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# Israel's 32nd Anniversary

## A Message From Ben Prossin,

### President Atlantic Jewish Council



Once again, a most happy and joyous occasion announces itself—the 32nd Anniversary of Israel's Independence. With each passing year, the miracle of Israel's rebirth, growth and development becomes more astonishing when one considers the various external pressures which have been brought to bear against this tiny state over the years and when one realizes the variety of internal social and economic pressures that have existed and continue to mystify politicians and economists in Israel. However, Israel stands strong; and world Jewry continues to show its solidarity. The Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada celebrate this most auspicious occasion with pride and joy and with a sense of brotherhood as regards Jewish communities around the world.

The Atlantic Jewish Council, in cooperation with the Canadian Zionist Federation, will be sponsoring Israel Independence Day festivities in all communities in the provinces of Atlantic Canada. May I take this opportunity to invite you to participate in these celebrations and to show your support for Israel by attending its 32nd Anniversary celebrations in your community.

This issue of the Shalom magazine reaches you as we celebrate Pesach. May I further take this opportunity to extend best wishes for a happy and kosher Pesach on behalf of the executive and board of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

On June 14 and 15, 1980, the Atlantic Jewish Council will celebrate its 5th Anniversary at a Convention in Moncton, N.B. An exciting program is being developed for the Convention and, of course, it will be time to elect new officers and board members for the next two year period. May I urge you to reserve these dates now and to plan to be in attendance at what should be a most memorable event for the Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada this year.

In conclusion, I would once again like to extend best wishes on the occasion of Israel's 32nd Anniversary of Independence and want to urge all to participate actively in the celebration of this marvelous event. We are fortunate to have been born into the generation that has witnessed the rebirth of the Jewish State.

Such occasions as Anniversary celebrations are to be treasured.

## Executive Director's Message



*Avrum Weiss  
Executive Director  
Atlantic Jewish Council*

The role of the Atlantic Jewish Council is expanding in many communities. This is happening because our major partners (Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress and United Jewish Appeal) are supporting A.J.C. activities with new energy and resources. There is one other major ingredient—people. People make it happen. People make the arrangements for entertainers and speakers. People pick them up at airports, and show them their town. People get projectors, microphones, pianos, and screens. People come out and laugh, cry, enjoy and applaud.

There are unsung heroes in every community and each one is special to me. Each hero helps make my efforts successful. Together as people, we make up the Atlantic Jewish Council. For better or worse, we struggle together to create events and happenings.

The Canadian Jewish Congress provides support and speakers and resources. And by the time you have read this article, Congress staff will have visited several Maritime centers to talk and meet and find out what more they can do.

The Atlantic Jewish Council receives a grant from the Canadian Zionist Federation. This grant helps pay for special projects such as Yom Ha'atzmaut, Zionist seminars and forums, and student and youth projects. Canadian Zionist Federation field workers have visited many of our Maritime communities specifically to aid educational and cultural projects. C.Z.F. in conjunction with Atlantic Jewish Council is working to begin a Jewish pre-school and day school in Moncton.

The United Jewish Appeal is our major funding partner. In addition to funds, U.J.A. now provides speakers and programs to our Maritime communities. These new resources help us better understand the needs of Israel and the commitment each of us needs to make to further Israel's growth. We now understand where our money goes and how it gets there and dispersed. A special U.J.A. feature has been new emphasis on education. Through this new program, speakers and materials help us understand the continuing crisis in the Middle East.

Pesach is indeed a time of rejoicing. The Promised Land is ours and the challenge to each of us is to hold on to that promise.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers Hao Sameach from Joan, Benjamin, Ethan and myself.



## Editor's Message

The pages of this issue are full of good wishes for Pesach and the celebration of Israel's 32nd Anniversary. May I add mine along with the Staff of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

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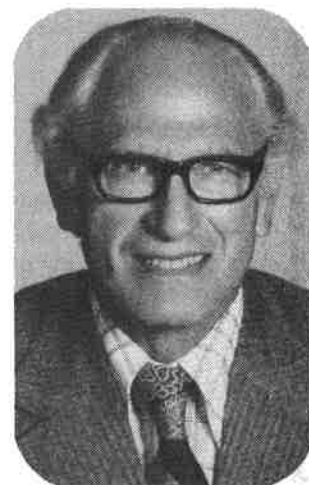
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## On Israel's 32nd Anniversary



by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut,  
J.D., D.D., President,  
Canadian Jewish Congress

It seems only like yesterday that we celebrated Israel's 25th Anniversary. For that Independence Day I was in Jerusalem, watching the parade of Israel's marvelous young people march by. Their spirits were high and the future looked rosy. No cloud was seen on the horizon.

But half a year later many of the garlanded marchers were dead. Not only the youth were maimed, so was the country's spirit. Nothing else has been the same since.

To be sure, there has been recovery and there is now peace with Egypt. Yet no longer can we look at Israel's future—both as regards its nature and its quality—without serious concern.

I do not refer to its physical survival. I refer to the quality of its survival, the nature of its society, the strength of its inner resources, and it is to these that we of the Diaspora must direct our attention and our generosity.

In a way that is more difficult than to maintain Israel's sheer physical survival, for it is less dramatic. Yet in the long run this is where the battlefield is found. On Israel's 32nd Anniversary we have no right to take anything concerning the country and its people for granted. As to loving parents who never lose sight of the needs of their children, so must Israel be to us the beloved child who still needs our watchful care. The day will come when the child will be fully grown and, in matters intellectual and cultural, take care of many of its parent's needs. But that time has not yet come.

On this anniversary we salute the people of Israel, their present and their future. We will stand with them, we will work with them, we will love them. Their future is ours and ours belongs to them.

## Dry Bones



## Passover Message

by **Dr. Philip Simon, President**  
**Congregation Sons of Israel**  
**Glace Bay, Nova Scotia**

Wishing everyone a happy and Kosher Passover. Since Passover reflects the time of freedom from the Egyptians, let us hope that the new rapport with Egypt will usher in an era of peace, prosperity for our beloved State of Israel.

## The Season Of Our Freedom

by **Steve Sherman,**  
**President Congregation Temple**  
**Sons of Israel, Sydney, N.S.**

Passover is one of the most ancient Jewish holidays, and is considered the Jewish Independence holiday, since it marks the exodus of the Jews from Egypt about 1300 B.C.E., after being enslaved for 210 years.

Our ancestor Jacob, and his sons and their families settled in Egypt, at the invitation of Jacob's son Joseph, who had gained status, and prestige in Egypt. After Joseph died a new king came to power, and the Jews were enslaved and harsh laws were passed in order to destroy them. The more the Jews were oppressed the stronger they became, and the more they multiplied.

In due course Moses became the salvation of the Jewish people. G-D brought ten plagues on Egypt. Finally the Jewish people were freed from slavery and with G-D's help, Moses led his people out of Egypt.

The story of Passover is ageless, and perpetually reminds us that we are G-D's chosen people. With this in mind we should be able to assert ourselves, and give our best efforts.

In this season of our freedom we observe the State of Israel. A modern day miracle which blends the past with the immediate present. After having been confronted with all sorts of problems, Israel rises, and stands proudly to observe its Thirty-Second Anniversary. We are honoured to have the opportunity to reach this season. We proclaim our solidarity, and congratulate the State of Israel.

## Passover Message

by **Hubert Lynch**  
**Yarmouth, N.S.**

We are all acquainted with the story of Passover, and what our people went through getting out of Egypt.

There is the old saying that "history repeats itself". I for one do not, and would not, place my trust in the hands of Anwar Sadat.

To my way of thinking Mr. Sadat will get back the whole of the Sinai, will re-arm with U.S.A. assistance, will sit on Israel's border with a tremendous well armed Force, and together with a well armed Syrian Force will once again make an attack on Israel.

Egypt to date has never bowed out of the statements

made with other Arab countries to destroy the State of Israel. Sure, he said "No more war", as long as Israel keeps giving; once Israel stops giving, what then?

Israel's mistake was made in 1967. Everything should have been annexed, and we wouldn't have to continually read and listen to U.P., and A.P. reports stating "Arab occupied territory".

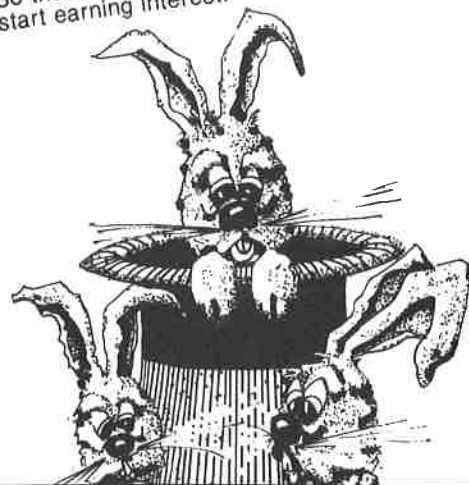
I know that Israel depends heavily on U.S.A. support for both funds and arms, and there is continuous pressure because of oil needs in the Western World to make Israel give and give. But, there has to be an end to this somewhere.

Perhaps the Russians have done Israel a good turn by their recent invasion and the U.S.A. will now see the great value of having a democratic Israel as an ally.

Let us all pray on this Passover, that the Good Lord will give us all health and strength and will keep Israel wary and strong in the face of all the trials and tribulations taking place around her. Amen.

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# Highlights Of Atlantic Jewish Council Meeting

February 23/24, 1980

David Attis announced that he and Rabbi Lefkowitz of Moncton are investigating the possibility of the opening of a kosher slaughterhouse that would provide fresh kosher meat to all of Atlantic Canada.

An updated Directory will be published in September/October, 1980.

The Canadian Zionist Federation Bible contest is now underway in all Maritime communities. Yitzchak Feinberg, Canadian Zionist Federation Religious and Cultural Consultant has visited many Maritime communities. Yom Hashoa will be commemorated on April 13th.

A United Jewish Appeal update was reported by Marty Payne and Lloyd Newman, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Atlantic Canada, U.J.A. They reported that the 1979 campaign of \$433,000 represents an increase of 10% over 1978. Also an additional \$150,000 was pledged for Project Renewal. Atlantic Canada continues to be below the average per household gift for small Canadian communities.

U.I.A., Chairmen for 1980 are:

Moncton,	David Attis
Yarmouth,	Irving Pink
Glace Bay,	Ellie Marshall
Saint John,	Norman Hamburg
Halifax Womens Division,	Sophie Forman
Halifax,	Lloyd Newman
St. John's	S. Lipkus
Sydney,	not appointed
Fredericton,	not appointed

Beginning in April, field trips will be taken by Atlantic Jewish Council staff to discuss increased activities and community problems.

Joel Cuperfain reported that Young Judaea was moving along well during this current program year. Even though Young Judaea has experienced some lack of parent support and apathy among the youth, the Kenim hold meetings on a regular basis. Joel called for more help from Hadassah-Wizo and other adult organizations.

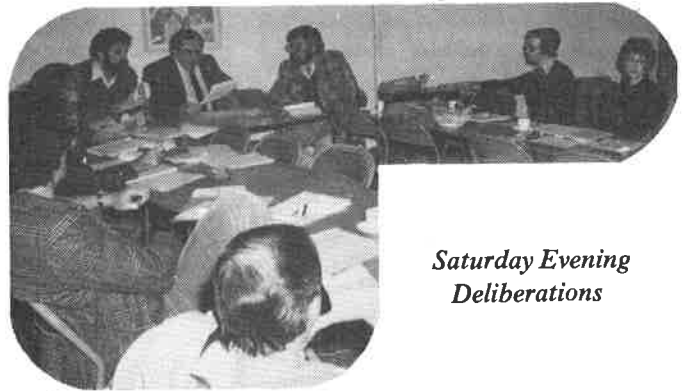
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The Atlantic Jewish Council has just received a grant for over \$11,459.00 to initiate the first steps of an Historical Study of the Jews of Nova Scotia. This project is being done in conjunction with Mount Saint Vincent University. The overall project coordinators are Dr. Sheva Medjuck and Dr. Morty Lazar.

A report was given by Alan Stern, as to the progress being made for 1980 Camp Kadimah season.



*Continuing on  
Sunday to cover  
a very full  
agenda*

Peter Stone reported on the Jewish community activities with the boat people.

Avrum Weiss reported on our Russian family brought over by J.I.A.S. and sponsored by Manpower.

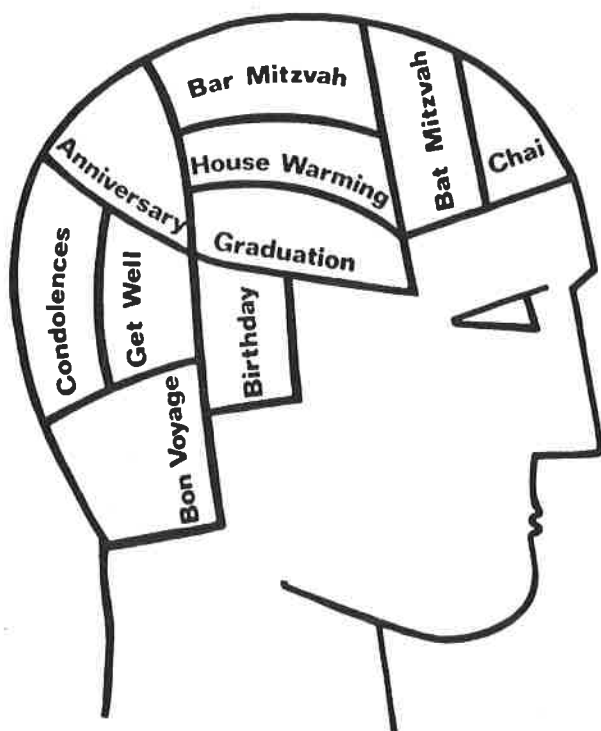
Fifth Anniversary plans of the Atlantic Jewish Council were discussed. Tentative plans are for the 5th Anniversary Conference to be held in Moncton, N.B., on June 14, 15. Tentative featured speaker will be Nobel Prize winner, I.B. Singer.

Israel Independence Day celebrations will take place in all communities in April and May.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-4	Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary, Toronto. Limited subsidies available. Please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council Office.
April 13	Yom Hasoa
April 20	Yom Ha'atzmaut
May 13	Halifax
May 14	Yarmouth
May 15	Sydney
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## Letters To The Editor

### Campus Apathy

#### The Editor:

Over the past two years, the Canadian Jewish Students Network has actively tried to encourage Atlantic University Students to attend their conventions in Quebec and Ontario. Even though almost full subsidies were available, participation was negligible. If there were other Jewish activities for the students this situation would not be so bad. Unfortunately, there are no other activities.

Certainly, a few of these students attend synagogue, offer some assistance to Young Judea and actively support Jewish events. These few number, perhaps, ten, out of roughly 150 Jewish university students in Halifax.

At present, there are two organizations on campus that could be termed "Jewish", those are Hillel-AUJS (whose meetings have been very sparse), and Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity. Although founded on lofty ideals, "TEP" has digressed from a Jewish fraternity, to a fraternity of Jews, down to a social club that is embarrassed to identify itself with any Jewish cultural activity.

On March 7-9, Network will hold its first Atlantic Canada Conference. In the eyes of Network, CZF and the AJC, "If Mohammed won't go to the mountain, the mountain must go to Mohammed". Whether the convention will be a success or not, I don't know. The program looks excellent. The topics cover a very broad base. Speakers are coming from across North America and a location was found to offer the conveniences of a city and the "chevra" benefits of a retreat.

Many people seem to feel that although most students take an extended hiatus from Judaism during their college years, they'll come back after they graduate. Others feel that most of the university students are a total loss. I believe that both views are overly simplistic, and, overly passive. We can't simply stand by and watch as students return or assimilate. The community must assist the students financially, and morally to help create activities.

I believe that the March Network conference is a start. I only hope that the idea of regular Jewish university programs take hold.

**Joel Cuperfain, Halifax**

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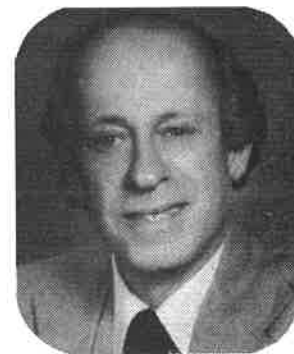
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## Jewish National Fund

### Building The Galil Of Tomorrow



**by Nathan Scott, National President,  
Jewish National Fund of Canada**

As we enter into the decade of the 1980s, the Jewish National Fund of Canada, on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, undertakes its boldest and most ambitious project to date.

"The Galil Canada Project" offers a unique and magnificent challenge to the Canadian Jewish community. The Galilee Region is one of Israel's most beautiful; at the same time, it is the most vulnerable because of its proximity to both Syria and Lebanon. Throughout Israel's 32 years of existence, the Galil has been, until recently, one of Israel's more unfortunate areas. Only 30% of the population of the Galil is Jewish. The region suffers from difficult and rocky terrain, the land is not particularly fertile, and the lack of schools, clinics, hospitals, and community centres is not conducive to attraction of new settlers. A factor of major concern is the rapid growth of an Arab presence in the area, both nomadic and permanent. The Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, together with the Government of Israel, have determined that the Galil needs to be reinvigorated, and become a major area of attraction for Jewish settlement. It needs to be an area where Jews can earn their livelihood, develop a strong, growing and secure presence for continuous Jewish vitality.

In order to bring about a substantial increase in the Jewish population of the Galil, the JNF is establishing 33 new settlements in this area within the next five years. The Jewish National Fund of Canada will adopt 8 villages in the central Galil area for a project to be known as "GALIL CANADA". This is a multi-million dollar undertaking which is already well under way. Three settlements have already come into being, two others are in the planning stages.

Ever since its establishment in 1901, the JNF has been transforming sterile land where old Jews came to die into a thriving community where young Jews come to live. "GALIL CANADA" opens a new dynamic dimension of JNF activity. It will require our continuing and intensified support. Tractors, trucks, trees, seeds, infrastructure construction materials, . . . these are only the tools of the work; the true meaning of the work lies in the upgrading and enhancement of the lives of thousands of people who need our encouragement now.

I encourage you to give this project your full-hearted and generous support.



# A Tribute to Saul Hayes

by Hubert Lynch  
Yarmouth, N.S.

I read the I.O.I. reports which do arrive quite late, from the Canadian Jewish Congress. I was shocked to see that **Saul Hayes** had passed away. He was such a tower of strength in the Jewish World, an ardent worker for the State of Israel, but there were other qualities which I found in **Saul Hayes** that made him a gentlemen and a scholar.

I can remember the first time I wandered into the Congress building. I was a new student at McGill University studying Music. Coming from a small town where there wasn't much activity in Jewish affairs, I decided as I passed the Congress building, that I should at least drop in and look over the place.

Wandering around the building, looking at announcements, pictures etc., I felt someone standing behind me. Turning, I saw a gentleman staring at me. He introduced himself and asked if he could be of help. I gave him my name, where I was from, and was invited to enter his office, where coffee was brought in and we had a very interesting conversation. This was the **Saul Hayes** I knew. I spent many hours in his office after that and he was always so helpful and made you feel at home. His door was open to everyone. After returning to Yarmouth, I wrote to Saul Hayes and always received a prompt reply.

I'm sure the Jewish World will never forget the work of this dedicated man. **Saul Hayes** will live on in the hearts and minds of many.

## On The Passing Of Saul Hayes



Saul Hayes    ה' י' ע

The late Governor General Vincent Massey once described Saul Hayes as "the most valuable public servant the Canadian people have".

Before his retirement as Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Vice-President in 1974, he led every major effort of the Jewish community in Canada.

A fighter of many causes, Hayes left a law practice in 1938 to become Director of the Jewish Refugee Committee. In 1942 he became Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Director, a title that was later changed to Executive Vice-President.

Born in Montreal, 1906 he received his bachelor's, masters' and law degrees from McGill University which also awarded him an honorary degree. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1974.

*"Saul was a great Canadian whose life was devoted to the advancement of the human rights of all his fellow citizens. Indeed his statemanship was sought and respected. His door was always open, his time freely available, his energies completely at the disposal of men and women of all walks of life, irrespective of origin. He exemplified in his own way the fulfilment of Mitzvah which is so sanctified and imbued in the Jewish tradition".* —Alan Rose, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to his family, friends and colleagues. The vacuum left by his passing will not soon be filled. May he rest in Peace.

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# Canadian Young Judaea

by Mrs. Earle Bowman—National Chairman, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada

My tenure as National Portfolio Chairman for Canadian Young Judaea from February 1978 to Convention in January 1980 has been a very special, heartwarming and encouraging experience. I have been deeply impressed by the calibre of leadership shown by the immediate past MAZKIRA KLALI, Pamela Medjuck of Halifax, N.S. and by the incumbent MAZKIR KLALI, Richard Freedman of Saint John, N.B.

For the past two years the Young Judaeans have been capably guided by two dedicated National Executive Directors. I had the pleasure of working with Ian Borer in 1978 and this year with his successor, Tina Ornstein. Tina has displayed exceptional ability and has established an outstanding rapport with the executive and general membership of the T'nua across the country.

Close links of communication were developed between myself and the leadership of the Judaeans through correspondence and personal contact. I had the pleasure of meeting with the leaders on an individual basis and through their participation at various Hadassah-WIZO meetings. In particular, a fine presentation was made by Pamela Medjuck at the Atlantic Regional Conference held in St. Andrews, N.B. in September 1978. At their own request Judaeans also appeared at the National Executive Meeting of Hadassah-WIZO in Montreal in April 1979, where they gave an impressively detailed, well prepared outline on the background, structure, achievements, problems, financial status and educational programs.

The leadership of Young Judaea was welcomed to a special meeting with Mrs. Balinsky and Lily Frank at the National Office of Hadassah-WIZO where the warm and receptive atmosphere helped to assure the Judaeans that our concerns were genuine and our support forthcoming both morally and financially. Courteous invitations were also extended to me by the Judaeans to attend their MAZKIRUT meeting as well as KINUS '78. All these personal encounters have fostered a deeper appreciation and understanding of each others respective roles and goals.

A new and exciting opportunity for closer rapport between the Judaeans and ourselves as their sponsors has been initiated by the energetic MERAKEZ CHINUCH, Brian Ross. In consultation with Irene Fink, National General Secretary of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, a blueprint was drawn up for a Young Judaeans-Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Conference Day planned for late October 1979 on a national basis. A hearty thank-you is extended to Irene for her invaluable assistance and well-known expertise in the field of leadership—particularly youth leadership. We wish the Judaeans great success in this endeavor.

Canadian Young Judaea and Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada both reached an auspicious milestone in their respective histories two years ago when we celebrated our mutual Diamond Jubilee Year. The

areas of prime concern in the Judaeans Movement today parallel our own in Hadassah-WIZO, namely the urgent need to increase membership, to stimulate and motivate active participation amongst the membership and, in particular for the Judaeans, the desire for more constructive support from the adult community. The recurring plea from the Judaeans for the past few years has been for stronger moral support and deeper personal involvement from their "parent" organization. In response to this need, letters were sent out to the major centres from coast to coast requesting the appointment of adult liaisons in each community. My thanks to Mrs. Balinsky for her assistance in this regard. While there was a good response and a number of appointments made, a better effort will have to be made in the future if this network of communication is to be effective.

*A Prime Concern . . .  
The Urgent Need  
To Increase Membership*

Adequate funding has always been a problem for the Judaeans. I sincerely hope that some formula can be worked out to ensure that the basic requirements for operational needs will be secured so that this constant source of preoccupation can be eliminated.

It has been a distinct honour and privilege to have been invited to serve as National Liaison between the Judaeans and Hadassah-WIZO.



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## Young Judaea Hadracha Seminar

by Joel Cuperfain

The cornerstone of Young Judaea is Hadracha, leadership. We devote camps, manuals and seminars to develop and improve leadership skills in our members. On January 25-27, 1980, Young Judaeans held their first Hadracha Seminar of 1980, in Windsor, N.S.

Fourteen members, at least one from each of our six active centers, were present. The purpose of the weekend was to have leaders take a broad look at major issues affecting the Jewish world, important issues affecting their cities, and finally to take a close look at themselves as leaders. In brief, the seminar was an educational weekend, and a "leadership refresher course".

From the very beginning, the small group formed a very close "chevra". Participation in the programs was very good, and looking at the people, one could see that they were getting a good deal out of the programs themselves.

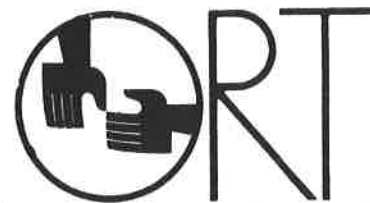
The various problems in the different cities were discussed and solutions were put forward. We also discussed some regional projects that we are looking into.

The weekend itself was a great success. Everyone learned a great deal and a new sense of direction was given to the leaders. Of course, in the immediate aftermath of the seminar, feelings will be strong. The true test of the success of the weekend will be the follow up by the leaders and how they use the skills that they have learned.

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## At This Point In History



by Dorothy Schoichet  
National President  
Women's Canadian ORT

As Israel celebrates its 32nd year as a State, ORT celebrates its 100th birthday. The centenary of ORT is a celebration that belongs to Jews everywhere. The creation and effectiveness of ORT is a brilliant chapter in the history of the Jews. From its very beginning 100 years ago in St. Petersburg, Russia, ORT has been a peoples' movement: we have marched hand in hand with the Jewish people through the years of turmoil as well as the years of achievement. Wherever there was a Jewish need, ORT was there, and is there, even now. With nearly 80,000 students in Israel, of a total enrolment of 100,000, we have effectively become the technological arm of the Jewish People. In a technological age, there is no movement more important.

When we meet in Jerusalem in May, it will be an enchanting moment in history. Toasting the State of Israel as well as 100 years of achievement, ORT'ists from round the World will renew their pledge to our people and drink a "L'Chaim" to the Second Century of caring for one another.

I invite you to join ORT. At this point in history, there is no more important movement in Jewish life. Join us in Canada and celebrate with us in Israel.

## Ada Zebberman Chapter Of Halifax Women's ORT

by Barbara Alberstat

On the evening of Wednesday, February 6, 1980, Mrs. Dorothy Schoichet addressed a large group of ORT members and guests at the home of Mrs. Sheila Zive. Mrs. Schoichet is the dynamic President of Women's Canadian ORT organization, mother to six children, and owner of a successful framing business in Toronto. As President of WCO, she is also the Board representative to World ORT Union.

Dorothy spoke about the recently held Canadian



*Rene Dankner, President Ada Zebberman Chpt.;  
Dorothy Schoichet, President Women's Canadian ORT;  
Cathy Jacobson, Past President Ada Zebberman Chpt.;  
Sheila Zive.*

conference sponsored by WCO entitled, "Technology and Human Development: A Challenge for the '80's". Held in Toronto, this unique, first time ever conference of this nature was applauded by many local papers, and is being reviewed in several Canadian magazines. How exciting that Women's Canadian ORT was the originator of such an exciting, progressive event, attended by members of the government, and presidents and representatives from many large corporations, technical schools and universities across Canada.

She went on to relate to us many of the aspects of ORT schools and life in Tehran, Iran and Ethiopia. Many of the interesting and exciting points about the forthcoming Centennial Convention were brought forward, and with



*Halifax O.R.T. members attending meeting which featured Dorothy Shoichet, National President.*

much enthusiasm, we have many people thinking and planning on attending the ORT Convention being held in Israel on May 28 to June 9, 1980. If you are interested in any details of the convention, please do not hesitate to contact Myrna Blumenthal, or Rene Dankner, as they would be most pleased to answer your questions.

A very informative Executive Meeting was held on Tuesday February 5, with Dorothy putting forth many new ideas and enthusiasm. So look forward to something new from the gals of ORT.

On Wednesday, March 19th, a general meeting of Halifax Women's ORT was held. We hope you came and brought a friend. Did you need a lift? Next time, call one of the ladies mentioned above or Phyllis Bluestein and they will be glad to help you!

