imply that "the Jewish community needs a change of attitudes toward intermarriage and toward conversion."

The study, the first to explore the religious impact of intermarriage on the couple and their children, found that 22 per cent of the non-Jewish partners converted to Judaism, while only three per cent of the Jewish partners converted outside their faith.

The rest, about three-quarters, remained in a mixed-marriage situation, usually with little religious participation or religious education of children.

Egon Mayer, a Brooklyn College sociologist who directed

the study, says that in the cases of such mixed marriages with conversion either way, attitudes about religion remained ambivalent and vague, with half the non-Jews disclaiming any religious identity whatever.

However, in cases of the non-Jew's conversion to Judaism, the religious atmosphere of the home and degree of religious practice became as great or greater than for other Jews, a pattern of special devotion often noted in converts.

Rosenman says steps to foster such conversions would be an important departure from past practice. The obvious implications are "that conversions to Judaism are quite positive and a desirable thing in maintaining the cohesion of the Jewish community."

But recognizing it, he adds, necessitates a whole new attitude.

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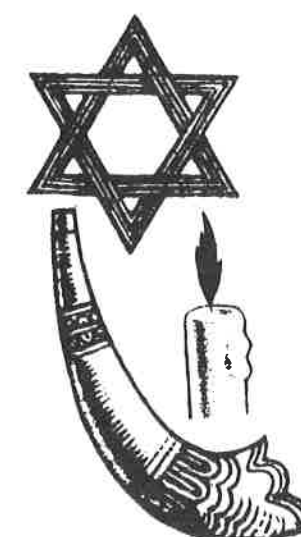


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HAIFA'S LADY OF MUSIC

by Ruth Moriel

The subscription concert of the Quebec Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday evening, March 13, featured Verdi's *La Forza del Destino*, Brahms' Double Concerto, and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2. The conductor, a guest from Israel, brought out the best in the musicians. A standing ovation and thundering applause echoed in the auditorium long after the performance.

Who was the guest conductor? A very attractive and soft-spoken woman, Dalia Atlas. The following day, I had the good fortune of spending several hours with her in Montreal.



Dalia Atlas [right] addresses Women's Division of the Canadian Technion Society, Montreal Chapter. She was introduced by CTS Public Relations Director Ruth Moriel [left].

Sabra Wiolds Baton

Dalia Atlas has an interesting story to tell. Born in Haifa, married to a Technion graduate who is a mechanical engineer with his own consulting business and a mother of three, she learned at an early age that a woman has to be exceptional in her performance in order to be accepted in a male dominated world. An accomplished concert pianist, she had always been attracted to the sound of orchestral music. Conducting became her chosen profession. Among her teachers were big names such as Maestri Franco Ferrara, Sergiu Celibidache, Gari Bertini and Hans Swarowsky. Very soon, she discovered that there were few offers of conducting engagements that came her way. At the advice of her teacher and mentor in Vienna, Professor Hans Swarowsky (who had also taught Zubin Mehta), Dalia built her career and reputation through the international competition circuit. In the sixties, early in her conducting career, she won prizes at international competitions in Italy, Liverpool and at the Mitropoulos Competitions in New York. Last November, she participated in the Villa Lobos International Competition for conductors in Rio de Janeiro where she was awarded the Leopold Stokowsky Price and the Villa Lobos Vermeil Medal.

An Orchestra of Scientists

Fifteen years ago, Dalia Atlas founded two Israeli orchestras which made an important contribution to the thriving cultural scene of the country by bringing the music

to the people: the Pro Musica Soloists Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra & Choir of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The Technion musicians—about 50—are composed of students and faculty ranging in age from 18 to 65. In Dalia's view, music and science go together. A good example is Albert Einstein, who loved to play his violin. Musical talents abound in the scientific world, and Technion's players and singers are no exception. It is amazing how much they love their music, in spite of their strong motivation toward technological professions. In spite of the heavy and demanding work load, they never fail to show up at rehearsals—about six precious hours a week. Dalia talks with fondness about reserve soldiers who sometimes get just one day off, but they will travel for hours to attend rehearsals.

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Ten concerts are presented by the Technion Symphony Orchestra during the year, attracting large crowds of music lovers. Technion students excel in their studies and their enthusiasm is contagious. They overcame audience resistance and introduced avant garde music which is now widely accepted by the many Israelis who constitute the concert-going public.

Assignment at MIT

Dalia is reminded of the time she spent as visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston (Technion is often compared with MIT). Unlike Technion, MIT has a Department of Music with 20 faculty members, and the subject is taken very seriously.

Dalia conducts, teaches and directs at Technion. She was successful in creating a well liked and competent amateur orchestra which brings credit to Israel's only technological university.

Since its establishment in 1924, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology on Mount Carmel in Haifa has gained an international reputation for excellence in a wide range of engineering, scientific and medical fields—both in the education of Israel's professional elite and in the performance of vital research projects.

Conducting and Creativity

Dalia admits that conducting gives her a unique sense of creativity—in addition to the time she spends playing the piano, singing, composing and writing poetry. Her sense of determination and purpose is responsible for her many accomplishments. For example, she never let her family life interfere with her musical career and vice versa. Her neighbors never knew that the "housewife" next door was the famous Dalia Atlas—her maiden name. Never did she invite the press to interview her at home—her professional life revolved around her orchestras, guest engagements and teaching jobs—far from the domestic scene. She made every effort to shelter her family from the demands made on her in the outside world.

On her whirlwind tour, she spent some time with the friends of Technion. She was a special guest at the Purim

Party of the Women's Division—an active group affiliated with the Montreal Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society. This Society is dedicated to the advancement of Technion through a variety of projects and funds.

Dalia concluded her talk on a somewhat sad note: She related how a recent short circuit at Technion's Churchill Auditorium caused a fire, destroying invaluable musical instruments—two pianos, double bass, and timpani drums. Their replacement value is over \$100,000.

Guest of the MSO

Dalia Atlas was delighted to take in a concert of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and chat with old friends: Charles Dutoit and Maureen Forrester. She shared a box with Consul General of Israel Zvi Caspi and Mrs. Caspi. It would surprise no one to have Miss Atlas back in Montreal in the foreseeable future—conducting the MSO!

