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The Executive Director Reports

With the completion of the 1979 United Jewish Appeal campaign in Atlantic Canada, results show encouraging signs. Although the results are not what had been hoped for, campaigns in most communities made upward swings. Overall, the amounts of money raised will be greater in 1979 than 1978.

The Atlantic Jewish Council receives the majority of its operating budget from the United Israel Appeal campaign. During the past twelve months, the Atlantic Jewish Council has provided lecturers such as Beate Klarsfeld; Yom Haatzmaut entertainment with Ezra; Yaffa Yarkoni and Ruthi Navon; speakers on the situation in the Middle East including Maurice Carson, Nick Simmonds, Mark Resnick, Fred Lepkin, Dr. Amnon Cohen. General entertainment featured Rivka Peled and Yosi Milo; Tibor Herden and Stella Richmond; Lisi's puppet theatre; the Diaspora Yeshiva Bank; Rabbi Moshe Shur; and Fran Avni. A host of other services are provided to all communities. The Atlantic Jewish Council works in close conjunction with the Shomer Club of Saint John, N.B., and the Massada Club in Halifax. In addition, the Atlantic Jewish Council supports the pre-school efforts of the Moncton and Halifax



*Avrum Weiss
Executive Director
Atlantic Jewish Council*

communities. **Shalom** Magazine continues to be the major source of communication among communities of Atlantic Canada. Our magazine is recognized as one of the finest publications of its kind in North America.

Beginning in January the first outreach program under the auspices of the Education Committee will provide the children of Bridgewater, N.S. with an educational and cultural thrust. If your community is interested in such a program, and if you are without a Rabbi or teacher, please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council office.

The portion of your United Jewish Appeal dollar which stays in Atlantic Canada goes a long way. No other Jewish community in Canada or the United States provides so many services for so few dollars.

Editorial



Shirlee Fox

It is always the hope that when one takes on new responsibilities and challenges, that these tasks become not only a pleasure for oneself, but elicit the same response from those around you. As the new editor of **Shalom**, I hope to meet all these expectations.

One becomes very visible as an editor of a publication but especially so with **Shalom**—for it is not my magazine—it belongs to everyone. Hopefully, together with my input and yours, we will produce a publication that fulfills everyone's desires.

However, as editor, I will take the prerogative of constantly trying to improve and innovate with each edition, hence making **Shalom** more informative and pleasurable to read.

The past 10 years in Atlantic Canada have seen many events take place—happy, sad, challenging and even trite. To remember where we were, I recommend spending a few minutes looking over a "pictorial passage in time" on pages 23-27. Looking into the future, why not plan to be part of the Atlantic Jewish Council's Independence Day Tour—read the details on this fabulous trip on page 48.

Let me hear from you—ideas and suggestions are welcome.

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State Of Israel Bonds Honour —Ben Y.S. Prossin



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Dr. Albert Prossin



State of Israel Bonds Dinner



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The Prossin Family Sydney, Nova Scotia



*His Worship Mayor
Daniel Brownlow*

Atlantic Jewish Council president, Ben Y.S. Prossin, active in Jewish community affairs since his youth, was honoured on November 25, 1979 by the Halifax-Dartmouth Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

The gala evening was held at the Nova Scotian Hotel and among the dignitaries attending was the Honourable Joseph R. Smallwood, who gave the address.

Born in Glace Bay, N.S., Mr. Prossin received his early education there and went on to St. Francis Xavier University for his undergraduate degree. A graduate of Dalhousie Faculty of Law in 1971, he was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1972.

Among the founders of the Atlantic Jewish Council in 1975, Ben Prossin served on local, regional and national

executives of Canadian Young Judaea, Zionist Organization of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation. A 1965 graduate of a one year Zionist Youth Leadership Institute in Israel, he has served as the director of Camp Kadimah. Active in the Boy Scouts of Canada, he was the recipient of the Queen's Scout Award in 1961. Presently, he is a member of the Nova Scotia Civil Liberties Association and the Nova Scotia Century Liberal Club.

Along with the many accolades received from across the country, the entire Atlantic Jewish community congratulates Ben Prossin on receiving this honour, and extends a hearty Mazel Tov.

HALIFAX HADASSAH-WIZO

by Anita Dubinsky

RUTH GRUBER is coming to Halifax! On February 25, 1980, the celebrated foreign correspondent and author of best-seller "Raquela", will address Halifax Hadassah-Wizo groups on behalf of Youth Aliyah. It is an exciting prospect and we will welcome this remarkable woman at the opening of our biggest Youth Aliyah campaign.

YOUTH ALIYAH 1980 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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Special Names	—Ruth Shane
	—Shirlee Medjuck
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A generous bequest from the estate of the late **Minnie Baig** has been received by Halifax Hadassah-Wizo and will be applied to one of our projects in Israel, with appropriate designation. This gesture is appreciated, not only for the benefit it will provide, but also as an example for others, in the continuing tradition of Tzadokoh.

The Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, is a distinct success in Halifax-Dartmouth. Convenors **Maxine Cordon** and **Doreen Gordon** are pleased with the increased total purchases.

Avivah Chapter enjoyed a Dinner Party at the home of **Peter** and **Rene Claman**, proceeds going to the Nina Cohen / Atlantic Provinces Baby Creche. Both Avivah and Barbara Goldberg Chapters are preparing for gift-wrapping days at local shopping centres.

The Annual Calendar is likely in the mail by now. **Sophie Forman**, **Flo Rubin** and **Lenore Schelew** report an excellent response. Extra copies are available, as a thoughtful gift for expatriate Haligonians.

The Public Affairs Study Group met to make plans for the next few months. Meetings are to be held every two weeks alternating between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. First session began December 19, 1979.

Our gratitude has been expressed to **Arthur LeVine** for his expertise in auditing our accounts.

Halifax delegates are getting ready for the National Convention in Vancouver and we invite their comments and impressions.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada honors "The International Year of the Child"

In honour of "The International Year of the Child", Canadian Hadassah-Wizo presented "The Dynamic Assessment of Retarded Performers" by **Dr. Reuven Feuerstein** to institutes of higher learning across Canada. **Dr. Feuerstein** is Director of the Canadian Hadassah-Wizo Research Institution in Jerusalem.



Left to Right: Dr. Kenneth Hill, Dr. Andrew Hughes, Dr. Virginia Cronin, Dr. John Fentress with Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck.

At a recently held Medical Services Tea in Halifax, presentations were made by **Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck**, Regional Chairman, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, to **Dr. Kenneth Hill**, Saint Mary's University; **Dr. Andrew Hughes**, Atlantic Institute of Education; **Dr. Virginia Cronin**, Mount St. Vincent University; and **Dr. John Fentress**, Dalhousie University.



Left to Right: Dr. Alex Richman, Mrs. Miriam Jacobson.

Held at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Medjuck**, many Hadassah-Wizo members and guests had the pleasure of hearing an address by **Dr. Alex Richman**, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Training and Research at the Abbie Lane Hospital.

The Medical Services Tea, which was convened by **Mrs. Miriam Jacobson**, is held annually with proceeds directed to the Asaf Harofe Hospital, Israel.



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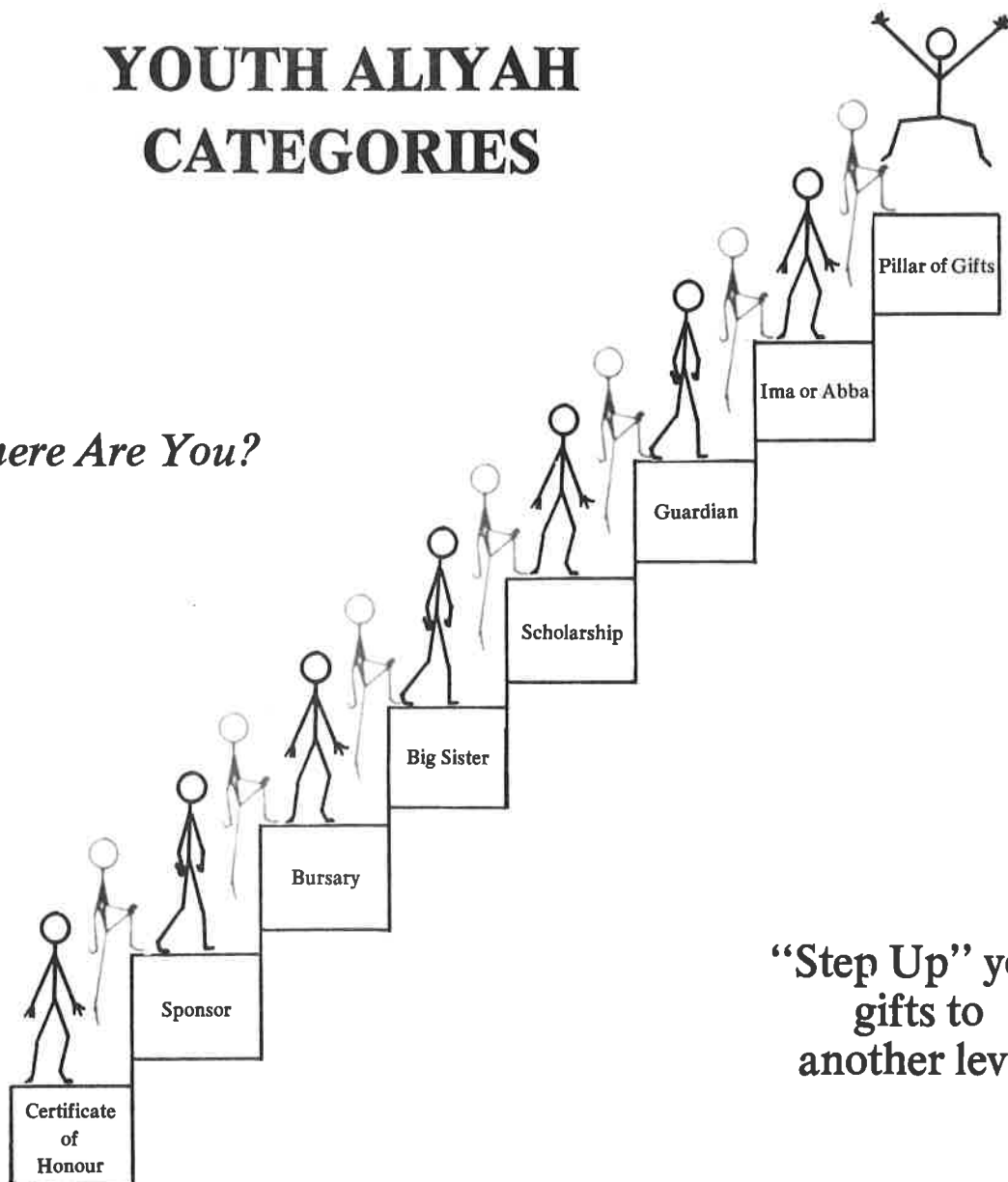
Guest Speaker: Dr. Ruth Gruber
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by **Barbara Alberstat**

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's Organization for Rehabilitation through Training winds up its September to December, 1979 season looking back over many successful fundraising projects over the past few months, and looking forward to beginning 1980 with its largest fund raising project. Halifax Women's ORT is capably headed by its President, **Rene Dankner**, **Linda Coleman** as 1st Vice-President, the newly installed **Rita Lazar** as 2nd Vice-President, and **Linda Raskin** as 3rd Vice-President. **Sarah Merovitch** has joined the executive board as our new corresponding secretary.

Flowers for Yom Tov was a big success this year, convened by **Carole Ginsberg** and **Elaine Goldstein**. The centrepieces and potted mums were very good this year and the sale went very well.

Disco Dances are quite a popular form of money and entertainment here in Halifax, and our busy vice-presidents have had two dances sponsored for ORT at Winston's in Clayton Park Centre and one at Pepe's in Halifax with a nice sum of money to fill our coffers. **Rita Lazar** convened the one at Winston's and **Sarah Merovitch** handled the one at Pepe's.

The Book Sale and Flea Market was held at the Olympic

Flea Market on Sunday, December 2, with **Cathy Jacobson** convening the books, and **Linda Raskin** and a crew of co-workers covering the many items given for the flea market. A fun time was had by the workers and our treasury grew a bit more.

To look forward to—The ORT Art Auction is being convened this year again by that fabulous worker **Donna Gorber** and a new ORT Member, **Debbie Morrissey**. Many thanks to all our hard working members who give of their time and efforts to all of our projects. The Art Auction will be held again in the Guild Hall of the Holiday Inn—April 23—Wednesday, starting with the general viewing at 6:30 p.m. and auction at 7:30—coffee available during the evening.

Our National President, **Dorothy Shoichet** will be visiting Halifax the early part of January to meet with the members in general and the executive and Board.

And just a reminder—Women's Canadian ORT's 15th Biennial Convention and World ORT Union Centenary will be celebrated in Israel, May 28 to June 9, 1980—your chance to celebrate this unique time in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Caesarea. For further information, contact **Myrna Blumenthal**, our Convention chairman.

Our "Second Hand Rose" Shop has held its first year's growing pains and has come out on top. We have a large stock of used clothing in top condition as well as a lot of new merchandise. We need volunteers to help out for an hour or two—mornings or afternoons. We need your good, clean clothing for men, women or children and you will get back 1/3 of the selling price. Come in and see us at 1282 Barrington Street, or call for further information 423-0617. **Gaye Silverman** and **Brina Solomon** are the convenors of this great ongoing project.

Dr. Daniel S. Nathanson—Distinguished Honoree

Among three distinguished Canadians receiving Honorary Doctor of Law degrees at the fall convocation of St. Francis Xavier University was former New Waterford Mayor, **Dr. Daniel Nathanson**.

"Few Chief Magistrates have made so indelible an impression or so justly merited the affection of their people. It is the singular achievement of Dr. Nathanson to have discharged with distinction both his duties as Mayor and his life giving services as physician and surgeon", said **President Rev. Gregory MacKinnon** of St. Francis Xavier University when presenting Dr. Nathanson for convocation.

Dr. Nathanson was recently honored by the New Waterford Rotary Club when he was the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship—the highest award presented by Rotary International. This award was made in recognition and appreciation for tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world.

Dr. Nathanson was born in Sydney, N.S. He served briefly in the Canadian Army, graduated from Dalhousie University, faculty of medicine and was elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1966 and a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in 1972. He served as Mayor of New Waterford from 1966 to 1976.

Dr. Nathanson is married to the former **Edith Hirsch** of Sydney, N.S., a graduate of the Halifax Infirmary School of



Dr. Daniel S. Nathanson

Nursing. Mrs. Nathanson is a very active member of I.O.D.E. and in Hadassah-Wizo. The couple have 4 children: **Garth**, a graduate student at Memorial University, Newfoundland; **Sheila**, a nurse in Vancouver; **Norrine**, a student at Dalhousie University; and **Ian** at home in New Waterford.

The entire Atlantic Jewish Community joins in congratulating **Dr. Daniel S. Nathanson** upon receiving these distinguished honors. The Atlantic Jewish Council extends its Best Wishes and a hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. Nathanson.



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*Co-Workers: Garson Lecker
Herman Nathanson*



*Sophie Forman—Reports
Chairperson, Women's
Division—Halifax*

As always, it is most satisfying to give special thanks to those who worked so diligently for the Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal, 1979, and to those who contributed so generously. Our devoted volunteers achieved some very impressive results, as indicated by an increase of 35% in our overall campaign.

Although this first year of our Project Renewal program did not meet with the same degree of success, it did serve to introduce Project Renewal to the women of our community, many of whom were not willing to commit themselves to a five year program, but preferred to increase their contribution for the current year. Hopefully, Project Renewal will be better received in next year's campaign, and we will proudly join in partnership with the people of Israel in this essential humanitarian endeavor.

I would particularly like to extend my sincere appreciation to our 1979 Canvass Chairman, Joan Kristall, and our 1979 treasurer, Norma Saltzberg.



*Lloyd Newman—Reports
Chairman, Men's Division
Halifax-Dartmouth*

At the close of the 1979 Halifax-Dartmouth United Israel Appeal, the campaign committee feels it is necessary to report on our results to date.

We have approximately 376 cards in the men's division. Of these, 251 pledges 83 are new donors, i.e. did not give last year. These new pledges total 10% of our total campaign so we're able to achieve a total increase of 15% over 1978. We lost about 2% of our potential total through death or moving.

In addition we developed commitments equaling 50% of our pledge level for project renewal.

Though 15% plus 50% for project renewal sounds encouraging, we have some very severe problems.