## ORT Needs Your Support

by Cathy Jacobson

ORT needs you, the Jewish community, to support it and Israel more today than ever before.

As this article is written, Israel is experiencing inflation more seriously than ever before. Tel Aviv is bankrupt and the rest of the country is fighting an uphill battle.

ORT needs to raise more dollars NOW—tomorrow may be too late. It is only through rehabilitation and training that Israel's fight to become self sufficient can be won. It is through ORT's fund-raising activities such as the Annual Art Auction that we can raise these badly needed dollars that will support the schools.

The Art Auction will be held Wednesday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn in Halifax, starting at 7 p.m. Again this year, ORT will present an incomparable selection of the finest quality art through the cooperation of Marlin Art of New York. Donna Gorber, chairperson of the Art Auction, has worked hard to bring this show of fine, reasonably priced art to the Halifax market.

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# Hadassah-Wizo Organization Of Canada



*Mrs. Mirial Small, National  
President, Haddasah-Wizo  
Organization of Canada*

When 800 women from coast to coast assemble in one place one might expect vigorous interaction, great excitement and heightened emotion. This we had, and much more we had at our Canadian Hadassah-WIZO 28th Biennial Convention, in Vancouver, January 13-16, 1980.

The many outstanding personalities and speakers from Israel, Canada and the U.S.A. brought into focus the gravity of the current situation in the world, and more specifically the problems within Israel itself.

We were greatly encouraged to hear from Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World-WIZO; Mr. Yoseph Shapiro, World Head of Youth Aliyah; Dr. David Modai of the Asaf Harofe Hospital, as well as the directors of some of our schools in Israel, that the work we are doing in providing life-saving services in Israel is significant. They told us that our efforts make available facilities and

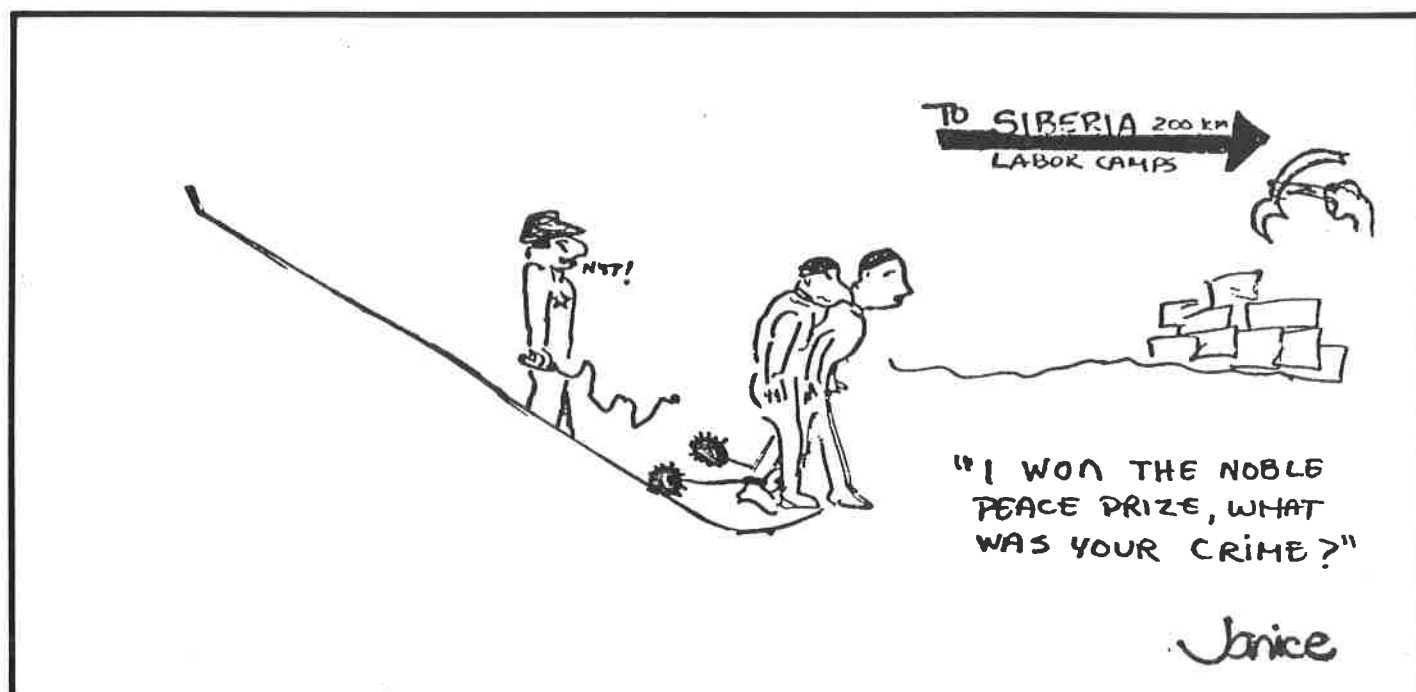
funding for day care centres, schools, women's clubs, youth clubs, health and welfare services. The thrust of our efforts is to help close the social gap and to ensure the promise of a brighter future for thousands of young people.

One of the most heartening aspects of convention was the enthusiasm of the large representation of women under 35. They asked for more communication with their counterparts across the country in an effort to continue their involvement at a level in keeping with their commitment, and their desire to use their talents and skills within the framework of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Of equal importance was the wide representation from centres of all sizes. It is at gatherings such as this that we become most aware of the significant role our organization plays in bringing Judaism and Zionism to every community, regardless of its size or its isolation from the mainstream of Jewish life. It was impressed upon us that often **Orah Magazine** is the only Zionist publication which reaches their homes. Frequently the young members of a family are first exposed to Zionism through this medium; often it is crucial to their self-awareness, their sense of Jewish identity and Zionist commitment. We are reminded that we play a positive role in fostering a sense of Jewish self worth and in helping to combat assimilationist trends.

It is at convention that we get a total picture of the importance of the work of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo and rededicate ourselves to continue our vital work on behalf of Israel and our people.

We salute Israel on its Independence Day, recognizing the great achievements made by the State in only 32 years. We express the hope, along with all Jewry, that the peace process may continue and that a new era of peace, of economic development and greater opportunities for Israel will soon be a reality.





## Delegates From The Atlantic Region Attending The National Convention Of Hadassah-Wizo Organization Of Canada, 1980



*Shirlee Medjuck, Halifax, outgoing Regional Chairman, Nova Scotia/Newfoundland congratulates the new Regional Chairman, Shirlee Fox, Halifax.*



*Shirlee Medjuck, outgoing Regional Chairman congratulates Barbara Paton, Halifax, the new Regional Vice-Chairman.*



*Joanne Meltzer, new elected Regional Chairman for New Brunswick and Paula Kaplansky, newly elected National Financial Secretary, look on as Shirlee Fox presents Shirlee Medjuck with certificate in honour of her term as Regional Chairman for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.*



*Ruth Pink, past Honorary National Vice-President, congratulates Shirley Dubinsky on her election as a National Vice President of Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada.*



*Some of the delegates from the Atlantic Region attending Convention.*



*After the closing banquet festivities, Sheila Zive, Council President, Halifax, Barbara Paton, Shirlee Fox and Shirlee Medjuck smile happily.*

## Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

by **Anita Dubinsky**

Final results on the Medical Services Tea show an excellent increase over last year. Co-convenors **Miriam Jacobson** and **Dorothy Zive** deserve our warmest congratulations for their fine efforts. (Our apologies for the inadvertent omission of the name of **Dorothy Zive** in an earlier report).

The **Barbara Goldberg Chapter** members bring imagination and energetic commitment to their projects. One highly successful innovation was the Holiday Gift Wrap fund-raiser at Bayers Road Shopping Centre, December 17th to 24th, 1979. The Shabbat was observed by donating the space and materials for Friday night to Halifax Dartmouth United Way Volunteers in a fine show of public relations. Those who participated in the Great Gift Wrap include:

<b>Lorri Goldberg</b>	<b>Karen Sadofsky</b>	<b>Bonnie Bultz</b>
<b>Marsha Aronson</b>	<b>Joy Mendleson</b>	<b>Goldie Trager</b>
<b>Joan Pink</b>	<b>Linda Raskin</b>	<b>Louise Wolfson</b>
<b>Bunny Shore</b>	<b>Mimi Webber</b>	<b>Gail Green</b>
<b>Vicki Lipkus</b>	<b>Lynn Goldbloom</b>	<b>Yael Wollach</b>
<b>Sue Rubin</b>	<b>Wendy Franklin</b>	<b>Lea McKnight</b>
<b>Rebecca Doman</b>	<b>Harriette Laing</b>	<b>Hedda Medjuck</b>

Convenor **Bonnie Katz-Webber** expresses her appreciation to all workers and patrons. This is a growing enterprise and we look forward to the next one.

The cooking class sponsored by the Barbara Goldberg Chapter included ten members who produced delicious Jewish specialties under the guidance of **Mrs. Sam Trager**.

All Chapters and friends are reminded that copies of our Hadassah Cook Book are still available and make great gifts.

The Calendar has been distributed and the Convenors, **Sophie Forman**, **Flo Rubin** and **Lenore Schelew** are pleased with a net increase in income of \$600.00. If you require an extra calendar for yourself or a family member now living elsewhere, please phone Lenore.

Life membership is now \$125.00 and annual general membership fee is \$10.00. Be sure you are a paid-up member. Did you know that Halifax Hadassah-Wizo boasts 264 members now? Perhaps you know a newcomer who would like to join.

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## Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

CELEBRATES WITH ISRAEL AND OUR PEOPLE,  
THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER 32ND YEAR  
OF INDEPENDENCE

Congratulations to all members of our State of Israel Bond, Womens' Division! This year's total is about 28% ahead of last year. A superb effort in a most important area of our support for Israel.

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The sympathy of all Hadassah women goes to the families of the late **Ethel Michael**, **Dora Shane** and **Rose Stern**. We extend condolences to **Rabbi and Mrs. Marvin Pritzker** on the death of Rabbi Pritzker's mother in the United States.

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Please note the following omission in the HALIFAX HADASSAH-WIZO Calendar:

**Simchat Torah**  
falls on October 3, 1980.

Write it in your calendar NOW.

## Gala Youth Aliyah Dinner

**Ruth Gruber**, celebrated author and correspondent held the audience spellbound during her hour address, to the members of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo. Her approach to the current political situation in the Middle East was decisive and her retelling of her involvement during the birth of Israel was told with deep emotion.

Her commitment to Youth Aliyah began 32 years ago as she followed the refugee children from Cypress to Palestine, to Europe and then back to Palestine. She reminded those present that Youth Aliyah continues to be the vehicle by which thousands of children receive hope for a new life.



*Ruth Gruber*





#### Head Table

Left to right: Shirlee Fox, Regional Chairman, N.S. & Nfld., Shirlee Medjuck, Special Names; Ruth Gruber, Guest Speaker; Sheila Zive, President, Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council; Norma Saltzberg, Canvass Chairman; Marlene Green, Treasurer. Missing from picture—Leona Freeman, Chairman, Youth Aliyah

Author of the book, "Raquela", Ruth recounted the "behind the scene" scenerio of her research and final decision regarding the actual heroine of this inspiring story. A very gracious lady, **Ruth Gruber** not only spoke to Hadassah-Wizo members, but found time to appear on two television shows as well as holding an interview with the local paper.



#### Youth Aliyah participation

An emotional story of Youth Aliyah was written and sung by **Shirley Burnstein, Lowell Shore, Bunny Shore** and **Tim Garroway**. After a beautiful performance, the talented group of 4 were thanked for their most entertaining production.



Musical Presentation. Left to right: **Bunny Shore, Tim Garroway, Shirley Burnstein, Lowell Shore**.

Appreciation was expressed to **Leona Freeman**, Chairman of Youth Aliyah and to her committee for a very exciting evening and successful campaign.



*Leona Freeman Chairman, Youth Aliyah*

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## Recent Halifax Events And Meetings



*U.I.A. Campaign Meeting. Left to right: Lloyd Newman, chairman; Martin Herschorn, Herman Saltzberg, Ben Prossin*



*Network Conference Planning Meeting. Back row left to right: Seema Wolman, Richard Freedman, Marcia Yampolsky. Front row left to right: Debbie Saiger, Toronto-Coordinator; Seymour Rafuse*



*Mr. Moshe Ofer, Minister-Counselor, Israel Embassy explaining the facts to Halifax audience:*



*B'nai B'rith with Atlantic Jewish Council sponsor Howard Stanislawski visit to Halifax.*



### Halifax's Women's Division UIA

**Mrs. Sophie Forman**, chairperson of the Women's Division in Halifax is pleased to announce the following appointments for the Spring 1980 Campaign.

Canvass Chairperson—**Mrs. Evette Bowman**  
Project Renewal Chairperson—**Mrs. Lenore Schelew**  
Treasurer—**Celia Fried**

## Project Renewal— Moves Ahead

On February 22nd, 1980 we met with the Minister of Finance, Yigal Hurwitz, who assured us without reservation that despite the difficult state of the Israeli budget and despite rampant inflation of 111 1/2% in 1979, the government of Israel will proceed with Project Renewal as promised and planned.

He assured us that the government of Israel will fulfill its commitment of \$600,000,000 and that the Jews of the world will meet their equal commitment of \$600,000,000 to Project Renewal.

Signed **Jack Rose**, National President  
**Phil Granovsky**, Chairman of the Board  
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## Poetry

Linda Rapp is the Granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Kohler, Halifax, N.S. She is 10 years old and lives in Montreal and is in Grade 5 at the Jewish People's School. Her award winning Poems received 1st prize.



### די שנין פון חנוכה ליכט

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שוין לאַנג אוועק  
און וועגן דעם ביימל וואָס האָט געברענגט  
אַכט טעג.  
די חנוכה ליכט זיינען פאַראַלעמען,  
אויך פאַר די מענטשן אין רוסלאַנד,  
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### MY WORLD MY WAY

My way would be all healthy and strong  
Young and old join in this song:  
Wonderful world so great to me  
Over the earth lets keep it free  
Rivers, oceans  
Lakes in motion  
Dear earth I love thee

My way would be all healthy and strong  
Young and old join in this song:  
World around us stay nice and clean  
And kill those illnesses that are mean  
Yes good world let's keep you clean

Pollution isn't good today  
Earth needs a better way  
And I wish there would be no way  
Call me when there is no more  
Everyone needs peace rich and poor

## Perennial Youth

by Leon Sills

Ageless oak, how lean they frame!  
Flexing poised and muscled arms,  
Tempering the anguished rain,  
Firm and stalwart, stand thee proud.

Decades eight all seem the same—  
Timeless clocks have Nature's charms—  
Bearing well the mortal pain,  
Seek ye not the final shroud.



LEON SILLS

## Our Dreams Have Come To Fruition

by Norman Newman, President Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax, N.S.

As we approach the Passover season with our thoughts on the historical events of our past, we cannot help but acknowledge that the dreams of the Jewish people at that time, have come to fruition. No longer is it necessary to wander in the wilderness. A land where Jews can live without persecution from within—a homeland—a place to grow is ours.

Yom H'atzma'ut, following the Passover season is a cream come true. Israel's 32nd anniversary awakes in all of us a sense of pride, accomplishment and dedication for the future. During this Passover season let us not only reflect on the history of our people but also on our future in Israel.

Shaar Shalom extends to Atlantic Jewry the very best for the Passover Season and sends to Israel every good wish and heartfelt support on her anniversary.

## Scholarship Established At Bar Ilan University

The following plaque was recently installed in the Canada Building at Bar Ilan University.

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AND HIS BROTHERS  
**DAVID, Z'VI, YEHOASHUA**  
**AND YECHIEL**  
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE HOLOCAUST

The above scholarship was done through the auspices of United Jewish Appeal Inc. Those wishing information about the establishment of special projects are urged to contact the Atlantic Jewish Council.



## Unity For Freedom



by Rabbi Marvin Pritzker  
Beth Israel Synagogue - Halifax

"A prisoner cannot free himself from jail" (because he needs outside help). This dictum is found in more than one passage in the Talmud, in connection with various incidents in our long history. Its earliest application was in the Exodus from Egypt. The Children of Israel could not free themselves from bondage. Only the Almighty, through the agency of Moses, Aaron and the tribe of Levi, who had never been enslaved, could free them. The prisoner enclosed in a cage of fear cannot free himself from the situation which limits the horizons of his perspective.

*We must remember that we are free and not under the tragic restraints of past years.*

As we approach the Season of Our Freedom, we must bear this in mind. We in the Diaspora are subject to certain restraints because of our minority status, and yet we have our strengths by virtue of our Jewish commitments and concerns in free democratic societies. On the other hand Israel, because it is a sovereign state, has the power to respond, as Jews in the far-flung corners of their dispersion have never been able to, as we so tragically know from our own history, yet it is under unrelenting military and political attack. At either end of the polarity of Medinah and Diaspora we are, then, both inside and outside differing prisons.

We must remember that we are free and not under the tragic restraints of past years. Medinah Israel is as free as any other land within the constraints of the international system to defend its vital interests. The military conclusion of the '73 war bears this out. The Israelis, by their very existence and deeds, help us, and we living outside the iron circle of Arab states, can help them. There is certainly no need for gloom and despair, even in an unredeemed world.

The greatest freedom we possess is the freedom to be Jews and to express ourselves as Jews, secure in the knowledge of our independent identity as Jews, secure in the knowledge of our self-worth as individuals and as a people. Our generation, above all, which has seen the appalling consequences of Jewish dependency and the glories of Jewish independence, knows truly what we celebrate in the Season of Our Freedom, which is Passover.

The only thing that can enslave us and restrict our freedom of action is a failure of nerve. It must be a postulate, if not an axiom of Jews everywhere, that we have the right to exist, to live and to survive. It should be as instinctive as the breathing of a baby which turns its head to breathe when inadvertently covered by a blanket. So long as we have confidence in our right to exist, we will never counsel courses of action tantamount to suicide for the Jewish state in this, its 32nd year of existence.

Its existence may be troublesome to the preconceived theological and nationalistic leanings of other peoples but we cannot confuse the short term or long term interests of major powers in the world with Israel's interest and concern for security.

Israel, as a de facto and de jure national entity, alleviates our sense of inferiority as a minority in the far-flung corners of Diaspora. We, the Diaspora, mitigate the Israeli sense of isolation in the face of continuing enmity and fading friendship. Israelis know they are not alone, that their brethren, wherever they may be, work, strive and give for their continuing ability to exist. We remain their only consistent support and so we must remain.

We must remain strong together to work for the redemption of mankind realizing that without redemption for the Jewish people that universal aim cannot be realized. There can be no separation between the particular needs of Israel and the universal needs of mankind. There can be no antithesis. Jewish rights must be inviolate as are the rights of all people. There can be no compromise with this position for it would lead to suicide both for Israel and for us. Israel must feel free to negotiate ultimate peace terms, guided at all times by the pole star of its national aspirations and security with our support. If we maintain this course in support of Israel, "Then", in the words of the Haggadah at the Seder, "we shall offer a new song for our deliverance and for the redemption of our souls".



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## Beth Israel Sisterhood

by **Bette Ross**

Our first exercise of 1980 was catering over a weekend to the teenage Shabaton held in our Synagogue in January. A detailed report of this does appear elsewhere in Shalom, so I need only thank those devoted members who spent the weekend in our kitchen, in particular our Rebbetzin and second vice-president **Rose Pritzker** who seemed to be on the premises from Friday afternoon till Sunday evening. Sisterhood is proud to have partly sponsored and catered to such a successful event.

The kitchen has been busy preparing for Purim with nearly 1,000 Hamentaschens being baked.

On March 18, we had our old friend **Ernie Coombes**, alias **Mr. Dressup**, with us here in Halifax. Mr. Dressup gave three shows at Queen Elizabeth High School Auditorium and delighted our young audiences. **Hedda Medjuck** and her committee worked hard to ensure a successful day.

Once more, we have seen a change in leadership in our congregation, so as we bid Farewell and Thank You to **Dr. Barrie Ross** and his board of governors, we say congratulations and welcome to **Mr. Frank Medjuck** and his board of governors. We eagerly look forward to working with the new board for the benefit of our congregation.

### Beth Israel Synagogue Sponsors And Welcomes Refugee Family From Vietnam

On Thursday, January 10, the Vu family of three sisters and two brothers aged 19-26 years, arrived in Halifax after a long journey which started in early October when they boarded a ship in Vietnam to seek refuge from the Communist Regime, leaving behind their parents and five brothers and sisters. Their 20 day journey at sea was a harrowing experience; they were given little food or water, their belongings were all confiscated, they were molested and beaten. Finally they landed in Malaysia, where the girls were hospitalized for

18 days. They spent two and one-half months in a refugee camp and arrived in Halifax via Singapore and Montreal.



*Mr. Don Schelew, Chairman of the sponsoring group which included Rabbi Marvin Pritzker of the Beth Israel Synagogue and 15 more families, is shown welcoming the Vu family. From left to right, they are: Dinh, Trang, Tran, Thai, and Thieu.*

On Sunday, January 13, the Vu family celebrated their first Mass in Canada at St. Patrick's parish on Brunswick Street, where they were warmly welcomed by Father Henry Kline.

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## Torah Shabbaton In Halifax

Congregation Beth Israel hosted a Torah Tour Shabbaton program the weekend of January 18, 1980. The Department of Youth Services of the Rabbi Elchaman Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University, coordinated the program.

**Zachary [Zack] Novoseller**, a senior student at the Seminary and alumnus of the undergraduate college of Yeshiva University led the program together with **Toby Urman**, a senior of Stern College for Women of the same University.

The program began late Friday afternoon, January 18th to Sunday noon, January 20th. Out of town students, as well as suburban Halifax students, were housed close to the Synagogue in order to achieve a complete Sabbath-observant experience. Catering was undertaken



*Zack Novoseller showing "Trigger" film to group.*



*Program Leaders—Toby Urman & Zack Novoseller.*

by the Beth Israel Sisterhood for all meals during the period.

Beside the religious services, conducted in large part by the teen-agers, discussion groups were organized throughout the Sabbath by the young leaders. Saturday night, after some fast and furious bowling, Zack led a discussion following a "trigger" film (see photo) on the subject of certain ethical dilemmas in life and particular Jewish responses to those challenges.

The reaction of teen-agers and parents to the weekend was enthusiastic. This was not unexpected, seeing that the Torah Tour program, now in existence for six years, is designed to expose communities to the principles and philosophy of traditional Judaism through discussion groups and the Sabbath experience.

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## Where Have The Children Gone?



**CAROL ANN FRIED** is the daughter of Mrs. Cella Fried, Halifax, N.S.

The following article appeared in *The Gazette*, Montreal, and was sent in by her mother in response to a request by this magazine for "news" of Atlantic children.

Send in your "news" regarding your children's careers, adventures and lives to "Children", *Shalom Magazine*, Atlantic Jewish Council, 5675 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S., B3J 1H1.

### 'SYSTEMS' Help Keep Clutter Under Control

by Donna Gableine

A place for everything, everything in its place. How many times did you hear that as a child?

And how many times have you wished it were possible, looking around at the flotsam and jetsam of life. Unanswered mail, unpaid bills, unmatched socks, closets filled to overflowing, drawers and shelves all a jumble, piles of books, and stacks of magazines and papers to be clipped . . . someday.

If only you could get organized. Being organized shouldn't be confused with being super neat. Psychiatrists say people who point all their shoes in the same direction, empty the ashtrays before they get full and insist on matching pencils may have a personality disorder. Defending against internal chaos, they become neatness fanatics on the outside.

Organized people may have a bit of clutter around, but they know where to find things because they have a system for controlling their possessions.

Disorganized people suffer from arrangement derangement. They occasionally hallucinate that they are drowning in a sea of desk-top clutter. They keep hockey skates in the buffet, the good china in the basement. They seldom can find socks that match and take great joy in displays of appointment books. (They already have three, maybe another one is the key to salvation.)

All the calendars, filing cabinets and storage closets in the world won't keep you organized if you don't have a system for using them.

Organization isn't just a one time thing. You have to work at it.

**CAROL ANN FRIED** does. The 30-year-old Montrealer is a lifework planning consultant. She does career counselling and conducts workshops on time management and career development.

### Organization 'Vital'

She likes being her own boss and having flexible time, so set up her career that way. "But because I work for four or five different employers and have an active personal life, it's absolutely vital to be organized." And organized she is.

Fried has developed her own system for keeping life in order. It starts with a binder covered in needlepoint patterned vinyl, a souvenir of a conference several years ago.

*"It's Easy To Become Too Rigidly-Planned."*

Inside are several compartments which hold business cards, appointment book and a pad of paper. The folder goes "everywhere" with Fried.

In it, she carries three lists divided into A, B, or C priorities. A is everything important and urgent that needs to be done, professionally or personally. The B list is less urgent and C is for when she has time. "I'm a compulsive list maker," Fried confesses, "and have been since high school when I was always involved in something that required organization." Fried enjoys the act of organizing finding it both relaxing and satisfying. "I even go wild over those purses with the dozens of compartments." She hates disorder and can have a perfectly grand time on a Sunday afternoon, cleaning out the pantry and putting all the spices in alphabetical order. She buys two of everything and when one item gets used up, puts it on a perpetual grocery list. "I make a list of things to do the next day, every night. Just writing it down helps me sleep well."

### A Place For Everything

The A, B and C idea carries over to Fried's desk, gleaming teak made in Ireland. It folds up like a steamer trunk and opens out to reveal an array of shelves and compartments. There are A, B and C Shelves. A place for everything and everything in its place.

There is one problem with being organized, says the vivacious, curly-haired Fried. "It's easy to become too rigidly-planned. I have to work at living for the moment and at being less organized."

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## Good Advice

by: Mrs. Ida Marcus, Halifax, N.S.

By putting everything we have into our daily efforts, is another way to find happiness.

Busy people are usually happy people. They do not have time to waste on negative thoughts or actions. Doing charitable acts for others will give us a taste of real happiness as well.

By performing tasks that will be an aid to our more unfortunate citizens we will have a good feeling about ourselves. Real happiness is available to us all. We just have to search a little for it from time to time.

## Study To Be Carried Out

The Atlantic Jewish Council is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the Secretary of State's office to carry out a regional wide study of the Jewish community. The study will deal with both the contemporary scene and the historical development of the community. The study will be directed by Drs. Sheva Medjuck and Morty Lazar of Mount Saint Vincent University.

Everyone's co-operation will certainly be appreciated by the Council.

## B'nai B'rith Citadel Lodge No. 3099

by Stephen Luner, Secretary

Having received its charter on May 27, 1979, Metro's new B'nai B'rith Lodge began the 79-80 season with a gala charter night dinner dance on September 9 at the Hotel Nova Scotian. Subsequent activities have included a December 25 swim party and an election night smoker.

Community volunteer services are presently being provided on behalf of the N.S. Home for Coloured Children. A Camp Kadimah Walkathon is being organized.

A lodge bowling league has recently been started and meets every other Saturday evening.

Heading the slate of officers of the new lodge are Michael Sherman, President and Vice Presidents, Gerry Bluestein, Lowell Shore and Borace Jacobson.

## Important Notice

"In connection with an investigation underway, the U.S. Department of Justice would like to contact any Estonian groups, spokesman, or individuals who resided in the Tartu region of Estonia during all or part of World War II. Replies should be sent to Mr. Aba Beer, National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Ave. Dr. Penfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5, (514) 931-7531 ext. 51."

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Mr. Moshe Ofer, Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa, on a three day tour of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick met with provincial cabinet members and federal members of parliament. While in Halifax he also appeared on television, spoke on radio and addressed the Jewish community. In Moncton, he addressed City Council, the Press Club and the Jewish Community.

In Fredericton, he addressed a luncheon sponsored by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission and appeared on television and radio as well as meeting with the Jewish Community.

## Russian Family Arrives In Halifax

The Jewish Community welcomes the arrival of **Anna** and **Boris Livshits** and son **Stanislav** to Halifax.

The Livshits family left Russia in October, 1979 and finally arrived in Halifax late February, 1980.