Several conducting engagements await her in Israel in April—including the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra.

Her international conducting schedule includes the Scottish National Orchestra in June, subscription concerts with the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra in May, and with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra in August. Among other innovations, she will introduce a modern piece by Israeli composer Avni, *Meditation on a Dream*.

The Status of Women in Israel

Dalia is not a vociferous fighter for equal rights. In doing her own thing and in persevering professionally and as a person, she accomplished much more by way of setting a shining example. She is not a political person. She loves her country and believes in contributing to its cultural development. In her trips abroad, she is an impressive good will ambassador. Monetary gain has never been her concern, and much of her work is done as a volunteer. The status of women in Israel is greatly enhanced by women like Dalia Atlas, who assert themselves in a quiet and dignified way: by deeds, not idle talk. Performance is the keyword, not militancy.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We wish to congratulate you on the excellent standards you have set for the Atlantic Jewish Council's publication, *Shalom*. We can mention specifically, Mr. Samuel Jacobson's articles; they are always enlightening and stimulating. Your incorporation of world Jewish events such as your recent issues on the Holocaust and Golda Meir brings a wide range of information to your readers. Of course, news of the Jews in the Maritimes is always of interest to your readers, both young and old.

This last fact is the "Jewish connection" for us, too. Although my husband, Harry and I live in the States, in St. Louis, we too look forward to reading *Shalom*. We respond to *Shalom* in the same way that "landsleit" must feel when they hear news of their "kinfolk". We have a personal connection with the Maritimes in more than one way.

First, our "machetanesta", Dorothy Mark of Moncton, New Brunswick is well known there as one who always is

ready to serve her synagogue. Secondly, the Rabbi of Tiferes Israel in Moncton, Rabbi Stanley Greenberg, is our son-in-law. Rebbitzin "Cookie" Greenberg, our daughter, is our second connection to the Maritimes. And third, but not least, is our daughter Mimi and her husband, Meir (Myron) Mark who now live in St. Louis with their little son, Yakov Yosef. When Mimi and Meir lived in Halifax, we met many of their friends. When we read about the Medjucks and other relatives and friends in *Shalom*, we feel that they are all friends. We send them all our good wishes for good health and "Mazel".

To close, a "Yasher Koach" to the Editor and Mazel Tov on the birth of your son. We pray all your energies to revitalize and strengthen the Jewish connection in the Maritimes will be blessed with success. May peace for Israel and all Jews be a fact in our lifetime.

**Shalom Aleichem
Gertrude and Harry Galler**

Can Israel Conquer The Problems of Peace?

Many nations have been victorious in war only to have lost the consequences of the victory during the years of peace that followed. Since 1948, Israel has been involved in five wars as a result of their neighbors' aggression. In every one of these wars they have emerged brilliantly victorious. This is most remarkable when one considers that the Jewish people, having lived as a minute minority, have never had the opportunity to defend themselves for almost two thousand years. This in spite of the fact as loyal citizens wherever they had wandered, they participated in all the wars of their host countries in spite of the fact that during 90% of that history they were a persecuted minority.

In the five wars that were imposed on Israel since the state was established, the most serious casualties occurred during the the War of Independence in 1948. At that time, with only slightly over a population of about a half million the casualties, those killed, came to eight thousand. Over 1½% of the total population. That was the most devastating war of all.

The 1966 and the 1967 war both brilliantly executed, resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of casualties. Somewhere between 500 to 750 were the number killed in each of those two wars. The War of Attrition that followed the 1967 war caused a fairly substantial loss of life amounting to somewhat over one thousand.

It was the 1967 war that really showed the genius of the Israel defence forces and that amazed the world. Perhaps most of all the Jewish world and especially those behind the Iron Curtain. This started the revival of the desire of Russian Jewry to join the mainstream of their people. After all, it was Russian Jewry that supplied most of the pioneers in the early days of the Zionist Movement.

The 1973 war, in the opinion of many authorities, represented the greatest victory of all. Whether the enemy really surprised Israel or whether Israel purposely allowed themselves to be attacked first in order to avoid being accused of aggression will probably never be known. The fact was that Israel did not mobilize its forces or defend itself or even prepare to defend itself until it was attacked. In spite of the invaders being armed with the most sophisticated equipment the might of Soviet Russia was able to supply, (much of it had never been revealed to the world before), within a matter of a few days the enemy was stopped. Within a few days more the enemy was in retreat. Had not the great powers interfered and deprived Israel of a well deserved victory, those guilty of aggression would have seen the Israeli forces in the heartland of both Syria and Egypt. It was reported that the number of tanks that both Syria and Egypt had was three times as many as Hitler had to attack Russia on a front of about fifteen hundred miles long. These improved tanks are reputed to have had ten times the fire power of Hitler's invasion forces. The wonder of that victory is little appreciated by the world at large and least of all, it seems, by the people of Israel themselves.

The casualties of the 1973 war were 2500 killed, the largest except for the bloodletting of the 1948 War of Independence. This represented less than 1 out of each thousand of the total population. Due to the shock of being



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attacked unprepared and because of the increased casualties over the 1956 and 1967 wars, the population reacted very strongly. In the case of all other nations in modern times, even among the democracies, "the first casualty of war is the truth". That is, the people are told the things that will lift up their morale and retain confidence in ultimate victory. In the case of Israel, however, it is an open democratic society. Perhaps too much was known by the public at large. There was not enough effort to build up the spirit of the people either during or after the war. The result was a highly emotional outpouring that did more damage to their own country and helped build up the morale of their enemies than was necessary. While Israel lost about twelve thousand, five hundred in all the five wars, Egypt alone lost one hundred thousand killed. The three million Jews of Russia, approximately the same number as the Jews of Israel, lost one hundred and twenty thousand, fifty times as many. The six hundred thousand Jews of Kaiser's Germany lost twelve thousand killed in the First World War.