We have few canvassers. Over half our donors give whatever level they gave last year and many of those have done so for years, not taking into account Israel's inflation problems. Our campaign figures on a family basis is less than 1/2 (and close to 1/4) of Canada's national family average. We also achieve less than our fellow Maritime Communities on a per family basis.

Lastly, there is grave misunderstanding about the importance of the amount retained in Atlantic Canada and its importance to our local institutions which permit the ties that bind us to Judaism to exist. We can only close by saying we need your help.

YOUNG JUDAEA

by Joel Cuperfain

On the weekend of November 9, 1979, Young Judaea held its annual Mifgash—our fall convention. The convention was held in Cape Breton and was attended by over 60 teenagers from Atlantic Canada.

The Mifgash serves a few purposes. It's a reunion—a chance for camp friends to meet again, and also a weekend for programs for the teenage Judaeans in the region. As well, it is the convention where the leaders of the region are elected and members can see what direction their movement is going in.

The program for the weekend was of a high calibre. The theme was assimilation and diaspora Jewry.

On Sunday, we embarked on what has become a Cape Breton Young Judaeans tradition—a day at Mira. The weather was “mildly” damp, but spirits were high and the day was a big success. For the first time in a few years, we amended our constitution and there elected our officers for the year . . . **Joel Cuperfain**—Mazkir, **Anita Wolman**—S'gan Mazkir, **Ann David**—Madricha Tochnit, and **Laurence Chippin**—Rosh, New Brunswick.

We would like to thank all the people in Cape Breton who worked so hard for the Mifgash—**Mrs. Shirley Chernin**,



The New Va'Ad Katan

Mrs. Phyllis Chernin, Morris and Enid Lief, Miss Fanny Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Izzy Shore, Mrs. Drucker, Mrs. Rhoda Gaum, Frank and Joan Elman and all the parents who drove and baked.

Also, a special thanks to **Susan Marshall, Rosh Ken** of Cape Breton, and all the participating Cape Breton Judaeans for their hospitality.



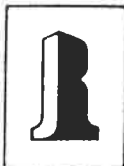
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On December 30, 1979, Asarah Beteveth, Beth Israel Synagogue dedicated a granite memorial scroll in memory of the Martyrs of the Holocaust. Inscribed on the

monument are the Hebrew words meaning Memorial Scroll for Martyrs of the Holocaust as well as the names of the six main death camps. At the bottom is the inscription in English, "Father of Mercies, Av Harachamim", a prayer recited almost every Sabbath in memory of Jewish communities since the Middle Ages who died for the Sanctification of the Name.

Cantor Lieberman conducted the service and the Torah reading for the Fast Day as well as the recitation of the Memorial Prayer. **Dr. J.B. Ross**, President of the Congregation, gave the introductory remarks and **Mr. Herman Newman**, Chairman of the Holocaust Committee of the Maritimes, spoke in the name of the survivors. **Rabbi Pritzker** spoke a few words of dedication based on the prophetic reading from Isaiah where the expression "I shall give them within my house and within my walls, a monument and a memorial (Yad VaShem) . . . that shall not be cut off." Survivors who memorialized their families recited the Kaddish.

The establishment of the memorial serves as a constant reminder to all who enter, young and old, of this period in Jewish history which shall never be forgotten.

Beth Israel Sisterhood

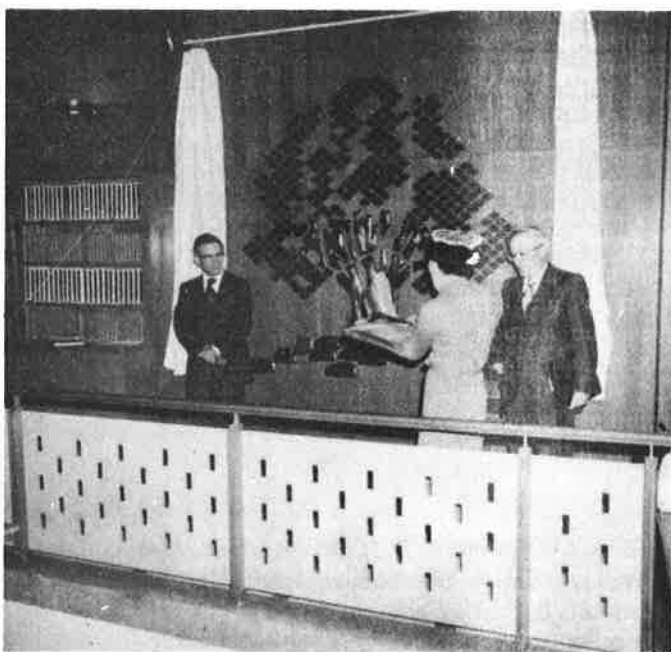
by Bette Ross

It is said that a busy person is a happy person, so our Sisterhood must be extremely happy. On November 18, a bronze Tree of Life, designed by Sanford Werfel of Avenel, N.J., was dedicated at the Synagogue. This metal structure, in the lobby of the Shul, includes representations of leaves and stones which serve as nameplates which may be purchased to commemorate family events. After the dedication, those present were invited to a lovely reception, catered of course by our Sisterhood ladies under the expert leadership of **Sarah Weiner** and **Shirley Wolman**. As the sculpture had been purchased jointly by the congregation and the Sisterhood, the ladies were delighted to receive a miniature replica of the Tree, which now hangs in our Youth Lounge.

November 25 saw our 3rd Annual Chanukah Book Fair, once more under the capable chairmanship of **Reva Sherman** and **Rose Pritzker**. It was well attended by workers and customers and proved to be a social and financial success. Even the weather was bright and mild.

On December 15, the second night of Chanukah, we had our second annual Chanukah dinner-dance. Congratulations and many thanks to **Lenore Schelew** and **Phyllis Bluestein** for organizing such a happy affair. The meal was delicious, the decorations were fabulous, so of course, it was a success. The next morning the children of our Talmud Torah were delighted to display their talents amidst our beautiful decorations.

Mrs. Ida Simon donated a beautiful afghan to Sisterhood which we raffled over the Fall. At our December meeting, which took the form of a Chanukah tea, the raffle was drawn and won by **Ray Stein**. Congratulations Mrs. Stein.



Dedication of the "Tree of Life", November, 1979 at Beth Israel Synagogue by: Dr. Barrie Ross, President, Beth Israel Synagogue; Mrs. Bette Ross, President, Sisterhood, Beth Israel Synagogue; and Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, Beth Israel Synagogue.

We hope you enjoy the warmth of Sisterhood over the cold winter. Our programme for the December meeting was **Lenore Schelew** who reported on her experience as our delegate at the Women's Branch, U.O.J.C.A. Convention.

Massada—The Halifax “Over 50” Club

Greetings from Massada!

The fall-winter season has continued to be a busy one for our club and we'll bring you up to date.

A Program Committee of **Mrs. Bessie Rinzler, Mr. Aaron Katz, Mrs. H. Goldberg** and **Mrs. Sylvia Levin** have been hard at work planning interesting programs for the weekly



Beth Israel Youth Orchestra performs Chanuka Music at Massada Club festivities.

Sunday meetings and tapping the interests and talents of members. **Mrs. Ida Marcus** and **Miss Clara Dankner** of the Refreshment Committee have kept us in “goodies” and **Miss Clara Dankner**, as Treasurer, receives a special note of thanks from members.

Two members, **Mrs. Sylvia Levin** and **Mr. Aaron Katz**, represented the Massada Club at the Annual National Association of Senior Centres Association held in Halifax and brought back an interesting report to members.



Massada Club Latka Party

We are happy to announce that **Dr. Barry Strauss**, attending Dalhousie University, has stepped forward as a volunteer to assist the club. Welcome, Barry!

Some of the programs we have had are: an afternoon of “Games and Crafts”; a dialogue with Rabbi Heim; a visit from **Mrs. Edith Harvie**, president of Nova Scotia Pensioners Concerned; a lecture by **Mrs. Molly Rechnitzer** “On Aging”; the Yiddish movie “Greenfields”; and musical entertainment by the talented **Rabbi Mickey Shur**.

The “Highlight of the Season” was our Chanukah Party on December 9. A marvelous “Holiday Concert” was presented by **Cantor Lieberman, Mrs. Evelyne Luner** and the Beth Israel Talmud Torah with **Barry Cohen, Jamie**



Massada Club Games Day



Mickey Shur performs for Massada Club and guests.

Cohen, Arlene Conter, Stefanie Green, David Israel, Hila Koren, Sharon Koren, Avi Koren, Gil Korn, Miriam Korn, Risa Loebenberg, Michael Lubetsky, Beth Luner, Beth Medjuck, Amir Nevo, Igal Nevo, Cindy Pink, David Ross, Shawn Sable, Robin Shore, Shelly Webber, Maxelle Yablon, Michael Yablon, Murray Yazer.



Rabbi Leo Heim with Massada members at refreshment time.



Mrs. Edith Harvie, President, N.S. Canadian Pensions Concerned and Massada member, Mr. Sam Glube.

SHAAR SHALOM HALIFAX WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

by Molly Rechnitzer

Our vibrant women continue their active involvement in all aspects of synagogue life—religious, financial, social, and cultural—e.g. reciting the Maftir, Chevra Kadisha, Kashruth, maintaining the kitchen, fundraising (life membership, gift shop, cards for all occasions, clothing sales), library, sick visiting, stimulating programming relating to our role as Jewish Women, and a well-stocked freezer for our onegai shabbat and Kiddushim.

Our September programme arranged by **Barbara Paton**, chairperson, was "Judaism Is My Cult" with a panel consisting of **Dr. Bruce Earhard**, psychologist; **Dr. Morty Lazar**, sociologist; and our own **Rabbi Leo Heim** which stimulated a great deal of discussion.

In October, the programme was a radio script prepared by the United Synagogue about the wives of Russian

The concert was very moving and we thank **Cantor George Lieberman**, **Mrs. Evelyne Luner** and all the dear and talented children for making this Chanukah such a memorable one. **Mr. Aaron Katz** of the Massada Club was the master of ceremonies.

Latkes were the delicious refreshments and we thank all the members who did kitchen duty to make this possible.

We wish all the members who have gone south for part of the winter a good holiday, we look forward to seeing new members and hope that if you are a Senior visiting Halifax you will join us on Sunday afternoon at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

dissidents. This was excellently presented by seven of our women and so well received that the script was requested for use in other constituent Atlantic Jewish Council organizations.

On December 9, we organized a combined Chanukah Concert, Book Fair, Gift Shop Sale, and Latke Party which was a great success and fun for all.

On January 26, we hosted a Wine and Cheese Party for the congregation, and our February meeting will be in the form of an Afternoon Dessert at the home of **Celia Goldberg**.

On February 8, 9, and 10, the Board of Shaar Shalom has invited **Rabbi Jerome Epstein** to speak on the role and function of United Synagogue of America and its relation to our local congregation.

We appreciate everyone's ideas and participation.

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For further information regarding Hillel/A.U.J.S., please contact Seymour Rafuse at 429-8533.

Jerusalem Day At Dalhousie University

Jerusalem Day activities at Dalhousie University on November 29, 1979 produced heated debate and high emotions as Jewish students engaged their peers regarding Jerusalem, Israel and the P.L.O. Over 40 Jewish students participated.



Left to right, Avrum Weiss, Executive Director Atlantic Jewish Council; Seymour Rafuse, Coordinator Hillel, A.U.J.S.; Richard Freedman, National President Young Judea; and Dana Rafuse.

Organized by Seymour Rafuse with materials provided by the Atlantic Jewish Council, the event proved to be a successful vehicle for providing information to the student population.

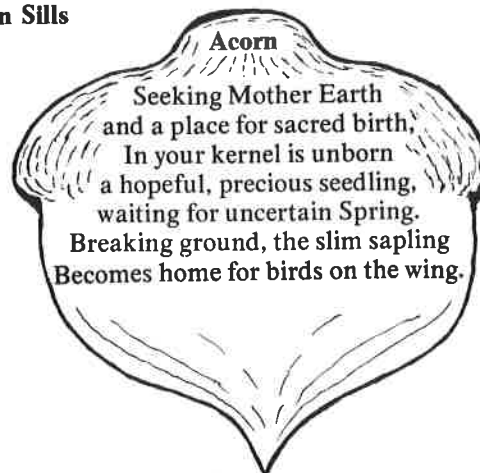
OF INTEREST . . .

Speaking on the Middle East, Ben Prossin, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, was invited to address the Kiwanis of St. John's, Newfoundland at their December 12 Dinner Meeting.

Judge Nathan and Pinnie Green, who recently participated in the Canadian Zionist Federation Peace Mission to Israel and Egypt, report that their trip was "marvelous". The mission which took place November 18-December 4, 1979, attracted participants from across the country.

GESTATION

by Leon Sills



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Glace Bay Celebrates Chanukah

The annual Chanukah banquet was sponsored by the Congregation Sons of Israel at the Talmud Torah, Glace Bay, N.S.

The candle lighting ceremony was conducted by **Stuart** and **Andrew Sable**—the current Hebrew students in the town.

Following a delicious chicken dinner, introductory remarks regarding the significance of Chanukah and the necessity for the community to celebrate it were given by **Dr. Philip Simon**, President of the Congregation.

Special thanks for the dinner was extended to **Mr. Sam Karrell** and **Mrs. J. Chernin**, who co-hosted the banquet. Also thanks to the committee who assisted.

A note of thanks to the Judaeans who served the meals as well as a special thanks to **Gary Lipschitz** and **Mark Simon** for decorations.

Following the meal, the guest entertainer, **Fran Avni**, from Montreal and Israel, was introduced. It was also pointed out the excellent efforts of the Atlantic Jewish Council through **Ben Prossin** and **Avrum Weiss** and the Canadian Jewish Congress in attaining an entertainer for this gala event.

The audience was entertained with Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs. A good time was had by all.



Fran Avni Entertains During Chanukah

News From Yarmouth Chapter Of Hadassah

by **Ruth Pink**

They might have been few in numbers but those in attendance were most generous for the combined Chanukah-Anniversary Party which was held in the form of a Breakfast Celebration at the Grand Hotel. **Rose Shapiro** was chairman in charge of the candle lighting service and **Irene Cohen** an able auctioneer of baked and other goodies. The norm was \$10 for a bottle of pickled herring, \$10.50 for

a bottle of dill pickles. Brownies brought \$6 a batch. Perhaps a talent like this could be shared by other chapters. In all, the successful event added \$400 to the budget of Hadassah.

The few children present did their share towards the enjoyment by reciting poems or singing songs.

From the year and half old to the oldest present—it was a most enjoyable function.

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

by **Helen Nathanson**

For the second time Sisterhood held its Thrift Shop in a Mall. With **Marg Smilestein** once again organizing our 4 day sale, everyone put forth not only their castoffs but their time and effort. A tidy sum was realized.

A great deal of excitement was felt by the youth as Mifgash in Sydney drew closer. November saw 4 Judaeans, Esther Tock, Tobi Nathanson, Selig Wilansky and Frankie Smilestein trying to get out of fog-bound St. John's. With the good time they had in Sydney, they felt all efforts in their day long trip was well worth it.

Linda Mendoza arranged for the presentation of copies of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein's books, **The Dynamic Assessment of Retarded Performers**, to be presented to Memorial University by **Mrs. Doris Tock**, President of our Esther Wilansky Hadassah Chapter. The books are being presented to all accredited universities in conjunction with the International Year of the Child.



Rabbi Shur sings to St. John's audience.

The Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale was held in mid-November with **Dorothy Riteman** and **Helen Nathanson** as co-chairwomen. Our tables were indeed a beautiful sight as we waited for the hour of the sale to arrive. There

was standing room only as our customers lined up waiting for the doors to open. One of our best sales yet!

The young of age and heart gathered in Shul to watch Lisi's Bubbatron puppet plays and story telling of Jewish folklore. All those present thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were only sorry it wasn't longer. Our children surprised us with the many questions they had to ask Lisi about the performance. **Helen Jockelman** and **Genevieve Lipkus** served a cup of tea as prepared by **Rosie** and **Ella Levitz**.

St. John's had a double treat this past weekend. **Rabbi Moshe Shur** led our regular Friday night services and a portion of our Saturday morning services. The regular Shul goers enjoyed it very much, and only they knew in advance that his Saturday night recital would be the icing on the cake. **Rabbi Shur** was a sheer delight. He entertained those that gathered with Hasidic folk music and storytelling. There was toe tapping and hand clapping and group singing—which ended in everyone getting up and dancing. He would be nice to have come our way again. Tea was served by **Tova Auerbach** and **Barbara Fine**.