Boris, a refrigeration engineer and his wife, Anna, a mathematics teacher, hope to make their permanent home in Halifax.

Stanislav, age 13, is attending school, and along with his parents is busy learning English. Russian speaking members of the community are helping this new family ease into the Canadian way of life. A committee has been formed to provide assistance when and where necessary. It is expected that two more families from Russia will be arriving shortly.

## Vial of Life Programme

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- HOW?** VIAL OF LIFE urges you to put life-saving information into your home and cottage, in case of crisis or emergency.
- WHO?** EVERYONE, but particularly those who live alone or are handicapped, elderly, working parents, or those with current medical problems.
- WHY?** To provide YOUR RESCUERS with key information should you be the victim of fire, accident, sudden illness or other emergency—so that you can be cared for properly.
- WHAT?** NECESSARY INFORMATION about you and your family—doctors, blood types, medical needs—is stored in a plastic vial which can easily be located by ambulance drivers, police, firemen, etc.
- WHERE?** In the upper right-hand shelf of your REFRIGERATOR.
- WHEN?** March, 1980 distribution of vials and forms begins. Information should be updated every year or when vital information changes. Check with your doctor if you wish to do so.
- THE VIAL OF LIFE PROGRAMME** is sponsored in eight countries around the world by the women of Quota International, Inc. Quota service clubs have the co-operation of ambulance, fire, police, and community service personnel, as well as other voluntary organizations. The Programme in Halifax is co-sponsored by CHNS Radio.
- USE** A moisture-proof pill bottle—your bathroom cabinet may have one. If not, one can be supplied. You may need more than one if there are several family members.
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## Halifax/Dartmouth Massada Club

by **Freda Bradley**  
**Co-ordinator**

Greetings, and a Happy Passover to one and all!  
Although some of our members are in the sunny south,  
neither sleet, nor rain, nor ice, nor snow prevents the  
Massada Club from meeting every Sunday afternoon at  
the Shaar Shalom.



*Tu B'Shevat Luncheon, Feb. 3, 1980.*

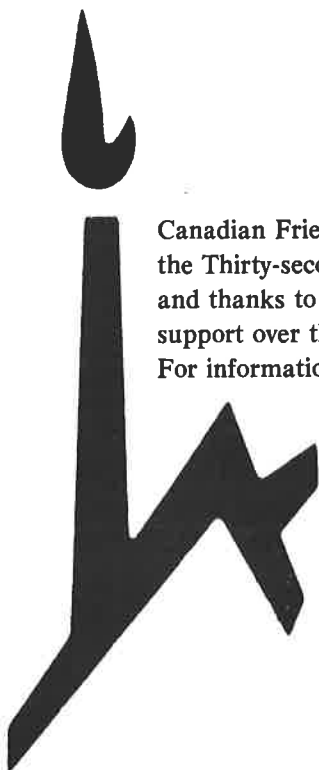


*Tu B'Shevat Luncheon, Feb. 3, 1980.*

We are happy to announce the election of Massada  
Officers which took place on February 24:

President . . . . .	<b>Mr. Aron Katz</b>
1st co-Vice President . . . . .	<b>Mr. Moe Kuchinsky</b>
	<b>Mr. David Block</b>
2nd co-Vice President . . . . .	<b>Mrs. Ella Morris</b>
	<b>Mrs. Sarah Yablon</b>
Secretary . . . . .	<b>Mrs. Bessie Rinzler</b>
Treasurer . . . . .	<b>Mr. H. Gutfreund</b>

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with excellent leadership and that the club will grow in



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strength and stature. We wish, also, to thank all the members who stepped forward to accept nominations for offices.

We wish to extend a hearty thanks to the members of B'nai B'rith for volunteering to provide transportation on



*Lawyer Elizabeth Roscoe thanked by Mrs. Ella Morris.*

Sunday afternoons to enable members to attend Massada. We appreciate your interest and enthusiasm.

Our Tu B'Shevat Luncheon on February 3rd, the highlight of our recent activities, was a great success. **Mr. Ben Pearlman** said the blessing. A most delicious, appetizing luncheon was prepared and served by members topped off by the traditional dates and figs. Our special guest speaker, **Rabbi Heim**, honoured us with his address on "The significance of Tu B'Shevat".

As we go to press, members are busy planning our second luncheon for Purim. This promises to be an exciting event. Members are practising for a Purim Spiel Reading that will be entertaining and lots of fun.

Some of our recent programs have been: a slide presentation and discussion of Greece by **Dr. Barry Strauss**; a visit by **Dr. J. Kirby** and **Mrs. Carney** from the Preventive Medicine Centre to demonstrate "Elderobics"; a lecture/discussion by **Dr. M. Lazar** on "Cults—Their Significance to Jews"; a presentation by



*Members Mr. A. Katz and Mrs. B. Rinzler with volunteer Barry Strauss at Tu B'Shevat Luncheon, 1980.*

**Lawyer Elizabeth Roscoe** on "Legal Issues of Interest to Seniors"; a Jewish Humour Afternoon with readings and jokes by members. Many more exciting programs are being planned as the Massada Club strengthens the position of Elders in the community and as the Spirit of Massada grows.

## Goodbye And Thank You

by **Shirlee Fox**

**Mrs. Freda Bradley** and **Barry Strauss** will be leaving Halifax very shortly. While here, they have guided the Halifax Massada Club. Freda, a graduate social worker, with many years of experience with Baycrest Senior Citizen Home in Toronto, has been in Halifax obtaining her Master of Social Work. She worked tirelessly for Massada and introduced many exciting programs and through her efforts the club has a very sound footing for the future.

**Barry**, a native New Yorker, is a Killam Post-Doctoral Fellow at Dalhousie University. In the classic department, Barry found time to volunteer his services and expertise to Massada.

Both of these lovely people will be missed by the Massada Club members. We wish them both much success with their respective careers. Thank you from everyone.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Anyone wishing to work with the Massada Club, please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council office.

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# Are We Free

by: Rabbi Samuel H. Simson, Congregation Temple Sons of Israel, Sydney, N S.

Passover, we all know is the feast of freedom. It reminds us, and recalls to us, the shame of slavery, and the glory of the Exodus. Yet Passover is a lesson in National History, as well.

The Lord passed over the houses of Israel, while he killed the first born of all those nations, found wanting, in the scales of historical justice. Babylonia, Assyria, Rome, Spain, Ancient Media and the modern lands of wickedness.

Passover, teaches us, safety, not only as against human attacks, but also against those more destructive forces, which wait upon tribes, cities, and nations to destroy them slowly.

Pesach teaches us individual liberty, the right and the duty of the individual to be free. Pesach has four signposts, the four special shabbaths, PARSHAS SHEKOLIM, PARSHAS HA-HODESH, PARSHAS PARAH PARSHAS ZACHOR. THE SHABBOS OF THE SHEKEL, teaches us that Judaism does not show a difference between religion and life. The Shabbos of remembrance, bids us to remove from our life the memory of Amalek. The SABBATH OF THE RED HEIFER, corrects us, if we think that many is the measure of all things, that our own thoughts can lead to perfection, this sabbath corrects us. The SABBATH WHICH INTRODUCES THE MONTH OF NISSAN, presents to us the story of nature, the spring, in which G-d awakens the dormant energies in all of us, this is the month when G-d freed our forefathers. This is the month which encourages our efforts. In the words of Oliver Goldsmith, "There are men who will gladly rush to the battlefield to die for freedom, even though, they do not know what freedom is."

What is the freedom which Pesach brings home to us? The freedom of Pesach is the necessity for inward harmony and independence. In simple words, it means, freedom from the whip, from unjust government and discrimination from pogroms, and social disabilities. But it means a higher freedom. It means freedom of conscience, self-emancipation. It stands for the mastery of mind over matter, of goodness over selfishness, of loyalty over faithlessness, of purity over immorality, it means the freedom of the individual who follows the law of G-d, of his free will, out of the greatness of ideal and the strength of character.

Your body shall be covered, your sandals, shall be on your feet, and your staff shall be in your hand, saith the Lord. Freedom is strength, the coward is never free, he is always in fear, the wicked is never free, he is at the mercy of every change of weather. But when your children eat the paschal lamb of freedom, gird your loins, assert your strength, know that to be free, you must be willing to break chains, to shatter shackles, to fight for freedom, in spite of what the howling mob might say.

ISRAEL, had strength, that is why she was able to withstand the whip of Rome, the rack of the Spaniard,

the yellow badge of bigotry, and the inhumanity of modern humanity. ISRAEL was free, serving his G-d, keeping his ideals upright and unshakeable in his ways. But there were times of terrible oppression that made it impossible to keep up as Jews, it was at such times, that we firmly girded our loins, our courage, our strength, our tenacity of purpose, of course, we felt that if we yielded, our freedom again would be lost, but the Jew reminds himself, that he has the sandals on his feet, which made it possible for him to journey forward, until he could find a safe place, in freedom where he could worship G-d and serve him.

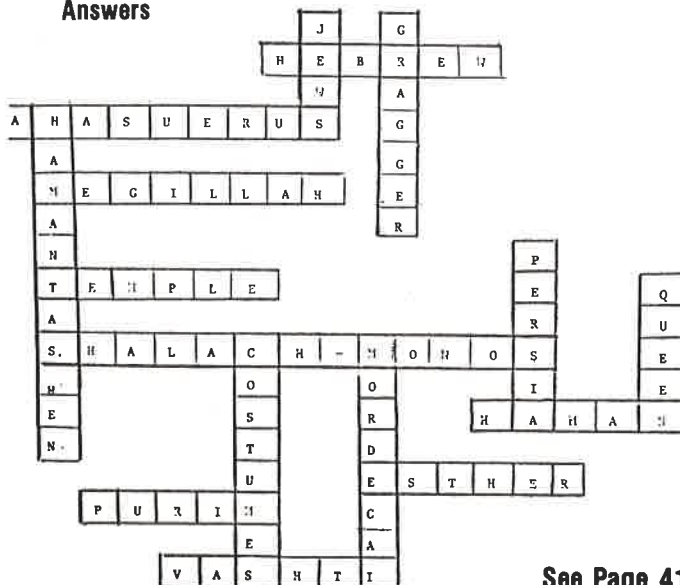
Eat your Paschal lamb, gird yourself with strength, but be ready to leave your habitation, if your spiritual heritage is in danger. Do not live, where your children cannot grow up as Jews, leave an evil neighbor, do not associate yourself, nor have contact in Lions' dens where evil exists. Do not waver in your weakness, have your staff in hand, be willing not only to talk of freedom, but to act on it, not tomorrow, but now, if you want to be free. A free man, truly free, will struggle for independence, a man who knows what he has, who knows what he wants, will not stand idle between an ideal and its realization, as long as he has an inch of manliness and strength left.

**We were a free nation, that is our greatest asset. We are a free nation, that must be our proud thought.** That we may remain a free nation, let us eat the bread of freedom, the paschal lamb, in strength and courage. With our sandals on our feet, ready to abandon our comfort, for our ideals, with our staff in our hand, ready to leave at once, the place where we cannot be Jews, let us go forth, should the occasion demand, to a place where again we may be free to worship our G-d.

Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel H. Simson wish all a "Happy, Healthy, Peaceful, Joyful Pesach".

## Purim Crossword Puzzle

### Answers



See Page 41



## News From Sydney

by **Helene Siegel**

Our community news continues to revolve around our Schul, The Temple Sons of Israel. Sisterhood with **Ann Leviten** as President is running very smoothly. All children's parties for the different holidays were capably convened.

The annual birthday party sponsored by Sisterhood at the Cape Breton Hospital was its usual happy success. **Mrs. I. David** and **Mrs. H. Nathanson** supervised the refreshments while **Sammy Mendelson** arranged for the entertainment. Music and dancing were enjoyed and as the evening ended I'm sure we can assume that the patients who were able to participate had indeed had a very good time.

Many of the men in our community also attend the weekly Mens' Club. This includes a Tphillum club made up of a number of the Bar Mitzvah boys plus those who will soon have this status. Services are held and then breakfast is served—arranged and served by the men themselves.

They have been fortunate to have had a number of capable speakers who have added a most interesting feature to their programs. The speakers include: **Dr. B. Trask**, Subject: The Heart, **Dr. L. Schneiderman**, Subject: The Function of the Kidneys, **Dr. A. Prossin**, Subject: Pollution and Other Dangers in the Mines. **Rabbi Simson**, Subject: Who are we as Jews and our involvement in the community. Ritual Slaughtering.

The Hebrew School is functioning well under the teaching and guidance of **Rabbi and Mrs. Simson** with a gala Chanukah concert ending the 1979 season.

It is difficult to depict in print the originality and attractiveness of the different costumes worn by the children all made by **Mrs. Simson**. The stage formed a glittering background and in the centre of which was the lighted Chanukah menorah.

There was marching, there was dancing, and there was singing: a song of battle, a song of lighting the candles, a song of potato latkes, of Chanukah gelt, and finally songs of Israel. The children enjoyed it, the audience enjoyed it. Too much praise cannot be given for the efforts of the Rabbi and **Mrs. Simson**. For them it was a labor of love—love for the children and love for their Jewish heritage.

The evening ended with a delightful pot-luck dinner under the convenorship of **Mrs. S. Sherman** and **Mrs. Leon Zelicovitz**.

Everybody brought and everybody ate. May we have many more happy holidays.

The Hadassah-Wizo side of our Jewish women is also continuously stimulated by ongoing events. Following our November meeting, the Sydney Chapter invited the New Waterford and Glace Bay Chapters to view a very interesting table-setting and floral arrangement display by **Mrs. Charles Miller** and her daughter-in-law, **Mrs. David Miller**. We were shown many ways to set a table and many ways to arrange flowers. All it takes is imagination and time. Creativity is prevalent in us all and if we apply ourselves, the results can be delightful.

Hadassah-Wizo being the mother organization of the Judeans watched with pleasing eyes the Mifgash which was held on the November 1st weekend in Sydney under the leadership of Susan Marshall and her committee.

Approximately 50 children from all over the Maritimes and Newfoundland attended. Some things went smoothly, other things did not. To have children of 14-18 years gathered together in one area trying to strengthen their Jewish ties and their Jewish identity in a few short days is a difficult task. However, that they did meet, either to agree or disagree is not the most important fact. What is important is that they recognize their Jewishness. Many left with stronger individual friendships which oftentimes may last a lifetime. So thanks to the leaders, and to the mothers who fed and housed the Judeans.

On Friday evening, February 1, the Sydney Congregations celebrated Tu B'Shevat in a very enjoyable way. **Rabbi Simson** conducted services and following this we gathered in the auditorium where the children, under the direction of **Mrs. Simson** sang Hebrew and Israeli songs. A table of refreshments centered with fresh fruit was set up for our tasting. Needless to say, we did justice to it. All Holidays even minor ones, can be festive, happy, and memorable. It takes a little effort, but the results can be so satisfying.



*The Jewish community in Sydney and surrounding industrial area communities celebrated Chanukah. Students of the Congregation Temple Sons of Israel presented a gala program and are shown here with Rabbi Simson (left) and Mrs. Simson who produced the program.*

The Cape Breton Chapters of Hadassah-Wizo held their annual Youth Aliyah function at the Glace Bay Talmud Torah on Wednesday, February 6, in the form of a dessert luncheon. The auditorium was appropriately decorated by **Mrs. Gary Shore** with paper doves clinging to the stage curtain and surrounding areas. Little clusters of fern centered each table, while at the back of the room openly displayed, were the delicious desserts so capably made by our Glace Bay hostesses. A warm atmosphere lends itself to the success of any event and this was very apparent that afternoon. Arrangements were under the guidance of **Mrs. I. Shore**, Youth Aliyah convenor, and after her opening remarks of welcome, the program began. The chairmen from the different chapters gave their individual reports. These chairmen were: **Mrs. A. Shore**, Glace Bay, **Mrs. Freda Columbus**, New Waterford, **Mrs. Ann Leviten**, Sydney. This was followed by remarks from several of the delegates who attended the National Convention in Vancouver in January. Each delegate covered a different aspect of the convention, and for those of us who did not attend, we found it extremely interesting and informative.

The delegates were: Miss Fanny Cohen, Mrs. Louis Wiener, Mrs. Morris Gaum, Mrs. Goodman David, Mrs. Harry Dubinsky, Mrs. Louis Friedman, Mrs. Ellie Marshall, Mrs. Joseph Chernin, and Mrs. Harold Davidson. The highlight of the program was the presentation of a "Youth Aliyah Scholarship" to a worthy student in the name of Mrs. H. Dubinsky [Shirley] by Mrs. J. Chernin. Mrs. Dubinsky has been elected to serve as Vice President on the National Executive of Hadassah-Wizo—a well-deserved honor to a very capable individual. "We wish you every success, Shirley."

The afternoon came to an end with the showing of a film "Peace and Promise"—a resume of the many achievements of Mrs. Clara Balinsky the out-going National President, during her four years in office.

Although all our functions for Hadassah-Wizo are important it seems to me that Youth Aliyah has always been a little special. Whether it is because it is one of our largest money-making projects or whether it is the fact that so many children, through our efforts, have become useful and happy citizens of Israel, it is hard to say. Be what it may, it has to give each and every one of us a splendid sense of achievement.

Our community has been blessed with many simchas, and mazeltov is extended to: Dr. and Mrs. M. Claener on their 40th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lubetzki on their 35th wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Ross, on their 35th wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Hilroy Nathanson on their 20th wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. M. Yazer on the engagement of their daughter Gail to Charles Milgrom, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Milgrom of Toronto, Dr. & Mrs. H. Davidson on the engagement of their daughter Gail to Irwin Prince son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Prince of Toronto, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Webber on the birth of their grandson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Laurie Webber of Halifax, Mr. & Mrs. M. Yazer on the birth of their grandson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Yazer of Sydney, Mr. & Mrs. J. Yazer on the birth of their granddaughter, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. H. Yazer, of Halifax, Mrs. Jennie Druker on the birth of her great grandson Guy Druker, grandson of Rachel and Lionel Druker, son of Dror and Aviva Druker, of Tel Aviv, Israel, Dr. & Mrs. L. Schneiderman on their 20th wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Gaum on their 20th wedding anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Nathanson on their 25th wedding anniversary and to Mr. & Mrs. A. Zelicovitz on their 40th wedding anniversary.

#### Lionel Druker Visits Family In Sydney

## Sydney Native Fights For Israel And Pioneers In Nation's Growth

**Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the Cape Breton Post, January 12, 1980.**

It's a good feeling to be able to say you have accomplished what you set out to do in life.

Sydney native Lionel Druker is one man who has that good feeling.

He says he has been successful on two fronts.

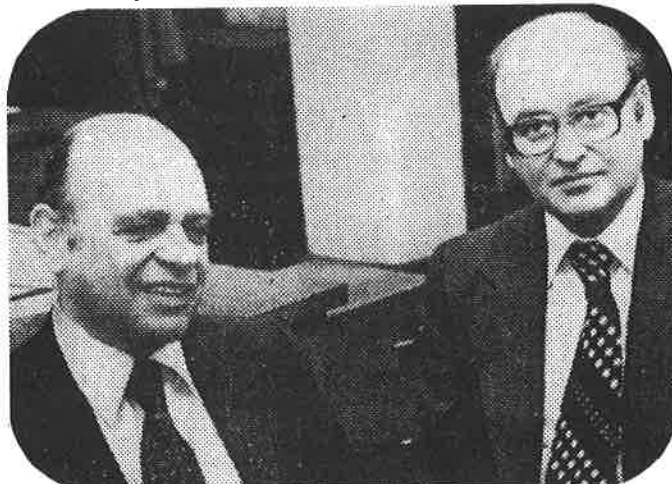
He, along with his business partner, Arthur Goldberg, who served with him in the Canadian Army, have developed a very lucrative tourist business in Israel.

But perhaps, the main reason Lionel feels satisfied with his life is because for the past 33 years, he has worked for Zionism—something he believes in with a passion.

In 1947, he was the national president of the Zionist youth movement in Canada, "Young Judea".

In that year, he decided to go to Israel. This was the year the United Nations had established the State of Israel and consequently, all the neighbouring countries attacked the newly formed nation.

Lionel says he travelled a very circuitous route to get to



Lionel Druker (left) visits brother Avvie.

Israel, because the British, who had control of the state at the time, were not allowing immigrants in. As a result, he had the chance to see many of the displaced persons camps throughout Europe, as he made his way towards his destination.

Arriving finally in Israel, he joined the army, was transferred into the armoured corps and helped to build a new tank branch, an area he had come to know well in the Canadian army.

He reflected on these times on a recent trip to Cape Breton where he visited his mother Jennie and brother Avvie, a well known Sydney businessman.

When the war finished in 1949, Lionel decided to stay in Israel. He met an old friend from the Canadian army who had a similar background to himself—a degree in law, who was interested in staying.

The two of them decided to go into business together. They pioneered in the tourist industry, which has come to be a booming business in that country.

They formed the first rent-a-car company, later expanding into a tourist bus company which has grown to international size.

During the various wars of Israel and its neighbors, their tourist and travel association was the representative of Canadian soldiers who were part of the United peacekeeping effort. The offices served as meeting places for the soldiers and buses were shot up many a time as they carried troops in times of fighting. "But we survived all that", Lionel says.

When he thinks of his native Cape Breton, he says he doesn't regret leaving. For one thing he visits here twice a year, so it isn't like he's away for a long period.

But perhaps more significantly, he has accomplished what he wanted to do in Israel. He fought for this new country, has played a part in making it grow and now he can watch it develop further in what appears to be hope for peace in the future.

What's more he has a family to be proud of. He married an Israeli and has three sons, two of whom have completed the mandatory three year stint in the army.

The family lives in Tel Aviv, "A very modern and cultural city", with much to offer visitors.

### Max Lubetzki Honored



Max Lubetzki, a member of the Glace Bay Rotary Club and chairman for many years of the club's handicapped Children's Clinic was honored by the club at a function held recently. Mr. Lubetzki, second from the left is shown receiving a plaque from Judge Leo McIntyre while Mrs. Lubetzki receives a bouquet of flowers from Rotary Club president, Emdon Townsend.

### Paul Harris Fellowship Awarded



The Waterford Rotary Club recently presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to former Mayor, Dr. Dan Nathanson. Left to right: Rotarian Francis MacKinnon who gave the address, Mrs. Edie Nathanson, Dr. Nathanson and Rotarian Victor Fisher who made the presentation.

## Glace Bay Chapter Of Hadassah-Wizo

Highlight of the closing calendar year 1979 was the induction of **Miss Andrea Chernin** as a Life member in the Glace Bay Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo.

A grade 10 student of Morrison G.B. High School, Andrea is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Chernin.



Pictured above is F. Cohen, Chapter President, Mrs. Esther Mendelson, membership chairman, the honoured member receiving her Hadassah-Wizo pin and membership certificate and happy mother, Mrs. Phyllis Chernin who honoured her daughter at Chanukah.

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# Saint John Happenings

December 1979 & January 1980

by Louise Adler

## Sisterhood Celebrates

The Sisterhood members of Congregation Shaarei Zedek sponsored its Annual Chanukah Party on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1979.

It was a delightful occasion. **Frizle Goldfeather** presided over a beautiful display of gifts for the Holiday (all available for purchase). An exquisite Chanukah Candelabra presided at the table where the gift-exchange was featured.

The Eternal Light film "The Trial of Uriel" was thoroughly enjoyed. Many remembered viewing the film thirteen or fourteen years ago. The script was written by **Morton Wishengrad** in 1959. Others viewed this heart warming episode for the first time. In simple terms one observes how in spite of much discouragement from learned men of his time, Uriel, a humble water carrier, is able to gain entrance into Heaven. This dramatization reveals that wisdom and scholarship are precious but by themselves do not suffice.

The latkes and wine concluded a joyous evening. **Mrs. Gar Meltzer** and **Mary Roy** were the chefs. **Janet Holtzman** acted as a charming hostess.

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Sisterhood also sponsored a skating party for the Hebrew School children and their families as part of the Chanukah Celebrations. Following this fun period they all enjoyed the home hospitality of **Sandy** and **Mel Winch**. Of course latkes and refreshments were an added delight as prepared by the mothers.

## SHOMER CLUB

The Shomer Club held a delightful Chanuka Party on December 2nd. Featured were an exchange of gifts and the partaking of latkes enhanced with applesauce and wine. The entertainment was the presentation of a film "Glimpses of China". Realizing that there are over 800 million Chinese and that China is the third greatest power in the world, the members enjoyed the film both as informative and entertaining. The film depicted a far-reaching, all embracing picture of new China that few outsiders have seen in such close detail. In Shanghai, Canton, Peking and Shenyang, in streets, factories, homes and schools, wherever the film turned it witnesses the same selfless dedication to its present ideals.

The projectionist was **I.J. Davis**.

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January 27th was celebrated by the Shomer Club as a salute to **Jack Cohen** on his 93rd Birthday. Everyone was in a festive mood. The music was presented by John McMulty and Company. Instrumental and voice ensemble plus solos delighted everyone. The birthday cake and wine were special treats. **Sam Cohen** (Jack's son) and his wife were the gracious hosts.

## CONGREGATION SHAAREI ZEDEK ANNUAL MEETING

On December 16th, the Congregation Shaarei Zedek elected the following officers and Directors of the Board:

President	<b>Mr. L.I. Michelson</b>
1st Vice President	<b>Mr. Norman Hamburg</b>
2nd Vice President	<b>Mr. Gar Meltzer</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Mrs. Terri Levine</b>
Corresponding Secretary	<b>Mr. Murray Zides</b>
Treasurer	<b>Mrs. Joanne Meltzer</b>

## DIRECTORS:

Past President	<b>Mr. Abe Calp</b>
<b>Mr. Joseph Adler</b>	
<b>Dr. L.H. Freedman</b>	
<b>Mr. Nathan Green</b>	
<b>Mr. B.N. Goldstein</b>	
<b>Mr. Norman Holtzman</b>	
<b>Mr. Jerry Koven</b>	
<b>Mr. Ben Smith</b>	
<b>Mr. Melvin Winch</b>	

## BOOK REVIEW CLUB

In December and January the Book Review Club listened to two book reviews which were in some respects very similar in that they both highlighted one character who managed through devious ways to survive the hell of prisons and the deprivations of the Second World War and the cruelty of man to fellow man. And yet, the characters were so very different.

The first book reviewed by **Morris Selig**, assisted by **Louise Adler**, was "For Those I Loved" by Martin Gray with Max Gallo. This was translated from the French in 1971. Martin Gray led a pleasant life with his family in Warsaw, Poland until he was fourteen years old in September 1939. His father owned a stocking and glove factory. Then he went off to war to fight the Germans. His son now considered himself the head of the family, responsible for their survival.

His father became part of the resistance movement and though he showed himself occasionally to his son, he could not return to the family for he would have been arrested by the Poles—most of whom hated the Jews and later by the Germans. However, his father's admonishment became part of Martin. His father had warned his son "If you escape, there is always hope—never wait. The first chance is always the best."

From then on, he and everyone else in the Jewish ghetto were plunged into the endless hell of butchers and bombs, corpses and concentration camps, a nightmare from which it was impossible to awake. At that period, said Martin, "Our lives had the resistance of stone, and our stones the eternity of life."

In the midst of the holocaust and annihilation of his people, Martin Gray mastered the techniques of survival. With the help of an amazingly resourceful gang of rogues, he slipped sacks of wheat into streetcars that were still circulating between Warsaw and the ghetto, right under the noses of the SS and Polish "Blues". This smuggled food helped to keep alive his family and the abandoned children in rags who emerged from the



shadows with outstretched hands, crying "Have pity, Jewish heart". Martin swore to survive the cruelty, outwit the "beasts with men's faces" and avenge their victims.

And he did survive, not only the extermination of his home in Warsaw, but the dreaded "lower camp" at Treblinka, a place of unimaginable horrors. Afterward, he escaped to become a member of the Resistance at Zabrow, then an officer in the Soviet Army, seeking out and eliminating Nazis who had gone into the American zone of Berlin, and set out for New York and his frail grandmother. During the next twenty years, 'Mietek' (his childhood nickname) made his fortune as an importer of antique furniture and porcelain going from the Bronx, New York to Paris, Berlin and London.