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During the Second World War, only ten million Jews of the eighteen million in the world were free from Hitler's grasp. This ten million supplied one and a half million men in uniform on the side of the democracies. When one considers that only five million were males, and of this a relatively small percentage were of military age, it is quite probable that the Jews of the world contributed a bigger proportion of their available manpower to the side of freedom than any of the other participants in the war against Hitler. The casualties were almost 15% of that one and a half million fighters. The world has shown little appreciation for this tremendous contribution.

But to get back to the post 1973 period. It seemed for several years that the spirit of the people of Israel had been badly shaken. More recently however, we see a revival of that determination to overcome all obstacles that endanger its survival. In the meantime, allowing the aggressors to be aware of their broken spirit has cost the country dearly. Now to the future problems of peaceful coexistence. Hopefully for all future time. What are the problems that must be solved if Israel is not to be more endangered in peace than she was in the past? First of all, Israel, together with her only real ally, the Jews of the world, must rebuild that spirit of confidence in her future and determination to survive. While this is a very vague concept, it is as real as the hills and the valleys of the country and the barren deserts which the people have made to bloom. This is no easy matter. It means being united. Being prepared to live at peace with her neighbors, but always being on guard in case of danger. Israel needs the leadership of a Churchill today and for the future.

It also needs to become strong economically in order to be better able to control her own destiny. No nation can continually depend upon an umbilical cord if it expects to live its own life. The lack of natural resources, the problems of defence, the ability to absorb a larger percentage of new citizens than possibly has occurred in the history of mankind, the ability to establish a standard of living respectfully admired around the world, proves that Israel can become economically independent within a very short time providing the right kind of environment is created by those in power.

To do this will require the full cooperation of labour, management and government. The old concept that labour and management are enemies, that the class struggle can solve economic problems, is no longer valid. Where management is prosperous, labour enjoys a higher standard of living. Where labour is motivated for greater productivity, everyone benefits. There is a new concept sweeping the world. Even China is becoming converted to it. That is that labour and management and government are all partners in prosperity. That labour should be given a fair share of increased productivity. And that Israel's productivity could be increased 100% under favourable circumstances. It has been stated by those in a position to know that each 1% of increased productivity would increase the gross national product by 100 million dollars. The gross national product could be increased to a point where no outside help would be necessary. It is now realized that inflation, devaluation, trade deficits and all other economic ills are merely symptoms of the disease of low productivity. Cure the disease and the symptoms disappear. What Japan has accomplished without any natural resources, Israel could equal. There are lessons in the economic field to be

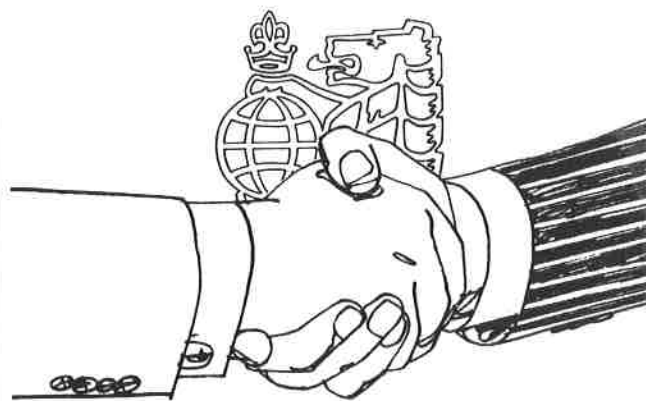
learned from Germany, Sweden, and other countries. And also things to be avoided from other nations who are suffering economic disaster.

The wealth of any nation is the people of that nation. Human resources are the greatest resource of all. Many nations with tremendous natural resources and fertile soil live in abject poverty and depend upon imported food to keep from starving. Other nations with practically no natural resources are prosperous and powerful. Let's get back to human resources. Israel today is a nation three million strong. Naturally, it wants the moral and material support of the Jews of the world. It also desires that as many as possible join them in their newborn independent homeland. The final strength of Israel, however, will not depend upon immigration, it will depend upon the fertility of its people. If the fashion continues that one or two children is popular and larger families are frowned upon, there will be only one inevitable result; Israel as an independent State will pass away. Just as the State established by the crusaders disappeared. Immigration, Aliya, cannot affect the final consequences of zero population growth. It will only postpone the inevitable.

Now that Israel has made peace with her most powerful and most populous neighbor, her next problem is to create a spirit of peace and cooperation within her own people. It is most important that the differences between the left and the right be harmonized: that the secular and religious become tolerant of each other; that the best qualities of European Jewry and those that came from the Arab-speaking world be developed. Now is the time for a revival of the bravado of the élan that marked the early period of the State to dare to create, to make the land fertile and productive.

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Judaism had its birth in Israel. Its roots can now be replanted there within the reborn state. World Jewry is looking for spiritual and cultural leadership. Where else can that spiritual revival come from? Where else should it come from, if not from its original source?

If the country is to be strong in spirit it must stand on its own feet in the shortest possible time. Partnership with

World Jewry should be the goal from here on rather than gift dollars. It must regain the moral leadership of World Jewry. It must become strong economically, demographically, and culturally. With the right kind of leadership these goals are not impossible. When the right steps are taken to reach that goal the country will know that it is eternal and invincible.

SAVE THIS MAN

BORIS KALENDAREV

22 years of age—born in 1957

Address —12 Basseinaya Apt. 81
Leningrad 196070

Father —Michael

Mother —Yevgenia (engineer, stopped work in April, 1973)

Occupation—student at Polytechnical Institute in Leningrad—studied physics

November, 1973—family applied for exit visa

—denied on grounds that Yevgenia had state secrets

—false grounds: possession of state secrets can only delay right of emigration for a period of 5 years from time of leaving work

1977 —Boris was entering his 3rd year

—he discovered that an army training course was a compulsory part of the curriculum

—realized that any access to even insignificant military data could deny him exit visa

—asked to be transferred to the faculty of arts, but was refused permission

—since he refused to participate in any military course he was expelled

—became subject to draft

—received 1st army call-up—refused to respond

April, 1978—local militia arrested him at home

—he was forced to sign document that he would appear before a medical draft commission

—wrote a lengthy document explaining why he did not wish to serve in the military: it could prevent him from receiving an exit visa to Israel