Congratulations to **Sylvia** and **Sam Wilansky** upon the engagement of two of their children, **Debbie** and **Sidney**. Both these young adults met their fiances in Israel. Their weddings are planned to take place in the next few months in Israel.

Congratulations also to **Edie** and **Bob Cohen** on the engagement of their daughter **Carol**.



Lisi's Bubbatron entertains.

BOOKS PRESENTED

Copies of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein's books, *The Dynamic Assessment of Retarded Performers*, was recently presented to Memorial University by Mrs. Doris Tock, president of the St. John's Esther Wilansky chapter, Hadassah Wizo Organization of Canada. The books are being presented to all accredited universities in conjunction with the International Year of the Child.

SAINT JOHN HAPPENINGS

October & November 1979

by Louise Adler

WE ARE PROUD

Ella Grosweiner is well known for her outstanding services in all activities of the Jewish Community in Saint John. She is equally appreciated for her participation in the cultural interests of the city. She has also served as an outstanding president of the Saint John Council of Women.



Everyone applauded when they learned that she now has been appointed as the first Social and Cultural Affairs Officer for the City of Saint John. We know that she will contribute substantially to the enrichment of cultural life in our city.

"What is a Poem?" was the theme of **Morris Selig's** opening presentation at the "Poetry" Session of the Book Review Club on October 28. This was defined by **Rabbi Benjamin G. Eisenberg** in the concluding statement as "Poetry comes from the Heart and Prose from the Mind."

Most of the members present read selections of their favorite poems. **Morris Selig** presented: *Composed upon Westminster Bridge*, *Daffodils*, *My Heart Leaps Up*, by William Wordsworth. **Esther Everett** read a beautiful rendition of Oliver Wendell Holmes' "Contentment." The Rabbi offered: *Sandalphon* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; *The Jewish Home* by Jessie Sampter and *The Death of Moses*, by Alice Lucas. **Louise Adler** presented: *The Day is Done*, by Longfellow; *The Poet and His Book* by Edna St. Vincent Millay; *When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted* by Rudyard Kipling; *Green grows the Rushes* by Robert Burns and *Longing for Jerusalem* from the Hebrew of Judah Halevi.

As a finale the Rabbi recited his own original "The Wonder Treasure Chest—A Chanukah Phantasy for Children." We quote a few excerpts:

Gather round, my dear children, and I'll tell you a story
Which will excite and delight you with all of its glory.

It was the fifth night of Chanukah, the house was warm,
But the wind outside was brewing a storm . . .

The street was soon covered in a glistening white jacket
And just then, Grandpa entered carrying a packet . . .

When the wrappings were off and we were able to see,
We held a treasure chest as beautiful as can be! . . .

The chest was glowing brightly with an eerie kind of light,
With little people praying, and all were dressed in white.

"What is it, dear Grandpa?" we cried all excited,
As we gazed at the chest greatly delighted.

"What you see before you", said Grandpa with pleasure,
"Is the Jerusalem Temple, our holiest treasure."
"Here is the golden altar, and here the golden Menorah,
"Here the Holy of Holies, the ark and the Torah." . . .

I opened the Chanukah candle-box, and then stepped back
with fright,
It was completely empty, but glowed with a strange blue
light . . .

I lifted the candle box and it felt heavy in my hand,
Yet, it was all empty, it was hard to understand.

I looked inside again, and the blue light glowed at me,
Then suddenly I saw a face, the face of Judah Maccabee!

His eyes were soft and very kind, and then these words he
spoke: . . .

Your children know so little, your grandchildren still less;
What meaning will it have for them when you the candles
bless?

We fought, we bled, we died for you, to preserve our holy
treasure,
Will you discard it in pursuit of vanity and pleasure?

Yes, the candle box is empty because your Jewishness is lax,
Without Jewish spirit, these candles are but wax! . . .

When the thunder voice stopped talking and the blue light
disappeared
I suddenly heard your voices and you children all
appeared . . .

Then the children started going to the nearby Hebrew
School,
And Grandpa always took them each Saturday to Shul.

As one year, two years, three years passed, the children
learned why
They lived as Jews and worked as Jews, and as Jews must
die . . .

"Call the Darkness Light" by Nancy Zaroulis was
reviewed by **Louise Adler** on November 18. This 552 page,
1979 novel based on careful research is set in industrial
Lowell, Massachusetts, in the days before the Civil War. It
is a book of awesome power that recreates a time and place
in history never before found in fiction. Reminiscent of

Tolstoy in its all-embracing portrayal of an era and of
Dickens in its depiction of social injustice. It is a voice that
challenges the traditional view of idyllic nineteenth-century
New England. The author offers searing glimpses of an
industrial society that scorned and exploited women; of a
Puritanism that blighted lives; of the Utopianism that swept
the nation in reaction to the rise of the factories; of the
immigrant Irish, cast like jetsam from an unfriendly sea
onto an equally inhospitable shore; and of the textile mills
themselves, where hordes of hope filled women spent
dangerous, sweatfilled, fourteen-hour days in hell on earth.
It is a past as we have rarely been privileged to see it.

There are two Jewish characters in the story. Both are
very sympathetically portrayed.

The reviewer concluded the program by comparing some
of the current religious cults and communal experiments in
Canada, U.S. and Israel with those in the novel. She related
company towns in Canada with Lowell and the Status of
Women in 1834-64 with current concerns on the subject. A
brief discussion followed.

The highlight of the Henrietta Szold Chapter of
Hadassah-Wizo Activities in November was the 3-day Thrift
Shop held November 13, 14, and 15. Each year the items
offered are upgraded in quality and appearance and eagerly
welcomed by the buying public.

In recent years, during the Thrift Shop Sale, the chapter
has always made a contribution to a social service endeavor
in the city. In 1979 the gift is for the "Boat People" coming
to Saint John since the overall funds are for Israel's
refugees.

Sisterhood's Break the Fast on October 1 was most
successful in the deliciousness of the food, quality and
preparation as well as community participation.

During its November 7 meeting, the members were
delighted with the report of **Rebecca Jacobson's**
participation at the Conference of the Torah Fund
Chairmen of the Women's League of United Synagogue of
America in Spring Valley. We quote as follows: "As I have
so often said I wish there were more of our members who
would go to a Women's League Convention or Conference
and realize that our work for the Torah Fund of the Jewish
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any other institution other than those in Jerusalem. It brings
to life Judaism; gives inspiration and information. It makes



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one feel so good to know you are an integral part of fostering our heritage and tradition. Chancellor **Gerson Cohen** of the Seminary praised us highly for the work we have done for the Seminary which now has 200 students educating our women equally with men. There were recently 250 young men and women for a Kablat Shabat which is run by students for students. They come not only from the Seminary but from Columbia University nearby.

"The Torah Fund maintains the Torah Fund Scholarship and will also be furnishing the Goldsmith Hall through the generosity of the Goldsmiths in whose honor the residence is named and other large donors was dedicated during Succot. **Carol Sher** was there and said it was so thrilling to see the shining eyes and the expression of gratitude by one of the students, **Clare Ginzberg**, when she thanked **Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith** for the building. Although renovations are far from complete, there are students living there already and it doesn't bother them if a student is getting a shower on the second floor and the one on the first floor gets a free shower—they are so anxious to get into the building. The residence will be for married and graduate students.

"**Solomon Schechter**, one of the Founders of the Seminary, said it was the aim of the Seminary to produce great human beings. It was not to be a Rabbinical School but must be educational for men and women.

"There were two skits which were very entertaining. In one regarding Torah Fund donations, this sentence caught my attention: 'Pick up your pen and let us write History,' and in summarizing the other skit **Ruth Perry**, our former National President, said: 'To paraphrase Winston Churchill—never has so many known so little about Judaism.'

"However, there was no lack of knowledge at our morning services which I enjoyed very much to see how competent our Sisterhood women are in conducting and participating in the Service . . .

"The theme of the conference was—'that it may continue'—and I would like to share with you the opening prayer by **Ruth Perry**:

'Almighty God, as we convene here tonight at this Biennial Torah Fund Conference, we thank you for the Wisdom which brought us to this place—may it continue. For the Health which sustained us to this day—may it continue. For the support our loved ones have given—may it continue. For the remarkable heritage, it is ours to sustain—may it continue. In the days ahead, bless us with success in our efforts on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary that it may continue. Endow us as leaders, with strength of purpose on behalf of Torah Fund Residence Halls that it may continue. Grant us the ability to transmit the messages we receive here, that it may continue. Enable us through our commitment to the Seminary to play a part in preserving the Jewish way of life, that it may continue and perpetuate our people as was promised the house of David, our ancestor in the first book of Chronicles (Chapter 17-7); 'And now it has pleased thee to Bless the House of thy Servant, that it may continue forever.'"

During the business section of the Shomer Club's meeting on October 28, we were pleased to learn that **Joseph Adler**, as delegate to the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation Convention held in Moncton, had served as

chairman for a workshop and also had presided at a general session for the election of officers. We welcomed the knowledge that the representative of the only Jewish Club present received these honors. **Louise Adler** presented to the club members ten of the 62 resolutions which were passed at the convention. She also mentioned that the **Hon. David Crombie**, Federal Minister of Health and Welfare, was the guest speaker at the banquet. He promised to seek implementation of some of the resolutions. (At this writing the resolution re pension continuation for spouses between the ages of 60-64, when one is 65 and has passed on, the other should continue to receive the pension until that person has reached 65 and automatically receives it. This has now been introduced in the House by Minister Crombie and passed.)

The Shomer Club was then delighted by the beautiful organ playing of **Ray Willis**. He is an excellent musician and was most responsive to members' requests for special numbers.

The November 11 Shomer Club meeting devoted considerable time to the commemoration of Remembrance Day. Beginning with a standing two minutes of silence, followed by several beautiful readings. The president read "1938 and Now" by L.C. Jones. **Jeanette Eisenberg** read "Why did we not join hands sooner?" composed by **Stuart E. Rosenberg** of Temple Beth El. We quote in part: "So Little Time".

"As the years bring their share of gray to our hairs, we look back, count up the balance sheet of our thoughts and deeds, and wonder where the years went. We spent so many years preparing for life, more than half a life getting ready to enjoy life—and now, so little of life lies ahead.

"Too much time was spent fighting: fighting to get ahead, to be ahead, to stay ahead. Or, fighting the wrong battles: people we never knew; those we did know, but not well enough; and those who looked as if they stood in our way. Now, looking backward, as the days and years of our lives quickly ebb, we sometimes understand that they were not in our way at all; we were looking in the wrong direction . . .

"The newspaper account of a child's misadventure did not tell the whole story—behind the facts, a deeper lesson lurked:

"A little tyke wandered out of a farmer's kitchen to play in the nearby wheat-field. When his mother discovered his absence she began to search. She could not find him. Nervously she called her husband to assist. Together they combed the heaps of wheat, but without success. Then they called on neighbours to join in the search. No luck, however.

"A call went out to the surrounding towns. Men and women came—people from all walks and stations of life. They went into the fields and beat the sheaves, in their attempt to find the lost child. Still no trace. Finally, one man suggested: 'Everybody's going off in all directions. Let's join hands, make one huge circle, spread out, and then close in. We can't miss, that way!'

"They listened to him. The smith held the minister's hands; the teacher, the bus driver's; the banker, the milkman's. Men and women of many faiths and many ranks joined hands to create a huge circle. They slowly and carefully closed in, until, with a great cry of glee, one man

reached down, scooped up the long-lost child! But when the doctor had finished examining the baby the father knew, looking at his face, that the child was already dead!

"Thus far the story is as it appeared in the news columns. What the father said as the doctor placed the lifeless form of his child into his arms was not reported, however. His words were not news—they were the sharpest one-line editorial on life that would ever be written. And they apply to all—for whose lives have not known some loss, some hurt, some fear that could have been averted?

"The father said: "Why didn't we join hands before it was too late?"

On the last Sunday in November the members of the Shomer Club greatly enjoyed the delightful "toe tapping" music of John McNulty and Company. The afternoon became a truly festive occasion with the celebration of members' birthdays and anniversaries.

The following officers, chairmen and directors were elected for the Shomer Club to serve for 1979-80:

Officers: Honorary President —Mrs. Rose Freedman
President —Mr. Joseph Adler
1st Vice President —Mr. Samuel Cohen
2nd Vice President —Mrs. Rebecca Jacobson
3rd Vice President —Mrs. Bertha Master
Secretary —Mrs. Doris Carpenter
Treasurer —Mrs. Blanche Kashetsky

Chairmen of Committees:
Telephone —Mrs. Esther Bentley
Transportation —Mr. Bernard Bloom
Entertainment —Mr. Samuel Cohen
Special Projects —Mrs. Louise Adler
Ways & Means —Mrs. Rose Freedman
Refreshments —Mrs. Deborah Bloom

Directors: Rabbi Benjamin G. Eisenberg
Mr. Malcolm Carpenter
Mr. Harry Cohn
Mr. I.J. Davis
Dr. Bernard Goldfeather
Mrs. Nellie Hoffman
Miss Aida Holtzman
Mrs. Lillian Levine
Mr. Nathan Levine
Mr. Nathan Lipshetz
Mr. Gar Meltzer
Mr. Morris Selick

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (Saint John, N.B.)

January 6 2:00 p.m., Shomer Club meeting, Social Hall.
January 13 10:30 a.m., Book Review, Jewish Community Center.
January 27 2:00 p.m., Shomer Club Musical Program, Social Hall.
February 6 8:00 p.m., Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo, Place to be announced.

February 10 2:00 p.m., Shomer Club meeting, Social Hall.

February 17 10:30 a.m., Book Review, Jewish Community Center.

February 24 2:00 p.m., Shomer Club Musical Program, Social Hall.

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Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Mazel Tov to the following who celebrated Anniversaries:

Ida and Joe Tobin	56 years
Lil and Dave Graser	55 years
Bessie and Harry Brown	51 years
Polly and Oscar Jacobson	40 years
Amelia and Harry Goldman	38 years
Gertie and Sam Budovitch	33 years
Goldie and Ben Budovitch	31 years
Mary and Max Velensky	30 years
Rosalie and Gerald Budovitch	25 years
Bella and Ezra Rose	25 years

Michael Spiro, and son Ara, have returned to Toronto after spending Succoth with his parents, Rabbi David and Edyth Spiro.

Judy Goldman has returned to Montreal, Quebec and brother Barry returned to Toronto, Ontario after visiting their parents, Amelia and Harry Goldman and grandmother, Mrs. Blanche Levine.

Sylvia Freeman has returned to her home in Ottawa, Ontario after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Freda Levine.

The October meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held at the home of Roz Brown, with the President, Harriet Lenard, presiding. Mrs. Blanche Levine, Honorary President of our Chapter, was welcomed back by our President, and was presented with a Certificate for being made an "Ima" by her children, Amelia and Harry Goldman. A presentation of a colored T.V. will be made at a later date to the Pediatrics Ward of the Dr. Everett G. Chalmers Hospital, honoring the Child of the Year. Meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Linda Payne, Leona Brown and Jennie Brown.

On October 20, following the Shabbat services, a delightful Kiddush was held, honoring Dave Graser and Saul Brown for their long and distinguished service to the Congregation. A presentation was made by Weldon Levine, President of the Synagogue to Dave Graser, who responded with humorous anecdotes of the past. As well, a presentation was made to Saul Brown by Louis Levine. Saul also responded by relating his experiences as Treasurer of the Synagogue, which position he still holds. We wish them many years of good health to carry on the good work for the Congregation.

Rabbi David and Edyth Spiro have returned from Toronto and Acapulco, where they were vacationing.

Francene Steinberg and daughter Ma'Ayan, Ottawa, Ontario, have returned to their home after visiting her parents, Sam and Gertie Budovitch.

The Annual Bowling League of the B'nai B'rith is in full swing with Bob Brown in charge. All families of the members were invited to participate.

Mark Jacobson has returned to Ottawa, Ontario after visiting his parents, Oscar and Polly Jacobson.

Speedy recoveries to the following: Polly Jacobson, Mrs. P.M. Levine, Lil Graser, Carolyn Budovitch, Joe Tobin, Saul Brown, Ben Budovitch, Morton Cohen, Ida Tobin, Jeff Graser, Bessie [Sam] Rose, and George Chippin.