Then, in a soaring chapter, Martin describes an Idyll: a new life in southern France in a château surrounded by the sea and music, a lovely young wife and four precious children. Suddenly, in a flash a forest fire. Dina and the children were burned to death. Martin Gray was "scandalously alone", with nothing left of his life but himself.

The flames of war's inhumanity ravaged Martin Gray's life when he was only fourteen; by raw will he crawled out of the devastation and built a strong personal fortress. What incredible qualities of tenacity and faith sustained this modern-day Job! When savage punishments beat him down again and again, his response was to reach for the highest and noblest values a man possesses. His story transcends all religious beliefs; he personifies the shining triumph of the indomitable human spirit.

Martin Gray still lives in southern France, where he has established in October 3, 1970, the Dina Gray Foundation to fight for the human environment.

All the members of the Book Review Club were moved by this story.

The second book was jointly reviewed by **Charlie and Ruth Zatzman** on January 13, 1980, the "King Rat" by James Clavell. They added a new dimension to the program by alternating their comments. The author, a well known writer-director-producer in Hollywood is an Englishman who served as captain with the Royal Artillery during World War II. For three years he was a prisoner of war in various Japanese camps throughout the Far East.

The time is 1945 in Changi, a Japanese prison camp near Singapore. The captives at Changi are the remnants of Allied forces defeated in the Pacific campaigns: Americans, English, Australians, New Zealanders. They had lost a war and they lived. Therefore, they were considered by the Japanese as criminals. All suffer incalculable torments and degradations to the body and spirit in the squalor, privation and relentless heat of Changi. That is, all suffer except one—the King. An American corporal before his capture, the King is now a wheeling and dealing black marketeer who has built an empire for himself at the expense of his fellow prisoners. But he survived. What we are under one condition and what we become when the situation changes.

Hated, feared and truckled to, the King has only one friend, and he is the unlikeliest choice in the camp:

Flight Lieutenant Peter Marlowe, officer and gentleman, heir of a distinguished British military family. Attracted at first by the King's confidence, generosity and ingenious business skill, Peter comes to admire the King for his individualism and indifference to caste—and finds himself face to face with a desperate question. Is it better to compromise one's principles and live or refuse to compromise and die? He begins to learn that when survival is at stake there can be no hard and fast distinctions between right and wrong.

*Is it better to compromise one's  
principles and live or refuse to  
compromise and die?*

But to the third major character, Lieutenant Grey, the Provost Marshal of Changi, morality is indeed a matter of black and white, no matter what the circumstances. Fanatically righteous and passionately resentful of the aristocracy, Grey is sworn to destroy the King and Peter Marlowe.

Eventually King finds a way to become even more powerful and rich. Then when the war ends he breaks.

The members of the Review Club recalled Martin Gray who too had survived the horrors of war, capture, prison and contrasted the two men. One kept his moral principles, the other? Why?

#### **HENRIETTA SZOLD CHAPTER OF HADAASAH-WIZO**

**Joanne Meltzer** and **Esther Bently** were the Henrietta Szold Chapter's delegates to the recent National Hadassah-Wizo's 28th Biennial Convention held in Vancouver. At the January 29th meeting of the Chapter both members graciously shared their impressions and sections of their participation in the activities of the Convention. Thus they gave us some of the feeling and inspiration that they experienced.

We were impressed by Esther's opening remarks to us in addition to her report on the working sessions and workshops. We quote:

"We arrived in Vancouver on Friday afternoon and were greeted by a fresh snowfall. I guess they wanted us to feel right at home, little realizing that we didn't have any snow when we left Saint John.

"Saturday morning we attended services at the Beth Israel Synagogue. It is a very beautiful shul and we immensely enjoyed the services. We were invited to stay to a luncheon which was being held in honour of the cantor's parents' 60th anniversary . . .

"Sunday evening was the Grand Opening of the Convention. Unquestionably this was a moving and memorable experience. The beautiful rendering of O'Canada, Hatikvah and the Convention theme song "Peace & Promise" followed by the youngsters bearing flags of all the provinces was indeed very touching.

"Then followed official opening greetings and **Clara Balinsky's** report. A film was shown of some of the highlights of her administration. The theme of the film

was that of courage pointed up by the great historical giants of our early history and the vision and courage of the founders of the State of Israel all of whom demonstrated both physical and moral courage. This is as true of the early settlers as it is today's citizens, who have faced and still face many hardships.

"The keynote speaker of the evening was **Bernard Kalb**, widely travelled and wellknown CBS news commentator whose beat is Washington. He outlined some of the pressing trouble spots of the day. 'The Hostages are still in Teheran—The USSR is still in Afghanistan.'

"The final item on the program was the presentation of the Canadian Award to **Monty Hall**. He was chosen to be the first recipient of this newly established award as an outstanding Canadian, a deeply concerned humanitarian, a talented and generous person, who has made a significant contribution to human welfare, to the common good, to Israel and our organization. In accepting this award **Monty Hall** spoke of his beloved mother, **Rose Halparin**, who was a Hadassah member and of his need to give of himself out of a sense of desperation because only 10% of our people in the entertainment field give to UJA and even fewer buy Israeli bonds. He concluded his remarks by saying 'I do not intend to preside over the dismemberment of the Jewish people in my generation and G-d willing, neither will those who follow' . . ."

We, in the Henrietta Szold Chapter, are also proud that our **Joanne Meltzer** was elected regional chairman.

## I Remember . . .

**Editor's Note:** We have received the following copy of a very interesting letter and poignant photo from Mrs. **Lillian Meltzer Schoen** of **Lauderhill**, which appeared in the **Broward Jewish Journal** in Florida, April 1978 issue. Mrs. Schoen is the sister of **Gar Meltzer**, Saint John, N.B.

**Mrs. Schoen served with the Canadian Army in England during the Second World War and after the war she was very involved with the Jews who had been liberated from the death camps.**

**The photo is of the first group of children who, having lost their parents, were brought from the German concentration camps to England, fed, clothed and returned to life.**

"At this time of the showing of the 'Holocaust' TV program", I am again reminded of my time of service with the Canadian Army during World War II when I served as secretary to the Canadian Jewish Chaplain in London, England, **H/Major Samuel Cass**.

**Rabbi Cass**, his wife and son were killed a few years ago in a highway accident, when a car drove the wrong way and smashed into them, in Quebec.

**Rabbi Cass** was a great humanitarian, and I would like to pay tribute to the work he did with the first group of children that were brought out of the concentration camps of Europe to England in November 1945.

They were brought to a private estate in **Durley**, near

**Southampton, England**. A **Sgt. Gertrude Freedman**, the Rabbi and myself drove down to visit these children from London. We were to arrange a Chanukah party for them. We were immediately surrounded by the children, who had already been properly clothed and were most anxious to tell us all about what they had been through and to show us the numbers that had been branded on their hands.



The Rabbi arranged to have the various service people stationed in and about London to give us what they could of their packages from home and what we could get in the canteens, and he had many "angels" in Ottawa, Canada who sent packages to be used where needed. We were able to give these children their first Chanukah Party in freedom. They in turn, entertained us with skits and songs they had learned in camp. If you could call this being entertained. It was heartbreaking. If I can find one of the songs I will enclose it. We also tried to assist in locating relatives in Canada and the U.S.A. This work was being done by the Canadian and I presume the American Jewish Congress.

**Rabbi Cass** also took many packages with him when he went to the continent to distribute amongst the people that were being liberated.

I corresponded with some of the children, but lost track, as they were sent to different parts of England, Scotland and Ireland to get schooling and learn trades, till they could be reunited with family.

Many children were sent to England before the war for the duration. When I visited the home of **Neville Lasky** for a weekend, the girl they had taken in, was in France to try to locate her mother. This young girl was later the author of "Little Boy Lost" which became the picture starring **Bing Crosby**. I visited a children's camp in Ireland and there was a little girl that cried continuously. Reminded me of the young girl in the first part of the Holocaust, **Anna Weiss**.

## Prominent Older Resident Passes Away

**Abraham Rozovsky** of Saint John, N.B., passed away on January 27, 1980. He was 92. Born in the Ukraine, Russia, Mr. Rosovsky came to Canada in 1913. He was well known in Saint John as a tailor and furrier. He owned and operated the American Ladies Tailoring store from 1920 until his retirement in 1970. Prior to coming to settling in Canada, Mr. Rozovsky served with the Imperial Russian Army from 1909-1911. He was a member of B'Nai B'Rith and the Shomer Club in Saint John, N.B. He was one of the founding members of the Habomin Brotherhood. A member of The Zionist Organization, he was the longest-living member of the Shaagi Zedek Congregation.

# Fredericton News

by **Jennie Brown**

Congratulations to the following who celebrated anniversaries:

<b>Jennie and Joe Chippin</b>	31 years
<b>Edyth and Harry Levine</b>	36 years
<b>Fay and Ben Medjuck</b>	44 years
<b>Betty and Jack Levine</b>	32 years
<b>Linda and Martin Payne</b>	22 years
<b>Anita and David Adilman</b>	6 years

**Ellen Levine**, has returned to St. Monica, California, after visiting her parents, **Sue and Lou Levine**.

**Beverley Tobin**, has returned to Montreal, after visiting her parents, **Rita and Sid Tobin**.

**Terry Budovitch**, has returned to Toronto, after visiting her parents, **Rosalie and Gerry Budovitch**.

**Terry and Debbie Steinberg**, have returned to Long Isdland, New York, after visiting her parents, **Betty and Jack Levine**. Congratulations to **Allen Ruben** upon his appointment as President of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Marilyn and Seymour Kaufman**, have returned from Vancouver, where they attended the Hadassah-Wizo Convention, and Calgary, where they visited **David and Arthur Chippin**.

**Carol Chippin** has returned home from Toronto from a visit with her parents, **Jennie and Joe Chippin**.

**Sarah and Harry Lang** have returned from Toronto, where they attended the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, **Sean**, son of **Harriet and Gerald Ziachick**.

**Murray and Betty Zides** have returned to their home in Saint John, N.B., after visiting her parents, **Lil and Dave Graser**. During their stay, they were guests at the 16th birthday party, hosted by **Toby and Weldon Graser**, in honor of their daughter, **Dena**, also honoring their parents' 55th wedding anniversary.

**Mrs. Sonia Cytrynbaum**, son, daughter-in-law and family, have returned to their homes in Montreal, after attending the celebration of their granddaughter and niece's 16th birthday, hosted by daughter, **Toby** and son-in-law, **Weldon Graser**.

**Mrs. Ben Gross** has returned to her home in Toronto, after visiting her mother, **Mrs. Blanche Levine**, and sister and brother-in-law, **Amelia and Harry Goldman**.

**Gertie and Sam Budovitch** have returned home from Montreal where they visited their daughters, **Ruth Lynn** and **Merna** and son-in-law, **Steve Harrison**. They also spent time in Ottawa where they visited her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Greenberg** and honoring Mrs. Greenberg's 80th birthday.

Congratulations to **Sam Brown** upn his 80th birthday.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Minnie Budovitch**, a former resident of Fredericton, and now residing in Hollywood, Florida, upon her 80th birthday.

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The Minister Counselor of Israel to Canada, **Mr. Moishe Ofer**, was in Fredericton, January 24th, to meet with the Provincial members. He was tendered a luncheon, which was followed by a press conference at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, and also addressed the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, at the University of New Brunswick. In the evening, he addressed our Community in the vestry of the Synagogue, followed by a reception. Chairman for the evening was **Stephen Rauch**.

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**Toby Graser**, well-known local artist, is holding her first solo exhibition of new paintings, March 15-28 at the Shaw Rimmington Gallery, Toronto. Later on, she will have a show at Rothman's Centre in Moncton, where she will also conduct a workshop.

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Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy Passover.

## Purim

by **Jason Budovitch, Fredericton, N.B., Age 11 years**

Purim is a time for dressing up and having lots of fun, and eating Homentaschen. There is always plenty for everyone. When we go to Shul, we swing the graggers loud, everytime Hamen's name is read out, and real loud.

## The Depression

by **Iaan Brown, Fredericton, N.B., Age 14 years**

The times are poor.  
A young child goes from door to door.  
He knows he will only find scraps, but goes on  
This child is feeling the pain and hunger, the sorrows.  
For this child, there are no tomorrows.  
If he dies, he dies in pain.  
If he lives, he lives in vain.  
This child is feeling the bitterness of the depression.

*Happy Birthday Israel on your 32nd Birthday.  
May you be blessed with the Strength of the  
Rock of Gibraltar and go on and on forever and  
ever in Honour and Shalom.*

**Louis H. Selick  
Moncton, N.S.**

## Yarmouth Highlights

**Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Lynch** became Grandparents on December 5, 1979, when their daughter **Roseann Fine** of Toronto gave birth to a son, **Adam**. On January 19, 1980, **Renee Lyons** gave birth to a son **Jeffrey Samuel** at the Grace Maternity Hospital in Halifax.

**Mrs. Evelyn Abraham** recently returned from a trip to Israel with **Doris Stone** where they attended the wedding of the daughter of the late **Asher** and **Mrs. Asher Smofsky**. Asher (Arthur) was a resident of Yarmouth before moving to Israel.

### Excellent Opportunity

Yarmouth has only one eye specialist. It's a wonderful opportunity for an eye specialist to open an office in Yarmouth.

Downtown Yarmouth needs a grocery store—Anyone interested?

## State of Israel Bonds

### NOTICE

All Savings Bonds of the Third or Fourth Development issues mature 12 years from the month of issue.

All Coupon Bonds purchased from March 1, 1965 to February 28, 1966 will mature March 1, 1980.

Please check your folio of State of Israel Bonds and contact this office, 5675 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, for reinvestment and further information.

Independence Day Greetings had been received from Mr. Benus Lipkus of Glace Bay, N.S.

It was with deep regret that we learned of Mr. Lipkus' death as this issue went to press.

Mr. Lipkus was the oldest member of the Cape Breton community and had been active in community affairs up to his death. Full details of Mr. Lipkus' remarkable life story will appear in the next issue of Shalom Magazine.

Deepest condolences from the entire Atlantic Jewish community are extended to his family.

## Israel's New Paper Money



From top to bottom, the one shekel note, bearing a portrait of Sir Moses Montefiore (similar in design to its equivalent in old currency, IL10); the five shekel note, with a portrait of the first president of the state, Chaim Weizmann, (as in the old IL50 note); the 10 shekel note, depicting Theodor Herzl as in the old IL100 note; and the 50 shekel note, with a portrait of the first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, as in the old IL500 note.



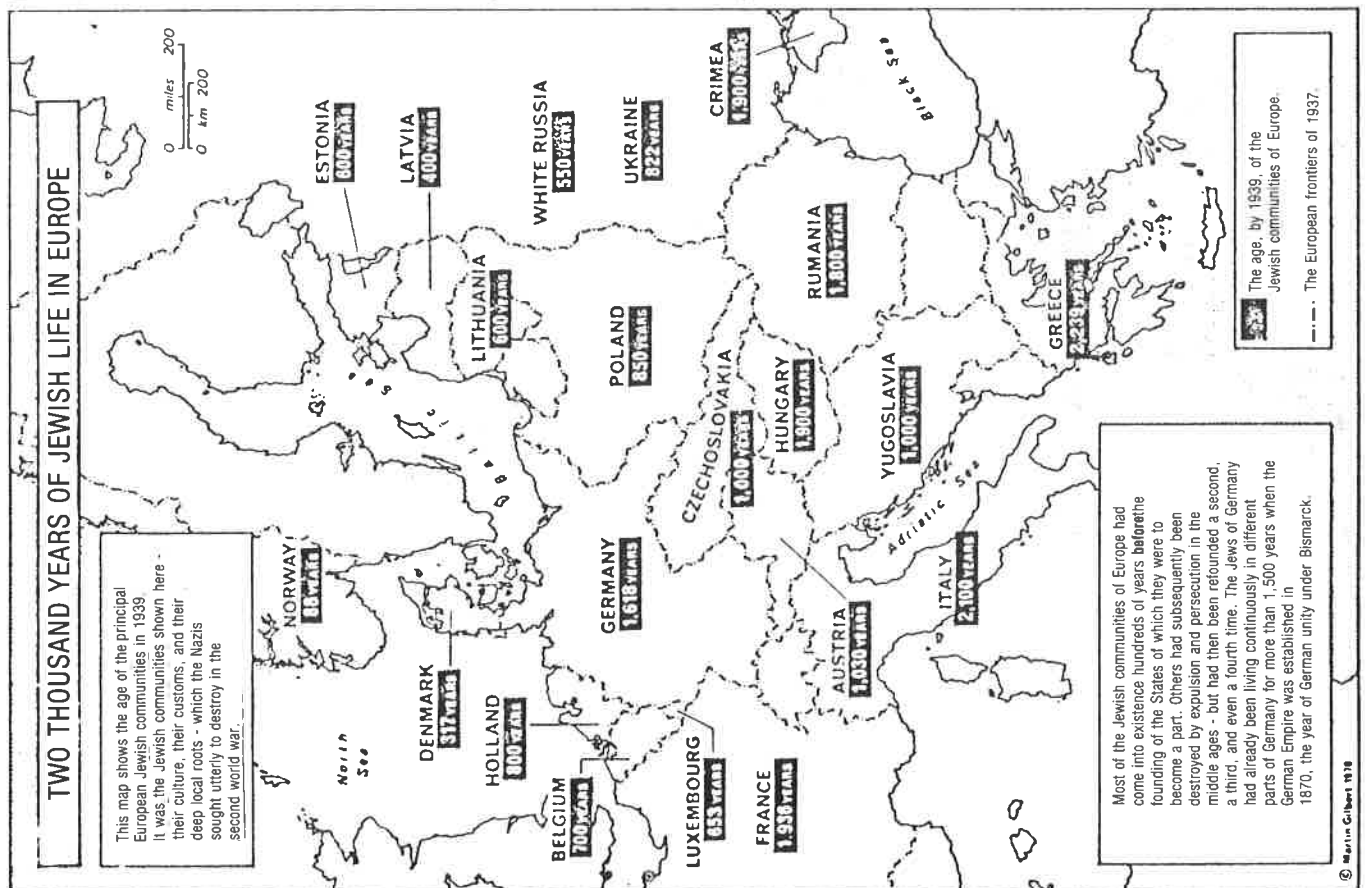
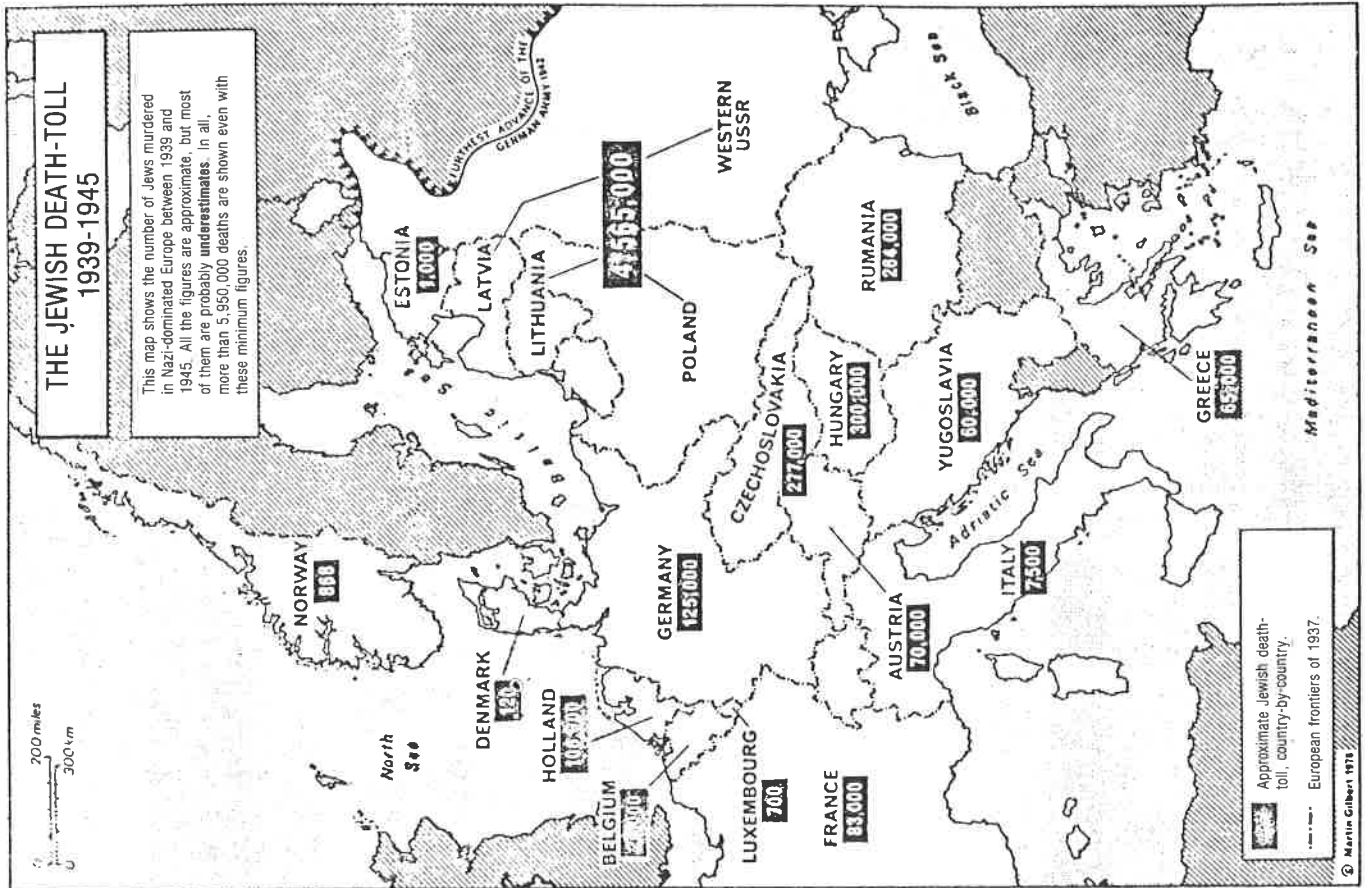


# The Atlantic Jewish Community Salutes Israel on Her 32nd Anniversary



<i>Ida Marcus &amp; son Dannie</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Hedda &amp; Frank Medjuck, Bena &amp; Jacob</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Gar &amp; Jacqueline, Evelyne, Richard, Stephen &amp; Michael Meltzer</i>	Saint John, N.B.
<i>Helen &amp; Nardy Nathanson, Dara, Wayne &amp; Tobi</i>	St. John's, Nfld.
<i>Norman &amp; Barbara Newman &amp; Family</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Freda &amp; Irving Perlin</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Ben Prossin</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Albert Prossin</i>	Westmount, Sydney, N.S.
<i>Mrs. Sam Prossin</i>	Glace Bay, N.S.
<i>Rick &amp; Molly, Bernie &amp; Stuart Rechnitzer &amp; Aron Katz</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Phillip &amp; Dorothy Riteman &amp; Family</i>	St. John's, Nfld.
<i>Victoria &amp; Eddie, Tova &amp; Joseph Rosenberg</i>	Halifax, N.S.
<i>Sheldon, Sharon, Gabrielle &amp; Mitchell Rubin</i>	Moncton, N.B.
<i>Harold &amp; Diane Schwartz, Shoshana &amp; Noah</i>	Sydney, N.S.
<i>Mrs. Rose Schwartz</i>	New Waterford, N.S.
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# Yom Hashoa



# Day Of Remembrance

## Prose and Poetry by Three Children from Terezin

From the prose of 15 year old Petr Fischl (born September 9, 1929), who perished in Oswiecim in 1944.

We got used to standing in line at 7 o'clock in the morning, at 12 noon and again at 7 o'clock in the evening. We stood in a long queue with plates in our hands, into which they ladled a little warmed-up water with a salty or a coffee flavor. Or else they gave us a few potatoes. We got used to sleeping without beds, to saluting every uniform, not to walk on the sidewalks and then again to walk on the sidewalks. We got used to undeserved slaps, blows and executions. We got accustomed to seeing people die in their own excrement, to seeing piled-up coffins full of corpses, to seeing the sick amidst dirt and filth and to seeing the helpless doctors. We got used to it that from time to time, one thousand unhappy souls would come here and that, from time to time, another thousand unhappy souls would go away. . . .

### Homesick

I've lived in the ghetto here more than a year,  
In Terezin, in the black town now,  
And when I remember my old home so dear,  
I can love it more than I did, somehow.

Ah, home, home,  
Why did they tear me away?  
Here the weak die easy as a feather  
And when they die, they die forever.

I'd like to go back home again,  
It makes me think of sweet spring flowers.  
Before, when I used to live at home,  
It never seemed so dear and fair.

I remember now those golden days . . .  
But maybe I'll be going there soon again.

People walk along the street,  
You see at once on each you meet  
That there's a ghetto here,  
A place of evil and of fear.  
There's little to eat and much to want,  
Where bit by bit, it's horror to live.  
But no one must give up!  
The world turns and times change.

Yet we all hope the time will come  
When we'll go home again.  
Now I know how dear it is  
And often I remember it.

*Anonymous*  
1943



### I Believe

Inscription on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid from Nazis.

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

I believe in love even when feeling it not.

I believe in God even when He is silent.

### Terezin

The heaviest wheel rolls across our foreheads  
To bury itself deep somewhere inside our memories.

We've suffered here more than enough,  
Here in this clot of grief and shame,  
Wanting a badge of blindness  
To be a proof for their own children.

A fourth year of waiting, like standing above a swamp  
From which any moment might gush forth a spring.

Meanwhile, the rivers flow another way,  
Another way,  
Not letting you die, not letting you live.

And the cannons don't scream and the guns don't bark  
And you don't see blood here.

Nothing, only silent hunger.  
Children steal the bread here and ask and ask and ask  
And all would wish to sleep, keep silent and just to go to sleep again. . . .

The heaviest wheel rolls across our foreheads  
To bury itself deep somewhere inside our memories.

*Mif*  
1944

## Passover Message

*Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz  
Congregation Tiferes Israel,  
Moncton, N.B.*



One of the major problems of the twentieth century has been our difficulty in defining one of man's most cherished concepts—Freedom. I believe that much of the unrest and bitterness in society is rooted in an improper understanding of the concept of Freedom as it applies to our day-to-day lives. We as Jews should seek its definition in our heritage, in the Torah.

The entire Passover epic depicts the emancipation of enslaved Israel and the granting to them of freedom. What was the freedom the Jewish People received? It was the revelation at Sinai and the receiving of the Decalogue and the Torah.

Scripture states regarding the Decalogue, "And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven (in Hebrew *Hauroos*) upon the tablets," Exodus XXXII, 16. The Rabbis commenting on this passage tell us—don't read the word '*Hauroos*' (graven) but rather the word '*Hairoos*' (freedom).

To our great Sages freedom was a positive act—it was freedom **to** do a particular act that merited recognition. The Rabbis defined freedom as the opportunity to fulfill the word of God. How unique a definition! Speak to the average man on the street today and he will equate freedom to freedom **from** doing something. "When I retire, I will be **free** from working. When school is out for the summer, I will be free **from** studying." Judaism sees freedom as the opportunity **to** do something, the fulfillment of purposeful acts. A Jew seeks freedom **to** fulfill the Will of God, freedom **to** involve himself in charitable works, Freedom **to** serve his community.

This Jewish definition of freedom sheds a completely new light upon the purpose of freedom. Freedom is not the opportunity to sit back and let the world pass us by. It is rather a duty, a sacred responsibility, to utilize our every moment in positive activity.