—went into hiding

January 27, 1979—Boris' parents' home searched for 3 hours

—documents were confiscated; Boris' whereabouts were discovered

March 8, 1979—Boris arrested; charged with draft evasion

—has been under investigation since; has a lawyer

—parents expect that investigation will be over in 2 weeks

CHARGE—draft evasion MAXIMUM SENTENCE—3 years
Boris is 22 years old. Because he tried to exercise his legal

right to emigrate to the Jewish homeland, and because he refused to be manipulated by Soviet authorities into gaining access to Soviet "secrets", it is now possible that he will be imprisoned for 3 years of his life. It is imperative that we do all we can to prevent this young boy from becoming yet another victim of Soviet anti-semitism and Soviet injustice. **WE HAVE ONLY 2 SHORT WEEKS.**

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Below are the addresses of 5 Soviet officials. Every activist, every friend and relative, every Jew, must be made aware of Boris' plight. All must write letters, telling of our concern and demanding that Boris be let free, and that he and his family be granted exit visas. No time can be wasted.

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from the peace treaty, based on the framework agreements reached at Camp David. In regard to the external risks, there are a number of possible potential causes. Because of exaggerated and unwarranted expectations, there may be disappointment in Egypt leading to a change in the regime. Such a change or even disappointment alone could stop normalization and even lead to war or warlike activity.

The security arrangements in the Sinai peninsula will not be able to stop such a deterioration. They are designed to make war, especially of the surprise type, more difficult; but they are of no use once the other side has made up its mind to go to war. There might be serious difficulties with the problem of autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Conditions might not work out the way Israel intended, and resistance fomented by the P.L.O. leading to riots and increased terrorism might develop. This in turn might reflect on relations with Egypt, slowing down the peace process or halting it altogether.

We must remember the question of linkage, which is not only a question of a "cover" by Egypt, but also a question of principle. Provisions for security problems in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been made. In the framework agreement for peace in the Middle East, in the section under the heading "West Bank and Gaza," Paragraph 1 (B) says "... The agreement will also include arrangements for assuring internal and external security and public order. A strong local police force will be established which may include Jordanian citizens. In addition Israeli and Jordanian forces will participate in joint patrols and in the manning of control posts to assure the security of the borders."

Paragraph 2 of the same section says: "All necessary measures will be taken and provisions made to assure the security of Israel and its neighbours during the transitional period and beyond. To assist in providing such security a strong local police force will be constituted by the self-governing authority. It will be composed of inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza. The police will maintain continuing liaison on internal security matters with the designated Israeli, Jordanian and Egyptian officers."

Jordan is out for the time being and a big question mark hovers over the election and establishment of a self-governing authority. So there is no certainty that the security provisions will work effectively.

In addition, there is the "rejection front," which certainly presents a potential threat of subversion, warlike activity and even war. The summit meeting in Baghdad decided to establish a three-billion-dollar fund to aid and support the "confrontation states," the P.L.O. and what is called the "resistance in the occupied territories." There is quite a difference between agreeing and executing, but we should nevertheless keep a close watch.

We dare not forget that facing the north-eastern front stretching from the Mediterranean to the Tiran Straits we might have to confront a mighty force, much stronger than the one on the southern front. It could consist of Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Jordan, backed by Saudi-Arabia and perhaps also troops from other Arab countries. This force, dangerously close to Israeli population centres and to other vital national resources, comprises close to 5,000 tanks and 1,000 combat planes and all that goes with them in a modern, well-equipped military force.

We must also remember that we are living in an area where instability is an ever-present phenomenon even

outside the context of Arab-Israeli relations. This could also lead to outbreaks elsewhere that could harm the peace process.

We might encounter difficulties with the U.S., especially with a second-term President, concerning territorial questions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in reference to Jerusalem or in connection with the problem of settlements in these territories. In this respect the agreement with Egypt sets a precedent in stipulating total withdrawal and the removal of settlements.

We must take note of our heavy dependence on the United States, heavier than ever before. From the historical point of view this presents an unfortunate coincidence of national needs and national imperatives.

The preamble to the agreement on peace in the Middle East specifies that "the agreed basis for a peaceful settlement of the conflict between Israel and its neighbours is U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 in all its parts." The provisions of 242 emphasize the inadmissibility of acquiring territory by war, and enunciate the principle of "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict." Recent events have not reassured us that the U.S. is orthodoxly evenhanded. So that such difficulties with the U.S. might definitely impair the peace process, the other side feeling quasi-immune from U.S. pressure.

Then there is also the issue of refugees. In the Framework Agreement for Peace in the Middle East, paragraph 4 of the section on the West Bank and Gaza says: "Egypt and Israel will work with each other and with other interested parties to establish agreed procedures for a prompt, just and permanent implementation of the resolution of the refugee problem." It is not unthinkable that Israel might not see eye to eye with Egypt and "other interested parties" in this case.

I cannot leave out the risks involved in the Palestinian question. The Framework Agreement for Peace in the Middle East states, in paragraph 1 (c) of the same section, "When the self-governing authority in the West Bank and Gaza is established and inaugurated, the transitional period of five years will begin. As soon as possible, but not later than the third year after the beginning of the transitional period, negotiations will take place to determine the final status of the West Bank and Gaza. . . The solution resulting from the negotiations must also recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements. . . ."

Without a doubt, different and conflicting interpretations of this paragraph can lead to serious difficulties between Israel and Egypt as well as between Israel and the U.S. We should be realistic and recognize that autonomy, whether



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we like it or not, carries the seed of a Palestinian political entity. It only remains to be seen whether we can manage affairs so that the entity will gradually become moderate and fit into a federal or confederate framework.

So much for external risks. As to the domestic situation, I see three main risks:

(1) With the beginning of normalization with Egypt a big sigh of relief might sweep Israel, causing a dangerous lowering of the guard on all fronts and in all areas of national activity, lulling us into a false sense of security and laxity.

(2) The implementation of the peace treaty with Egypt might cause grave economic problems, driving the inflation spiral dangerously upward and afflicting us with an acute form of all its accompanying ills.