Revie Wolman has returned to her home in London, Ontario after visiting her parents, Ben and Goldie Budovitch.

Joe Sherman, son of Dave and Bea Sherman, has been appointed writer-editor of the Artsatlantic Investigative Arts Journal. The appointment was announced by Dr. Moncrieff Williamson of the Confederation Art Gallery and Museum in Charlottetown, P.E.I. He graduated with his Masters Degree in English from the University of New Brunswick prior to taking up residence in Edmundston, New Brunswick. He has worked as a writer, interviewer, university lecturer, and publicist during his stay in Edmundston. He has also taught English at the Centre Universitaire Saint-Louis Maillet since 1970, and has also been a sessional lecturer for the continuing education division at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Joe has received the Bliss Carman Memorial Scholarship for Creative Writing, an Ontario Arts Council Grant and a Canada Council Short-Term-Writing Grant.

He is married, and has taken up residence in Cornwall, Prince Edward Island with his wife and two children.

Hy and Gladys Rozovsky have taken up residence in Saint John. We wish them many years of good health in their new home.

Rosalie Mintz and daughter have returned to Montreal after visiting with her parents, Betty and Jack Levine and grandparents, Joe and Ida Tobin.

The Community was saddened by the sudden passing of Herbie Webber. He leaves to mourn a daughter, Heather, Boston, Mass.; sons Louis and Ellis, Toronto, Ontario; sister Ada Gauvin, Saint John, N.B.; and several nieces and nephews. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

A general meeting of the members of the Sgoelai Israel



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Synagogue was held on October 28, with the President, **Weldon Levine**, presiding. Minutes of the last Executive and General meeting were read and approved. A letter of appreciation was received from **Mr. Edward Fitch** of British Columbia with a donation for the synagogue. Mr. Fitch attended the Yom Kippur services and enjoyed the hospitality of the members, with a special thanks to **Harry Goldman** for his personal friendship and hospitality.

Irving and **Sylvia Meyers** have returned from Calgary where they visited their children, **Alan**, **Stephanie** and son-in-law **Michael**, and were guests at a reception hosted by **Ben** and **Esther Dorchik** in honor of **Stephanie** and **Michael**.

Esther and **Saul Marcus** have returned to their home in Kingston, Ontario after visiting with their aunt, **Mrs. Freda Levine**.

Valerie Chippin has returned from Calgary where she visited her daughter, **Natalie**, student at the University of Alberta, and also brother **Dr.** and **Mrs. Ken Frank** and family.

Condolences to **Cheryl Abrams** upon the loss of her grandmother, **Mrs. Hyman Karasik**, Montreal, Quebec.

Sam Shepherd has returned home after an extended visit with his sister **Jean** and brother-in-law **Irving Zisser**, Brooklyn, New York. He was accompanied by his nephew, **Martin Zisser**, for a visit with his aunt and uncle, **Rose** and **Sam Satter**.

Condolences to **Faye Medjuck** upon the loss of her niece **Edna Schwartz**, New Waterford, N.S. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

Condolences to **Evelyn Budovitch** upon the loss of her father, **Lewis Isbitsky**, Montreal, Quebec. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

Arnold Chippin, who is stationed with the Army in Israel, is home on furlough visiting his parents **Joe** and **Jennie Chippin**.

Sheila Chippin has returned from Calgary after visiting her sons **David** and **Arthur**.

A combined meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter Hadassah-Wizo and Sisterhood was held November 14 at the home of **Lois Levine** with the President of Hadassah, **Harriet Lenard**, presiding. Reports of the Hadassah Bazaar which was held October 24 was given by **Jennie Chippin**, which was successful financially. **Harriet** thanked all the workers for their efforts in making the Bazaar a success. **Harriet** adjourned the meeting and **Edye Besner**, President, presided for the Sisterhood. Hostesses for the meeting were **Cheryl Abrams**, **Judy Budovitch** and **Sarah Lang**.

B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 2155 held their opening meeting October 21 with **Steven Rauch** presiding, primarily to line up a schedule for the winter months which will be of interest to members and their families.

On November 17 we were privileged to have **Carmen Kilburn**, the New Brunswick Police Commissioner, outline to us the work of the Police, and also to have **Edward Christie** of the Investigation Department of Police to outline the different methods of shoplifting that is occurring. Slides were shown which proved interesting as well as entertaining. Rabbi Spiro introduced the guest speakers, and a vote of thanks on behalf of the B'nai B'rith was extended by **Ivan Levine** who informed them that a tree was planted in Israel in their names in appreciation. On December 9 guest speaker will be **Dr. Noel Kinsella**, who is Chairman of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. His topics will

be on the book "Web of Deceit", telephone hate messages, and human rights legislation. Dr. Kinsella attended a Conference in Israel upon invitation from the Israeli Government. On Human Rights Day, January 13, 1980, guest speaker will be **Professor Stephen Turner**. His topic will be on Albert Einstein to commemorate his 100th birthday. Second part of the topic will take place at a later date.

January 27, 1980 is the Annual B'nai B'rith Sports Award Brunch, which will be prepared by the Executive of the Lodge. Families of the members are invited.

On April 27, 1980 guest speaker for the evening will be **Frank Dimant**, Executive Vice-President of District No. 22, B'nai B'rith. The date for the installation of the new Executive is tentative.

The Annual Chanukah party will be held December 16. Cheder and Pre-Cheder children will participate in the programme which **Doris Rauch** and **Marlene Unger** have volunteered to look after. Refreshments will be served and gifts will be distributed to all the children.

On November 22 we were privileged to have an evening of Puppet Plays and story telling of Jewish Folklore take place in the vestry of the Synagogue. The evening proved very entertaining and was enjoyed by the adults as well as the children.

This year, as we have done in the past, members of our Jewish Community worked at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and the Veterans Hospital to allow our Gentile friends time off to spend Christmas Day with their families. All departments were well staffed. Husbands and wives teamed up in the emergency station, as well as covering the wards, admittance, information and gift shop.

As an added goodwill gesture, everything that was passed around the hospital on carts was given to the patients, compliments of the Congregation of Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. The entire day's proceedings were ably directed by **Harry Lang**, assisted by **Rabbi David Spiro**.

Hadassah News

The December meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah Wizo was held at the home of **Gwen Velensky**, with the President, **Harriet Lenard**, presiding. This was Day Care Centre Night and **Sharon Pinsler**, who is Chairlady of the Day Care Centre, launched an informative talk on both the need for these centres and the programmes carried out in them. A successful campaign was held. A delightful dessert party followed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, **Jennie Chippin**, **Sheila Chippin**, **Joan Levine** and **Edye Besner**.

Following the refreshment period, a short business meeting was held. **Marilyn Kaufman** will be representing our Chapter at the Hadassah Convention in Vancouver. Our President has been inscribed as a Life Member which brings our total of Life Members to fifty-five.

Fredericton's Hadassah Bazaar

Fredericton's 11th annual Hadassah Bazaar was held at a local church hall on October 24, 1979. A large crowd, gathering at the door well before opening, foretold the day's success—but success was by no means taken for granted in advance, even by our admittedly-experienced membership, for by earlier this year it had become uncomfortably obvious that planning would have to come to grips with the fact that

the majority of our active members were busily employed in the labour force.

This meant that large blocks of preparation could no longer be handled by a relatively smaller group with greater time at their disposal. Rather, it became necessary in planning to involve more women in a larger number of time-limited duties. In practical terms, this meant, for example, that "Tickets" (formerly very much a one-woman job) became: composing the ticket face, arranging for printing, picking tickets up from the printer, ticket distribution to members for pre-selling, record keeping, and ticket sales at the door. By applying this type of organization to some of the larger bazaar tasks, we were able to carry on our work efficiently.

In addition, Fredericton's B'nai B'rith was able to lend a vital helping hand—in ticket sales prior to the bazaar and to various areas on bazaar day itself—again in ticket sales at the door, in trucking, in directing customers during a crowded day, and in clean-up. The happy result of Bazaar '79, apart from its prime purpose of fulfilling a pledge to Israel, was a broader sharing of involvement by the women and men associates of our chapter.

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Fredericton's annual United Israel Appeal took the form of a buffet dinner and was held on October 17, 1979. The event was chaired by **Judy Budovitch** and **Peter Pinsler**, and **Col. Jacob Monbaz** was the visiting guest speaker. The evening was very well attended and the workers were satisfied that the community responded to an extremely enjoyable event with a substantial increase in contributions.

Mr. Martin Payne was honored by United Israel Appeal Canada Inc. with the presentation of a beautiful plaque marking his outstanding contribution to the organization.

The evening came to its final conclusion at the home of **Sharon** and **Peter Pinsler** where the community was invited to meet and talk with **Col. Monbaz** personally.

Tu Bishvat

On Tu Bishvat people in Israel plant trees. We eat fruit from trees that grow in Israel. In Fredericton we get a bag of fruits in Cheder.

by **Sharon Rauch**,
Age 8, Fredericton, N.B.



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Sisterhood

The Annual Chanukah Party, sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue, was held in the Vestry on December 16. The entertainment was provided by the Cheder and Pre-Cheder children, much to the delight of the parents and grandparents. Costumes were designed by **Doris Rauch** and **Marlene Unger**, who were in charge of the

programme. Following the entertainment, delicious refreshments were served by members of the Sisterhood, **Roz Brown, Joan Levine, Leona Brown, Cheryl Abrams** and **Judy Budovitch**, who spent many hours in the preparation for the affair. The children were presented with Chanukah gelt, books and dreidels.

MONCTON HADASSAH-WIZO

by **Lorna Gorber**

The following are the members of the 1979-80 executive of the Lillian Freeman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo of Moncton.

Past President	Mrs. Judith Jacobson
Acting Presidents	Mrs. Judith Jacobson, Mrs. Lois Maklin
1st Vice President	Mrs. Margie Attis
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Marlene Fishel
Treasurer	Mrs. Gail Zuckerman
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Lorna Gorber
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Trees	Mrs. Adelle Rubin
Life Membership	Mrs. Sarah Rubin
Covet Pins	Mrs. Gayle Rinzler
Newsletter	Mrs. Lois Maklin
Regional	Mrs. Lois Maklin

This year has started off very busy for the Moncton Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo.

At the opening meeting **Mrs. Judith Jacobson** gave a slide presentation on the beautiful city of Jerusalem. She also spoke about the move of the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

Yom Hadim was convened by **Mrs. Anne Selick** and **Mrs. Mary Feinstein** and, as always, these ladies did an excellent job.

Bazaar was held November 1. We opened the doors to a very large crowd, this was a very successful and exciting start of our year.

Convenors for bazaar were: **Marlene Fishel** and **Judith Jacobson**. **Pearl Lampert** did an excellent job on publicity.

Posters and flyers were delivered to every part of the city, with the local radio station broadcasting on location the day of the bazaar. Convenors for the various booths were: Baked Goods—**Dorothy Mark, Minnie Attis**; Groceries—**Mary Feinstein**; Handbags—**Luba Lampert**; Treasure Chest—**Florence Lampert, Pearl Lampert**; Clothes—**Furma Rubin, Sara Rubin, Marlene Fishel, Judith Jacobson**; Baby Booth—**Lorna Gorber**; Restaurant—**Margie Attis**; Ticket Sales—**Sharon Rubin, Lois Maklin**; Treasurers—**Gail Zuckerman, Audrey Lampert**.

Three new features this year were the restaurant having cabbage rolls, blintzes, knishes to the delight of the customers; a fashion boutique of new and nearly new merchandise; an auction of new merchandise donated by the merchants of Moncton. Auctioneer for the evening was **Mr. Gordon Fishel**.

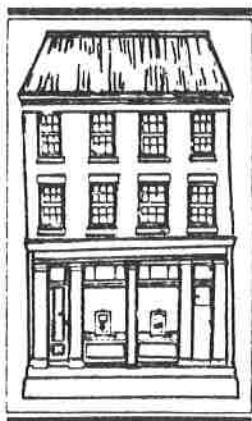
We were happy to have **Rabbi** and **Mrs. Lefkowitz** join us, attending their first community function.

Four of our members, **Louise Cohen, Lois Maklin, Margie Attis** and **Judith Jacobson**, attended the National Convention in Vancouver.

Sharon Rubin will convene the Hadassim program on January 6. The speaker for the evening will be **Rabbi Lefkowitz**.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL LAYS WREATH

On Remembrance Day, November 11, 1979, a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph at the Grand Parade Square in Halifax on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council by **Mr. Harry Block**.



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Entertainment In The Maritimes

DIASPORA YESHIVA BAND

The appearance of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band both in Moncton and Halifax, in November, brought delight and enjoyment. Curiosity as to what Jewish/Israeli "Rock" really meant was fully satisfied when music with a Hebrew flair was played in the manner of "Blue Grass", "Country & Western" and to the best of "Rock".

One of Israel's top religious rock groups, the "Band", combines a unique blend of Torah interpretation and music. The members of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band are students at the Diaspora Yeshiva, Jerusalem and spend 5 weeks a year touring North America. Their original compositions are inspired by their Rebbe and love for learning.

Teenagers in the audience who are the "experts" agreed that the group were great musicians and soundly applauded every number. The clapping of hands and the stomping of feet attested to the enjoyment of the audience.



Diaspora Yeshiva Band in Concert, Halifax, N.S.

RABBI MOSHE SHUR

Rabbi Moshe Shur entertained audiences in Halifax, Saint John, Fredericton and St. John's, Newfoundland, touring these centres between November 30 and December 3, 1979.

Accompanying himself on guitar, his intimate style and story telling proved to be highly entertaining.

These programs, which were co-sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Canadian Zionist Federation, are part of the cultural and entertainment programs provided by the Atlantic Jewish Council.



A "Kumsitz" with Rabbi Shur.

LISI'S BUBBATRON

Lisi's Bubbatron, a 2 woman puppet show, appeared in Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, and St. John's, Nfld., during the latter part of November. The shows were co-sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Jewish Congress. Portraying Jewish folklore, children and adults were delighted by the performances.



A fascinated audience watches Lisi's Bubbatron in Halifax, N.S.

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A Pictorial Passage In Time—the 70's





A collage of 15 black and white photographs showing various activities of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston. The photos depict social gatherings, meetings, and group portraits. Notable elements include a man shaking hands with a seated man, two children standing together, a man holding a certificate, a group of people at a table, a large group of people in a hall, a man in a doorway, a group of people at a table, a man in a suit, a group of people at a table, a man in a suit, a group of people at a table, and a man in a suit.

A Pictorial Passage In Time—the 70's



From The Rubins In Israel

Myrna and Zack Rubin
Ben Yehuda Absorption Centre
Dora, Netanya,
Israel

Dear Ben:

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Atlantic Jewish Council and yourself for all your good wishes upon our departure for Israel. Myrna, Shira, Aviva, Carmi and myself will always treasure the beautiful plaque and will remember fondly our friends and acquaintances and the good times we had in Halifax.



This note should also serve as an invitation to all members of the Atlantic Jewish Council to come and see us in Israel at any time, and I hope to see all Maritimers in Israel in the near future. The hardest part in making such a move as this is the knowledge that visits with old friends will be few and far between.

In the near future, I hope to complete a cassette tape with full details about our first few months in Israel, on the Absorption Centre.

We look forward to hearing about the Maritimes and Maritimers.

Best Regards
Zack, Myrna, Shira,
Aviva and Carmi

MY MOTHER'S DEFINITION OF A RICH PERSON

Submitted
by Ida Marcus

My mother always said to me
"I am as rich as I want to be
If I live in a house that does not leak
And always have enough food to eat.

If I can have a shelter to weather a storm
And have enough clothing to keep me warm
And if I can always keep my health
Enough to be able to wait on myself.

To wash and iron and cook and sew
And have strength to walk where I want to go
Then I will be rich—but not with wealth
But a person is rich if he has his health.

Rich people may live in houses so fine
But can only live in one at a time
The rich can sleep in only one bed
And their stomach can hold only so much bread.

They cannot buy youth with their silver and gold
For the years will pass by and they too will grow old
Rich people cannot buy joy when they loose their zeal
Nor can they buy health when they feel ill.

There's so many things that money can't buy
Such as life—when it is time to die;
So if I am healthy and happy, you see,
I am as rich as I want to be".

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The "Oldtimers" - - -

Unsung Heroes of Halifax UJA



**SAM
GOLDFARB**



**JACK
NEWMAN**



**MORRIS
KOHLER**

In every fund raising campaign, leadership of the drive is important. But the ultimate success or failure of the campaign depends on the foot soldiers, the ordinary canvasser, the man who has no title but who is prepared to do a good day's work.