We are told by the Sages to consider ourselves numbered among our ancient predecessors redeemed from Egyptian bondage so many years ago. It is then our responsibility, particularly during Hag HaHairoos (The Holy Day of Freedom), Passover, to reevaluate our sense of freedom, bringing it more in tune with our sense of Freedom as seen in our Heritage. It is a time for setting new goals, a time for dedicating ourselves to loftier principles. May we Jews always remember the Jewish definition of Freedom—Freedom = the responsibility of filling our lives with purposeful enterprise.

## News From Moncton

### Moncton B'nai B'rith

The executive is pleased to announce a third \$250.00 scholarship will be awarded in 1980 in memory of the late **Rabbi Stanley Greenberg**. All three will be awarded annually and alternate between local High Schools to assist needy graduate students.

A formal presentation was made to the Moncton Hospital for \$1500.00 to furnish a visitors lounge in the maternity wing. The lodge's activities have included a successful Monte Carlo nite as well as co-hosting with the Atlantic Jewish Council a combination brunch and forum for Mr. Moshe Ofer, Minister Counselor of the Israel Embassy. A meeting will be held in June with all Maritime lodges to explore the possibilities of holding a mini-convention in Moncton in the fall. B'nai B'rith sponsored a Purim Dinner Dance on March 1, 1980.

### Young Judaea

This group sponsored a Rock & Disco Party for teenagers and post-teenagers of our community.

**Synagogue News** — Congregation Tiferes Israel  
New Officers Elected — Congratulations to  
**David Attis**, President, **Joseph Kohn**, Vice President  
**Alan Schelew**, Treasurer, **Norman Rubin**, Secretary.

New Board Members are:

**Sam Gorber**, **Judy Jacobson**, **Fred Kirsh**, and  
**Gordon Rinzler**.

### Haddassah-Wizo

Our thanks are extended to **Sharon Rubin** for convening a most successful and profitable evening for Hadassim. The program was an overview of small town Canada with **Rabbi Lefkowitz** commenting on the picture. Special thanks to **Sarah Gorber**, **Dorothy Mark**, **Minnie Attis** and **Mary Feinstein** for their preparation of the delicious sweets served.

**Judy Jacobson**, **Margie Attis**, **Lois Maklin** and **Louise Cohen** attended the Hadassah-Wizo convention in Vancouver.

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Funds raised by ORT at the Art Auction and at other projects goes directly to Israel where it will help more than 80,000 students better their lives through vocational and technological training. ORT Schools are non-sectarian but ORT tends to its Jewish brothers' needs first.

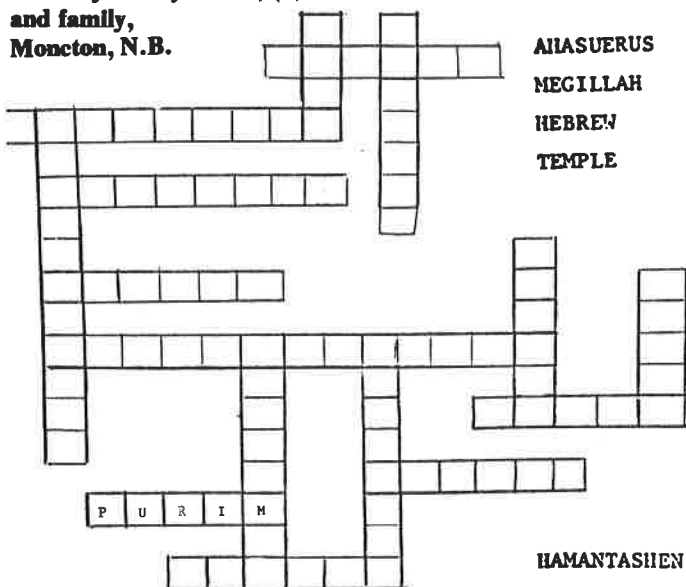
Recently, the national president of ORT, **Dorothy Sholchet**, visited the Halifax chapter. She informed the membership that its charitable dollars were helping over 100,000 students in 39 countries to better their way of life through education, stressing that ORT is not a charity, but a way for these people, mostly Jewish, to improve their existence with dignity, not charity. She emphasized the need for our dollars in Israel now. "Each day brings more financial burden to our already overtaxed Israel", she exclaimed.

April 23, 1980 is the important date for ORT and for you. We need you to support our auction . . . you will enjoy yourself as you become enthusiastic with the bidding for the quality art.

April 23, 1980, is the important date for ORT for we can raise more charitable dollars for Israel in its time of need.

### Purim Crossword Puzzle

Made by Mindy Sichel, (7)  
and family,  
Moncton, N.B.



Answers  
on page 27.

SHALACH - MONOS

HAMAN

ESTHER

PURIM

VASHTI

ALIASUERUS  
MEGILLAH  
HEBREN  
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## Senator Croll Elected JWV Commander

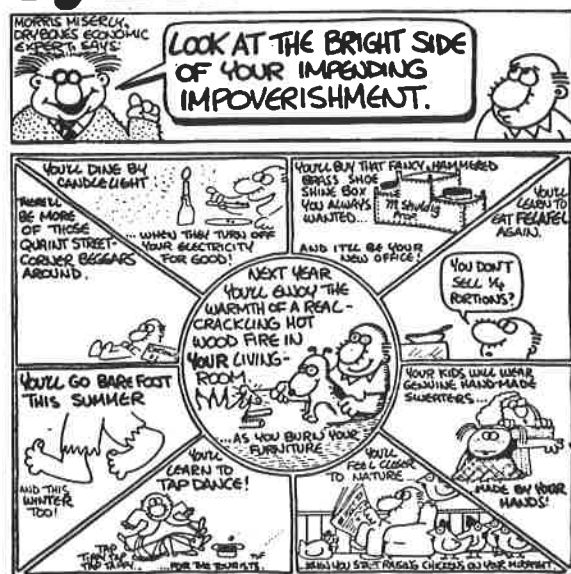
Delegates to the recent Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, unanimously elected **Senator David A. Croll** as the National Commander of the organization.

Other official posts filled were: Senior Deputy commanders, **David Hart**, Montreal and **Max Goody**, Toronto. Junior Deputy Commanders, **Robert Sattin**, Calgary, **Jack Bass**, Vancouver, **C.H. Pasikov**, Windsor, **Gar Meltzer**, Maritimes, and **Sid Winston**, Winnipeg. **Jack Cahan** and **Leo Perkell**, both of Toronto, were elected Adjutant and Quartermaster respectively.

The Jewish War Veterans comprise ex-service men and women from the Canadian and Allied armed forces. Its foremost objective is to take an active part in safeguarding the democratic ideals for which they fought. Its members stand for a strong, unified Canada and a secure State of Israel. They support adherence to the accepted code for Human Rights and combat all forms of racism, anti-semitism, economic discrimination and minority exploitation.

Senator Croll, well known in political circles for many years, earned the rank of Colonel in World War II.

## Dry Bones



## The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's O.R.T.

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# What's Happening In St. John's

by: **Helen Nathanson**

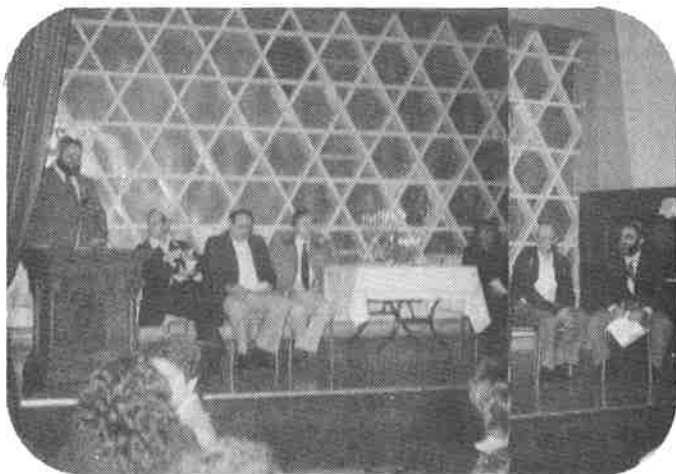
Our childrens' Chanukah party took place on Sunday afternoon the 16th of December. They ably performed a skit and sang songs under the direction of **Rabbi** and **Linda Berman**. The decor was set by pictures drawn by the Hebrew School children as well as by their handmade dreidles and menorahs. After their hard work, the



*The Hebrew School Children in Concert*

children were served latkes and hot dogs by **Margery Smillestein** and **Barbara Fine**.

A week later the adults gathered together to celebrate Chanukah. A delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage was prepared by **Margery Smillestein**, **Genevieve Lipkus** and **Helen Nathanson** and served by **Tova Auerbach**, **Dorothy Riteman** and **Helen Jochelman** to a full house. For fund raising **Nardy Nathanson** sold the Chanukah candles. The entertainment of the evening was a debate



*Debate: Bagel versus Latke*

*Right to Left:*

*Team No. 1* **Adrian Fine**, **Lionel Mendoza**, **Naomi Skoll**

*Team No. 2* **Ernie Mauskopf**, **Ruby Smillestein**, **Sheldon Lipkus**

*Moderator:* **Rabbi Berman**

organized by **Rabbi Berman**, on the merits of the bagel versus those of the latke. The Rabbi gave the opening address. The latkes were ably defended by **Shelly Lipkus**, **Ruby Smillestein** and **Ernie Mauskopf**, while the bagel side was debated by **Naomi Skoll**, **Adrian Fine** and **Lionel Mendoza**. Their humorous comments kept everyone amused. We all agreed that this was one of the best programmes to date.

The Sisterhood went into the catering business. In January the executive supervised the wedding of **Eleanor Skoll** and two weeks later the Bar Mitzvah of **David Skoll**. The girls—**Helen Jochelman**, **Marg Smillestein** and **Helen Nathanson**—did a lovely job on the two occasions and the Skolls had every reason to be pleased. The Bar Mitzvah cake was even made and decorated by one of our own—**Linda Mendoza**. A good way to raise those extra dollars as well as being able to help out one of our members at the time of their simcha.

Our congratulations go out to **Naomi** and **Simon Skoll**, who as mentioned above, had a double simcha. Their daughter, **Eleanor**, came all the way from South Africa to be married in St. John's. New residents of our community we were pleased to share in their simcha. Also our mazeltov on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **David**—just two weeks later. May **Naomi** and **Simon** continue having simchas in their family.

Off to the Hadassah Convention in Vancouver for January went **Dorothy Riteman** and **Cella Epstein**. We are looking forward to hearing their report at our next Hadassah meeting.

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## Though a merchant of Halifax . . .

### Rubin still has a soft spot for theatre

This article appeared in the *Canadian Jewish News*, Thursday, January 3, 1980.



by Heather Solomon  
Halifax

The mystery of Edwin Rubin's defection from the theatre in Halifax to the men's clothing business was about to be solved.

Elegantly tall, Rubin unfolded himself from behind his desk at the back of his store for a firm handshake. He exuded the geniality and sincerity that he insisted are not characteristic of most actors! Theatre people wear a mask of some sort. They have to be selling themselves constantly."

A photo taken a few years ago for ACTRA (the Association of Canadian Television & Radio Artists) shows him bearing a striking resemblance to the great showman, Fred Astaire. Rubin doubts the relationship, being a descendant of ancestors in Buchavina, Romania and Kiev in the Ukraine.

Born and raised in Halifax, Rubin recalled how the home of his Nova Scotian-born father and Montreal-born mother gave him a firm grounding in the Jewish faith which would be a source of frustration and also fulfilment in the future. He bore the burden of being "different" in the years when "anti-Semitism was out in the open." A store next to his father's displayed a sign "Shop Canadian" in the late 30's.

"Halifax was a very structured, garrisoned town," Rubin explained, "As I grew up I knew that I was excluded from certain things such as clubs." Such exclusion led him to join the ranks of the two liberal factions evident at the time: the theatre and the Navy. The aspiring performer involved himself in high school plays and the Dalhousie Dramatic Society at university where he studied for his Bachelor of Commerce.

In his second undergraduate year, he joined the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve with which he spent his summers and eventually attained the rank of lieutenant

commander. "People there always accepted you for what you were. The dressing room of a theatre has the same secure feeling as a ship's confined area," he pointed out.

Upon graduation in 1953, Rubin decided to follow his older brother Allan's footsteps into the family clothing business. He dissipated his small-town innocence at New York University where he obtained his master of science in retailing. Rubin's theatrical aspirations were just beginning to boil to the top and he sated his need by performing with the amateur Theatre Arts Guild on College Street with whom he twice won the Dominion Drama Festival Regional Award for Best Actor.

At the time, Rubin was treasurer of the Guild and was soon called in to sit on the founding board of directors for a new professional theatre, the Neptune, propagated by Leon Major, wonderkind of Canadian theatre, whose marriage to a Halifax girl had prompted an interest in her hometown. The project was further encouraged by the Canada Council's desire to establish regional theatres. Other prime movers were Victor Oland, then president of the Halifax Board of Trade, his father Colonel Sydney Oland, Tom Patterson, founder of the Stratford Festival and playwright Dr. Arthur Murphy who now teaches in Dalhousie's theatre department.

It was said that the gala, Hollywood-style opening of the Neptune Theatre on July 1, 1963, set the theatre's finances back two years. The next year, Rubin decided to step from the fundraising side over the footlights to the Neptune's stage. His professional debut in 1964 was the first of several of what director Leon Major labelled "Charlie Browns" or bit parts. "From that point on, I called myself the Cameo Kid," Rubin chuckled. He collected, over the years, credit from his roles in *As You Like It*, *School For Wives*, *Epitaph for George Dylan*, *The Odd Couple* and many other examples of classical and contemporary repertory.

Rubin landed the continuing role of "John" in the CBC Radio serial *The Gillens* with which he remained until the demise of radio drama. The actor also copped the honor of performing in the first television drama issued from Halifax, *The Vigil*, in which he ironically played the role of Jesus. Commercials for Electrohome and other concerns claimed the rest of his performing time. Radio and television tapings were eventually dropped by the wayside since Rubins's retail work consumed all but the nights of his theatre performances.

A navy training film for the National Film Board during which he "innocently wore (his) own uniform when they might have made (him) a new one" still brings crocodile tears to Rubin's eyes. Eventually, marriage to his lovely wife Sue in 1969 and the birth of their children, Naomi and Miles, turned Rubin's sights toward his burgeoning business which moved from its original Gottingen Street location to the Scotia Square shopping concourse.

The performer's last appearance at the Neptune was in Dr. Murphy's *Tiger, Tiger* in 1970 with Ken Pogue. "The theatre demands an awful lot from you — it gives really very little back," reminisced Rubin who remains an honorary life director of Neptune Theatre. "I think I was rather more content being myself than being an actor

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## Betrayal

by Gary Lipschutz, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

"Perfidy" is a book by Ben Hecht that reveals the actions of various Jewish organizations concerning the Holocaust of the six million, particularly of those killed in Hungary. Hecht writes chiefly of the first government of the new State of Israel.

In 1953, a seventy-two year old journalist, Malchiel Greenwald, was being sued for libel by the Government of Israel. Greenwald, in his fifty-first pamphlet had accused Dr. Rudolf Kastner of the Israeli Government at that time of collaborating with the Nazis during the war by helping to send thousands and thousands of Jews to the ovens. This accusation created a wild outrage on account of Kastner being known as a prominent Jew from Kluj (a small town in Hungary near the Rumanian border) who, as the head of the Jewish Agency's Rescue Committee, had the courage and efficiency to save the souls of hundreds of Jews in Hungary, thus obtaining the reputation of an honourable hero.

Shmuel Tamir, to whom the book is dedicated, was the lawyer who defended Greenwald. Tamir was the only lawyer Greenwald could find who wasn't interested in accepting the case for money but for justice. Greenwald had very little in his wallet to pay him; however Tamir happily agreed to defend him.

Shmuel Tamir (his real name being Katznelson) was the acting Irgun Commander of Jerusalem at the age of twenty-three.

The Irgun (Revisionist Movement) created by Vladimir Jabotinsky, fought for an independent Eretz-Yisroel and to save the Jews from the Nazis in Europe. But not only did they have to fight the British in Palestine to do so but also the leaders of Zionism. The Zionists were determined to constantly be on good terms with the British.

Special Haganah units would be sent to kidnap Irgunists. The Irgunists would then be tortured and handed over to the British.

### Rubin still has a soft spot for theatre

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being somebody else," he said, and with a twinge of longing, "I've learned in life you musn't look back."

At age 46, Rubin would consider returning to the theatre should the smell of greasepaint become too strong to resist. "Halifax is fortunate in having John Neville as artistic director of the Neptune — and Neville's an approachable guy," he commented. "Today, there are very few Jewish merchants left though we're still on the forefront, financing and supporting the arts," he explained, patting a fat stack of Neptune Theatre flyers for their latest play, *18 Wheels*.

"Thanks, Ray," he called to a departing customer, "Business first, you know," he shot at me, his eye out for clients in need of help with a suit jacket or pair of trousers. "I still carry an Equity card of Temporary Withdrawal Status. If they need me, I'll be there," Rubin smiled.

After the State of Israel was established, pensions were denied to parents, widows, and orphans of the men who sacrificed their lives for an independent Jewish state. Jabotinsky's remains, for a long time, were not permitted to be buried in the free Eretz-Yisroel as requested before his death. "We do not need the bones of dead Jews here (in Israel)", a great Zionist leader proclaimed.

In the war of 1948, the Irgun ship, Altalena, carrying a huge load of weapons, ammunition, and nine hundred and twenty soldiers, came to the rescue. The Israeli Government gave the go-ahead to the Altalena. It even promised to unload the cargo that would help save Israel. Instead of being welcomed by friendly comrades, Jewish soldiers fired with rifles and cannon at the ship. The Altalena sank. Irgunists were shot on the ship, some were shot while trying to swim ashore, and still others were killed after already making it to shore, all in cold blood. Menachim Begin, the commander of the Irgun, who was also on the ship obviously survived.

In the late 1940's, Winston Churchill said, "It was the Irgun that made the English quit Palestine. They did it by raising so much hell that we had to put eighty thousand soldiers into Palestine to cope with the situation. The military costs were too high for our economy, and it was the Irgun that ran them up." If it was up to Ben-Gurion, Israel may as well still be a British Colony. It was the Irgun that made Israel an independent state. The Irgun stood up to the British bullets and even Jewish bullets and betrayal. The Irgunists are the real heroes.

In the trial of "The State of Israel versus Malchiel Greenwald", Shmuel Tamir succeeded to lift the truth about Kastner to the surface.

After the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Eichmann, Himmler, Becher, etc., hesitated before going to Hungary to round up the Jews for slaughter. They thought that by the time they would get there, the same thing might occur in Hungary as in the Warsaw Ghetto. Hitler's Nazis, strange as it may seem, needed help. The Jews in Hungary already had knowledge of what was going on in Poland, Germany, etc. They would undoubtedly put up a great deal of resistance. This time the Germans could not do it alone. Dr. Kastner, a respected and prominent Zionist journalist was therefore approached by the Gestapo. From then on, Kastner was awarded special privileges from the S.S. He travelled, communicated with anyone he wished, and kept on excellent terms with the Nazis. Why was Kastner, a Jew, treated in this way? In return for all this patronage, Kastner, among other Jewish leaders convinced masses of Jews in Hungary that they would be sent to a place called "Kenyerméze" where the population was being cleared to allow the Jews from the ghettos to be transferred there. "Resettlement". Instead, hundreds of thousands of Hungary's Jews were sent to be gassed and then burned in the ovens at Auschwitz. Most Jews looked up to and highly respected their leaders and by all means listened to them. The Jews, on the other hand, who knew the truth despite the words of Kastner and others, tried to tell their friends but were persecuted by their own leaders.

Kastner and his Jewish Henchmen became known in



Hungary as the Jewish Agency "Rescue" Committee. It seemed peculiar. Why would chief Nazi Exterminators make every effort to encourage this committee? The answer is obvious. The Jewish leaders allowed themselves to be bribed. The Germans offered to spare them in the war and give them very special privileges. Kastner especially, was given the right to select over six hundred Jews in Hungary which were not to be touched by the Germans. This was priceless. Kastner would be treated with the red carpet by the Nazi Murderers and at the same time it would look as if he was actually saving Jewish souls from Hitler's monsters, thus maintaining his reputation of a courageous leader.

Hannah Senesh, born in Budapest in 1921, was a young poetess who went to Palestine to work on a kibbutz and help build the Jewish Homeland, and later became a parachutist, trained in Cairo, intending to help save Jews in Hungary before it became German occupied.

Finally, Hannah went on her first and what was to be her last mission. She parachuted out of a British plane landing in Yugoslavia. She met up with two Jewish partisans and crossed into Hungary. All three of them were captured by Hungarian gendarmes.

In order to learn the code signal from Hannah which would make it possible to find and arrest her fellow parachutists, she was stripped naked, strapped to a chair, and brutally whipped and clubbed day after day under the orders of Arrow Cross Gestapo officer Peter Hein.

Mrs. Senesh, Hannah's mother, was informed by Hungarian and Jewish officials that Dr. Rudolf Kastner was the only man who could do anything for Hannah since he was the only Jew who had the power to release Jews from Nazi holds, the only Jew permitted to see imprisoned Jews whenever he wished.

Mrs. Senesh sent pleas, one after another, through Kastner's secretary and assistant begging him to act in her daughter's favor. Kastner did nothing.

After convincing everyone that she couldn't be broken of her strong loyalty to her fellow Jews, Hannah was executed by a Hungarian firing squad in November of 1944 at the age of twenty-three.

Rabbi Michael Dov Weissmandel, one of the heroic rescue workers, hid in a cave on the bank of the Danube outside his native town of Bratislava, Slovakia. Discreetly, he stole Jews from under Nazis' noses and rode them to freedom. He also sent communications to Jewish leaders in Turkey, Switzerland, and Palestine. In these communications Weissmandel informed the leaders of what exactly was happening to the Jews of Hungary. He even sent maps telling the precise locations of the Death Camps and the crematoria. He demanded the leaders to bomb these places, thus, the deportations would be delayed considerably. In answer to these communications, Weissmandel was captured by German S.S. Jew-Hunters and put aboard a train headed for the gas chambers. Fortunately, Weissmandel broke out of the train car and leaped once again to freedom. He resumed his work; however, nothing was done in response to his letters.

Four Nazis were known as the "Jew Killer Quartette"

of Hungary—Becher, Eichmann, Krumei, and Wisliczeny—all pals of Kastner.

Wisliczeny was the supervisor of the extermination of Jews in Greece, he officiated the killing of sixty thousand Slovakian Jews, and helped organize the deportation of Hungary's Jews to Auschwitz. As soon as Kastner received word that the Slovaks had captured Wisliczeny and was going to try him, he ran to his rescue. Unfortunately for Kastner, the Slovaks had already put Wisliczeny's neck in a noose.

Eichmann, another member of the quartette, had escaped and nobody "supposedly" knew where he was until 1960.

Kurt Becher, the third member of the quartette, was to be tried at Nuremberg. Kastner tout de suite flew to Nuremberg and saved him. He interceded for Becher on behalf of the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress. As a result of Kastner's intervention, S.S. Colonel Kurt Becher, Commissar of all the German Concentration Camps, Jew slaughterer in Poland, Russia and Hungary, close liason between Adolf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler, and close friend of Adolf Eichmann was released by the Allies. Greenwald wrote in his pamphlet, "And it is the same Kastner that Mapai has taken to its bosom and placed high among its best of officials."

Colonel Hermann Krumei, the last member of the quartette, had been convicted by the Americans at Nuremberg and was serving time in prison. Krumei directed the killing of Jews in Austria, Hungary, and Poland. Kastner sent a letter of support to Krumei telling him that with the help of the Zionist Congress, he clarified and identified Krumei's work in favor of the Jews. Kastner also made an affidavit identifying Krumei as a good Samaritan to the Jews. Following this letter and affidavit, Krumei was released.

On a March night in 1957, Kastner was assassinated by a twenty-four year old ex-undercover agent of the Israeli Government's Intelligence Service.

I initially became aware of "Perfidy" while at Yeshiva in Montreal. One of my classmates was reading it. After asking him where I could get a hold of a copy for myself, he mentioned that all the copies that were distributed in Montreal were bought out completely by Canadian and possibly American Jewish organizations. I finally received "Perfidy" from a friend in New York.

Once in a discussion concerning this book between my family and a learned friend, a question arose, "Why should we (Jews) give material to the anti-Semites?", i.e. material appealing to and or supporting the arguments of anti-Semites. Truth always rises to the surface eventually regardless of how long it may be hidden. What's going to stop another Holocaust from recurring if the mistakes during the last one aren't corrected? Everyone, especially each Jew, has to know what really happened forty years ago in order to prevent another Holocaust or at least to know what to do, G-d forbid, in case of another Holocaust. I understand that it is extremely difficult to believe that it may happen again but look at it this way. How many people predicted a Holocaust fifty years ago?

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## Sydney Businessman Calls For "Grass Roots" Campaign To Take Olympics Away From Moscow



Cape Breton Post -  
Jan. 29, 1980

Sydney businessman **Harvey Webber** recommends "grass roots" action to prevent the summer Olympics being held in Moscow.

Webber, a former president of the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce, says "if there is any justice in this mad, mad world there must not be summer Olympics in Moscow."

"If the free world sends athletes, press, countless visitors and billions of hard currency to Russia while she occupies Afghanistan we are ignoring the lessons of history," Webber said.

He says the Soviets have just engaged in a blatant military adventure, now they have paused waiting to assess world reaction, but it may be merely a pause before another and yet another imperialist move.

Where will the free world be if a next move is into Iran? Webber asks, "starving us from oil that stokes our productive capacity."

The free world, Webber says, must learn from recent history, Hitler started a country by country take-over pattern. He suggests that the move into Afghanistan can be likened to Hitler's move into Czechoslovakia.

He says if the West and European nations had united at that early stage in the 1930s, history would have been rewritten.

It was by acceptance of a first take over that the Nazi military leader became more bold, Webber says, and military analysts agree, early effective resistance to Nazi moves might have avoided World War Two.

Now, he says, history is repeating itself. The Soviet war machine has taken a major aggressive step against Afghanistan. Will the next one be against Pakistan or Iran?

Webber says a United Nations resolution will not suffice to deter war-like ambitions. Already Russia has been condemned but remains unperturbed.

With the Olympics, he says, "we have a heaven-sent opportunity to affect punishment—no loss of life, costly armaments or fear of a nuclear holocaust is involved.

"Simply by moving the Olympics from Moscow, we can harm Russia more, politically, than the movement of troops or ships or giving arms to China and Pakistan."

He says it would be a psychological blow beyond compare because it could not be hidden from the Russian people themselves—they would know clearly why the world censured them. This kind of news could not be screened by Soviet government media or kept hidden from the population.

Webber says the ordinary person in the Western world cannot quite understand what the games mean to Moscow. It is to be a show and proof that Russia has arrived and has been accepted while imperialistic moves overlooked or forgotten by the world—rape of Afghanistan forgotten, subjugation of Hungary, Poland and East Germany passe, aid to Ethiopia or a dozen African countries to stir up revolutions also forgotten.

In short, says Webber, the games are a political show, proof of Soviet power and acceptance in today's world.

To think the Olympics in Moscow will be a sporting affair is to be naive, he says, Brezhnev is ailing but still on top. He must have secret hopes of going down in history books as the leader who hosted international sport while enlarging the USSR by military action.

"We in the West honor our athletes, in Russia they

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### Betrayal

I'm sure there were no more then there are today predicting the same thing. Most of the circumstances haven't changed. In fact we know that today there are thousands of Nazi murderers walking free with protection from the United States Government, Canada, South America, Germany, and elsewhere. Has the world actually matured and become more civilized in the last forty years?

Why weren't such heroes as Rabbi Weissmandel, the Irgunists and Hannah Senesh supported by the "great" Zionist Organizations instead of persecuted and even killed by them? What would've happened if these heroes were encouraged? How many Jews would have been saved?

History certainly repeats itself, even to this day. The Jewish Organizations even now are not doing enough to expose the criminals let alone punish them. What's the matter? With all the money, influence, and great legal minds the Jews possess in the world, why is it so difficult to bring the murderers to justice? Don't the millions of perished innocents deserve justice? Why don't some of our Jewish authorities, that are busy boasting over their power, take some time to start using this very power properly and start acting like heroic leaders?