(3) We will doubtless have to face the difficulty of living with the dichotomy of watching the risks and preparing for them, while at the same time doing everything possible to advance normalization, to give peace a chance.

Now, in weighing chances against risk the question is, which way do the scales tilt? What guarantee do we have that chances will outweigh the risk? There is none. And it is true that we are accepting certain strategic withdrawal, giving up essential advantages, for uncertain peace. There is no guarantee for that. But neither would there be a guarantee of any sort had we chosen any alternative road to the one leading to a peace treaty.

The alternative of not taking a chance on peace would be war in a year or two with all the Arab states.

We all agree that the signing of a peace treaty with Egypt brings us to an historic threshold. Historic thresholds always offer opportunity and we are again being offered the

opportunity, both unique and vital, of putting our own house in order.

After the establishment of the state, with the ensuing struggle for its existence, many of the precious and highly important values that brought us independence and statehood were eroded. The glorious, and to many Israelis and non-Israelis alike surprising, victory of the Six-Day War, coming hard on the heels of a period of recession and national malaise, offered us a rare opportunity to straighten ourselves out and reinstate the lost values. But we missed the opportunity, we failed completely, and we went on a binge of consumption instead.

The trauma of the Yom Kippur War presented another opportunity but again we did not exploit it and did not get beyond protest and political change, or rather change of political labels. Now we shall again be offered an opportunity. Opportunity for what? For resuscitating the predominance of moral and spiritual values over gross and exaggerated material achievements. For upholding the work ethic of pioneering days in an end-of-the-20th-century mould. For maintaining the highest possible standards of behaviour in public life. For bowing to the common interest even when it hurts our private or sectarian interest. But on the other hand for displaying full consideration, understanding and even compassion, for the legitimate problems of the individual. For eliminating violence and crime in all its forms, whether physical, economic or political, or whether expressed in the crass and brutal use of influence to further already highly inflated interests. For practising patience and tolerance towards each other. For harnessing all our intellectual resources to reinforce the chance, minimize the risk and exploit the opportunity. For



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stopping the national rampage of waste in almost every area of activity, carefully husbanding our physical resources and using them judiciously. For utilizing our improved political position (with the signing of the treaty) in order to refurbish our ties with former friends in the world.

In short, we must make a conscious and consistent effort and strive to become what Ben-Gurion called *Am Segula*, a people blessed with exceptional traits. Even if we do not achieve perfection (and we probably won't) the effort itself, if it is a serious one, will work wonders. This effort is essential not only because it will be more satisfying and pleasant to live in Israel, but even more because otherwise it is doubtful whether we can survive as a distinct national, political and cultural entity in this area, in war or in peace.

It is not a question of ecology and of quality of life. It is in the long run a question of survival from the national point of view. But this is not only the opportunity for us in Israel. It must also be the opportunity for the whole Jewish people. If it remains a problem only for Israel's three million Jews, then the question is whether the effort is really worthwhile.

The opportunity is not a matter of philanthropy, of welfare, of fundraising, or of the distribution of honours, position and prestige. This is the opportunity of fully understanding that Israel is the charge of the whole Jewish people and ineluctably expresses the extent to which the Jewish people is intent on maintaining a sovereign, independent political entity, strong and free in the land of its forefathers.

Like the people of Israel, the whole Jewish people cannot

allow itself to heave a sigh of relief. We in Israel do not have the potential singlehandedly to deal with the triad of giving peace a chance, facing the risk and really overcoming all our internal problems. The Jewish people has to share the burden with us. It must participate in the re forging of our society in every way possible—financially, politically, intellectually—but above all by joining us physically, whether on a permanent or on a temporary basis. It is an issue both of volume and of category, as well as of character, of the effort of sharing.

If there is a Jewish genius we must put it to work here and now, because time will not wait. We in Israel must be open to such a new kind of relationship with the Diaspora. As early as possible, jointly with the Diaspora we must explore the possibilities, investigate the preparations to be made, study the organizational structures, so as to enable the Jewish people to live up to its responsibilities.

There is nothing any of us should be apprehensive about or afraid of and there is everything to be gained. We should not forget that the Jewish people has missed opportunities in the past. Between the first Zionist Congress and the Balfour Declaration, between the Six-Day War and today. If during the last 11 years a million more Jews had come to Israel things might have been different altogether. The Jewish people—Israelis and Jews of the Diaspora—should not miss another opportunity.

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Renewal For Peace

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by Jack Rose, National President,
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The achievement of a Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt, ending 31 years of war, heralds yet another chapter in the journey of the Jewish People on the road to independence. It is the hope and prayer of Jews everywhere that this beginning will be followed by a just peace between Israel and all her Arab neighbours.

The evacuation of territory by the Defence Forces of Israel is fraught with inherent and obvious dangers. At the same time, positive prospects and opportunities which these new realities present are immeasurable.

The historic and exciting opportunities of today must evoke a response on the part of World Jewry in a measure unknown heretofore. We must grasp this opportunity, pregnant with promise, by accepting increased responsibilities to enable Israel to meet her human and social needs while mobilizing her full resources to bear the gigantic material costs involved in bringing the Peace Treaty to fulfillment.

Over the past 31 years of Jewish Statehood we have faced one crisis after another—wars, trauma and waves of immigration in relative numbers unknown to any other country in the world. We have been so pressed to provide the minimal necessities for human existence that we have never had time to direct our resources towards building a proper social fabric within the Jewish society.

Immigrants who came to Israel 31 years ago have been made promises which even to today remain unfulfilled. Two Israels have come into being—those who have achieved conditions of minimal human dignity, and those who have not. Today 300,000 Jews live in conditions of abysmal poverty and are striving for dignity. Their condition of life has become the incubator for widespread social ills—ignorance, prostitution and crime. Three hundred thousand Jews, of which 200,000 are children, live in degrading slums. This condition is intolerable. Indeed it is impossible in a Jewish society wishing to promote the ideals and concepts of the Jewish way of life and earnestly requiring the human



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Through Project Renewal, and in partnership between World Jewry and the People of Israel, we will eradicate the slums of Eretz Yisrael. At the same time, we will concern ourselves not only with adequate housing but, and of possibly greater importance, we shall build the infrastructure which will attack the very heart of the problem

which is the base cause of Israel's social ills.