Three such "unsung" heroes in the Halifax United Jewish Appeal are Jack Newman, Sam Goldfarb and Morris Kohler.

Two weeks ago, even before the UJA

campaign got underway, Jack Newman walked into the office of Uriel Rosenzweig, UJA campaign director and said, "It's a beautiful day. I can either go fishing or canvass for UJA."

"Why don't you compromise and go fishing for UJA," said Mr. Rosenzweig and he gave Mr. Newman his cards. A week later, when all the canvassers were just getting their cards, Jack Newman walked into campaign headquarters with his already canvassed and with some nice increases—then he took some more.

Sam Goldfarb is "Mr. Campaign" in Halifax when it comes to canvassing for Jewish causes and he's one of the few people who seems to enjoy it. This year he took 22 cards to canvass for UJA and has already finished them all. Sam is a good man to have on the team—but don't you dare take one of his cards away because he'll track it down like a bloodhound.

Morris Kohler goes about about his business in a quiet and efficient manner. Without a fuss or fanfare he canvasses his cards, brings in the increases and you can see that his work in the campaign gives him a feeling of satisfaction.

With men such as these working for the UJA how can it help but succeed.

Commence Hebrew Lessons by Mail



**DR. WILFRED
YAPHE**

Dr. Wilfred Yaphe, Regional Information and Education Chairman for the Zionist Organization of Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced that a series of Hebrew lessons by mail will commence this week.

The first lesson is enclosed with this issue of SHALOM.

In announcing the start of the lessons by mail in the Atlantic Region, which was approved by the Regional Council of the ZOC at its recent meeting, Dr. Yaphe stated that the diffusion of the Hebrew language is an integral part of the Zionist program.

Although lacking the direct teacher-student relationship it is felt that this series of lessons will prove interesting and useful to Jews in the Atlantic Provinces who want to learn the Hebrew language.

"We have used as a starting point," stated Dr. Yaphe, "only the presumption that our 'students' are able to read Hebrew, but know little or nothing of its use conversationally. We realize too that to some people these lessons may appear elementary and for others they may appear more difficult. In the former case, we are sure that the review will be of benefit to them. For the latter, they can succeed, providing they employ the time to study these lessons."

Uriel Rosenzweig, Executive Director of the ZOC and Congress for the Atlantic region has announced that while these lessons will be mailed out, one lesson at a time, with each issue of SHALOM, an additional six lessons in the series are immediately available to people in the Region who may obtain them by writing to Mr. Rosenzweig at 6239 Quinpool Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

And the New Generation - - -

Young Leaders Assume Responsibility

Three young men in the Halifax community have assumed important jobs in the 1964 UJA.

Frank Cordon, will serve as campaign treasurer and Dr. Charles Oler and Jack Rafuse are active as canvass co-chairmen of the campaign.

Uriel Rosenzweig, UJA director stated that he was very pleased to see new young men assuming responsibilities of leadership in



**FRANK
CORDON**



**DR. CHARLES
OLER**



**JACK
RAFUSE**

the Jewish community not only in Halifax but throughout the entire Atlantic Region.



Shown above are some of the men who attended the Special Names function at the home of Frank Zebberman, Honorary Campaign Chairman. Left to right are Maurice Solomon, Dr. Charles Oler, Joseph Glube, Frank Zebberman, Jack Newman and Richard Glube.

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Louis Swersky Heads St. John's Campaign



LOUIS SWERSKY

Louis Swersky has been named chairman of the St. John's Newfoundland United Jewish Appeal for 1964 it was announced today.

Mr. Swersky, long active in Jewish communal affairs is now organizing for the drive which is scheduled to be held in June.

The chairman has advised "SHALOM" that the Israeli Ambassador to Canada will be guest speaker at the UJA dinner which will take place June 3. Leonard Levitz, a past chairman of the St. John's United Jewish Appeal will be the dinner chairman.

Young Judaea News

The months of April and May are not only the months of celebrations and spring but they are also the months of the closing banquets of the Young Judaeans.

On the 12th of April, the Halifax Young Judaeans highlighted their activities with a closing banquet held in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, sponsored by the Halifax Hadassah and served by the Adult Committee consisting of Mrs. Wolman, Mrs. Schneiderman, Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Sinclair, who performed a wonderful job. We wish also to extend appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Max Forman for her kind cooperation.

The activities at the Closing Banquet began with speeches and a word from Mr. John Devor, 2nd National Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, followed by a play The Silver Plate, reading of the Proclamation of the State and a singsong.

The Yarmouth community decided to enlarge the Young Judaeans Adult committee to take part in the activities of the Young Judaeans. Mr. Meyer Abraham was appointed the new Chairman with Hilda Jiles as the Co-Chairman, and Irving Pink, Lester Pink, Sheldon Cohen, Irene Cohen, Hubert Lynch, Abe Star and Thelma Star on the committee.

On May 10th, a Young Judaea Leadership Conference for the region will be held in Halifax. On the agenda are: reports, leadership, training and development, programming and an examination of youth in other countries.

Halifax Hadassah Donor Luncheon Set for June 10th

The Annual Donor Luncheon of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council and Chapters will be held on June 10th at the Beth Israel Synagogue. The catering in the capable hands of the Orah Chapter should prove a gourmet's delight. Program is as yet not final—but we are promised a most interesting and entertaining personality for this event.

Dr. Jos. Tanzman to be Honoured at Negev Dinner

Dr. Joseph Tanzman, OBE, of Saint John, N. B., will be honoured at a Negev Dinner on May 10, it was announced today by Mordchai Gruberg, Regional JNF director.

Affectionately known as "Dr. Joe" to his many friends, Dr. Tanzman is president of the Saint John Zionist Council. Abe Calp, an Honorary Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of Canada and a prominent member of the



ABE CALP



DR. JOSEPH TANZMAN

Saint John community will be chairman of the Dinner.

Dr. Tanzman has long been active in Jewish affairs in Saint John. He has served as president of the YMHA and B'nai B'rith and is a past chairman of the UJA and Israel Bond Drives.

Regional Hadassah Seminar on Youth Held in Halifax

Twenty-three Hadassah representatives from Halifax, Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Yarmouth and Moncton attended a two day regional seminar on "Youth in Today's World" at the Lord Nelson Hotel, March 15 and 16th.

With Mrs. Aubrey Shane of Halifax and Mrs. Irving Pink of Yarmouth as co-chairmen of the seminar, the delegates heard outstanding speakers discuss the problems and aspirations of Youth in various areas of the world including, Israel, France, India, Africa and Canada.

With the emphasis on Jewish Youth, the key speaker was Julius Hayman, Editor and Publisher of the Toronto Jewish Standard. President of the Central Region of the ZOC and past-chairman of the ZOC Young Judaea Committee, who gave two eloquent addresses on Jewish Youth in Canada and Youth in Israel.

The seminar delegates were greatly stirred by the quiet eloquence of Mrs. P. Oliver, as she described the situation of Negro youth in the Maritimes. Mrs. Oliver has been working for the advancement of the Negro in Nova Scotia for 25 years.

Other session speakers at the seminar were, E. Duval, lecturer in French at Dalhousie, Dr. D. P. Varma of India, with the Dept. of English at Dalhousie and E. Boyd, Lecturer in French at Dalhousie.

Uriel Rosenzweig, Executive Director for the Atlantic Provinces of the Zionist Organiza-

tion of Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress, gave the seminar summation.

In addition to the co-chairmen of the seminar, the organizing committee consisted of, Mrs. Ray Epstein, Dr. Anne Hammerling, Mrs. Noa Heinisch and Mrs. Peter Herschorn.

Attending the seminar were, Mrs. Ben Attis, Moncton, Hadassah Regional Chairman of New Brunswick, Mrs. L. Fridhandler, Mrs. Irving Pink, Yarmouth, National Vice-President Hadassah, Mrs. A. Schwartz, New Waterford, Mrs. L. Chernin, Mrs. S. Schachter, Glace Bay, Mrs. N. Nathanson, Mrs. A. Goldstein, Sydney, and from Halifax, Mrs. Noa Heinisch, Regional Chairman of Hadassah for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Mrs. R. Epstein, Mrs. M. Forman, Mrs. E. Goldberg, Mrs. M. Goldberg, Mrs. M. Halzel, Dr. A. Hammerling, President Halifax Hadassah Council, Mrs. P. Herschorn, Mrs. R. Medjuck, Mrs. J. Ratuse, Mrs. D. Sherman, Mrs. A. Shane, Mrs. B. Sheffman, and Mrs. J. Solomon.

Support Urged For Hadassah Thrift Shop

The Hadassah Thrift Shop has tremendous potential and with really very minor effort has proved itself. Now spring is here and Spring Cleaning Time. All members are asked to please make a special effort to gather up clothing—men's, women's, children's especially—also household articles and either bring the parcels to the Thrift Shop or telephone Mrs. Sam Stoller—General Convener—at 423-3268. JUST A LITTLE EFFORT PRODUCES SO MUCH FROM THIS SOURCE. Please give and give of your time if at all possible.

Halifax Hadassah Holds Youth Aliyah Drive

Youth Aliyah has always been close to the hearts of the women of Halifax Hadassah. This year's general theme was an all-out effort to obtain as many \$100 donations as possible—one \$600 joint donation from six members making them an Imah in Israel. In three of the four chapters, this was successful—in all there were sixteen donations of this amount. The general Campaign was highly successful. Mrs. Charles Arron, Second vice-president of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council was over-all Youth Aliyah Chairman. In her absence for several weeks, Mrs. Max Forman did an heroic job. The four Chapter Youth Aliyah Chairmen were: Orah Chapter—Mrs. Leo Goldfarb, Tikvah Chapter—Mrs. Arthur Shane, Golda Mier Chapter—Mrs. Joseph Zatzman and Avivah Chapter—Mrs. Philip Arnold. The President of Council, Dr.

Anne Hammerling was ever present in her capacity and interest.

Mrs. Morris Goldberg gave a luncheon at her home at which pledges were made and honoured. Similarly, Mrs. Norman Capell gave her home for a coffee party and Mrs. Herman Newman her home for a dessert luncheon. To wind up these activities an evening was held at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue with Alan Mills, well-known folk singer as guest artist.

It is the hope of all Hadassah women that the theme of being Imahs in Israel will grow and we will really be in contact with our children there, follow them and know what our interest and dedication can do for them. Please note: Canadian Hadassah is the sole Agency for Youth Aliyah in Canada!

The International Year Of The Child

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following article is written by Adam Steinberg, grandson of Mrs. J.J. Freedman, Saint John, N.B. He is the son of Dr. Barry and Edythe Steinberg. Adam won a prize for this essay. We welcome articles such as this from children and would be happy to publish articles of general interest to our readership.



by Adam Steinberg,

Age 11

Somerset, Mass. U.S.A.

What I think International Year of the Child means is that some people take their children for granted. When there are so many less fortunate people in the world that don't have shelter, like we have, and some people don't have clothes like we have; but the biggest thing that some people

don't have that we have is LOVE. There are some people in the world who don't even have parents.

What I'm a little mad about is that some people don't care, some just really care about themselves. Some kids didn't even know their real parents. It's really a terrible sight to see.

What I really would like to do, if I had all the money in the world, would be to go around to all the kids and families that are poor and give them money so they could buy clothes, medical care and food, etc. What I'm really trying to say is that you don't know how many people in the world that are really just trying to stay alive.

So please, the next time you can't have something when you really want it, don't get mad; think of all the people who don't have things like we have.

Thank you very much for hearing my thoughts!

. . . To Repeat What Has Been Said So Many Times Before

Editor's Note:

The following is a translation of the article from a recent edition of *Ma'ariv*, Israel's largest circulation afternoon newspaper. It was written by Jacobo Timmerman, the newspaper editor who came to Israel from Argentina after being kept under house arrest by authorities there for two years. It is an articulate statement of the meaning of Zionism, Aliyah and the significance of the existence of the State of Israel.

by Jacobo Timmerman

We, the Jewish people, are always being asked to explain ourselves, to Jews and non-Jews alike, no matter where we may be, no matter what languages we may speak. It is interesting that we are always called upon to explain the same subjects—those which have already been explained for hundreds of years. Every new generation of Jew and non-Jew demands a new explanation from us. Nevertheless, the explanation given is always the same.

Two statements quoted from a declaration I made upon arriving in Israel on September 27 had aroused dispute within the Argentinian Jewish community, as well as within certain non-Jewish circles. In addition, these statements were eagerly devoured by the Anti-Semitic press of Buenos Aires.

I declared that "Only Jews can rescue Jews. All others can only assist in this task." I also avowed that "at last I have found my home, my homeland. It is a pity that those charitable organizations which had brought my father from the Ukraine to Argentina did not bring him instead to the Land of Israel."

Several of my friends in Buenos Aires told me that the Jewish organizations were least helpful throughout the period of my imprisonment, with the exception of the two rabbis who were constantly at my side and who came to the aid of my family.

It was not the Jewish press of Buenos Aires, but an English-language daily, *The Buenos Aires Herald*, which had taken up my cause.

Buenos Aires Jewish community officials left the job of representing my case to the lawyer hired by my family. If my case was recalled on occasion in the press, it was only in order that something be left for the archives, in case someone would request an accounting in the future.

This is not the main issue, however. I was not asking anyone to rescue me personally, to be concerned for my physical well-being. Had I been worried about my own security and that of my family, I would have left Argentina in 1971, at the time I began editing the newspaper *La Opinion*. It was at that time that I became a target for threats and abuses from the radical left and right alike. As the *Washington Post* declared in 1977, it was no secret to me that I was going to be arrested. However, I believed that the role of my newspaper in the struggle for democratic pluralism and human rights demanded that I remain.

I am obviously grateful to all those who helped me remain alive, all those who fought for my freedom. However, in the final analysis, true rescue means that one may assume his own identity, without even the slightest possibility that this identity will be subsequently challenged, torn apart and rejected. In this apparently unnatural context, only Jews can rescue Jews. It is only the Jews who can establish the Jewish State—Israel—and only Jews can maintain its life, enrich its existence and ensure its future.

Is this so difficult to understand? How many times have we explained it? Must we do so once again?

James Neilson, a reporter for *The London Observer*, wrote a number of articles about my exile from Argentina. Among other things, he claimed that even if the State of Israel did not exist to provide me with refuge (!!!), there would still be a dozen Western countries which would have

been proud to do so. He considers Solzhenitsyn's treatment by the Soviets to be a striking parallel to my own case.

On rare occasions, I have met with courageous reporters such as Mr. Neilson, whose scores of articles on my situation and that of thousands of other prisoners have appeared in the Argentinian, English and Israeli press. He is a democrat, a Christian, born in England—a man who spent one year on a kibbutz in Israel. Nevertheless, he persists in believing that Israel has granted me 'refuge.' This is precisely what Israel has not done.

When rumors of my impending release began to surface, representatives of various Western countries approached my family, offering them residence, citizenship, means of subsistence and employment. The only country which did not do so was Israel. I did not ask for permission to come to Israel—I simply came. In other words, I took what was rightfully mine: Israel citizenship, mine because I was born a Jew. No one must 'give it to me', nor do I need to request it from anyone. Hence, Israel has not 'granted' me anything. I have not asked for anything. This is indeed the greatness of all which has transpired.

Is there a way to explain all this? All those who assisted me, who offered me their countries so generously, who asked me to accept the refuge they were offering me—all such people must understand that I have not spurned their identification with me. I am indeed grateful for their offers of assistance. They must realize that I do not doubt that the Jewish communities of all these countries may develop and live their lives in freedom, without fear of persecution. At the same time, however, they must also realize that I bear within me—within my soul, veins, cells and sinews, within my very atoms—the scars of many generations of persecution. I do not seek *refuge*, no matter how generously offered, no matter how secure it may seem.

Those countries which offered me citizenship are most likely more secure and more comfortable than Israel today. But who other than Israel could have given me a feeling of ownership? Here, I am the landlord. It is I who can offer refuge and assistance to the persecuted of other lands: to the Kurds, Vietnamese, Lebanese and Cambodians. It is difficult to explain this feeling, difficult to transmit this experience, especially within a few brief sentences uttered hastily at an airport press conference after thirty long months of imprisonment. Perhaps I should have devoted more time to explanation. But how many years must we go on explaining?