"What does G-d require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly before your G-d?"

(MICAH 6:8)

glorify them as a symbol of Soviet people triumphing against the world," Webber says. They are fed, housed, pampered and trained to excel. No sportsmanship is involved, only winners for international prestige.

"That's why we must hit back against the Soviet military machine through the nearest, easiest vehicle," he says.

And he proposes the games must be moved starting now with a grass root campaign.

Every service club, fraternal, union or professional group should pass a resolution for moving the games.

Webber says the games should be held and he is 100 per cent in favor of having a change in venue and every nation's athletes should be allowed to compete without prejudice.

What is urgent now, he says, is to call a meeting of the Security Council immediately and a resolution to move the Olympics from Moscow should be introduced.

Initiating this meeting and resolution could be Saudi Arabia which has already announced it is boycotting the Olympics if they are held in Moscow. Let Saudi Arabia together with many other nations suggest a change of venue.

In a separate resolution a billion dollar fund should be made available partly from the Saudis to any city able to handle the 1980 games on an emergency basis, Webber says.

He says Munich, Montreal, Tokyo and Mexico have built adequate facilities and somewhere in that group should be a city ready to assume a crash course on preparation if funding was available.

"But we can't leave action to the politicians," Webber says, "governments don't act, they react." The common man, the average citizen should start the ball rolling.

Webber has a reminder: "no country must practice death dealing imperialism in January and profit from propaganda and dollar rich Olympics in July."

To allow that, he says, is to admit defeat of democratic action and international co-operation.

"If we have a United Nations, let them unite to move the Olympics from Moscow this year. Action is needed now," Webber says.

## Jewish Merchants Played Role In Early History

**Editors Note:** This article first appeared in the March 21, 1960 edition of the Halifax Mail Star

by Sandy MacDonald

**EZEKIEL HART**—Second son of Aaron Hart, who in 1807 and 1808 was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada, was known as "The member who never sat." It was because of this that in 1832 the "Act of Political Emancipation" was passed, giving the citizens in Canada full rights and privileges, twenty-five years before a similar law was passed in Great Britain.

**AARON HART**—First Jew to settle permanently in Canada, in 1759.

While this year marks the bicentenary of Jewish settlement in Canada there is considerable documentary evidence to prove that Jewish merchants operated shops in Halifax from 1749 when the city was founded as a British garrison and naval station.

These first residents were likely merchants and traders who came to the New World as suppliers of His Majesty's forces. When the business world later shifted to New York after the British conquest of New Amsterdam, the Jewish merchants also moved to the new centre of trade.

Published in the Halifax Gazette dated April 13, 1752 was an advertisement of a firm of merchants by the name of Nathans and Hart. A later advertisement on May 4, 1754 announced the dissolution of the partnership.

Little is known of these early seaport merchants. However, Nova Scotia novelist Thomas Raddall has drawn an interesting picture of one of them in his novel "His Majesty's Yankees."

The merchant is presented as a philosophical, pacifist Jew who offers the safety of his home to a young man escaping from the Governor's troops during the days of the American revolution.

Raddall describes the merchant as a man so often the object of discrimination that he is the first to seek justice for others.

Next week as Jewish communities in Canada observe their 200th anniversary one name will stand out among others. Aaron Hart was the first Jew to settle permanently in Canada. This was in September, 1760. A former lieutenant in the British army, he served with General Amherst during the siege of Montreal. He later took up settlement at Three Rivers, Que. Within 17 years the Jewish community had expanded considerably. In 1777 a synagogue was established in Montreal.

Twenty years earlier in Halifax, Jewish merchants were active in trade at home and abroad. As early as 1752 Israel Abrahams wrote to the Board of Trade in London undertaking to produce and export potash to England.

Records of any further transaction between the Halifax merchant and England are scanty, but it is evidence of perhaps the earliest commerce through the port.

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## Yom Ha'Atzmaut—Israeli Independence Day—5th of Iyar

**HISTORY:** On May 14, 1948, the Parliament of Knesset of Israel declared the National Independence of the State of Israel. That day marked the end of 2,000 years of prayer and longing of the Jewish people to return to Eretz Israel, as well as a half a century of intense educational, political, social and economic work to accomplish it. The Jews had never forgotten Israel in their long exile from their homeland. Each year, they celebrated the harvest festivals of Succot and Shavuot which renewed the ties to the land and even a prayer for the dew so that the crops would grow was annually said. Each Pesach, the Jews cried, "Next Year in Jerusalem", and some pious Jews, during the 2,000 years carried a small amount of soil so they would be buried with a piece of the Holy Land. Often, during troubled times in the galut, false messiahs would arise to lead the Jews back to Israel, and many would follow; so great being their hope for return. During the nineteenth century, a small group of Jews did return to settle and farm the land. They suffered great hardships in the malaria infested swamps to drain and cultivate the land, as well as endured the attacks by hostile neighbours. Much financial help was given by Sir Moses Montefiore of England to these new pioneers to buy land and support the new immigrants. In Europe, others were working politically and socially, such as Theodor Herzl, to rebuild the state. He organized the First Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland in 1897 at which gathered Jews from all over the world. These Jews adapted the program which read, "Zionism aims the establishment for the Jewish People a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine, etc." Jews began to put political pressure on the governments of the world to help to create this homeland. On November 2, 1917, the British government responded with the Balfour Declaration declaring the British government favored the establishment of a

national homeland for the Jews. After the end of World War I, the British held a mandate over the Palestinian territory. As Jews flocked to settle in Palestine, they were attacked by the Arabs. The British government yielded to Arab demands and pressure and limited the number of Jews allowed to enter the country. As the situation in Europe grew worse for the Jews during the Holocaust, illegal secret immigration was stepped up by the Jews called "Aliyah Bet". Ships would run Jews through the British lines at night and the new immigrants with false I.D.'s were smuggled into Palestine. After World War II, with the immense Jewish refugee problem, the situation grew more dire. The Jews formed their own illegal self defense unit called the Haganah. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition Israel between the Arabs and the Jews. When the British Mandate ended on May 14, 1948, the Jews declared their independence and as the British withdrew, the Arab countries of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia attacked. During the war for independence, many Jews and Arabs were killed and the United Nations moved into the area and halted the fighting. The Jews had obtained their homeland and began the task of rebuilding their country. At the same time the new state was declared, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel issued a special order of service for the new Festival, so that with the purely nationalistic aspects of the holiday, the people would also celebrate the day with prayer and thanksgiving to God for the great deliverance they had been privileged to enjoy. Besides, the National Holiday of 5 Iyar, the 4th of Iyar was declared in 1949 as a public holiday of Yom HaZikaron, a memorial day for those who fell in active service in Israel's War for Independence. This day is a solemn day of civil, military and religious ceremonies. Memorial candles are lit and flags are flown at half mast. All centers of entertainment are closed by law and in respect, two minutes of silence are observed throughout the state. A special prayer is also said for the six million Jews, whose death was a tragic historical antecedent to Israel's revival.

## Jewish Merchants Played Role In Early History

Continued

It is estimated that there are 245,000 Jews living in Canada today, forming approximately 1.4 per cent of the total population.

Most of them share a fairly common origin having come from eastern and central Europe with Russian, Lithuanian and Polish strains predominating.

Although the Jews who first settled in Canada came from England or the American colonies, they were mainly descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews. In Canada their energetic and enterprising spirit was a great advantage to the young country. Many were associated with some of the most important commercial enterprises of the day. Among them were railway and street railway construction, organization of the first telegraph lines, the development of Montreal's first water system and other public utilities.

From the beginning they took an active part in public life. Ezekiel Hart, son of the first permanent settler, for example, was elected in 1807 to represent Three Rivers in

the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada. He was however unable to take his seat in the assembly because he could not take the oath "on the true faith of a Christian."

It was not until 1832, as a result of the agitation caused by Hart's case, an act granting full political and civil rights to Jews in Canada was passed. This was 26 years before similar legislation was enacted in Britain.

Until late in the nineteenth century the number of Jews in Canada remained relatively small. After 1880 the main flow of Jewish immigration was felt. These new immigrants from eastern and central Europe were to bring about a radical change in Jewish life in Canada.

Oppressed Jews found refuge in Canada during the period of 1882 to 1914. Most of them came from small Jewish villages within Czarist Russia, which included Lithuania, Russian Poland, portions of White Russia and the Ukraine. Others came from Roumania and Galicia.

Most of the second large wave of Jewish immigrants arrived in Canada between 1921 and 1939. They came mostly from Poland. Others came from Nazi persecution in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.



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# PLENARY ASSEMBLY

## CJC: INTO THE 80s AND BEYOND —

### WHAT IS A PLENARY ASSEMBLY?

Since 1919, Canadian Jewish Congress has served as the official representative before all levels of government on matters affecting the status and welfare of Jews in Canada and abroad. The Plenary Assembly is the highest decision-making body within Canadian Jewish Congress. Regional and organizational delegates, representing all segments of Canadian Jewish life, assemble every three years at the Plenary to elect National Officers and deliberate on issues affecting Canadian Jewry. This democratic principle of participation guides CJC, and reflects the fundamental ideal of the Jewish tradition of "kehilla", or community.

### PLENARY PROGRAM

Plenary sessions will deal with Canada-Israel relations, the status of World Jewry, community relations in Canada, and sustaining Jewish life in smaller communities. Conference seminars will address the issues of Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab Lands, Religious Affairs, Jewish Education, Holocaust Remembrance, Youth, Leadership Development, Yiddish and Archives. Confirmed speakers include:

**His Excellency Yehuda Blum**  
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Nominations are now open for candidates seeking one of the following National Officer positions:

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**Chairman of the National Executive**  
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**Treasurer**  
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Nomination forms and procedures for election of national officers are available from the regional CJC office at:

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## ASSEMBLÉE PLENIÈRE



## DANS LES ANNÉES 80 ET AU-DELÀ

### NATIONAL SURVEY

The following questionnaire is being conducted to obtain the views and opinions of Canadian Jews from coast to coast. Your recommendations on priority issues and potential courses of action will be tendered at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

Please do not respond to this survey more than once. Put an X next to the appropriate answer.

- In which region of Canadian Jewish Congress do you live?
  - ☐ Atlantic Region (Maritimes)
  - ☐ Quebec
  - ☐ Ontario
  - ☐ Manitoba-Saskatchewan
  - ☐ Alberta
  - ☐ British Columbia
- What is your age?
  - ☐ 0-24 years      ☐ 45-54 years
  - ☐ 25-34 years      ☐ 55-64 years
  - ☐ 35-44 years      ☐ 65 plus
- What is your mother tongue?
  - ☐ English      ☐ Eastern European
  - ☐ French      ☐ Arabic
  - ☐ Yiddish      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Hebrew
- How would you describe your own religious identification? (choose the best term.)
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Here is a list of programs or services which some Jewish communities sponsor or provide.

  - a) Aid to immigrants
  - b) Inter community relations
  - c) Religious affairs
  - d) Archives
  - e) International affairs
  - f) Soviet Jewry
  - g) Jews in Arab lands
  - h) Services to smaller Jewish communities
  - i) Holocaust remembrance
  - j) Yiddish
  - k) Education and culture
  - l) Government relations
- Which of these should be the priority for CJC?
  - Which is second most important?
  - Which is the third most important?
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- Have you personally been active in programs in any of the above areas?
 

yes ☐ no ☐ Which ones? \_\_\_\_\_
- Following is a list of activities which CJC is active in or in which CJC might play a role. Please number them from 1-9 in order of priority.
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  - \_\_\_ Support of smaller Jewish communities
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  - \_\_\_ Political lobbying
  - \_\_\_ Placement service for Jewish professionals—rabbis, teachers, etc.
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  - \_\_\_ Activities for young adults
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Please answer all questions and return to:  
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## Next Year In Jerusalem

by Rabbi G. Eisenberg  
Congregation Shaari Zedek  
Saint John, N.B.

The joyous cry of L'shanah Haba'ah Birushalayim towards the conclusion of the Hagaddah at the Sedarim, will have more significance as we enter the 80's. Following the wisdom of the Talmud that "Tafasta m'rubah lo tafasta" trying to grab too much, you land up with nothing. Egypt and Israel have made great strides in pursuit of peace. For the first time ever, there will be an Israeli Embassy in Egypt and an Egyptian Embassy in Israel. Israel paid a higher price—oil-wells and territory. She may still give up territory even on the West Bank which is former Judaea to which we have both an emotional and religious attachment.

But in the offing is the phenomenon of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. It is unthinkable that Israel will give up Jerusalem, City of David, symbol of its long history, sight of the Beth Hamikdash, the centre of its religion and today, as in previous Commonwealths, its political Center. On the other hand, though Islam has other Holy Places associated with its religion, it is not disposed to relinquish its Jerusalem connection.

What will happen? Will Jerusalem, the City of Peace, become the stumbling block to shatter the peace which has so painfully and laboriously been established? The 80's will supply us the answer. I wish I were the "Chacham" of the Hagaddah (which in the Yiddish vernacular is not too great a Chacham anyway) to offer a solution to this complex problem.

It will require men of heart and wisdom on both sides to nourish the peace from its present infancy to greater maturity. The 32nd Anniversary of the State of Israel hints at this requirement in its Hebrew spelling which is "LAMED-VET", forming the word "LEV", heart. The heart is the symbol of feeling and, in Biblical Hebrew, also the symbol of understanding. The Jewish people, not only in Israel but throughout the world, will have to dedicate their hearts and minds to meet the dilemma that is facing them. We must support Israel with all of our hearts and, at the same time, join the wisdom of our Israeli brethren to resolve this problem which is endangering the peace in the Middle East.

As we on this Pesach joyfully cry out, "L'Shanah Haba'ah Birushalayim!", let us do it with heart, mind and might, to the end that Jerusalem will remain the Capital City of an independent Israel.

A joyous and kosher Pesach to all of you.

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## Camp Kadimah

by Linda Epstein, Camp Director

The middle of winter is usually the time when many families are looking at trips south to bask in the sun, trips north to ski, or taking the school break time to explore local territory. I would like to suggest that taking a few moments out during your busy schedule to look to the future of a Nova Scotia summer is a worthwhile long-term investment. Camp Kadimah 1980 promises to be as exciting and fulfilling as the last nearly 40 years.

My first year as a camper at Kadimah was 1958. Twenty-two years later I return as Director. This is a special privilege for me. Back in 1958 I spent four of the



*Ezra and Anne Israeli From 8-80!*

six weeks of camp in the infirmary from mumps and tonsillitis. The other two weeks I never stopped moving, using every ounce of energy to investigate everything camp had to offer. Every year that I went back to Kadimah I discovered something new, and I made friends that have lasted my whole life.

Camp is an absolutely unique experience. It offers six weeks of outdoor activities, improving skills (such as swimming) and learning about Judaism (historical, religious and political) as just a few examples. But another aspect of life is one which can only be experienced in a camp setting—and that is learning to live with other people of different age groups, sharing responsibilities and caring about others in an environment which cannot be duplicated anywhere. Kadimah has a reputation, even among other summer camps, of creating a spirit of feeling that has led to ex-Kadimah-ites sending their own children from other parts of Canada and from the U.S. as well as from local centres. In many ways Kadimah has not changed in those 22 years. It still strengthens the future of the Jewish community of the Maritimes and will help ensure its continued existence.

Therefore, I invite you to send your children to share with me in this summer's activities and to prepare for building a better future for themselves individually and as a community. It's an investment, and you can't lose.



## My Summer In Israel

by Robyn Payne, Fredericton, N.B.

Last summer, I was on a trip to Israel. It was a YMHA tour based in Montreal, which joined with a group from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Together we were I.S.H. (Israel Summer Happening) 15.

We started off in Jerusalem for two days to get a broad view of the city. We looked at the city from Mount Scopus and the Mount of Olives.

From Jerusalem we went to the Negev for five days where we stayed at a field school. There we hiked to the desert and the wadees (dry river beds) at three o'clock in the morning. On our fourth day we climbed Massada from where we saw the sun rise and then went to the desert.

After the Negev we returned to Jerusalem, this time for a week. We saw Yad Vashem, the Knesset, the Arab Market, the Wailing Wall (of course) and other attractions.

Our week in Jerusalem ended and it was now home hospitality in Ashdod. Home hospitality is living with an Israeli family: in our case for the week-end.

It soon ended and we were now on our way to the Golan Heights to another field school. In the Golan we hiked through more wadees, swimming in springs along the way. We visited an army camp and the Israel-Lebanon border too.

After the Golan we went to a small Kibbutz near the Jordan border. Since we only spent Friday night and Saturday there, we didn't do any work because of Shabbat, but we did get a good rest.

*My six weeks in Israel  
seemed like six days!*

Sunday we left for Tel-Aviv, stopping along the way in Haifa. In Tel-Aviv we stayed at the Ambassadors Hotel. We saw the Wax Museum, Jaffa, The Diaspora Museum and the beach.

Our next stop was a two day seminar at Massua on the Holocaust. We saw films, had discussions and spoke with actual survivors. At the end of it we went back to Tel-Aviv and the hotel for more beach shopping and especially rushed for our up-coming week in the Sinai.

We started our tour of the Sinai in Eilat, where we got our first sight of the bluest, clearest water in the world. After that, it was travelling from beach to beach, where we snorkelled and got a relief from the 120 degree dry heat. On our second night there, we climbed Mount Sinai where we enjoyed another sunrise. This part of our trip ended fast too, and we returned to Tel-Aviv and the hotel again for our last weekend. We crammed in all the sun and shopping we could, but suddenly it was over.

If the old saying "time flies when you're having fun" is true, then I must have had the best time ever, because my six weeks in Israel seemed like six days, at least it will last me for a lifetime of memories.

## Hadassah-Wizo Convention Establishes \$250,000 Hebrew University Book Endowment Fund

MONTREAL — Implementation of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's new major project in Israel, the establishment of a Permanent Book Endowment Fund at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will be in the immediate forefront of the organization's tasks, according to Mirial Small, newly elected to the presidency at the 28th Biennial Convention in Vancouver.

"Undertaking of this major project continues in the line of our historic link with the Hebrew University," Mrs. Small said. "In the immediate past we had undertaken and successfully completed two other projects — the Flori-culture School and the Academion Book Centre, which have strengthened the bond between the University and Hadassah-WIZO in support of Israel's vital needs in the field of higher learning."

Bernard Cherrick, Hebrew University Vice-President, invited to present the Plan to the convention, minced few words when he told the 1,000 delegates that the Fund would supply the books and periodicals, the "lifeblood" of the various University libraries.

"Without them," he said, "all academic activity would come to a standstill. The University would cease to function. Only by keeping the various faculty and departmental libraries fully supplied with the necessary volumes, periodicals and textbooks can our high standard of teaching and research be maintained."

Cherrick blamed the harsh economic conditions resulting from the Yom Kippur War for a drastic curtailment in library acquisitions.

"Besides a spiralling world inflation which has caused book prices to soar, an unprecedented 70% devaluation of the Israeli pound in the past year has forced the University to pay exorbitant sums for new books, the vast majority of which are published abroad," he said.

"Our students are suffering tremendously from the inflationary spiral, currently running 150% a year. In order to rectify this situation we propose to establish a Permanent Book Endowment Fund for faculty and departmental libraries."

The convention voted to sustain such a fund with an endowment of \$250,000 to be invested and linked to preserve value. Income from the Fund, estimated at 70% per annum, will be used to purchase the necessary volumes.

Among the beneficiaries of the Hadassah-WIZO Book Fund will be the Jewish National and University Library, founded in 1925, which fills a three-fold purpose: it is the National Library of the Jewish people, the main library of the Hebrew University and the Central Library of Israel.

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# Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem

## For Youth From Iran, BTJ Is More Than A School It's A New Beginning

Just as in the past when twenty-eight Russian students were absorbed into Boys Town, taught by an educator who himself came from Russia only a short while before, the Iranian students have reached a haven and gateway to a new life in Israel.

The word passed around quickly amongst the new Russian immigrants. Not a day went by without a parent from Georgia, Moscow, or Leningrad coming in to register a son. Today 30 Iranian youths, 14 to 18 years of age, uprooted from their home and alone in a new world, find Boys Town Jerusalem more than a school. With its dormitories and campus it is also a community and a home.

It's learning Hebrew, of course, and, more often than not, a new culture and a new outlook. Its learning history, science, math, new knowledge, new ways and new skills. It's things to do and places to visit when class is over and the term is done.

It's also being young, and growing up, being confused, and having dreams, needing emotional strength and good friends, and a sense of belonging.

The Iranian youth, bright and eager, need extensive and highly individualized attention, in school and out, as they become acclimated to and integrated with their new surroundings at BTJ and in Israel.

### Hadassah-Wizo Convention Establishes \$250,000 Hebrew University Book Endowment Fund

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Its collection of Hebraica and Judaica constitutes the largest in the world.

In addition to the library's central facility, the Lady Davis Building on the Givat Ram campus, which houses over one million volumes, reading rooms, specialized services and an exhibition hall, the Hebrew University maintains a further collection of one million volumes in a number of faculty and departmental libraries, some of which are impressive institutions on their own.

The largest are: the Berman National Medical Library on the Ein Karem campus of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre, the Central Library of Agricultural Science in the Kennedy-Leigh Building on the Rehovot campus of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Zalman Aranne Central Library of Education on Mount Scopus, the Library of Physics, Chemistry and Applied Sciences and the Segal Faculty of Law Library.

## 'Hall of Names' at Yad Vashem

In cooperation with the Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, the National Holocaust Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress has undertaken to record the names of Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust. The registration is done by relatives and friends of the victims who fill out Pages of Testimony, which contain biographical information of the individual and the circumstances of his or her death.

These Pages are copied and filed at the offices of the National Holocaust Committee in Montreal and the originals are housed in a specially constructed "Hall of Names" at Yad Vashem. With the help of Holocaust Committees in Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Winnipeg and others, over 2,000 such pages have been collected in the past few months from across Canada.

With the recent attempts to deny the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust, this project takes on new importance. There are those who claim that the figure of 6 million is inflated and that the mass extermination never really happened. These Pages of Testimony bear witness to the vastness of the destruction of European Jewry and in many cases are the only form of memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. Over 2 1/2 million names have already been received at Yad Vashem.



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# I Remember Passover

by Rose Freedman, Saint John, N.B.

I know that most people like myself enjoy a human interest story. Therefore, I thought that you might like to read about my trip to Europe in late January 1964 and my stay with my daughter Edythe and her husband, Dr. Barry Steinberg. The doctor was stationed in the American Army Hospital as an anaesthesiologist for two years as required by the American Army.

I flew from Montreal to Paris with my daughter, Marcia Koven and her husband Jerry, on a Wednesday night arriving in Paris in the early morning. We travelled by train from Paris to Bar la-duc and were met there by Edythe and Barry. Then we drove on the narrow French roads to Verdun. This was after the war and then Verdun was not a very thriving town. The trenches were still there and evidence of Hitler's invasion was seen by the many crowded cemeteries marked by the crosses and the Mogen Davids.

Uncle Sam was very good to his men. The soldiers lived in barracks but the officers each had a comfortable house. Bus service to the shopping area was provided only for the Americans, the French people walked or rode bicycles.

There was the hospital, a school, the University of Maryland, a teen Centre, the Commissary, beauty parlor and Officers' mess. While the men were busy, the wives of the officers were offered lectures, French lessons, cooking lessons, fashion shows, champagne breakfasts, etc. In addition they were free to travel to other countries. Most took advantage of travelling to many countries.

It was a month before Passover that we began to think about the holiday. We were not the only ones concerned. Of course to some people it was not too important but to us and a few others it was a very meaningful time.

We were most fortunate in that attached to the Hospital staff was a young doctor from Brooklyn: Dr. Leonard Magilner, a Pediatrician, a graduate of Yeshiva University, strictly orthodox. He also began to seriously consider Passover.

At first, we were going to have one Seder at Magilner's and another Seder at Steinberg's. Then we began to consider other people. So after much discussion with the Steinbergs and Dr. Magilner and his wife, Rochelle, we called on other wives of the other officers and on the Army Chaplain. We formulated plans for an Army Seder. It was a tremendous undertaking. We took a survey and discovered that we had 225 people. This included a few French couples.

We were most fortunate that Passover coincided with the March Break. Therefore, all the students from the University were on holiday. So arrangements were made to use the cafeteria of the University located on the same complex which included the Hospital, the cinema, the synagogue, etc.

Dr. Magilner was given the army at his disposal. They

scrubbed the entire cafeteria: ceiling, walls, tables, chairs. Under his supervision, they koshered the entire place. China, glassware, cutlery, etc., was borrowed from a Jewish merchant who owned a large department store in Verdun. Tablecloths were the hospital sheets. A committee for table-setting was appointed. Everything proceeded beautifully.

Uncle Sam provided the Hagodas, the wine, matzos, dried fruits, gefelte fish in tins, chickens, everything that we needed. We made a trip to Metz and there we bought meat for the chemas, the matzo meal, chicken schmaltz for Knadlich—"chrane" horse radish like mamma used to make, nuts for haroshes which Dr. Magilner made himself. Believe me, there was little sleep those few weeks.

Fortunately the cooks, waiters and cleaner-uppers were provided by the army. All we had to do was to sit down and figure out with the aid of my trusted "Home Beautiful" the exact quantities needed. This took a little doing. The night of the Seder arrived. People came from army bases from miles around. Many came with their wives. When we walked into that cafeteria the night of the Seder, we thought that we were in another world. The girls had gone to the marche (the market) in the morning and bought fresh flowers. The room was adorned with flowers. The head table was beautifully set. The chaplain and his wife with Dr. Magilner and his wife Rochelle were seated at the head table. The men wore white yarmalkas and white gowns. The latter were hospital gowns. They conducted the Seder. The food was delicious. The atmosphere festive. The Had Gadya was sung with emotion. Everyone had such a good time. It helped me to erase from my mind momentarily that I had just lost my wonderful husband and mother within four months of each other. But then, we are never alone in joy or in sorrow as there are many, many people in similar situations.

After the Seder we were besieged with thank yous. The Seder was soon over when we were called to the doctor's office to take an overseas call which awaited us from Saint John, New Brunswick. We spoke to every member of our family.

Recently, Dr. Magilner was honored for his work at Ohel Orphans Home in Brooklyn, N.Y. The affair was held in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton. He is indeed a very fine man.

The Seder at the army base in 1965 was an unforgettable experience. This shows that if you want to be happy, make others happy.

## Youngman Finally Has Bar Mitzvah

JTA—Henny Youngman, the comedial known for his snappy one-liners, recently had his bar mitzvah in Atlantic city, New Jersey, 60 years later than scheduled. The 73 year old Youngman was originally scheduled for a bar mitzvah at the age of 13 in Brooklyn. But when a cousin died the ceremony was cancelled. The tenor, Jan Pearce, an old friend, recently offered the comedian help in preparing for the bar mitzvah and Pearce was the cantor at the Service.

## Some Highlights Of Sixty Years Of Canadian Jewish Congress

by Saul Hayes



Just a few days before his death, Saul Hayes, the professional head of the Canadian Jewish Congress for 32 years and a noted historian, completed an article reviewing some of the highlights of 60 years of Congress. It was written for the 19th Plenary Assembly to be held May 1-4 in Toronto at the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel.

The following is edited excerpts of that article.

Canadian Jewish Congress, by 1979, completed 60 years of existence as a functioning and co-ordinating

organization. The highlights of this span, in a sense, is the story of Canadian Jewry for this period.

Congress was founded as a result of the great emergency of World War I. During this time, various conferences and meetings were set up, and internecine quarrels were resolved, culminating in the first session of Congress in Montreal in 1919. It was a congress in the true sense of the word with delegates elected democratically.