The beginnings of peace, if only a peace between Israel and Egypt, make it incumbent upon Canadian Jewry, and indeed World Jewry, to make a start at the Renewal of the Jewish society.

Prime Minister Begin once said to me that he wished to accomplish two great things in his lifetime—to be the Israeli Prime Minister who would sign the first peace treaty with an Arab nation, and secondly, to lead the Jewish People in an unprecedented undertaking to rescue the 300,000 "have-nots" within the Jewish State.

The great dream of Prime Minister Begin is attainable—if we will it.

Let the Jewish Community of Canada grasp this moment and make a resolved beginning at Renewal.

Editorial:

An Outdated Reputation

Reprinted from Near East Report

It used to be an axiom of U.S. foreign policy that Jordan was the most moderate and pro-American of all the Arab states. Two recent terrorist raids launched against Israel from Jordanian territory are the latest reminders that it has been some time since Jordan's King Hussein did anything to merit this reputation.

Hussein met secretly with Israeli leaders long before Anwar Sadat's journey to Jerusalem. And the Jordanian monarch often stated that, subject to certain conditions, he was willing to live in peace with the Jewish state. For these actions and his 1970 crackdown on the PLO, he has been the target of more than half a dozen assassination attempts by radical Arabs. It was partly in anger over Hussein's relative moderation that the Arab League relieved him of his mandate to speak for the West Bank at the 1974 Rabat conference.

But that is all history. In the last 18 months Jordan has more than mended its fences with Syria, the PLO and other radical elements in the Arab world. This has been done largely at the expense of its relations with Egypt and the United States. Hussein steadfastly refused to endorse the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations, let alone join them. What is more, he sided with the radicals in voting to cut all economic and political ties with Egypt.

Partly because of Hussein's history of moderation, Jordan's slide toward the extremists is not yet regarded as complete. But patience in Washington should be wearing out—even if, as some argue, Hussein's actions are more the result of indecision over the peace process than of seeing eye-to-eye with the rejectionists.

The Carter administration did much to encourage Hussein's refusal to enter peace negotiations last fall by its overly optimistic interpretations of what Jordan and the Palestinians could expect to get out of the Camp David accords. This led Hussein to believe he could improve his opening bargaining position by staying out of the talks longer. An end to raising false expectations could result in an attempt by Hussein to refurbish his moderate image.

Hussein's failure to prevent the PLO from using his territory to launch terrorist attacks on Israel would have generated more publicity had these two raids, one last week and one last month, been successful. In both cases, the

bands of attackers were discovered by Israeli army patrols and wiped out before reaching their civilian targets. This week's terrorists had reached a field in Kibbutz Tirat Zvi, in northern Israel, before being stopped. An Israeli general said afterward that Jordan would not be immune to retaliation if future infiltration into Israel is found to involve Jordanian complicity.

What is a Terrorist?

Closer to home, another kind of PLO "infiltration" took place. Shafik al-Hout, the head of the PLO office in Beirut,



was admitted to the United States two weeks ago after the Secretary of State Cyrus Vance decided his ineligibility for a U.S. visa should be waived. Vance decided on the waiver because, even though the State Department regards the PLO as a "proscribed" organization and recognizes that "significant elements" of the PLO endorse terrorism, al-Hout has purportedly repudiated terrorism.

The question is whose definition of terrorism did he repudiate? State Department Spokesman Hodding Carter III could not produce any specific statements of al-Hout, leading to speculation that he had repudiated terrorism only

once—on his application form for a U.S. visa.

Al-Hout himself helped to clarify the issue last week. Asked his views on terrorism at a Washington breakfast, he replied, "We have condemned hijacking. But I haven't condemned the armed struggle." A State Department source was quoted in the press as saying al-Hout's answer was "not particularly helpful."

One man's terrorist is another man's "liberation fighter." The next time the State Department asks someone's views on terrorism, it ought to decide in advance which dictionary it is using.

THE PACT: THINGS GET MOVING

The Pullback Begins

Reprint from Jerusalem Post

by Hirsh Goodman

Post Military Correspondent

Israel last week began its pullback from the Sinai Peninsula.

Although work has started—mainly by private contractors who won Defence Ministry contracts—the main thrust of the pullback will not begin until after Pessah.

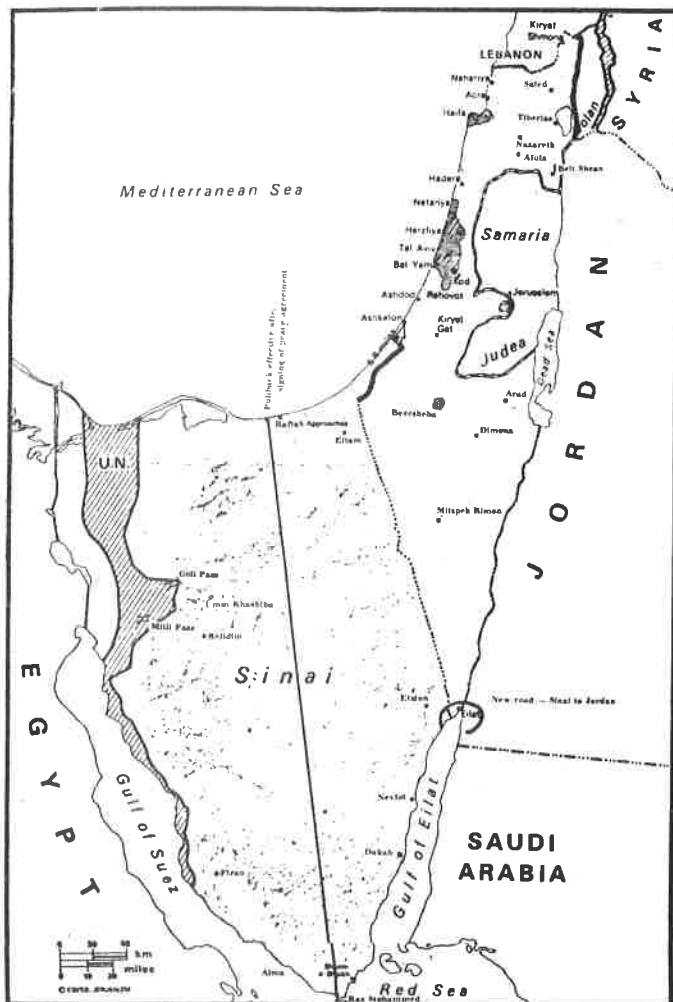
Israel is building a bypass at the entrance to El-Arish to enable material to be pulled back from the Sinai.

