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## Editorial



This issue, I want to express some thanks to some very important people—those important people who in any way contribute to the SHALOM.

Thank you to the regional reporters who contribute the "news".

Thank you to the writers who contribute worthwhile articles.

Thank you to those who always meet the deadlines.

Thank you to those who type their submissions and double space the lines.

Thank you to the advertisers.

Thank you to the letter writers (I really would like more).

Thank you to the volunteers who I have called upon at different times to do an urgent job.

Thank you to those who tell me they enjoy reading SHALOM (and tell me I do a fine job!).

Thank you to those who criticize (very few).

If by chance I've missed a "thank you", please let me know.

Have a happy Chanukah.

Shalom from Shalom

*Shirlee Fox*

Shirlee Fox

## Chanukah's Message

Chanukah, the Feast of Lights, which Jews the world over have celebrated for thousands of years, and which comes round this month, has its timeless message not only to the Jewish people but to humanity as a whole. It is the victory of purity over corruption, innocence over guilt, humility and uprightness over arrogance. In these days, when the world is called upon once again to suffer because of bigotry and fanaticism, and when brute force has the upper hand in many parts of the globe, the message of the Maccabees of old comes both in the nature of comfort and challenge.

Many of the ideas for which the ancient Maccabees were ready to give their last full measure of devotion, are again being challenged by modern tyrants. Chanukah had its message in every generation and in every age, and its message is no less potent today when the enlightened world is called upon to stand united against its common enemies — hatred, malice, bigotry, fanaticism and war.

## Chanukah Cooking Calendar

by Sybil Zimmerman

Chanukah falls on the 25th Kislev, this year December 3 - 10, 1980. Practically every group of Jews has retained the custom of making and eating pastry and potato preparations fried in oil as reminders of the miracle of the jar of oil found in time for the Temple rededication.

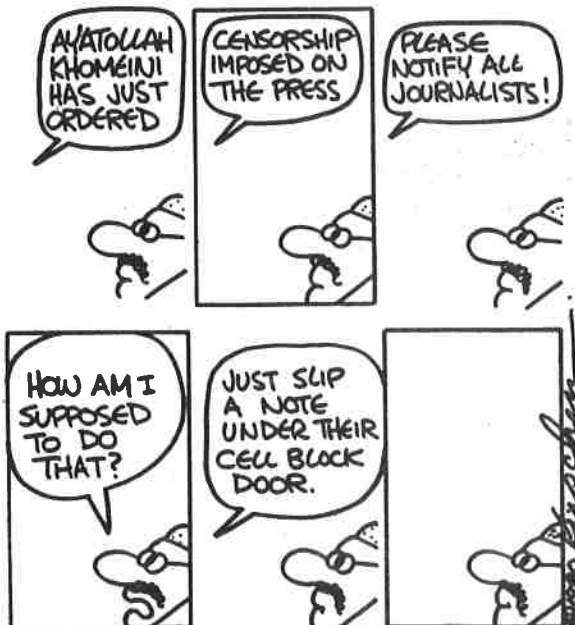
Ashkenazim call the pancakes, **latkes**; Yemenites call them **zalaviyye**; Bukharians, **dushpire**; Iraqis, **atalf**; Tripolese, **spanzes**; Sephardim, **biremenalles**. In Israel they are called **levivot**, but, in addition, one also finds jelly doughnuts, **sufganiyot**.

From perhaps as early as the 14th century, another Chanukah eating legend arose — cheese pancakes or other cheese dishes. These were to honour the heroism of Judith, from that book of the Apocryphy, the heroine who lured the enemy commander of Nebuchadnezzar's forces, Holofernes to her home, fed him cheese to make him thirsty, offered him wine to make him drunk and then killed him.

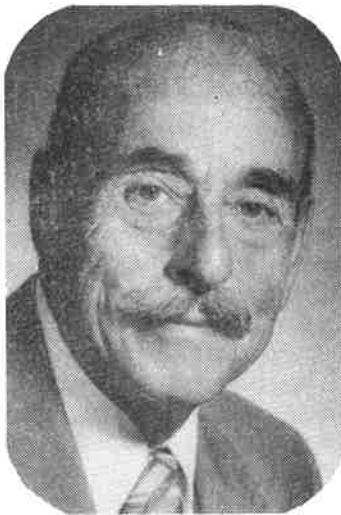
Yemenites often eat a special carrot stew at Chanukah. Eastern European Jews eat a salad made of radish turnip, onions, olives, goose fat, and gribenes (fat and fatty chicken skin). They also serve baked **kugel** (another version of potato pancakes), roast goose (which is fatty) and gribenes.

The Members of the Board of the Atlantic Jewish Council, together with the Jewish Communities of the Atlantic Region, extend best wishes to Frank and Hedda Medjuck and family during their sabbatical in Jerusalem.

## Dry Bones



## Chief Judge Nathan Green — Distinguished Appointment



Judge Nathan Green has been recently appointed as the first Chief Judge of the Provincial Magistrate's Court for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Judge Green was born in Glace Bay in 1913 and received his early education there then attended Dalhousie University, graduating with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1934, a Law Degree in 1936. He practiced law in Halifax from 1936 to 1959. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1958. While at University he was actively involved with his fraternity Tau Epsilon Phi and with the extra curricular activities of the Dalhousie Gazette.

Early in his career he was involved with the life of the Jewish Community, having served on the Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress and indeed being the Chairman of what is now the United Appeal in the late thirties. During the War Years, Judge Green had been actively involved with the Congress and with the creation of the Servicemen's Centre on Quinpool Road. He had served on the Board of Governors of Baron De Hirsch Congregation and was actively involved in the YMHA and student community activities in those years.