Its origin was the revival of the Jewish masses in many parts of the world and their decision to communicate with each other. It was also a 20th century attempt to replace statlanuth by the kehillah which represented all sections of the community. The Jewish community had, of course, a tremendous interest in the fate of the new states which were to emerge after the break up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the defeat of the Axis Powers and the settlement to make the world safe for democracy.

With the Canadian Jewish community being largely an immigrant one (the majority of the population having come from Eastern Europe from 1896 to 1912), it is easily understood that its consciousness would be expressed in trying to do something for the hapless victims of the new states of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, as well as Romania.

The Plenary Assembly decided:

To express a point of view in 1919 to the Allied powers through their representatives at Versailles, on the matter of minority rights in the various new emerging states, as well as where there was a history of ill-treatment of minorities.

To support all efforts to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine to bring reality to the Balfour Declaration.

To set up an immigrant aid society which would help immigrants coming to Canada.

Naively, as Woodrow Wilson thought that the Versailles Treaty would be the end of wars and would usher in a period of goodwill and understanding, so too, in microscopic dimensions, the Jewish community thought that Canadian Jews did their job for war victims in the historic session of 1919. Although the Canadian Jewish Congress continued, with a president and a general secretary, it really wrapped up its business in 1919 and no meetings were held until the middle of the 1930's.



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The next chapter is, therefore, one of the Canadian Jewish community desiring the reconstitution of Congress, motivated by the dangers to the world Jewish community of the Nazis' domination of Germany. The result was that Congress met again in order to combat the threats of Nazism. A Committee on Boycott of German Goods was established. The rationale: perhaps Germany could be brought to its knees if most nations antagonistic to it were to boycott its industry by refusing to buy.

Congress' nationwide boycott does not appear to have been much of a success. But the fault was due to the inability of Canadians generally to see what was in store for them. They rather took their inspiration from Prime Minister Mackenzie King who thought that Hitler was a "decent chap" with whom one could do business. It was, therefore, impossible to have a successful boycott under such circumstances.

A very important activity took place in tracking down German propaganda and doing its best to counteract it.

Congress dealt with the situation of agents of Nazism in Canada who were fomenting anti-Semitism in many cities, principally Montreal, Toronto, Windsor and Winnipeg. Adrien Arcand, the leader of the Canadian Nazi Party, had his own Brownshirts and a para-military group—the Casques d'Acier, the steel helmeted ones. Despite their small numbers, it created a great deal of apprehension in the Jewish community. It was not long before Congress realized that Arcand was being financed by the Propaganda Ministry of Germany operating in North America out of the German Consulate in San Francisco.

Mass rallies were held to protest the Nazi infiltration in Quebec, and there were some famous meetings and marches sponsored by Congress, including one at the Montreal Arena led by Senator Raoul Dandurand and another, a march on Fletcher's Field headed by Montreal's Mayor Camillien Houde.

Paralleling this, Congress exerted such efforts as could be undertaken to save Jews who could leave Germany and Austria. The activities of the Refugee Committee could only be as successful as the Canadian Government would allow it, being strictly controlled by the Immigration Ministry. In the initial stages, the general Canadian mood was against immigration, even of refugees, to Canada.

The Readings of Congress, through its Refugee Committee, make tragic reading, particularly the 1939 incident of the S.S. *St. Louis*; Mackenzie King failed to respond at all. Therefore, the only accomplishment of the Refugee Committee was to bring in farmers who qualified under the farm program, and a few others.

Shortly after the Congress Refugee Committee was formed in 1938, its president, Samuel Bronfman, was instrumental in combining all of the organizations interested in refugees, by the formation of the United Jewish Relief Refugee Committee (at the outbreak of the war, called the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies). This comprised, in addition to the Congress Refugee Committee, the American Joint Distribution Committee, the ORT, the Polish Verband and the Jewish

Peoples Order (which had, during the First World War raised monies to try and assist refugees).

It was a successful merger and much good work was done, both in raising money and in sending food supplies to distressed Jews overseas, from Tehran mainly. The United Jewish Relief Agencies became a standing committee of Congress, the president of which was the president of Congress, and the director was the director of Congress.

After the outbreak of the war, the important activity was the immediate organization of the Canadian Jewish community to assist in all phases of what was popularly called "The War Effort". Congress immediately called a nationwide conference and a four-point program was initiated.

It called for: A War Efforts Committee; increased activity on behalf of war victims and an extraordinary attempt to save as many people as possible who could get out of Nazi Europe; close cooperation with the Joint Distribution Committee in bringing relief to those desperately in need and discipline on the home front as a result of the war effort.

The war effort itself took the following forms. There was full support of the mobilization of people for the Armed Services of Canada, promotion of the Reserve Army and encouragement of as many people as it could reach to join the Reserve Army.

For the serviceman, Congress War Efforts Committee set up a series of hostels across Canada with recreational activities, religious and festival observances. Sixteen of the centres were fully staffed and scores of volunteers helped to make the balance of the centres interesting and attractive to servicemen and women who sought their facilities in off-duty hours. The committee also stimulated War Bond Drives as well as blood donor clinics.

During this period, a number of activities did occur in the field of the rescue of people such as obtaining Canadian entry for Jews who had crossed the French-Spanish border over the Pyrenees, were given temporary asylum by the Franco regime and then allowed to enter Lisbon. From there they sailed for the United States and then were brought by sealed train into Canada. In addition, Congress received, in 1941, an historical special benefit by way of Order-In-Council, allowing the entry into Canada of 1,000 war orphans (increased to 1,200). The war orphans did not come until two years after the war, but this was due to blockades of European ports.

Congress also persuaded the Canadian government that the 2,500 European Jews who were transferred to Canada from Britain and interned in Canada under the Enemy Aliens Act, did not constitute a threat to the security of this country. This was a very difficult task. Knowing the facts, one should have thought that the matter would have taken but a few interviews. On the contrary, it took all of the efforts of the Canadian National Committee for Refugees, jointly with the Canadian Jewish Congress, to bring about the actual changes in the immigration status of these people.

Just prior to Dec. 7, 1941, when the United States and Japan went to war, Congress succeeded in rescuing

several hundred people who had escaped to Shanghai and Japan. They were literally snatched from the enemy and welcomed to Canada. A number of these people became very active in the religious life of the country, since the majority of them were either rabbonim or yeshiva students.

Late in 1945, Congress determined to see for itself what happened in Poland and what were its survivors' needs. H.M. Caiserman, one of the founders of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and then general-secretary, was asked to visit Poland. He was the first Jew from the outside world to make a first-hand report since the beginning of the war. In the performance of that mission, his sad itinerary was visiting communities, large and small, delivering letters, transmitting messages and interviewing survivors. He was also a witness to the tragic 1946 pogrom in Kielce and was overcome by the enormity of the tragedy. It was not the loss of lives that was so great, particularly when, in 1946, one has the fresh memory of what took place during the Holocaust, but it was the fact that it took place at all that moved Caiserman so much.

Congress also authorized Caiserman to be the organizer of campaigns in South America on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee. Caiserman's official visit to Poland for Congress made him the obvious choice to bring the tragic stories to the Jewish communities of South America. What had taken place in Poland allowed him to stimulate South American Jewry as it never had been before.

Also in 1945, what was to be the founding assembly of the United Nations took place in San Francisco. All the major Jewish organizations were present. Congress through Sam Bronfman and myself was responsible to these organizations for dealing with China, one of the five countries possessing veto powers.

Congress enlisted the services of the legendary General Two Gun Cohen, former bodyguard of Sun Yat Sen, father of the Chinese Revolution and the father-in-law of Chiang Kai-Shek, then head of the Chinese Government. There was no doubt that he was able to obtain from the Chinese a great deal of vital information needed by the Jewish organizations at their meetings. Considerable importance was attached to Congress' relations with the Chinese delegation. Its real value has not yet been publicly disclosed.

**(Mr. Hayes reviewed some of congress post-war highlights and activities under a number of headings.)**

## **RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND DISCRIMINATIVE PRACTICES**

The Jewish community for a long time had been insulted by the innkeepers and owners of property—in the one case, who refused to admit Jewish guests, and in the other, whose contracts with the purchasers of their real estate enjoined the new owners not to sell to Jews. There were a number of landmark decisions. Congress had a number of remarkable successes in this.

The most notable was the case of an Ontario merchant who bought some property on Lake Simcoe near Toronto and then found that the owners refused to go through

with the deal because their own deeds prevented them from selling to non-white Christians, Jews and other undesirable citizens. The case went right up to the Supreme Court of Canada. Our case was upheld and the result was that the Registrar of Ontario was told that he must not register any deeds which contained a restrictive covenant and that even if they did, they would be ignored if any of the purchasers fell within the definitions in these restrictive covenants.

In Canada, by now, most, if not all of the provinces, have legislation and some have commissions for the enforcement of this legislation. It is a success story and its genesis was in the '40s when Congress enlisted the support of Church groups, unions and other societies and associations to bring about an acceptance of the doctrine of legal protection in the area of human rights and freedoms.

For a long time the newspapers were almost solidly against the proposition on the familiar ground of curtailment of individual choice. Then, in more accented form, arose the question of free speech in the matter of hate propaganda and the report of the special Commission of the Ministry of Justice for the subject. An amendment to the Criminal Code was passed after the Commission of the Ministry of Justice had found unanimously in favor of amending the Criminal Code to protect people from hate propaganda.

In 1942, Congress convinced the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice that in all matters affecting federal jurisdiction, whether by way of contracts for war supplies, or the employment of people in war industries, or indeed any area of employment covered by Section 91 of the British North America Act (areas of federal jurisdiction), there would be no discrimination on grounds of race, creed, color or national origin.

Congress had the principle extended to cover housing, and any mortgages or money lent guaranteed by the Canadian government, only if the participant agreed that there would be no discrimination in any aspect of the building or leasing of the premises aided by federal funds. This was an important breakthrough and really can be called a first vital important step to bring about a new climate of education.

The Congress program to combat discrimination also occurred in the courts, where the organization was either a participant or took up the cause of individuals who suffered discriminatory practices. The most notable cases were in the Quebec Laurentian resort areas.

## **IMMIGRATION**

After the liberation of the camps of Europe, a problem arose as to what was to be done with the survivors who could not or would not go back to their countries of origin. At the same time, as a result of the war, Canada suffered a shortage of manpower. Thus, benevolent self-interest in the skills of some of these people, combined with their availability, brought to Canada a large number of survivors. Congress had its staff act with the Canadian government immigration officers who were sent over specially to deal with a project which the organization helped to initiate—bringing into Canada tailors, furriers,

millinery workers and a number of others from the needle-trades.

Congress and the Immigrant Aid Services of Canada combined in the mid-'50s to interest the Canadian government in assisting the immigration plans of Jews from mainly Morocco, but also Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria. The sudden interest in these communities arose from the revolutionary changes which took place in the Middle East after the establishment of the State of Israel and the nationalistic movements which led to the independence of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

### **THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL AND JEWISH REHABILITATION**

In 1951, following the pattern established in the United States, Canadian Jewry embarked on a four-point program to assist the fledgling State of Israel. Congress, at the invitation of the Zionist Organization, participated and, in many of the aspects, actually conducted the program. Congress convened the Canada-wide conference being held in Montreal in the fall of 1951 at which was developed the four-point program of: the sale of the State of Israel Bonds; establishment of a corporation to purchase needed supplies for stockpiling in Israel and a stepped up program for the increase of gift dollars through the United Israel Appeal and for the program of the UJRA; and the stimulation of private investment in Israel.

### **RELATIONSHIP OF CANADA WITH ISRAEL**

Among the highlights of the relationship with Israel were: activities of the Congress in San Francisco at the founding sessions of the United Nations in connection with the Palestine Mandate situation; Congress Officers arranging in 1947 with the Minister of War Surplus Supplies for the sale to Israel of weapons and in September 1948, the president of Congress leading a joint Congress-Zionist Organization delegation to Louis St. Laurent, then Secretary of State for External Affairs, to ask for Canadian recognition of the State of Israel, which was soon accorded.

In 1967, after the Six Day War and during it, the support for Israel was "magnificent" and financial support was mainly engineered by Congress in almost immediately convoking the National Emergency Conference which took place in Montreal and where fund-raising for the first time reached the levels of giving that were commensurate with the perils facing Israel. This conference was a high-water mark and established such a pattern of giving in Canada per capita that, for years and years it became one of the two or three leading communities in the world in its financial support of free dollars for Israel.

### **RESTITUTION AND CLAIMS CONFERENCE**

Congress actively participated from 1951 on in the activities towards obtaining legislation in Germany for individuals who had claims against the Nazi activities for abuse, ill-health, loss of pensions and numerous other things. The United Restitution Office in Canada is controlled, supervised and directed by Congress. Up to date, it has directed over \$100,000,000 from West

Germany to the successful applicants. The other aspect, the initial financial grant to Israel, was the work of the committee set up of the major Jewish organizations of the world. Congress attended the first meeting in 1951 and almost all meetings thereafter.

### **WAR CRIMINALS**

Congress actively participated in the search for Canadians or people with Canadian landing permits who were suspected of having been involved in various war crimes. So far, no actions have been taken by the agencies of the Canadian government. But, the persistence of Congress dates back 15 years. The issues are joined, but the reluctance of the Canadian government to take any action is manifest and no serious actions have been pursued—not even the deprivation of citizenship in several cases where the malefactors were Canadian citizens.

### **JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE**

In 1939, Congress entered into an agreement with the American Joint Distribution Committee as a result of which the Canadian Jewish community became a partner, a junior partner, in the vast relief and rescue projects of the JDC. The years of 1939 to 1979 are ample testimony to the value of the agreement made, as a result of which so many actions were taken in the interest of rescue, relief and rehabilitation of Jews in many parts of the world.

### **PROTECTION OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY**

In the early '50s, a concerted effort was made by various humane societies to prevent the ritual slaughtering of food animals as provided for by the laws of Shechita. When the Congress learned of the various efforts being made, it immediately called upon the Prime Minister of Canada and after several meetings, the veterinary-general was instructed to make a very serious investigation of the employed methods. Congress had some studies made and also relied heavily on works already in print, published at Cornell and in England.

After many visits to abbatoirs across the country, the veterinary-general brought in his report which substantiated our allegations and recommended that the Criminal Code be changed so that Shechita was one of the humane methods and, therefore, was outside of the purview of the cruelty section of the Criminal Code.

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## BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL COMMISSION

Congress, on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Committee appeared twice before the Royal Commission (1963 and 1964) preceded by Congress interventions with the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State to change the wording of the Order-in-Council establishing the commission. It had taken serious issue with the phraseology of two founding races as the cornerstone of the document. While it did not succeed in changing the wording, though promises were made to have it done, the Royal Commission itself operated upon guidelines submitted in two presentations of Congress in connection with the equality of all groups in Canada and the Elimination of an inference that there were two founding races and second-class citizens after that.

## THE RECOGNITION OF JUDAISM AS ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR FAITHS IN CANADA

For years the Canadian Jewish Community felt uncomfortable that in the democratic society of Canada, state functions did not recognize the existence of Judaism. Congress pressed for recognition for years and it was finally assured that the head of its Religious Affairs Committee would be placed on the list of precedence at state functions. This became an actuality shortly before Expo '67.

Since then, the head of the Committee has been invited to all state functions, and very often appears at events with the appointee of the Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Primate of the Anglican Church representing the Protestant denomination.

## CHARITABLE GIVING

The natural desire of Canadian Jews to assist Israel and to take care of some of its welfare problems, came at a time after the government of Canada had considerably tightened rules on charitable giving as far as income tax exemptions were concerned. In 1966, new rules were forecast, to take place starting in January, 1967.

Congress worked assiduously to set up the proper machinery for charitable gifts to be acceptable within the meaning and the structure of the new regulations, and by September, 1967, a systemized approach was established and continues to this day with the understanding and co-operation of senior officials of Revenue Canada.

## SAMUEL BRONFMAN HOUSE

At the 13th Plenary Session of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto, in 1962, it was unanimously agreed that there would be built in Montreal, a national home for Congress, to be known as Samuel Bronfman House which was opened in May, 1970. It contains adequate facilities for safekeeping and ready access for the national archives of Congress. The first meeting held in the new building, was the important conference of the World Jewish Congress under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

## Facing The Eighties: An Assessment

by B.G. Kayfetz

### CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

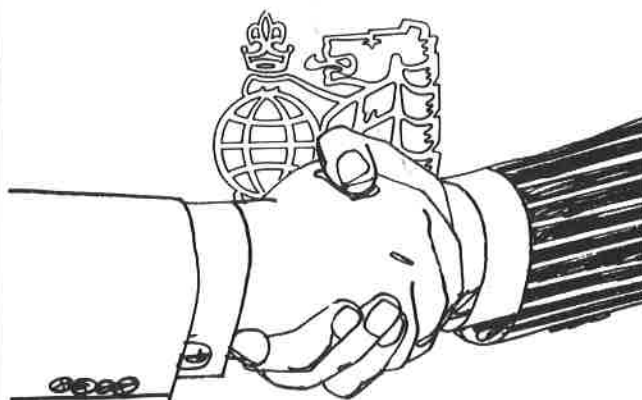
For many years, Canadian Jewish Congress has been involved in a joint National Community Relations Committee with Canadian B'nai B'rith. The task of the Committee is to protect the political and civil status of Jews in Canada, to combat and reduce antisemitism and all forms of ethnic and religious prejudice, and defend human rights.

The subject of community relations will be dealt with in one of the Plenary sessions of the Triennial Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress. May 1-4, at the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel in Toronto. In this article, Ben Kayfetz, national executive director of the Joint Community Relations Committee (JCRC), reviews the situation at the beginning of the 1980s.

Where does Canadian Jewry's community relations stand at the beginning of the 1980's, 35 years after the end of the war that was to defeat facism?

In respect to antisemitism of the traditional type, the kind we are familiar with thanks to the fulminations of the late Henry Ford which was cultivated by the Nazis, the unpleasant fact is that it is still with us. IT HAS NOT BEEN SILENCED. The mainstream of the media -- the daily and weekly press, the popular magazines,

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television and radio -- are quite free of it. The continuing hatemongers of our time do not have any ready access to these mass-communication vehicles.

The one exception of the telephone should be noted here. For an unaccountable reason, pleading that because it is the only medium in the field and must, therefore, maintain its status as a "common carrier", Bell Canada has continued to give an avowed hatemonger in Toronto access to a taped phone message service with which to pollute the sound waves. At the time of writing he is facing a contempt of court charge for persisting in the face of a tribunal's orders to cease. But we still wonder why Bell Canada gives him the service even after it was forbidden by the tribunal.

With a following of half a dozen, there is a neo-Nazi who has filled newspaper office wastepaper baskets across the land with protests that the Holocaust was a lie and a fiction. In Toronto there is a neo-Nazi recently released from prison and on parole who is no doubt planning some new device to get press attention. And there is a right-wing extremist publishing a stream of "literature" who speaks to obscure groups. He has learned how to camouflage his propaganda, but will gladly sell you a hate leaflet "under the table".

But something new has been added to the traditional source.

There is the barrage of anti-Israel material emanating from the plethora of extreme leftist factions and from pro-Arab groupings whose target is ostensibly Israel, but whose indiscriminate attacks (of the "Zionism is racism" type) can easily be transferred to Jews, and often are. Even Soviet-produced items in English like **The Sword of David** smearing Judaism as a religion, have found their way here through official Soviet channels. This kind of attack was something we did not have to contend with in the 1940s, though there were those who saw it coming at the time.

The cult phenomenon has gained some attention in recent years, even before the ghastly suicide-mass murder that took place in Guyana in 1978. Some of the cults are quite prone to antisemitism of the most vulgar sort. We refer in particular to the "Children of God" who after a silence of four or five years have now re-surfaced in Canada—so far in Halifax, Vancouver and Ottawa. Their unfunny "comic books" reflect all the venom of the evil images of the past. Watch for them in your community.

Another strange phenomenon, which has crept in from the U.S. as an unwelcome migrant, is a group posing as a political movement, but which has all the sitmata of a brainwashed pseudo-religious cult attached to a charismatic leader. They bear the pretentious and totally misleading title of "North American Labor Party", a faction which in sheer lunacy surpasses anything this writer has seen in more than 30 years of watching fringe and extremist groups. To detail the machinations they describe and conspiracies they have conjured up, provokes in turn astonishment, shock and finally a sort of tragi-comic despair. Would you believe Her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain, former Governor-General Roland Michener, the Black Knights of Jerusalem and former External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson as running a vast illegal narcotics cartel?

The group, openly anti-Jewish, even uses the age-old deicide charge to bolster its crazed accusations. Formerly a leftist fringe group, it now occupies a position somewhere out on the far right. It is tiny and insignificant and it would be a serious error to build it up into a major target. But we should know it is there and monitor it closely. We're sure that this would be perceived as further evidence of relentless persecution by its ultra-paranoid activists.

Where is the anti-hate law, and has it been effective in cleaning out these disease spots? It's possible it has acted as a deterrent over the years and there may have been much more had it not been on the books.

So far the only serious case under the law that has reached the courts was one in Windsor, Ontario, involving anti-French leaflets (distributed by French Canadian activists acting as agents provocateurs); the conviction obtained was upset in the appeal court. Lawyers are understandably reluctant to present a case to the Attorney-General unless it is 100% free of risk because they don't wish to chance a defeat in the courts which might give the hatemonger *carte blanche* for further propagandizing.

In July of this year, it will be 10 years since Canada's anti-hate law was introduced. Perhaps it is now time for the Attorneys-General of the provinces in their regular meetings to re-consider and review its efficacy to see whether the safeguards inserted for caution and prudence are viewed rather as loopholes which permit a much wider leeway than was originally contemplated.

In other areas, the advances in our community relations are clear: the conventional wisdom of the day is that racial and religious discrimination is clearly not to be tolerated in our society. This was not so in the 1940s and even the early 1950s when leading Canadian newspapers spoke out against anti-bias laws. Governments now have elaborate systems of administrative law forbidding such bias. The old racial restrictive covenants barring "undesirable races" from use of property and most often specifying Jews, are not merely illegal but when mentioned to the younger generation sound like forgotten curiosities of a by-gone age. Today the judiciary in all provinces reflects the make-up of the Canadian people and is no longer the private preserve of the "founding races".

What then are the negatives? That if we have travelled so far on the road to advancement, why is there still this persistent underground of unspeakable hate propaganda which apparently may find a response somewhere in the hidden and unspoken unconscious of some in our society?

Also, there is a feeling of disappointment that our political credibility for the first time since the tragic days of the St. Louis, the refugee-laden ship refused entry to Canada, has taken a turn for the worse. This happened when, thanks to the over-zealousness of some political activists on the Jerusalem embassy issue, we suffered a serious reverse that reflected on our ability to handle political matters with prudence and dexterity.

A word about our inter-ethnic relations. There are still a number of unresolved problems facing our community in the '80s which may become more acute in the future in

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# Once We Had A Son

**This sad story of Benjamin Lesser is told by his parents, Gordon and Hannah Lesser in their own words in The Jewish Chronicle of London, which headed the account, "Once We Had A Son".**

**by Gordon and Hannah Lesser**

Once we had a loving son, a boy who was the youngest of three brothers, who had never known his own father, but was loved and brought up by a stepfather. We are a typical "middle-of-the-road Jewish family", like so many other thousands of families, and for this we make no apology.

Our son Benjamin—for this was his name—was beloved by all who knew him and gave love in return, for he had a gentle nature—a sincere, out-giving nature, while at the same time taking his place with his brothers, school friends and later, members of the local Habonim group.

He was equal to the rough and tumble of life, judo and swimming being his sports, but not to the indoctrination that awaited him.

With Habonim he went to Israel and lived on a Kibbutz for a year, before going to university to study physics. While on the kibbutz he became a useful and conscientious member of the community.

In the short interim period between Israel and university he took a holiday job, where he came into contact with a man who spent his time preaching the gospel and trying to convert those around him to Christianity.

Benjamin had a scientific mind, an inquiring and searching mind, and, in the course of things, wanted to know more.

On arrival at Imperial College of Science and Technology he came in contact with the "Hebrew Christian Organization," who went to work to lead our son into the belief that, while keeping his Judaism—even to the extent of putting on tefilin, keeping kosher, etc., he was to accept that Jesus was the Messiah. They even went through the motions of baptism with him. A Hanukkah party was arranged and so forth. By the Christmas holidays Benjy was trying to convert those around him, including his family. We were tolerant at first, but eventually put him into contact with Rabbi Kass in London to see if he could straighten things out.

## Facing The Eighties

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relation to the other members of Canada's "third force". Groups such as the Italians, Portuguese, Chinese, Ukrainians, Japanese, Poles and Blacks now form a sizable proportion of the country's population. Some are much larger than we are numerically and are beginning to take their legitimate place in Canada's political, social and economic structure. With some, there is warm feeling of affinity and common cause; with others, "Old World" and East European history, negative associations and folk memories stand in the way of **rapprochement**. The Jewish community, not able to ignore this situation, will have to grapple with it to find a just solution.

Our son was halfway between Judaism and Christianity, with a terrific conflict going on inside him. At the same time, he somehow managed his studies and had an "A" for laboratory work done.

EASTER VACATION arrived and our boy came home quite ill with religious "obsession". We sought the aid of medical care and, after some traumatic weeks, he was hospitalized for a while. Eventually, he responded to treatment and was able to stay at home with us.

He took a job and was improving steadily. The prognosis was good and we had high hopes of further steady improvement. This span of time took from Easter until November, during which we tried not to influence him regarding religion. He began going to shul and was taking his part in the shul choir. He wanted to go to a yeshiva, which in due course we would have encouraged when the hospital felt he was well enough to leave home.

We had been asked not to try to influence him with religion from outside sources—we were to go on showing him how he had always lived and intended to live and believe.

UNFORTUNATELY, the "other side" had not left him alone. Not only did they visit him in the hospital without our knowledge—although they had promised not to do so—they continued to send him letters and leaflets. There are even tapes of evangelistic nature from the "Invisible Church" in Edgware.

"The Christian Mission to the Jews" had set up an exhibition in a local town and openly declared that their aim was to convert Jews to Christianity—they even knew of our son's distress, and answered that one had to suffer to know Jesus. Leaflets urged him to seek Jesus, telling him of a better afterlife.

Our son was a sensitive, caring boy, unable to tolerate wrongs done to others, and this very sensitivity was played upon by these people. They tried to make him a Christian, while at heart he loved being Jewish. He loved his family and other human beings too much.

Outwardly, he was making good progress, inwardly, he was so confused that one day he took himself off to a small neighbouring town and laid himself down on a railway line before an express train.

We have the memory of a wonderful, caring son who—until these people took possession of his mind—loved life, loved Judaism and had a promising and happy future before him.

WHAT WE DO want is for every parent to understand what can await their boy, their girl, and do what they can to forewarn and forearm with knowledge.

It is not a question of "us" and "them". It is a question of saying "NO" loud and clear whenever they are approached or come into contact with these so-called missionaries.

### THEIR SON DIES UNDER TRAIN

The death of Benjamin Lesser under a train has cast the spotlight on the activities of the cults here that prey on Jewish students, and has led to the formation of the Midland Region Jewish Chaplaincy Board by his parents and Rabbi S. Arkush. Rabbi Arkush is the chaplain for the Union of Jewish Students Midland Region.

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# The Jewish Heritage Seeks Continuity

by Janet Mendelsohn

A small island in the Caribbean still bears the name of the Jewish family who took refuge there after the Spanish Inquisition in 1492. Although the head of the family died during the difficult journey, his staunch widow and children settled and managed to carry on the family tradition of distilling alcohol. Hundreds of years have passed, but the island and its famous liqueur are still called after the Jewish immigrant family—Curacao.

## Loss of Roots

Skimming through the widely diverse pages of Jewish history, this is one of the many fascinating stories of the stamina of the "wandering Jews". Persecuted throughout history, they have been forced to travel the avenues of the world, with tales of excitement and adventure following in their wake. Today, however, rather than relish in the glory of centuries of rich Jewish tradition, the modern Jew is oftentimes ignorant of his own cultural roots.