The town's main crossroads, at its entrance, is being given back to Egypt, necessitating the building of a new road, south of the entrance, to allow trucks to enter and leave Sinai.

The pullback will take place in several stages:

First, El-Arish and the Mediterranean coastal strip, as well as Israel's military bases at A-Tur, will be dismantled and redeployed. Later the central part of Southern Sinai and Israel's huge military complex at Refidim will be redeployed. In the final stages, after seven months, Israel will hand over the Sinai oilfields at Alma, and vacate the early-warning station at Umm Khashiba.

Special callup orders have already been issued to men



Map shows the line to which Israel will withdraw in the first stage of pullback.

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from the Ordnance, Engineering and Supply Corps for after the holiday, to ensure that the tight timetable for the first nine-month stage will be honoured.

Over the entire three-year period Israel will have to move some 75,000 tons of equipment and almost 4,000 vehicles out of Sinai, necessitating an estimated 62,000 transport days. This does not include the Sinai airfields. In addition, the IDF is going to have to dismantle 70 military camps and military installations, including 2,700 buildings and two major early warning stations.

The initial redeployment after the nine-month pullback will be along the Ras Muhammad-El Arish line. But over the next three years—in addition to building three new airfields—Israel will set up about 50 new military camps in

the Negev, pave 695 kilometres of new roads there, repave 225 kilometres of unusable existing roads, lay 700 kilometres of water pipes and about 1,000 kilometres of high-tension cables, and move some 90 million cubic metres of earth to build a new infrastructure in the area. The IDF will also have to remove an estimated one million mines.

The quartermaster-general and his staff have prepared a detailed computer-written "book" which will govern the pullback—a document which details to the day the precise movements of every piece of movable equipment from the area, where it has to be moved to and how long it will take to get it there. They also know which vehicles will do the transporting and how many drivers will be needed.

Israeli Group Wins Eurovision Song Contest For Second Year Running

Reprinted from Jerusalem Post

Israel's entry, "Hallelujah," sung by Gail Atari and backed by the Milk and Honey group, won the Eurovision song contest—for Israel's second consecutive victory—at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooma in a cliff-hanger finish on Saturday night.

Shimrit Orr wrote the lyrics of the winning entry, and Kobi Oshrat composed the music.

The outcome was in doubt until the very last round of voting.

The scores: Israel 125; Spain 116; France 106; Germany 86; Ireland 80; Portugal 74; United Kingdom 73; Greece 69; Denmark 66; Belgium 61; Switzerland 60; Norway 57; the Netherlands 51; Luxembourg 44; Finland 38; Italy 27; Monaco 12; Sweden 8; Austria 4.

It is estimated that half a billion viewers saw Eurovision's annual extravaganza as Binyanei Ha'ooma was transformed into a musical Tower of Babel. Israel Television reaped rich praise for its staging of the show.

The points were awarded by juries watching the show in their home countries, and not allowed to vote for their native groups. The juries were in constant touch with Binyanei Ha'ooma as they watched the show.



Israel's Milk and Honey group which won the Eurovision contest in Jerusalem Saturday night. Left to right, Shmuel Bilu, Gali Atari, Reuven Gvirtz and Yehuda Tamir.

The contest was shown to Israeli viewers in colour. Normally the TV authorities use a device which eliminates the colour from films, so that even viewers with colour television must be content with black and white. Colour was also shown during last week's reports on the peace pact.

At one stage last week the Eurovision broadcast was threatened because of sanctions by Israel communications workers. However, the Ministry of Communications issued back-to-work orders to certain striking engineers.

The show is traditionally held in the country of origin of the last winning group.

Here are the lyrics of "Hallelujah", the winning Israeli entry:

*Hallelujah to the world
Hallelujah shall everyone sing
Praise the Lord—in a single word
Hearts with gratitude brim
And beat—what a wonderful world.
Hallelujah with a song
Hallelujah for a new blue day
Hallelujah for what was, jah, jah,
And for all that is to be—Hallelujah
Hallelujah to the world
Hallelujah shall everyone sing
And the great bells shall peal it and
toll it and ring
And join us in Hallelujah.
Hallelujah with a song
Hallelujah for a new blue day
Hallelujah for what was, jah, jah,
And for all that is to be—Hallelujah.
Hallelujah in every way
For tomorrow and yesterday
Hallelujah—sing hand in hand
And with one heart—Hallelujah.
Hallelujah with a song
Hallelujah for a new blue day
Hallelujah for what was, jah, jah
And for all that is to be—Hallelujah.*

THE BIG DEAL

by Leon Sills

Genre: Yiddish folklore
The short, short story

English Translation—The home of a wealthy 22-year-old Jew named Chaim Bialik, in the village of Radi, in Volhynia (Ukraine). He has just inherited 50,000 rubles from a rich old aunt, on his mother's side, who died without children, and left him her fortune. He is now ready for investments. He is innocent and without life's experience.

He is approached by Yankel Kishenev, a trader in wood, fuel and property investments Circa 1909.

Yankel Kishenev: M-i-s-t-e-r B-i-a-l-i-k! Congratulations! I heard about your inheritance! You're a lucky man!

Chaim Bialik, sadly: Oi! Thank you! Lucky? What's so lucky? I loved Tante Ziporah! Her money means nothing to me, nothing at all. Now, it becomes a problem how to invest wisely. Such troubles! I have no parents to advise me. I am all alone in the world, an orphan now. Lucky? What's so lucky? Experience in business and with money, I have none! What to do? What to do? Lucky? What's so lucky?