I could have strolled the streets of any Western city, as a free citizen, without fearing for my security as a human being or as a Jew. But when I stroll the streets of Tel Aviv, I am doing so as the boss—as the owner of every cubic centimeter of stone, of the leaf of every tree. Here lies the difference between assistance and rescue. It is the Jews who have built Israel and it is they who can rescue me in terms of all the complex, contradictory and conflagrant components of my Jewish identity. Outside of Israel, one may only assist me not to feel persecuted; one may assist me to live in security.

Although this outlook may appear rather aristocratic in nature, I trust that those countries which have offered me refuge and those democratic organizations which aided me will not find it insulting. In the final analysis, this

'aristocracy' is a total and final freedom, which must be accepted without reservation.

We may consider this subject from another angle—the political fiction (by analogy with science fiction) approach. We find many examples of this genre in current literature: a number of years ago, a book was published about the 'first black President of the United States'; another book described a Pope appointed by the Kremlin, etc. Political fiction may lead us to speculate on the following: What if Hitler had succeeded in overrunning England? What if a Nazi were elected to the White House, etc. From here, we may proceed to the probable results such events would have upon the Jews. Even political fiction, however, could never lead anyone to imagine a situation wherein a Jew would be persecuted—as a Jew—in Israel.

I do not believe that I will ever find the appropriate words to express what the above-mentioned feelings mean to the Jew. Nevertheless, these are indeed my feelings and the world's democrats must take this into account. By doing so, perhaps they will understand Israel's apparent 'intransigence' in so many problems which relate to her security as a state. This intransigence (or steadfastness, if you will) embarrasses democratic countries—such as France and Germany, for example—which had solved their own border problems only after hundreds of years of constant war. Hence, I repeat my claim that only Jews can rescue Jews. It is essentially a simple, boring and wholly unoriginal statement. When you examine it in the perspective of my attempted explanation, it is easy to understand.

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If certain Diaspora Jews are disturbed by my statements, it is only because they feel they must exert greater dialectic efforts to prove that the Diaspora can continue to exist. If there are non-Jews who fail to comprehend my declaration, it is because Jewish and Zionist organizations do not assume the task of maintaining the basic tenets of Jewish identity without attempting to hide them somewhat. In countries in which Jews maintain a clear perspective and strong faith with regard to their identity, such as the United States, for example, my statements did not arouse such disquiet, despite the inevitable oversimplification which they underwent at the hands of the various news agencies.

All this leads to my contention that at long last I have a home of my own, a homeland. This claim frightened the Jewish establishment in Argentina. One might conclude from it that it is impossible to find a homeland in the Diaspora. My statement had a historical meaning which was above and beyond my own personal experiences. Letters from Argentinian political leaders reached me at the *Maariv* offices, informing me that I needn't worry about the revocation of my Argentinian citizenship, as it is merely a technical detail stemming from a particular political configuration. This may indeed be the case; I do not doubt that future political developments in Argentina will indeed enable me to regain my Argentinian citizenship, should I so desire. But I will not ask for it—not at any time! Nevertheless, this refusal ought not be interpreted as a rejection of the Argentinian people, nor as a deprecation of the fifty years which I spent in Argentina. My act is affirmative, not negative—the affirmation of the validity of Jewish history, the declaration that the Jewish historical collective memory cannot be merely cast aside and thrown out. It is the affirmation of a process of national

liberation—Zionism—which is above and beyond my personal experiences.

What happens to me personally is of no great importance. What is significant is the fact that no matter what happens to any Jew, anywhere in the world, whether justified or not, he has a homeland in Israel. He can come to Israel without anyone inquiring about his background, without anyone demanding explanations. Here, a Jew is as much a 'landlord' as those who have been here for generations.

Even the most highly developed refugee-absorbing countries still impose certain conditions and request data about origin, education, health, etc. Only Israel does not pose these questions upon granting a homeland to a Jew.

Zionism is not a movement of persecuted people, but of free men. In democratic countries, countries in which Jews are not forced to flee, Zionism develops with its greatest strength and achieves its best results. This is because Israel offers far more than refuge. It grants a unique opportunity for improvement: the development of one's identity to its fullest and deepest extent.

This is the true meaning of my declaration. Our historical memory, the memory of our many past holocausts and our realization that one may not risk the reoccurrence of such holocausts in the future—no matter how remote the chances may seem—all this is an integral part of Zionism, albeit not a decisive portion. The principal part of Zionism is the quest for national liberation, for identity. Some might consider Zionism merely as the negation of the Diaspora. However, there is something even more important—the affirmation of the future.

I am here in Israel to be part of this future, not as a result of my past.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

Editor's Note:

Canadian Jewish Congress plays a vital role in Canadian Jewish life. The following is the first of a 3 part series on the activities of Congress.

Canadian Jewish Congress seeks to develop the highest degree of peoplehood in the Jews of Canada by encouraging, carrying on and participating in activities of a national, cultural and humanitarian nature.

Congress means action in matters affecting the status, rights and welfare of Canadian Jewry. Congress is the watchdog of Jewish interests, the bell-wether of Jewish progress, and the representative of the community in matters affecting Jewry as a unit. Canadian Jewish Congress serves as the voice of Canadian Jewry in official statements, submissions and requests at home and abroad; and is the partner of all groups whose aim and object it is to make of Canadian Jewishness a way of life.

As we move into the 1980's with its accompanying new realities at home and abroad, it is important to determine only one question. Does Congress work well in areas where Canadian Jewry requires action and decision for the greatest good of the greatest number? Canadian Jewish Congress is active in fulfilling its mandate.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

ISRAEL

On matters relating to Israel the Canadian Jewish Congress works through the Canadian-Israel Committee and coordinates the Israel Action Program.

Following publication of a major C.I.C. study on Canada's U.N. votes on Mid East questions, a new round of discussions ensued which culminated in a year considered by many to be the most positive of all from Israel's standpoint: clearer understanding of Israel's concerns and a more positive Canadian voting pattern at the United Nations.

In addition to meeting with Government leaders and Parliamentarians, the C.I.C. maintained and developed new lines of communication with opinion makers and the media.

On the local level the Community Action for Israel committee was established by the Central Region of Congress. CAIC keeps constituent members informed and mobilizes Congress members to provide Canadian responses to issues affecting Israel.

SOVIET JEWRY

Congress' actions are motivated by two considerations. Firstly to show the Soviet Union that it could not act against

our brethren with impunity; and secondly to stir the Canadian community to new levels of vigilance in support of the struggle of one-fifth of World Jewry.

Congress operates on both the national and regional levels. The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry was responsible for the overall co-ordination of Soviet Jewry activities in Canada. As well, it disseminated materials and information, made various approaches to Government and co-ordinated visits to Canada of former Soviet Jewish activists. In the past year the Committee has hosted Avital Shcharansky, Esther Markist and Dina Belina amongst others.

The CCSJ has kept up a constant supply of materials and information to M.P.'s and the External Affairs Department, the latter to be used by Canada in reviewing compliance of the Helsinki Accord at the Madrid Conference in 1980. The Committee continued its co-ordination of the Parliamentary "Adopt-a-Prisoner" program and approached M.P.'s and Senators regarding specific cases of "Refuseniks" and prisoners of conscience.

Through its Chairman, Max Shecter, it was represented at meetings of the World Praesidium on Soviet Jewry, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in the United States and the World Jewish Congress Helsinki Monitoring Committee. Information coming from regular telephone calls to the Soviet Union is transcribed and distributed to Soviet Jewry action committees in Canada, the U.S. and Israel.

In response to the arrest of Anatoly Shcharansky, a Canadian section of the International Committee for the Release of Anatoly Shcharansky was established under the honorary patronage of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall and co-ordinated by Mrs. Barbara Stern of Montreal. On August 30, 1978, the first legal appeal made on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky took place at a press conference in Ottawa. The appeal took the form of a petition to the Procurator-General of the U.S.S.R. by Avital Shcharansky through her lawyer, Professor Irwin Cotler of Montreal. The petition, some 900 pages in length, documents violation of Soviet law which took place during the Shcharansky trial and has received international acclaim.

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

This issue has held consistently high priority on the Congress agenda. On the international level it is being dealt with under the most sensitive circumstances by Congress leaders.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Judy Feld-Carr, this Committee publicizes the plight of those Jews who still live in Arab countries, particularly the 4,500 Jews still left in Syria. The Committee provides speakers, films, pamphlets, fact sheets, printed materials and displays for groups and organizations. The Committee also pursues compensation claims for the hundreds of thousands of Jews forcibly removed from their homes in Arab countries. In addition, it publishes an information bulletin which reaches 350 people, runs an annual "Shabbat Zachor" program and has constant meetings with Parliamentarians and Government officials.

WORLD JEWRY

Canadian Jewish Congress continues to maintain close communication with the Department of External Affairs on the status of Jews in South America, Jews in Arab lands, neo-Nazism, reparation claims against the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and a number of other matters.

CJC has had an aid program for Cuban Jewry which became isolated since the early 1970's. Pesach shipments and other requirements for the maintenance of Jewish life are supplied on an ongoing basis. In addition, CJC recently sent a rabbi to Cuba to minister to the Jewish community's spiritual needs.

CJC plays an active role on the World Jewish Congress, on the Material Claims Conference against Germany and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture; the Praesidium and Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry, the North American Branch of the World Jewish Congress and the Helsinki Review Committee dealing with Soviet Jewry. CJC is a consultant to the Canadian Parliamentary Committee monitoring the Helsinki Final Act.

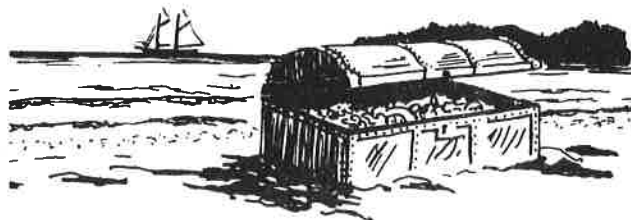
CJC maintains regular contact with Jewish communities in the socialist states which include Yugoslavia, Rumania, Hungary. Ongoing meetings are held with the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the opposition parties to review our concerns.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The changes in the Canadian political world over the past few years have necessitated the strengthening of Canadian Jewish life. It is important that each community, however small, remains in touch with the Jewish world as this country moves through fundamental changes that will take it into the twenty-first century. Not only strengthening the Jewish character of our communities but ensuring that Jews throughout the country play an active and vital role in the affairs of Canada.

To this challenge Congress has responded with a network of community relations programs at all regional levels in the country.

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In Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Jewish Council seeks to maintain the cohesion of the Jewish communities through "Shalom" magazine. Now in its fourth year of publication, this journal informs Jews of events and activities taking place in nine communities. It has also become a forum for divergent ideas and opinions as well as a vehicle for promoting the creative and artistic talents of the Atlantic Jewish community. Ninety per cent of the articles are by Jews living in eastern Canada. Circulation is to 1,300 families in Atlantic Canada. As well, the Council is responsible for a television show entitled "Shalom Atlantic" that has been aired regularly since February 1977. The Council also publishes an Atlantic Region Jewish Community Directory. It lists every Jewish resident in Atlantic Canada on a community-by-community basis with name, address, postal code and home telephone number.

In each Region, community relations means different things, and in each Region the proper response from Congress exists precisely because Congress' activities are not rigidly defined. This freedom of regional action is what makes Congress the primary form by which the Jewish Community meets the challenges of our time.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

The National Religious Affairs Department of the

Canadian Jewish Congress operates on two levels: The first is intra-Jewish programming; the second is interfaith programming.

One of its, and indeed of Canadian Jewry's, most important achievements was the establishment of the Canadian Jewish-Christian Liaison, a tripartite committee established by the Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Council of Churches and the Canadian Jewish Congress. Thus far, this Committee, with Congress active participation, has made submissions to the Federal Government on Poverty and World Hunger. The Department was also responsible for bringing many distinguished speakers to Canada including Prof. Michael Wyschograd and Dr. Franklin Littell.

The Department also maintains contacts with Israel Interfaith Committee, the World Conference on Religion and Peace and the International Jewish Committee on Inter-religious Consultations.

The Kashruth Department continues to grow and serves all segments of the community. Through the special Department for Information concerning kosher products and services, educational seminars on kashruth, kosher cooking demonstrations, etc., are conducted. Recipes and menus on kosher cooking are available to communities before Jewish holidays.

SHALOM CHAVERIM!

Editor's Note:

The following is a copy of a letter recently received at the Youth and Hechalutz Departments of the World Zionist Organization. It is a beautiful "love letter to Zion" written by a young Russian girl living in the United States with her family.

I am very sorry for taking so long to answer your letter. First, two weeks after coming home from Israel I couldn't even think of anything else and it was very difficult for me to write you because it all was still too fresh in my mind. Don't think that I forgot everything by now, oh no! I don't think I'll ever forget this summer. It still hurts me to remember that I am so far away from this country where I felt at home from the minute we landed at the Tel Aviv airport.

I loved everything—Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Sinai, and many, many other places we visited. The program was outstanding and so were the people who were involved in it. The Jerusalem program was very nice, we saw so much, so many beautiful things. Never in my life did I feel as much as a Jew as I felt when I stood near the Western Wall. I felt like crying but I knew that I was the happiest person in the entire world. Now I feel that something is missing in my life, that some part of me is still there. I miss that nice, warm feeling that was with me for the whole time I was in Israel. I miss my new friends and I just hope that some day I will be as happy as I was for this short period of time, for those 40 days that I spent in Israel.

Oh yes, I want to tell you what I think about home hospitality time. It was great (maybe a little bit too long), but it really helped us to make friends among Russians who live in Israel. It helped us to see what their life is like and what they do.

When we were leaving we felt like we knew them for a long, long time. It is very sad to say "goodbye" to a friend, it feels like losing something that you cannot always find

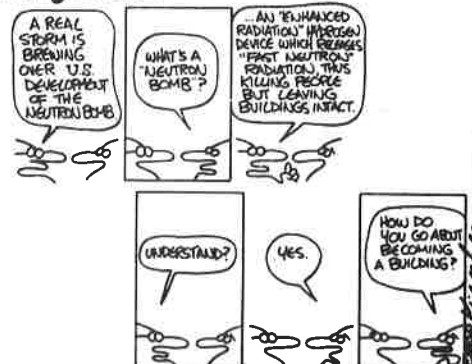
again, it feels like giving up something you love very much.

I think that this trip was a great idea and you should continue it. I'm not sure that all the kids who will go on the trip will be touched by it or will change their minds about living in Israel, but some *will* for sure and it is worth it. I understand that this trip costs you a great amount of money and I appreciate it very much. Even though I'm going to a Hebrew school in Chicago I never really could understand what is Israel and how it feels to be like. Now I know, thanks to you, what my plans are after finishing college (I will be old enough to go to Israel even if my parents would still think that they are not ready to move a second move). So after college I'm planning to move to Israel. It is only four years. And by that time, I'll be a physical therapist so I'll be able to bring some help to Israel.

Thanks again. Maybe next summer I'll visit Israel again. Because if I will wait four years, I will probably die.

Goodbye
Irina Noroditsky

Dry Bones



JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF CANADA



Commander Gar Meltzer is happy to report that on Remembrance Day, November 11, 1979, the following activities took place in the Atlantic Region.

A wreath with the Star of David superimposed was placed at the cenotaph by a Jewish War Veteran in Edmundston, N.B.; Woodstock, N.B.; Fredericton, N.B.; Saint John, N.B.; Saint John West, N.B.; Moncton, N.B.; Newcastle, N.B.; Halifax, N.S.; Yarmouth, N.S.; Sydney, N.S.; New Waterford, N.S.; Glace Bay, N.S.; and St. John's, Nfld.

The importance of these events cannot be over-emphasized in terms of the public relation value. Commander Meltzer thanks all those who participated.

The following report from Saint John, N.B. is an example of how one centre commemorated Remembrance Day—

Remembrance Service

Shaar Zedet Synagogue

Saint John, N.B.

Colonel Tanzman conducted the service while Rabbi Eisenberg read the Haftorah, with the reading of Mufter by Dave Lubin. Those honored by Aliyahs were Marc Reese, Commander Gar Meltzer, I.J. Davis, Dr. Moe Polowin and William [Big Bill] Meltzer. Rabbi Eisenberg conducted a short sermon which was followed by a Roll-Call of our deceased Jewish War Veterans and Special Prayers. Included in the services were three lovely songs performed by the Junior Congregation.

by Gar Meltzer, Commander,
J.W.V.'s of New Brunswick

Commander Meltzer spoke on the aims of the J.W.V. and mentioned that 19,000 Canadian Jewish War Veterans served in World War II, with 420 listed as killed.