"Appreciation of Jewish history and continuity is sometimes lost as modern Jews seek to assimilate into the western world," says Yehuda Ben-David, one of the founders and director general of an organization designed to increase Jewish awareness of its history. "Almost inevitably, this widening of the gap between a Jew and his own past is both a cause and a result of assimilation."

## Fighting Against Time

The Society for Documentation and the Preservation of the Jewish Heritage was founded at the initiative of Professor Y. Halbrecht to encourage Diaspora and Israeli Jews to familiarize themselves with their own genealogical history or "family tree". No less important, the Israel based organization also conducts research as well as documentation on communities, for information and resources disappear with time.

The Society works in close cooperation with Beit Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, on the campus of the Tel-Aviv University. Information on family and community history will be programmed into the museum's computer, and a print-out will be readily available for the interested visitor. This unique innovation will become one of the museum's popular—and educational—features.

In order to fill the computer's files, family data must be gathered, and to this end the Jewish Heritage Society is presently involved in intensive campaigns. Schoolchildren in Israel are educated about different Jewish cultures, and they are encouraged to work with parents and grandparents in filling out genealogical family histories.

## What Our Forefathers Built

"The questionnaire is not to be filled out like a tax form and discarded," says Ben-David. "The actual act of completing it as a family helps to promote understanding and also might help to generate interest." Questions specify information on family history as well as cultural and religious traditions. Pilot programs tested throughout Israel have shown that the project is particularly successful in the framework of the educational system, for where if not at school should a youngster become aware of his roots and his heritage?

Born in their own sovereign country, Israeli youth are nevertheless liable to lose perspective of the societies of their forefathers when living as minorities in the Diaspora. "A young Moroccan boy sees his ancestors with new pride as he learns about their life in the Atlas Mountains," says Ben-David. Similarly, "An American Jew of Polish descent can learn about the strong religious culture that helped to forge the beliefs that are upheld today."

## Never to Forget the Past

In addition to programs geared toward Israeli youth, the Jewish Heritage Society works with the Jewish Agency in reaching world Jewry through community centers, Jewish organizations, and educational systems. Presently, all groups touring Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency receive questionnaires and are advised on the importance of investigating and recording their family's history.

Working with both religious and secular groups of Jews throughout the world, Ben-David has a tremendous interest in their heritage. His dedication dates back to his early years of service to the Jewish people over 35 years ago. As a young man, he helped smuggle Jews out of Europe and to safety in Palestine. A people whose history had almost been erased by a wave of Nazi hatred, could thus begin a new life and a new chapter in modern history, but Ben-David was determined never to forget the past.

He joined the initiative of Professor Y. Halbrecht in the founding of the Jewish Heritage Society, which will help to keep the rich culture of the Jewish people alive for many generations to come. This effort to teach the Jew who he is and where he came from is indispensable to all concerned with the way in which he and his people, will move in the future.

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Benjamin was a physics student at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, and had recently returned from Israel where he had lived for a year on a kibbutz as a member of Habonim, the Labor Zionist Movement.



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# Passing Of Israel's Queen Of The Theatre

**Channa Rovina**  
**1890-1980**

by **Lynnette Shifman**

"To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe, and to reach the unreachable star." This was her quest—to create a Hebrew theatre employing the language of Hebrew, first in Communist Russia and later in Eretz Yisrael and in the State of Israel.

Channa Rovina, the first lady of the Hebrew theatre, fulfilled her dream. She contributed to the modern renaissance of the Hebrew language through creating "Habima", the first Hebrew national theatre, performed in Hebrew to an audience that used the language in everyday life in a Jewish homeland, and brought joy and pleasure to millions who watched her.

The name of Channa Rovina and Habima will forever be linked. Under the late Nahum Zemach, Rovina and eleven other actors struggled against the harsh conditions of 1917 Russia to produce short one act plays entitled "Twilight of Creation". They received much support and led to Habima's official recognition as one of the dramatic studios of the Moscow Art Theatre.

## **A Stage Phenomenon**

At the age of 33, Channa Rovina made her mark in the history of drama as Leah in Habima's production of Solomon Anski's "The Dybbuk". She was not the first choice for the role of Leah, but because of her knowledge of Hebrew, was called in from the sanatorium where she was suffering from tuberculosis. She received much acclaim and compliments for her acting in "The Dybbuk". The Russian writer Maxim Gorki called her "a stage phenomenon" and a "powerful dramatic actress with feeling". After her impressive performance, Hebrew speaking Habima was awarded the status of an official state theatre in Russia. As for the play, with Rovina in the lead, it was to become an international sensation.

"I am really surprised that I ended up an actress. I was not very nice looking. I was very thin, with long legs, red hair, and freckles all over my face," Rovina always said about herself.

Nor did her background indicate that she would be the leading lady of the Hebrew theatre. Miss Rovina's father, a clerk, belonged to the extremely Orthodox Lubavich Habad movement, and her mother worked as a seamstress. She attended a 'Heder' for Girls and kindergarten Teachers' Seminary. For two years, she taught Hebrew at an Institute for Refugee Children on the Polish-Russian border. As a kindergarten teacher, she knew hardships—freezing cold winter, nights without heating and much work.

For nine years, Channa Rovina and the members of the

Habima troupe in Moscow continued to perform "The Dybbuk" and added other Jewish classics like "The Eternal Jew" and "The Golem" to their repertoire until they reached a point where a Hebrew language theatre committed to Zionism faced insurmountable problems in Communist Russia.

## **Home to Tel-Aviv**

In 1926, Habima left Russia for a tour of Europe and the United States where the troupe won much acclaim. The members of Habima then had their gravest crisis. Founder Zemach wanted to remain in the United States and introduce the Hebrew theatre to the already established Yiddish stage. Rovina and other members of Habima—Aharon Meskin and Zvi Friedland—insisted that the ensemble move to Palestine to fulfill the vision of a Hebrew theatre catering to Hebrew speakers. Thus, in 1928 some members of Habima sailed to Palestine, touring in Europe until 1931, before eventually making their home in Tel-Aviv.

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Poems of Independence and Freedom  
compiled by Sandra Cohen

Sandra Cohen arrived in Israel twelve years ago from Montreal, Canada. Her articles and poetry have been published in Australia, The United States, Canada and Israel. “With You On Ammunition Hill” is taken from her first book of poems, to be published shortly.

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come with me  
now  
today  
and we’ll stroll  
on Mt. Zion  
look out to antiquity  
from Ein Rogel  
we can drive  
to the Kinneret  
and fold with the hills  
and green  
of Galilee  
we can trace  
the yellow sands  
of the Negev  
till Eilat  
to her sea  
spiced  
with blue  
it’s all there  
our boys made it go  
for you  
for me  
so come with me  
today  
it’s all there  
all of it  
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here on Ammunition Hill  
twelve years after you  
I walk through the war  
on an easy Saturday  
and I hear your cries  
as the bullets pierce your hearts  
and I feel the pain  
as you watch your best friends fall  
and I taste the blood  
seeping from your limbs . . .  
I’m here with you now  
on Ammunition Hill  
I count you listed  
on a plaque above  
I whisper your names  
and plant them  
in the garden of my eye  
to touch  
always  
remember  
always  
remember I’m standing here  
on an easy Saturday  
because of the names  
you’ve left  
behind

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### CONVERSATION

sing confidently city!  
there is dancing and  
the almond wears a dress of spring.  
it was dumped by the smoked cliffs.  
a new park for sweethearts under the  
desert’s moon is in Gehenoam.

desert and Sodom to the east.  
westward—open-armed girls and boys  
in greenery and the trees,  
friendships  
meeting over coffee cups  
voice murmurs into poems  
or joining fingers, painting.

Jean Kadmon

## Passing Of Israel’s Queen Of The Theatre

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Rovina, who was given the title “Queen of the Theatre” in 1929 and referred to with affection as “The Lady”, performed over 68 roles to hundreds and thousands of fans. In addition to the part of Leah in “The Dybbuk”, which established her name, her more impressive roles include Tamar in “Keter David”, The Mother in “The Sacred Flame”, Portia in “The Merchant of Venice”, and Hava in “Tuvia the Milkman”. The resonance of her deep voice and the beauty of her regal presence dominated the Hebrew stage in a career spanning more than 60 years.

In 1957, “The Lady” was honored with the Israeli

Prize for her creativity and contribution to culture and arts in Israel. In recognition of “her accomplishments as the first Hebrew tragedienne . . . of the magisterial quality of her performances through the decades . . . and for playing a leading role in the creation and building of theatre in renaissance Israel”, she was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1975 by Tel-Aviv University. In the same year she was honored with Israel’s ‘Woman of the Year’ award.

With the death of Channa Rovina, “Grande Dame” of Israel’s theatre, stated friend and colleague Shimon Finkel: “Habima has lost the greatest actress of the Jewish theatre and the symbol of the national rebirth and the renaissance of the Hebrew language.” For lovers of the Hebrew theatre, and for Israel as a whole, the passing of this great actress is truly the end of an era.

## What Israel Did In Iran

Reprint from Middle East Memo.

The press have been carrying some rather weird and sensational accusations by the Ayatollah Khomeini against Israel. For example, he charged "the U.S. and its corrupt colony Israel" with "attempting to occupy" the Grand Mosque in Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina.

With Israel under renewed attack by the Ayatollah, it is appropriate to recall the remarkable assistance that had been extended to Iran by the Jewish state after the calamitous earthquake that struck the Ghazvin area in northwest Iran in 1962, destroying 300 villages and causing the death of 20,000 men, women and children. Immediately following that catastrophe, the Iranian Minister of Agriculture turned to the Government of Israel which had been sending agricultural experts to Iran since the mid-1950's—for help in restoring the area. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion assigned Arie Lova Eliav, a leader of Israel's Labour Party, to organize and lead an Israeli team of geologists, engineers, hydrologists, food specialists, architects, economists and sociologists that left for Iran at once and lived in the heart of the stricken area for many months. Mr. Eliav tells the story:

"We had been warned not to display the Israeli flag, but we ignored such warnings. We met with no hostility. Instead, we established excellent relations with the local mullahs, who saw the wells we dug and the model villages

*This was not the only Israeli  
Aid Mission in Iran.*

we designed. After a year and a half, we presented to the Iranian Government a comprehensive plan for the restoration and development of the Ghazvin area. The plan was revolutionary:

"In place of subsistence agriculture controlled by absentee landlords, we proposed sweeping agrarian reforms. We recommended an improved system of crop rotation and the planting of new crops, such as cotton and sugar beets; the introduction of agricultural

industries of new crops, such as cotton and sugar beets; the introduction of agricultural industry; new and more effective systems of irrigation and land utilization; programs for the extension of credit for the purchase of seeds and fertilizers; more advanced techniques for the marketing of crops, and the establishment of agricultural cooperatives.

"Having put these proposals before the Iranian Government, we then defended them before the World Bank, which furnished the funds for their implementation. The Ghazvin region is now one of the most modern and fertile regions on the Iranian plateau."

This was not the only Israeli aid mission in Iran. Israeli experts also helped to modernize the country's dairy and poultry industries, improve veterinary procedures and introduce better insecticides. Thousands of Iranians were trained in Israel's kibbutzim and universities. Iranian patients who required special treatment were welcomed in Israeli hospitals.

All this is gone now. The Israeli embassy is occupied by the PLO and the Ayatollah Khomeini keeps whipping up the Iranian people to a frenzy of anti-American and anti-Israeli hatred. Dare one hope that there are still some Iranians who remember that when natural disaster struck, Israel was there to help the suffering population?

## It's A Girl For Silva

Reprint JTA

Silva Zalmanson, former "Prisoner of Conscience", gave birth to a daughter at the Sheba Medical Center near Ramat Gan. Her husband, Eduard Kuznetsov, who came to Israel ten months ago after serving nearly ten years in a Soviet jail, was at her bedside. It is their first child.

Salmanson and Kuznetsov were married in the Soviet Union in 1969. Six months after their wedding, both were defendants in the first Leningrad hijack trial. She was released a number of years ago and settled in Israel but continued to travel the world to arouse public opinion for the release of her husband who had been sentenced to 15 years. He was released last spring.



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People who seek their roots and their family ties to the State of Israel should check with their family relations to determine if anyone may have served in the Palestine Jewish Legion. During the World War I, 10,000 Jews volunteered to join the British Forces to drive the Turks from the Holy Land. Five thousand volunteers joined these forces from the U.S.A. and Canada, some 2,000 from England, 3,000 came from the early pioneers of Palestine, South America, and other European countries.

The Palestine Jewish Legion was the first Jewish identified military formation since the days of Bar Kochba, some 1900 years ago. After the First World War came to an end some of these volunteers remained in the Holy Land. Later they were involved in the formation of the Hagannah, Palmach until the present day Israel Defense Forces. These volunteers also were prominent government leaders such as David Ben Gurion, Itzhac Ben Zvi, Levi Eshkol and others. Many of the Chief of Staffs of the present day Israel Army are the sons of those who were volunteers in the Jewish Legion some 62 years ago. The discharged volunteers of the Jewish Legion established a settlement in Israel named "Avi-chail"

meaning "My Father, the Soldier." This settlement is located 5 kilometers north of Netanya on the coast of present day Israel.

Twenty years ago they established a Museum, called "Bet Hagdudim" where they gathered the photographs, records and biographies of those who served in the Jewish Legion. Periodically some of the veterans and surviving relatives gather to re-live the days when this historic epic took place. At the present the Ministry of Defense maintains this Museum to commemorate the Courage and Valor that prevailed in 1917-1918. The Veterans Judean Battalions continues to support the cultural activities in order to preserve the cherished memories of the Jewish Legion.

They induce tourists, local residents of Israel and particularly school students to visit this Museum and see that 30 years before the State of Israel was established Jews were ready to fight and die for the Jewish Nation and the Jewish State.

They conduct an annual Scholarship competition for the Israeli students in awarding prizes to the best composition on the subject of the Jewish Legion. For further information about these activities communicate with Bet Hagdudim, Avi-chail, Israel of the Veterans Jewish Legion, 32 East Lanvale Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, U.S.A.

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## Why Mr. Begin Uses Biblical Names For The West Bank

**This letter to the editor appeared in the New York Times and was sent in by Mr. Usher Pillar, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

To the Editor:

To his Jan. 11 report from Aswan of Mr. Begin's statement that "Judea and Samaria are not foreign land" your correspondent adds the comment that Israel's Prime Minister is "using the biblical names for the West Bank" because he "believes that Jews have a divine right to settle on the land the Bible says God gave to their forefathers."

The fact is that, whatever the politics involved, Judea, Samaria and Gaza have carried their names throughout known history, were so designated officially during the period of the League of Nations Mandate and are described by these names in the U.N. partition resolution of November 1947.

If they carry biblical names, it is for the good reason that the Bible is a Jewish history book, among other things, and it chronicles some of the 15 centuries of ancient Jewish national existence in Palestine, to which the names are witnesses. To call the areas concerned

*Is all this politically  
and legally relevant?  
It is.*

Judea, Samaria and Gaza is as natural and appropriate as it is to call the City of David Jerusalem and not al-Quds, the Jordanian name for it.

Is all this politically and legally relevant? It is.

"The Sunday schools have done a great deal of harm to us," exclaimed the Arab spokesman in the 1946 Washington hearings of the Anglo-American Inquiry Commission on Palestine, "because by smearing the walls of the rooms with maps of Palestine, they are associating it in the mind of the average American—and, I may say, perhaps the Englishman too—with the Jews. Sir, there is no such thing as Palestine in history, absolutely not."

Alas for this complaint, the international community decided this issue a long time ago, when "the historical connexion of the Jewish people with Palestine" as one of "the grounds for reconstituting their national existence in that country" was inscribed into the preamble of the League of Nations Mandate instrument. Not a bad title, even if it is brought up sometimes to sound archaic. (Would your correspondent be surprised to learn that under Ottoman rule, which lasted until 1917, the governor of Jerusalem returned the keys to the city gates to the Jewish community on the death of each sultan, even 18 centuries after the defeat of ancient Judea?)

In less general terms, however, Mr. Begin can be assumed to trace the right in international law to Jewish settlement anywhere in Palestine specifically also to those

provisions of the Palestine Mandate that spell out the Jewish right to emigration and close settlement on the land. The Mandate, covering the territories both of Israel and of Jordan, may have expired in 1948, but "rights arising from a mandate survive the administrative end of a mandate and must be respected in international law until fulfilled" (Eugene V. Rostow, letter, Aug. 10, 1979). As long as the Israeli-Jordanian armistice agreement of 1949 is not replaced by a peace treaty with recognized borders, the legal position remains unchanged.

The view that Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria does not conform to the rules of international law is based on the assumption of Jordanian sovereignty over these territories, derived from an annexation which was recognized by Britain and Pakistan only, and neither by the Arab League nor by the United States. By voting for the Rabat resolution of 1974, in favor of the representative status of the P.L.O., Jordan itself has abandoned its claim.

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## United Restitution Organization

The German Parliament has reopened discussions on the special fund to be established for the indemnification of Nazi victims. An amount of DM 400 million is to be set aside for those victims of Nazi persecution who were unable to leave their homelands in Eastern Europe prior to December 31, 1965 and thus have missed the deadlines established by the indemnification law. A further condition for eligibility has been added, i.e. that only **needy** post-1965 emigrants will be eligible for indemnification.

Although the outcome of the discussions is still uncertain, the UNITED RESTITUTION ORGANIZATION (URO), will register persons who have suffered persecution during World War II but have not yet made claims because of their delayed emigration.

These preliminary registrations do not constitute a claim. They will ensure merely that the persons registered will be contacted if and when the parliamentary discussion will result in the creation of the special fund and when guidelines for the submission of claims will be published.

In order to register, please contact one of the following URO Offices:

MONTREAL:	279 Sherbrooke St. W., Suite 409	(514) 844-2821
TORONTO:	150 Beverley St.,	(416) 362-1668
WINNIPEG:	URO representative, c/o CJC, 370 Hargrave St.	(204) 943-0406

## Cologne Court Sentences 3 Ex-Nazis To Jail

**Lischka Gets 10 Years,  
Hagen 12, Heinrichsohn, 6.**

BONN, (JTA)—A Cologne court pronounced prison sentences of up to 12 years today on three former Gestapo officials who were closely involved in the deportation of French Jews and others to Nazi death camps during World War II. The defendants, Herbert-Martin Hagen, 66, Kurt Lischka, 70, and Ernst Heinrichsohn, 59, will remain free pending the outcome of their appeals, just as they had been free during the course of the trial.

Hagen, who was the personal assistant of the SS policy chief in Paris and headed a Gestapo department there, was sentenced to 12 years by Judge Heinz Fassbender. Lischka, one-time head of the Paris Gestapo, drew a 10-year sentence and Heinrichsohn, who had worked in the Gestapo's Jewish Affairs Department, received six years. A panel of three judges and two civilians found them guilty of complicity in the murders of thousands of Jews, Communists and other anti-Nazis who they deported from France.

The sentences were applauded by the several dozen French youths who were in the courtroom, members of the Union of Sons and Daughters of Deportees. Some of

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them wore concentration camp uniforms and badges bearing the words, "I am a Jew from France." The Organization of Former Jewish Deportees and Resistance Fighters in Paris expressed satisfaction that a German court had finally brought these war criminals to justice.

### **Judge Said All Must Have Known**

In a two-hour statement in which he reviewed the evidence against the three men and explained the sentences, Judge Fassbender observed that all of them must have realized that death awaited many of the 73,000 men, women and children they deported from France. The main defense during the trial was that the accused were unaware of the fate that awaited their victims.

In the case of Lischka, Fassbender referred to a document entered as evidence which bore his signature and referred to the "total annihilation of Jews". The judge said that while Lischka ranked high in the Gestapo it was not he but Gen. Karl Oberg, Gestapo chief for all of France, who was primarily responsible for the deportations. However, he said, as a trained lawyer, Lischka must have been aware of the massive injustice inflicted on the deportees.

### **Hagen Main Culprit**

Fassbender said the court considered Hagen to be the main culprit of the three because he served longest in France. Although witnesses described Heinrichsohn as especially brutal in his treatment of children, Fassbender explained that he was given the shortest sentence

because, as a sergeant in the SS he was subordinate to Lischka and Hagen.

Heinrichsohn, a member of the Christian Social Union, was Mayor of Burgstadt, a small town in Bavaria at the time of his arrest. The CSU announced today that he has resigned from that post. He was the only defendant who admitted "moral guilt" though he denied criminal guilt on grounds that he was unaware that the deportees faced death.

The trial is probably the last major war crimes trial to be held in West Germany. Considering the ages of the defendants, the sentences may amount to imprisonment for the rest of their lives.

## The Jews Of Afghanistan

(JTA)—It is said that there may have once been as many as 40,000 Jews living in Afghanistan. However, according to a report prepared by the American Joint Distribution Committee, there are today but a few families—no more than 100 people—and their whereabouts in the current situation are unknown. Most of the people lived in Kabul, some in Herat and there are reports of one remaining family in Balkh.

Some date the origins of the Jews of Afghanistan to the days of the First Temple and though that may be difficult to document there is ample evidence of later migrations into Afghanistan from southern Russia and from Persia. In the late 1870s thousands of Jews went from Herat to Persia to avoid a punitive war tax—but as late as 1927 it was still possible to count 60 distinct Jewish communities. In 1933, following the assassination of Nadir Shah, the Jews were driven from the countryside and concentrated in the municipal centers for safety. Another significant exodus from Afghanistan took place in 1944, a time of famine, and thousands more went into India—eventually going on to Palestine.

The establishment of the State of Israel brought a messianic fervor to the Jews of Afghanistan and an intense desire for aliya, though the government refused to allow them to leave. As late as 1950, when the Jewish population was estimated as being between 3000 to 8000, Jews paid an infidel tax and had to report for military service though they were not allowed to bear arms. Despite the prohibition on immigration the Jews did find their way out—family by family. Most came to Israel, some to the United States.

A JDC report received in 1971 described the situation at that time as follows: "The Jewish community is rapidly shrinking though there is no overt threat. In Kabul there are 25 to 27 families and about 25 in Herat . . . One major area of difficulty is education. When the Jewish youngster reaches about eighth grade he frequently receives pressure from students and teachers to bring about conversion, therefore few finish high school and there are none in Kabul University."

The most recent JDC reports tell of 10 Jewish families in Kabul and a total of no more than 100 people throughout the country.

# Canadian Jewish Congress

**Editor's Note: This is the second of a three part series on the activities of Congress**

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Although for many years after World War II, many Jews and non-Jews did not want to deal with the topic of the Holocaust, recognition of its importance in history has gradually emerged. Canadian Jewish Congress has responded to the need for commemorating and remembering the Holocaust by creating the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee. The Committee functions on a national and regional level with the help of local Holocaust committees in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and St. John's.

The National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, under the chairmanship of Aba Beer of Montreal, has been active in many aspects of Holocaust programming, commemoration and education. Commemorating the Holocaust is one of the Committee's main objectives and its regional Holocaust committee annually organize "Yom Hashoa" services on or around the 27th day of Nisan—Holocaust Remembrance Day. Local committees also arrange seminars, work with schools and initiate Holocaust programming in their respective communities.

The Committee is preparing a curriculum guide for teaching the Holocaust in Canadian high schools based on the New York curriculum, to be distributed across Canada in the fall of 1979. Consultants on the curriculum guide were Prof. Emil Fackenheim, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, and other educators and Holocaust scholars.

The Committee has published a number of educational guides, among them one commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Janusz Korczak, a Yom Hashoa Guide and a Guide for Summer Camps. Also in the works is a comprehensive bibliography of Holocaust books and material suitable for use by elementary and high school teachers.

While the Committee's focus is largely on Holocaust education and commemoration, it also deals with other relevant issues. An example of this is the active campaign mounted by the Committee to oppose the coming into effect in West Germany of the Statute of Limitations on Nazi war crimes as of January 1, 1980. At the urging of the committee, tens of thousands of protest postcards have been sent to the German Government and delegations have met with German Government representatives in every major city in Canada. The Committee has also been instrumental in helping such bodies as the World Jewish Congress, the Israel Police, and the U.S. Department of Justice in collecting evidence and finding witnesses for trials and investigations of Nazi war criminals.

The Committee has a library of Holocaust films which are available free of charge. New films are constantly screened and acquired along with other resource material such as poster exhibits, pamphlets and booklets.

The Committee works in close co-operation with any organization conducting Holocaust programs, and many groups, organizations, schools and synagogues turn to the Committee as a source of guidance, information, resource material and support.

## YOUTH

This past year CJC reconstituted the National Youth Committee. Recognizing that the future of our community is with the young, it was felt of critical importance to recruit their input into the structure of Congress. More than that, the need for future leaders demands the greater involvement of young people in CJC activities.

The Committee has two main goals. The first is the encouragement of Jewish endeavours among young people so that a strong and cohesive youth program is developed. The second is to expose young people to the opportunities for participation within Congress and to obtain their views on the many issues Congress deals with.

The National Youth Committee, under the chairmanship of Larry Ankiewicz, is engaged in two major projects:

**CAMPACTION**—a program funded entirely by the Secretary of State and Ontario's Ministry of Culture and Recreation, is a touring resource project to assist summer camps in programming. Two teams of animators; one in Quebec and one in Ontario, provide materials, training and programs on a variety of subjects, including Soviet Jewry, Israel, Human Rights, Jews in Arab Lands, Holocaust Remembrance, etc. At the end of August, leadership training seminars were conducted in each province to acquaint senior campers with Jewish community issues and to recruit their involvement in community affairs after summer camp ends. All programs conducted during the summer will be packaged and available for distribution throughout Canada to allow local area youth to benefit from the resource materials generated by the CAMPACTION program.

**COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECT**—an innovative program co-sponsored by the CJC and CZF, is intended to generate activities for youth in areas where no other Jewish services exist. Any young person or youth groups can submit an application to the National Youth Committee for up to \$500 to run their own program in their local community. In this way, young people can "do their own thing", becoming involved in Jewish content issues and are gaining experience and responsibility in planning and financially accounting for their own projects.

The National Youth Committee has been overseeing the work of Network, a National Jewish Students' Movement.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON YIDDISH

The Head Office in Montreal has had many inquiries about Yiddish courses and Yiddish teachers. The Committee promotes and assists people in taking the intensive summer Yiddish program sponsored by the YIVO of Columbia University. A Resource Centre facilitates Yiddish programming by making available

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## Interview Given By Mr. Arafat

On February 11th, 1980 To The  
Newspaper "El Mondo", Venezuela

We do not mind dying. I have married a woman—her name is Palestine. Peace for us means the destruction of Israel. We are preparing for an all-out war. A war which will last generations. Since January 65 when the Fatah was born, we have become the most dangerous enemies that Israel has.

We shall not rest until the day when we return to our home, and until we destroy Israel. The unity of the Arab world will make this possible.

The destruction of Israel is the goal of our struggle, and the guidelines of that struggle have remained firm since the establishment of the Fatah in 1965 (They are):

1. **Revolutionary violence is the only means for the liberation of the land of our fathers.**
2. **The goal of this violence is the destruction of Zionism in all its political, economic and military forms and its expulsion from Palestine.**
3. **Our revolutionary activity must remain independent of any party or state control.**
4. **This action will be one of long duration. We know that the intent of some of the Arab leaders is to solve the conflict by peaceful means. When this occurs—we shall oppose it.**

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teaching aids, records, books and song books in Yiddish.

One aim of the Committee is to solicit members to the Yiddish Book Club headquartered in Israel, which publishes a number of valuable Yiddish books. This club operates on the same principles as book clubs of other languages and has undertaken to distribute Yiddish books throughout the world.

The National Committee also maintains close liaison with the Yiddish Drama Group in Montreal and helps organize appearances in Canada and the United States.

### EDUCATION AND CULTURE

In conjunction with the Canadian Zionist Federation, a National Education Conference was held in November to bring together professional educators and lay persons to discuss the future of Jewish education in Canada.

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