Yankel Kishenev, filling up with confidence: Relax, Mr. Bialik! May I call you Chaim?

Chaim Bialik, shrugging his shoulders. His long side curls jiggle up and down: I'm Chaim, you're Yankel! You're Yankel! I'm Chaim! Now we are friends, right?

Yankel Kishenev: Right! Chaim, my friend!

Chaim, I'm here to help you. An old trader and businessman am I. Money, I know how to handle. Experience, I have plenty! Money will make money! Let me tell you how!

Chaim Bialik, eagerly, innocently: Tell me! Tell me!

Yankel Kishenev secretly: Well, here's my proposition. I have heard that in America light for artificial lamps is made from a new black liquid from the ground. It's called oil. I think we can import it to Odessa for 2 rubles a litre, in big barrels. I have experience in trading and shipping. But, I need backing to buy from an important fuel merchant in the big city. I can transport the fuel here for 4 rubles. We can sell it in little bottles and get back 10 rubles, and make a fortune. Our people here won't have to use candle wax any more to light their lanterns.

He rubs his hands in expectation of profits.

Chaim Bialik: That sounds sensible, very businesslike, Mr. Kishenev . . . I mean Yankel. How much money do you need?



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Yankel Kishenev, counting on his fingers: We'll need . . . we'll need . . . 1,000 . . . 2,000, 3,000. . . Let's see now . . . 5,000 rubles. That should be enough for the first order. That will take care of our needs for 6 months. Of course, we must have wagons to transport the fuel here. An extra 500 rubles for storage charges. We should rent a barn to store the barrels. Profits, we'll split, 50 for you, 50 for me. Fair enough?

Chaim Bialik: Fair enough! What's my guarantee?

Yankel Kishenev, soothingly: Guarantee? I stand behind my promises! Do I look like a man without experience?

Chaim Bialik, defensively: No! No! I was just wondering! I have no experience in such matters. Suppose you fail? Suppose you never return?

Yankel Kishenev, defensively: M-i-s-t-e-r B-i-a-l-i-k! Do you realize what you are saying? I am a successful businessman with plenty of experience. I won't fail . . . but-but . . . if I should, what's so terrible? By next month, if I had the 5,000 rubles, you'd have the EXPERIENCE!!! What could be fairer than an even exchange? I must tell you! It costs money to get a real education in life and experience in business. You will learn well from me! Is it a deal?

Chaim Bialik, sheepishly, glowing: It's a deal!
They shake hands and embrace, like father and son.

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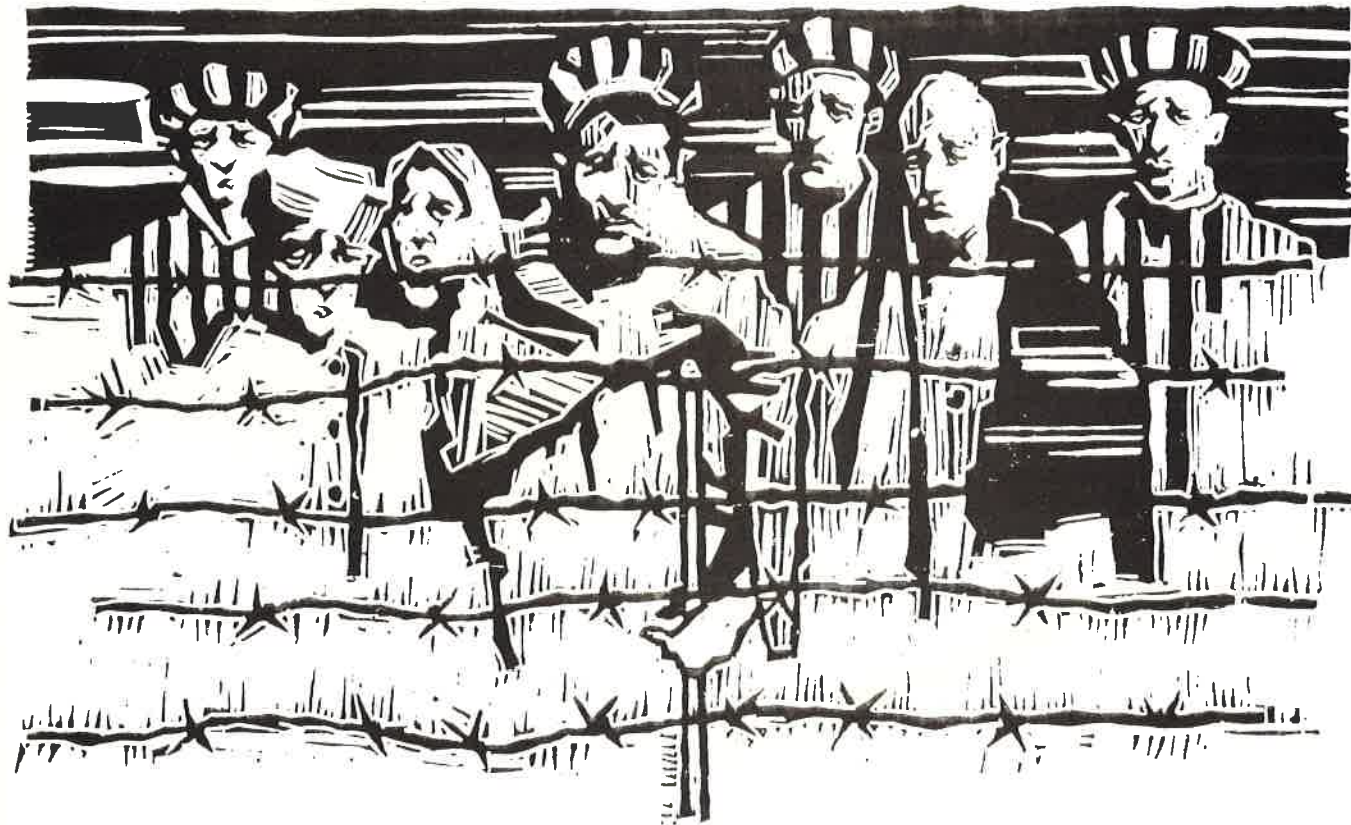
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