Responsive readings were performed by I.J. Davis and Dr. Moe Polowin. All the Jewish War Veterans recited Kaddish in honor of the deceased. A Kiddish followed.

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Arafat:

"Where did you ever read such a thing. I do not remember such a thing written in our documents..."

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Let's Refresh His Memory

These points are part of the PLO covenant, the written constitution upon which this terrorist organization stands and functions:

Article 10 : The liberation of Palestine is a national duty to repulse the Zionist, imperialist invasion from the great Arab homeland and to purge the Zionist presence from Palestine."

Article 19 : The establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void. The claim of a historical or spiritual tie between Jews and Palestine does not tally with historical realities."

Article 20 : The Palestinian Arab people rejects every solution that is a substitute for a complete liberation of Palestine..."

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BUILDING SOON TO COMMENCE IN PITHAT SHALOM

Kerem Shalom

Building construction is expected to commence in December on land cleared by the JNF in four of the 17 settlement sites located in the Hevel Habesor region of the western Negev, now called "Pithat Shalom"—"Peace Salient".

The four settlements, including residential and farming units, will total 3,200 acres. Export crops produced in the area will be primarily vegetables and flowers grown under greenhouse conditions and avocados grown in the open air.

Three new pioneer groups called Yesodot Hadarom, Yivul and Prigan have been formed and will be the first to settle. Three veteran moshavim in the northern Sinai—Priel, Harovit and Talmei Yosef—have agreed to move into the Peace Salient region under the evacuation arrangements required by the Peace Treaty signed with Egypt.

The Peace Salient earthwork being carried out by the JNF forms the single largest engineering project in Israel today. With the start of the rainy season, work conditions have been altered by the moisture in the ground and visibility has improved thanks to reduced quantities of sand thrown up by bulldozers levelling the plains.

GALILEE OUTPOSTS TAKING FINAL SHAPE AS FIRST SETTLERS MOVE IN

Sassa

Settlers at Har Matat, near Kibbutz Sassa, on the Israel-Lebanon frontier, have recently moved into their attractive asbestos homes as part of the "Mitzpim", the Outpost Project for the Galilee. The JNF is preparing the land for 30 such outpost settlements, of various sizes and types, to be constructed in the region, until now lagging in Jewish settlement. The Mitzpim, mostly built on hilltops, will watch over government owned land in Galilee to prevent encroachment—an increasing problem in recent years.

The settlement project is underway throughout Galilee. Some of the outposts will consist of only about seven families, with settlers finding work in neighbouring cities and settlements. Others will be larger units, eventually developing into kibbutzim or moshavim. The aim is to increase Jewish presence in the Galilee, protect government land from encroachment, and establish new centres for Jewish habitation.

JNF STAMP SERIES PREPARES NEW COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

A stamp in memory of Golda Meir and another honouring Israeli President Yitzhak Navon are among the philatelic offerings being distributed by the JNF's stamp service in the near future. The Meir stamp will be available in May, while another stamp, depicting Tel Aviv of 1911, will be produced in December.

Garin Sof Ma'arav

For many Jews living in the U.S. and Canada, aliyah has always been an unrealized dream. A new and different means of fulfilling this dream exists. Garin Sof Ma'arav is a group of North American families who will establish an industrial moshav shitufi in the Segev region of the Galilee. The garin established an Israeli branch when its Halutz group left this summer for hachshara (training) at Moshav Moledet, an established Moshav near Afula. The main contingent will leave for Israel in September, 1980. At that time, it is planned that twenty families will move to the site in Segev. The garin is actively recruiting couples aged 22-35 to join them in this effort to establish a community in Israel.

BACKGROUND

The name Sof Ma'arav is taken from Yehuda Halevi's passage: "My heart is in the East, but I am at the end of the West." The garin began several years ago among a small group of young California couples. Currently the garin has branches in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto and New York with members and interested families located elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada, as well as Israel. Members' personal and vocational backgrounds vary widely. For example, the talent pool includes a Ph.D. in physics, a corporate banker and a refrigeration mechanic. However, a common denominator among all members is that they have spent extended periods of time in Israel and believe that a moshav shitufi provides both a vehicle for making a successful aliyah and a long term means of contributing to Israel.

MOSHAV SHITUFI

A moshav shitufi or collective moshav is a form of settlement that combines certain features of a kibbutz and moshav. It adopts the collective production system of the kibbutz and family living unit of the moshav. The village's businesses are collectively owned as in a kibbutz, but each family has its own home and receives a budget to meet its needs. The moshav provides educational and social services for all members.

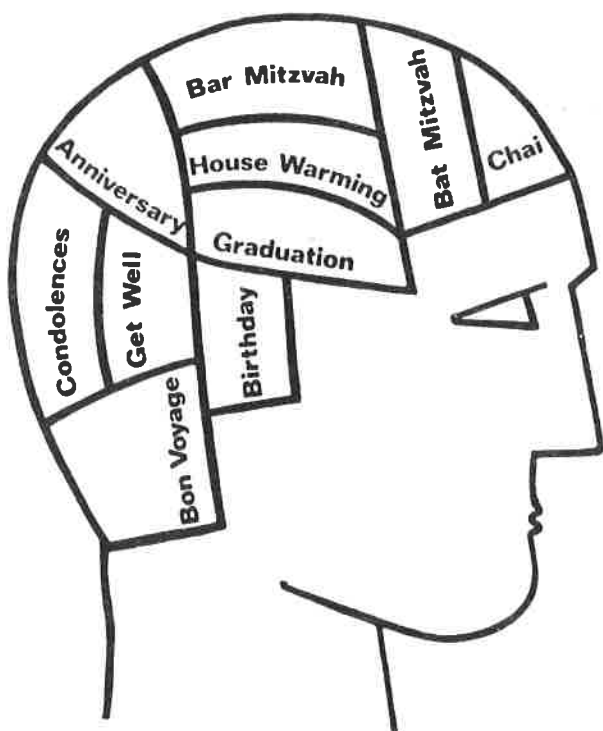
THE SEGEV REGION

Garin Sof Ma'arav's site is located in the Segev block in the Galilean hills east of Acre and several kilometers south of Carmiel. Segev is a forty minute drive from Haifa and thirty minutes from the industrial center of Acre. The government plans to establish eight industrial moshavim in Segev together with a center to provide services to the region. Three of these are already on their sites.

Industry will form the backbone of the region's economy because the land is not suited to conventional, intensive agriculture and because of broader plans to bring technologically based industries to the Galilee. The concept of an industrial village or cluster of villages is relatively new. The goal is to provide an environment in which members of a family can work in industrial, service or non-conventional agricultural sectors while living in a rural community, rather than a bedroom suburb.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

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role in formulating the principles for the community's growth and its actual construction. In conjunction with Prof. Christopher Alexander of the U. of California, Berkeley and Amos Gitai of Israel, the garin has just completed the final version of the Moshav's master plan to be submitted for approval by the Ministry of Housing by the end of this year. This plan is designed for incremental growth so that the physical environment will develop and expand to meet the growing needs of the moshav. According to the plan each family will have its own home and a role in its design.

Members of the garin have entered preliminary negotiations with two U.S. companies to establish joint ventures for production and ongoing research and development. One firm produces medical electronic equipment, and the other produces commercial hardware fixtures. Both products utilize the skills of garin members and in addition will bring new skills and long-term economic growth to the region. In addition to light industrial enterprises, non-conventional agriculture is also planned to broaden the moshav's economic base and maintain the community's link to the land.

The development of a strong and vibrant Jewish community based on traditional observance is a paramount concern of the garin. While this concern is stated formally as a principle in the garin's constitution, it is expressed in the communal observance of Shabbat, Holidays and ongoing study. The creation of an atmosphere which encourages members to feel comfortable with religious

observance continues to be a central element in attracting new members.

Garin members pay a registration fee of \$500.00 "good faith money" to show that they are serious about their commitment to the formation of the moshav. Each member family will pay between \$2,000 and \$5,000 for a share in the moshav, and approximately another \$3,000 for a house of 74 square meters. The houses will have 50 year Jewish Agency mortgages, and can be enlarged at later dates. If a member does not have the money available, the garin will arrange for a loan to be made. The payments will go up as the moshav becomes established.

Monthly branch meetings, weekend retreats and national conventions are held frequently to discuss garin business and meet new and prospective members.

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Shvat is the month in which we celebrate the New Year for Trees.

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Its meaning is apparently connected with the root שָׁבַט to lash or strike, a reference to the lashing gales and rainstorms that commonly occur in this month.

Its zodiacal sign is Aquarius, the water-carrier, on account of the heavy rains that fall in the Mediterranean countries at this time of the year.

In the Christian calendar the equivalent month is February, named after the ancient Roman festival of purification devoted mainly to atonement rites and prayers for forgiveness.

TAKE HEART

by Levi Ben-Amitai

When you plant a seed—take heart;
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Books In The Land Of The Book

by Sholom Morgan

A world without books is like a life without sunshine. For without books, knowledge would immediately cease to illuminate the human mind. Progress made during the past 200 years in science and technology is indeed due in large measure to the "printed word"—innovators and scholars publishing and sharing their ideas through articles, reviews and books.

Israel and the Jews—"the people of the book"—are no exception. For centuries they have praised educational benefits books provide. While ancient civilizations were struggling to develop a simplified approach to language to replace commonly used symbols, the Jews had already established an advanced system of education through Bible and Talmud. This knowledge was transmitted through handwritten parchments, the forerunners of books, which were often handed down from one generation to the next.

Israel At The Top

Today, Israel ranks among the top five countries in the world in terms of books. In the field of publishing, for example, Israel, with a Jewish population of roughly 3.1 million, published 3,522 titles in 1976 alone, of which more than 1,900 were new, a ratio of 1,006 titles per one million inhabitants. If one compares these figures to other regions of the world: the USSR's 310 titles per million inhabitants; Europe's 558; and North America's 389; it becomes as clear as a printed page that Israelis are still the "people of the book".

Not all of the 3,522 titles were published exclusively in Israel. Very often, books are co-published with foreign publishers. The Israeli publisher will then usually reserve the right to market the book in Israel, while the foreign publisher does the same in the rest of the world.

Exports And Sale

Then there is the export side of the book industry. In 1978, the U.S. topped the list of countries receiving exported printer matter from Israel to the tune of over \$5 million. England and Germany were next with \$1 million, followed by France and Canada. These figures include not only books, but every conceivable kind of reading material from calendars to greeting cards. It is an interesting sidelight that International Scientific Translation in Jerusalem receives much work from abroad because it does good translation work in every language under the sun at competitive prices.

On the retail side, one would imagine that Jews in Israel purchase books on Judaica, Talmud, Bible and Zionism en masse. However, the substantial influx of tourists and residents from Anglo-Saxon countries has created a great demand for English language books. Some 35% of all retail sales at Steimatzky's, Israel's largest book retailer, are in English. Another large retailer, Bronfman's, reported that 60% of their sales are also English books. At Bestsellers, a retailer in Jerusalem specializing in paperbacks, the sale of English books represents some 95% of total volume of the



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shop's activity. There are also stores handling mainly Hebrew books.

What Do They Read?

Which subjects sell the best? The answer to this question depends primarily on the location of the retail outlet. Those located in hotels, for instance, usually sell more paperback novels, while outlets in the heart of Jerusalem sell more Judaica-orientated material.

Ronnie Winch of Bestsellers says that three categories of books sell quickly: paperback novels; religious books, due to the large number of Talmudic academies in Jerusalem; and children's books because, Winch explained, "English speaking parents want to pass on the nostalgia of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck to their children, just as they grew up with it."

Yehuda Molcho of Steimatzky's asserted that paperback bestsellers bring in the most profit. Science fiction books used to sell quickly, Molcho adds, but sales diminished with competition from outlets which sell second-hand books.

Hebrew And Others Vs. Inflation

Now if you were reared in another country but are now living in Israel, what language would you feel more comfortable reading? Based on sales, Bronfman spokesman Cyril Aaronson noted that regardless of the amount of time one has lived in Israel, this new Israeli still prefers books

written in his mother tongue, even if he is fluent in the Hebrew language. The other retailers concurred with this assessment.

Although Israelis are still among the best-read people in the world, inflation has hit the book sales in some specific fields. Molcho tells of several customers who wished to buy a specialized book costing IL 500. Not having the money then, they returned two months later, only to find that the price had risen to IL 850, making it even more unreachable. In fact, every two months Steimatzky's publishes a new price list with increased costs averaging 10 to 15%.

Sales of all kinds of books have suffered, although profits for booksellers have remained fairly constant, or even increased slightly.

"Inflation has cut into our sales a little," Molcho said. "Because workers only get an increase of 70% of cost-of-living, they can only afford one book where they used to buy three."

All things considered, the future of the book industry in Israel looks bright. Publishing costs, while they are increasing, are still among the lowest in the world. As long as the Jewish people continue reading, there is reason to believe that the book industry in Israel will continue to go from strength to strength.

ISRAELI TV'S COMEDY OF COLORS

by **Simon Griver**

The announcement by Communications Minister Yitzhak Modai that Israel Television will soon stop erasing the color from the programs that they transmit may bring to an end the absurd situation that exists here.

Since television was introduced in Israel back in the late sixties, the broadcasting authority has been using color equipment. However, in order to discourage Israelis from buying color TV sets and thus boosting the export bill, government technicians devised a machine to erase the color. Consequently, with the exception of several spectacular extravaganzas, such as the recent Eurovision song contest and President Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, viewers have only been able to receive black and white pictures.

Anti-Eraser

But Metz Incorporated, an enterprising electronics company, had other ideas. Their talented technicians developed an "anti-eraser" that reverses the effect of the government's eraser. For a time there have been rumors that the government was working on an "anti-anti-eraser" but Mr. Modai's statement will make this superfluous.

Soon, then, all imported shows (just under 50% of programs) will be broadcast in color and within nine months the same will apply to all home produced shows. Yet in government circles, deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, a fervent opponent of color television, demands a clear Cabinet decision for the change.

Nevertheless, a majority of the Cabinet, including deputy Prime Minister Ehrlich and Education Minister Hammer are known to be in favor of color TV. The fact is that because of the vast numbers of Israelis that own color TVs,

any decision to prolong "erasing" would be politically inexpedient.

The Psychology of Inflation

The amazing thing is that so many Israelis have been able to afford color sets. Even at the formidable price of around \$2,000, they have been selling like hot cakes in the past few years. Even the large 26" screen TVs, at closer to \$3,000, have been heavily in demand. It is estimated that Israelis own more than 100,000 sets. Metz Electronics, whose "anti-eraser" gadget retails at \$100, have not been able to keep anywhere near this demand, have so far only manufactured and sold a few thousand of their devices. So all these thousands of Israelis who possess color televisions can only pick up Israeli TV in black and white!

But there is a method in their madness, for most Israelis can tune into the color channels of Israel's Arab neighbors. In the South, Egypt, in the East, Jordan and now in the North, strife torn Lebanon's TV station has reopened. All these countries rely heavily on popular imported programs from America and Britain.

Furthermore, color televisions are seen as an investment and a hedge against inflation. Now that inflation is running at around 100%, Israelis have embarked on a massive shopping spree. This is a classic economic syndrome when hyper-inflation strikes. Bank notes are undesirable because they are rapidly losing their value but hard goods will keep pace with inflation. The more expensive a commodity, like a color TV, the more bank notes it disposes of. Unfortunately this mad rush for goods triggers off a vicious circle, for so much consumption merely increases inflation.

But what can the government do? They have erased the color from their transmissions and trebled the price of sets

through taxation. Finally—they seem to have thrown in the towel—a victory for the people but a setback in the war against inflation.

New Commercial Channel?

For the television industry the future looks bright. With the coming of color and the government's commitment to set up a second commercial channel in the next few years, Amcor, an Israeli company that imports TVs from West Germany, estimates that another 100,000 color TV sets will be purchased in the next two years. If this projection is accurate, then in 1981 one third of Israeli households will have a color TV.

Metz Electronics, with their "anti-eraser" device, have not given up the fight. . . . It seems that this long running Israeli comedy has been bought by some of her Mediterranean neighbors. Both the Cypriot and Greek television authorities have copied the Israeli lead and

started erasing the color from their broadcasts. So Metz Electronics has moved into the export market and have already sold well over a hundred of their "anti-erasers" to Greece.

How Much Freedom?

Meanwhile, here in Israel, attention has been focused on more serious matters, like the unsatisfactory relations between the TV management and staff. This has already led to a decision by newscasters to black out TV for a few minutes because the Director, Tommy Lapid, refused to allow a broadcast by West Bank Mayors, which he said gave a platform to the P.L.O. This particular row was patched up but there seems to be much difference of opinion over the degree of freedom which should be allowed or encouraged by Israeli TV in a country both free and democratic and still given to grave security problems.

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PASSION PLAY

Since 1634 the German village of Oberammergau (Bavaria) has performed a Passion Play for three months every ten years to fulfill a vow made during the *Thirty Years War*, when it was spared from a plague sweeping Europe. The next play will take place in 1980.

Over the years, the text has been repeatedly revised. Father Ferdinand Rosner, a Benedictine monk, wrote a version in 1750, which depicted the "Jewish people as representing mankind, torn between heaven and hell", and showed that not all Jews were evil, avaricious and against Jesus. In the Rosner version the role of the Jewish Sanhedrin is less central to the drama of the Passion Play itself.

However, since 1860, the town has used the version written by Father Joseph Daisenberger in which Jews are shown as the embodiment of hate, envy, and avarice and are held responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus.

The Second Vatican Council, which absolved Jews from guilt in the crucifixion and urged the Catholics to eliminate anti-Semitism, has increased its pressures on Oberammergau to alter the anti-Semitic character of the Passion Play and delete negative references to Jews.

Recently, a meeting took place between three hundred Catholic theologians and Jewish leaders at a symposium in Germany, planned in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee's Inter-religious Affairs Department. The purpose of this symposium was to discuss the relationship of the Oberammergau play to the development of anti-Semitism. The participants supported the view that the players should perform the Rosner version.

"For the most part, the German press and the public agree with this conclusion. They believe it is more than just the affair of a small village", stated Dr. Franz Henrich, Director of the Catholic Academy of Bavaria. At the moment, the decision lies with the people of Oberammergau. The text does not violate the German law of anti-Semitism.

Albert Spiegel, Cultural Attaché of the West German Embassy in Israel, believes that the text should be changed to avoid misunderstanding, but feels that the play doesn't

have a great impact today because it is only seen by a select audience.

The people of Oberammergau are divided on the issue of revising the text. The burgermeister opposes the idea because the "Daisenberger version reflects the New Testament as it is written". He fears that any changes may cause harm to the community's only industry—the Passion Play, and its attendant tourist trade.

Most of the villagers are wood-carvers and sell artifacts associated with the play. The actors have practiced the Daisenberger version for years and know the text by heart. The play, eighteen hours long with eighteen separate acts and numerous tableaux and musical embellishments, is too complicated to change for the 1980 production, according to the burgermeister.

Hans Meler, a woodcutter and producer of the Passion Play, promised "to make drastic changes in the Daisenberger version to conform as far as possible to the proclamation of the Second Vatican Council regarding relations between Jews and Christians".

Nat Kameny, Chairman of the National Program Committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, praised Oberammergau officials and villagers "for their willingness to listen to Jewish criticisms of the traditional pageant and to make changes in accordance with the spirit, principles and guidelines of Vatican II".

Mr. Kameny's comments followed a comprehensive report to a luncheon of the Program Committee at League Headquarters (United Nations Plaza) on the changes in the Passion Play script by Dr. Leonard Swidler, Professor of Catholic Thought and Inter-religious Dialogue at Temple University. He is also editor of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* and a Consultant to the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (U.S.).

Dr. Swidler, co-author with Father Gerard S. Sloyan, Professor of New Testament at Temple University, of a 110-page analysis of the anti-Semitic content of the Passion Play, sponsored and published by the Anti-Defamation

League of B'nai B'rith in 1978, said that many positive changes in the 1980 script have eliminated, altered and made previously anti-Jewish passages more accurate historically.

Dr. Swidler stressed the need to proceed from the uprooting of the anti-Semitic distortions and vilifications to "the positive task of probing and promoting the Jewish heritage pervading the foundations of Christianity".

Dr. Swidler noted that, in some respects, changes in the 1980 pageant went beyond the recommendations made in his 1978 analysis—*A Commentary on the Oberammergau Passion spiel in regard to its image of Jews and Judaism*.

For example, he said, scenes stereotyping Jews as "conniving merchants" have been excised, and a new portion of the pageant's prologue includes a greeting to Jews as "brothers and sisters of the people from whom the Saviour came".

Declaring that he was "satisfied that the great bulk of the problems had been adequately solved", Professor Swidler listed the following "important changes made in the 1980 text":

- rewriting which eliminated the implication that the Jewish people as a whole were complicit in Jesus' death.
- the striking from the text of the "specifically anti-Jewish statement" placed in Jesus' mouth at the Last Supper, *The Old Covenant which my Father made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has reached its end*.
- revisions in "an even more serious series of offensive statements which focused on the word *synagogue* as a symbol for Judaism" by its elimination in some places and the substitution of other words that are more historically accurate and have less harmful implications.

"The most nakedly anti-Semitic portion of the Passion play text", according to Dr. Swidler, was a section of poetry dropped from the 1980 script, which transformed the story of Purim into an allegory justifying former "traditional Christian rejectionist theology".

Acknowledging the positive progress that has been made, Dr. Swidler said that there are still areas for further improvement in the pageant.

LET US NOT FORGET THE FACTS

This year we celebrated the 12th year of reunification of our eternal city—YERUSHALAYIM. Daily, for thousands of years, Jews have prayed and yearned for the return to the Holy City, which embraces religion and history for Jews, and which is unequalled in importance to people of other faiths. Jerusalem is to Jews, what the Vatican is to Catholics, and Medinea and Mecca to Moslems.

Let us review the facts regarding the reunification of Jerusalem: this is necessary because of the clever manipulation and/or the "ignorance" of supposedly knowledgeable journalists. For example, we read such statements as "Israel captured the city of Jerusalem during the 1967 Middle East war". (*Montreal Gazette*, October 29, 1979—later retracted.) Many more such "careless" mistakes could be quoted.

In fact "the scenario" reads quite differently. In 1947 the United Nations called for the partition of Palestine into two separate and distinct nations. Israel for the Jews and Transjordan for the Palestinians. The U.N. passed a

resolution calling for the internationalization of Jerusalem. Israel accepted these resolutions, but the Arab states rejected them.

Immediately after, the Arabs launched an assault on Jerusalem, whilst British troops, there to oversee the peaceful implementation of the U.N. resolution, sat idly by and took no action whatsoever to stop the fighting. As a result the situation soon not only deteriorated, but became chaotic and the Municipal Council was forced to proclaim that it had assumed responsibility for that part of Jerusalem which was still under Jewish control. Terrorist attacks, however, continued. At one time 77 staff members of the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus were killed.

The Arabs then started to cut off supplies of food and water for the Jewish sector of the city, until a truce was finally agreed upon in 1948. This agreement left West Jerusalem under Israeli rule and East Jerusalem in the hands of Transjordan.

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divided by barbed wire and concrete walls and enemy troops overlooking the Jewish sector. During that time, whilst East Jerusalem was under the rule of Transjordan, the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem was destroyed and the ancient cemetery on the slope of the Mount of Olives was desecrated. Tragically, Holy Sites were no longer accessible to Jews and people of other faiths alike.

Despite the division of the city the ISRAELI PARLIAMENT (KNESSET) HAS ALWAYS—SINCE THE FIRST ELECTIONS IN 1949—BEEN SITUATED IN JERUSALEM.

It cannot be strongly enough emphasized that it was NOT Israel who started the 1967 war, NOR was JERUSALEM REUNITED through an act of aggression on the part of Israel. On the contrary—it was the Jordanians who seized U.N. headquarters in 1967 and the Arab countries commenced hostilities against Israel. IT WAS IN DEFENCE OF ITS COUNTRY that Israel regained control of East Jerusalem.

Upon cessation of hostilities, Israel lost no time in restoring neglected buildings in the Old City, took drastic

measures to restore the water supply and to normalize the situation.

Another important fact must not be forgotten. The Jews were always in the majority in Jerusalem. In 1844 for example, when the first enumeration took place, 7,120 Jews resided there compared to 5,000 Moslems. In 1896: 28,112 Jews and 8,747 Moslems; 1948—100,000 Jews and 25,000 Moslems.

It is ironic that though the whole world knew of the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and Holy Sites, not one word was raised in protest. Now that the Arabs who are living in East Jerusalem have seen their standard of living go up beyond their expectations and anything known by the average Arab living in Arab countries, resolution after resolution is being passed in the United Nations condemning Israel of wrong doing. Equally, the whole world knows that only since Jerusalem became a united city under the Israelis, has religious tolerance reigned. People of all faiths are now able to worship at their Holy Sites without discrimination.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

JEWISH LANDMARKS IN CHINA GONE, BUT SCHOLARSHIP, MUSIC FLOURISH

by Joseph Polakoff (U.J.A.)

(Editor's note: Joseph Polakoff recently visited the People's Republic of China and wrote this report upon his return to the U.S.)

In 1946, the year after the end of World War II, perhaps as many as 40,000 Jews lived in China. Mainly engaged in commerce and industry—and a considerable number in cultural pursuits, particularly music—more than half were in Shanghai and the remainder mostly in Tsientsin and Harbin, the latter a major point of entry for Jews who fled from Hitlerism via the trans-Siberian railway into China.

Today, Jewish landmarks are almost completely non-existent. Among the estimated 900 million Chinese, perhaps a dozen identifiable Jews remain. Of these, the American Joint Distribution Committee assists five elderly Jews in Shanghai and a woman in Canton. Other Jews include several in the Chinese government service in Peking and some with Chinese spouses who reportedly are not recognized as Jews.

In the Chinese government is Israel "Eppi" Epstein, a native of China who emigrated to Canada and returned to China. He is in the Foreign Language Press in Peking, as is Sidney Shapiro. Others are Solomon Adler, who was a U.S. Treasury representative in Chungking during World War II; and David Kruk, a teacher in the Foreign Language Institute.

Present in China are young American Jews such as Tom Gold, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Harvard exchange scholar in Shanghai; and Margo Landman, of New York, who teaches English at the university near the industrial city of Tsientsin. Violinist Isaac Stern gave concerts in Chinese cities last summer. The historian Barbara Tuchman became a leading authority on Sino-American relations during World War II.

Numerous Jews visit the People's Republic of China as tourists and as specialists in their fields, such as social work and medicine. Of some statistical interest is that this past summer the first tour organized by a Washington travel company founded and directed by a Chinese, consisted of a group of 20 Americans in which there were 11 Jews, including this correspondent. A gastronomical element is that two of them stuck grimly to vegetables in a determined effort to be as kosher as possible. Three others avoided pork, which was a staple at every meal in some form.

Jews In China 1000 Years Ago

Jews are known to have lived in China more than 1,000 years ago. Yale Oriental Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette in his book, "The Chinese—Their History and Culture" published in 1943, mentions Jews three times. "In the ninth century," wrote Latourette, "we hear of Nestorian Christians, Jews, Moslems and Persians in Canton." Reporting foreign influence of that period, Latourette noted that "Jews there were in China of the T'ang (dynasty) but probably few in number and all merchants. The Jewish community in Honan which disappeared only in our own day was of much later origin."

Foreign merchants, Latourette wrote, were encouraged to come to China. They seem mostly to have been Moslem Arabs. Many of them married Chinese women. A colony of Jews which has been finally absorbed into the surrounding population only in our own day built a synagogue at K'aifeng." Honan province is roughly halfway between Peking and Shanghai.

Waves Of Immigration, Emigration

After the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, some Russian Jews emigrated to China, but the largest migration of Jews came with the rise of the Nazis to power in Germany. By 1939, almost half of Shanghai's Western population of

about 60,000 was Jewish. Among them was the former Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal, whose parents brought him as a youngster from Berlin to escape the Nazis.

By 1949, nearly all the Jews had departed, many leaving behind businesses and industries with legal claims that are not yet settled. China had become embroiled in a bitter civil struggle and those of Western influence or origin were in jeopardy. But anti-Semitism as such apparently never existed in China and the casual tourist today detects none.

R.D. Abraham, Chief Rabbi of China, was quoted by the Jewish Student Press Service last May as saying in 1956 that "the government and people of China have for centuries been sympathetic and tolerant towards our people. Never has there been anti-Jewish sentiment in China."

Virtually No Trace Of Jewish Existence

Today, the visitor to China finds virtually no trace of Jewish existence. In Shanghai, Arthur Rosen, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations with offices in New York, has reported that there were three main synagogues—two Sephardic and one Ashkenazic with Russian congregants. In addition, a small Polish Jewish synagogue stood in the ghetto near Soochow Creek. Some halls, this correspondent was told on his visit, also were used for services on High Holidays and a Jewish school functioned in Seymour Road north of Nanjing (Nanking) Road, a principal artery. The Jewish Club, in the western section of Shanghai, is now a conservatory, it was said.

All that remains of these structures are traces of a Sephardic synagogue said to have been a magnificent three-story structure. It is now used for commercial storage. It is just off the Bund skirting the Huangpu River between the "Peace" Hotel and the Friendship Store in the heart of Shanghai. These traces consist of three seven-light candelabra on one pillar and a fourth on another beneath a round roof typical of Sephardic synagogal architecture. Gold, who accompanied some visitors to this site, said he heard there are remains of the synagogue in Shanghai's Huqui Road but he has not seen them.

China's cultural revolution that came in the wake of the civil war destroyed architectural manifestations of virtually all religious shrines. Among the few that escaped is the triple-towered French Catholic cathedral, locked and unused, that looms conspicuously in the Tsientsin landscape.

Two Jewish Cemeteries Gone

Shanghai had two Jewish cemeteries, but neither now exists. Miss Talitha Gerlach, a spirited octogenarian originally from Pittsburgh who has lived and worked in China since 1926, described to this reporter what happened to them. One is now the small triangular People's Park in Nanjing Road. This cemetery had existed since about 1849 near the north border of the British international settlement. "Bodies were buried three deep there," Miss Gerlach said, "because it was a small plot and the Jewish

people had no other place of their own."

The larger cemetery, established after the large Jewish influx of the Hitler period, was "a little north" of the Blumenthal home whose address she gave instantly from memory as 59 Chusen Road in the area north and east of Soochow Creek. This ground no longer is used as a cemetery. Many of its gravestones, she said, have been moved to "another place." The Shanghai city government, she said, has the names that were on the stones.

"After liberation," Miss Gerlach recalled in speaking of the events after the present government took power, "the government cleared the cemeteries. Relatives with whom it was able to communicate were notified to instruct the committee in charge what to do with the bodies. An international cemetery was set up outside the city. The Y.M.C.A. had such a plot. If a family wants a body, it will be shipped anywhere."

Miss Gerlach said she is personally trying to trace the remains of a woman, Feige Freud, at the request of relatives. She died in July 1945. Her name was engraved on her tombstone in German and Hebrew along with the date of death.

Miss Gerlach, who has lived in Shanghai since 1930 when she came there to serve the Chinese Y.M.C.A., never left except for the period of the Sino-Japanese War. She now works for the China Welfare Institute.

Contribution By Russian Emigrants

Discussing the influence of Shanghai's Western population, she emphasized the contribution to the cultural life of the city, especially in music, by the Russian emigrants. There were no Chinese musicians in the original Shanghai municipal orchestra. "The members were all foreigners," she recalled.

Now, Chinese authorities proudly show off their music classes to tourists. Chinese youths play Western-type instruments and do exceptionally well with the violin, and, as tourists quickly learn, they delight in offering American and European melodies. It is of special interest that the leading dance orchestra of the pre-war period for many years was led by violinist Henry Nathan (Nathanowitz) who came from Scranton, Pa.

Perhaps the most splendid of the many striking structures along Shanghai's Bund is the landmark Heping (Peace) Hotel that was the acme of hotel architecture when it was completed in 1927 as the "Palace Hotel" by the famous British Jewish Sassoon family. The family's Shanghai mansion is now the King Kong Hotel. The Palace Hotel, with its pointed green roof of bronze, continues to be a showplace in Shanghai.

From its dining hall windows one looks out on the hundreds of cargo ships lining the Huangpu River. Once the most palatial hotel in the East, it has a dignity resembling those in Paris, London, Vienna and a few other European capitals. It was in the "Palace," one understands, that the Nathan Orchestra performed and Chinese guests savored the smooth musical flow of the period that Chinese youngsters now perform so well.

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