During the War Years he was actively involved in the work of Congress in the War Efforts Committee and the immigration to Canada of refugees and the War Orphans Project.

He is one of the founding members of the Shaar Shalom Synagogue and served as its second President and has maintained close association with the activities of the Synagogue since its inception.

He has been actively involved in secular community activities, serving as a member of the Founding Board of the Canadian Arthritic and Rheumatism Society and the Halifax Senior Citizens Association in its inception, on the School of Journalism at King's College, on the Halifax Grammar School, Neptune Theatre, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He has also been federal appointee to the Canadian Housing Design Council, which he served for three years and over a period of ten years he has served as a member of the Advisory Council from the date of its inception for that period. He has also served on the Advisory Board of the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

In 1967, he was President of the Nova Scotia Provincial Magistrate's Association and in the same year was President of Dalhousie Alumni Association with which

organization he has been actively associated since 1965 and following his termination of office of the Alumni he served on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for six years and then he was appointed as a government nominee to the Board of Governors and recently been re-appointed for a two-year term to serve on that Board.

In 1967 he was the recipient of the Centennial Medal. He has served on the Halifax Library Board for a period from 1966 to 1973 and in 1966 he was the National President of the Canadian Library Trustees Association and for seven years served as the Chairman of the Halifax Library Board.

Since 1977 he has been a member of the Board of the Institute for Research and Public Policy and this past year has retired from that position to become a Trustee of that Association.

Since his appointment to the Bench, Judge Green has been actively interested in legal education and he taught Practice and Procedure in Divorce and in 1959 was the author of a section of 'Divorce Practice Procedure in Nova Scotia' in a textbook published by the Canadian Law Book Company known as the 'Divorce Remembrancer' and since 1959 he has maintained a close association as a part time faculty of Dalhousie Law School.

Since 1959 he became involved in labour matters in the role of conciliator, mediator, arbitrator and industrial inquiry commissioner. Over the years he has been actively involved in the resolution of some very difficult labour situations. Indeed in 1970 he was appointed jointly by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Federal Government as Industrial Inquiry Commissioner in the industrial dispute between the fishing ports of Canso, Mulgrave and Petit de Gras.

In 1971 he was appointed by the Province of Newfoundland as Industrial Inquiry Commissioner involving the fishing industry at Burgeo. He has served as arbitrator and industrial inquiry commissioner in the Province of New Brunswick. In 1977 he was appointed by the provincial and federal governments to resolve a dispute concerning rule of dispatch at the Halifax Container Pier. He has been appointed on numerous occasions by the Public Staff Relations Board and the Canada Department of Labour to serve in the role of mediator and chairman of conciliation boards.

In January 1971 he became a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators and most recently a charter member of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolutions.

Judge Green was the first person of the Jewish faith to be appointed as a Judge in the Province of Nova Scotia and now has earned the distinction of being the first Chief Judge of the Provincial Court in this Province. Judge Green assumes his new role on the 1st of January 1981. At this time he is actively involved in the role of a Commissioner appointed by the Province of Nova Scotia to review the Police Act and Regulations and has just completed his public hearings on that matter.

Judge Green is married to the former Pinnie Rosenhek and they have two children, a daughter Keile, a son David and one grandchild Sean, the son of Keile.

The entire Atlantic Jewish Community joins in congratulating Judge Nathan Green upon receiving this distinguished appointment.



# Beth Israel Synagogue

Halifax, N.S.



*Justice J. L. Dubinsky Feted*

The Board of Governors of the Baron De Hirsch Hebrew Benevolent Society, Beth Israel Synagogue, honoured **Mr. Justice J. L. Dubinsky** on Shabbat morning, 13th September, 1980 upon his retirement as Chairman of the Ritual Practice Committee for the past decade. In his role as Chairman the Judge had striven to increase participation in the daily and Shabbat minyanim, to enhance the dignity of our service, been instrumental in instituting a choir, establish a role for a pre Bar Mitzvah boy as a Junior Cantor, lein when required and generally assist the Congregation in its religious life.

The Rabbi, in his sermon, made mention of the many notable accomplishments during his time in office, of the beautiful artifacts that have been added to our synagogue, the bookcases, Menorah, Tallis rack, a full compliment of Siddurim and Chumashim, our dignity of worship, as well as his intense interest in all of the congregational activities. The Congregation was graced with a magnificent maftir given by the honouree who, incidentally, was celebrating an anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah Shabbos.

Following the services a Kiddush was held in the Youth Lounge. The large capacity crowd filled the room to overflowing. Following the Kiddush by **Rabbi Pritzker**, and with everyone partaking of the delicacies, **Dr. Ralph Loebenberg**, Chairman of this Kiddush Committee, spoke briefly on the honouree's numerous contributions to congregational life over the past ten years. Subsequent to this, **President Frank Medjuck** presented a book on Jewish Law and its relationship to civil jurisprudence to Mr. Justice J. L. Dubinsky, this being suitably inscribed as a remembrance of this occasion.

Mr. Justice Dubinsky responded with many kind words about the members of his fine committee over the years, invoking our beautiful blessing that we utter each Shabbat that "all those that faithfully occupy themselves with the needs of the community, May the Holy One, Blessed be He, grant them their reward. And may He remove from them sickness and preserve them in good health". He made reference to our beautiful synagogue service and to the magnificent dedication of our clergy and gabboyim.

Preparations for the Kiddush were supervised by **Gloria Pink, Barbara Rafuse** and **Carol Lee Loebenberg** and heartfelt thanks go to these ladies for their fine job.

In addition to members of the Beth Israel Synagogue there were guests from Cape Breton and telegrams were received on this auspicious occasion.

As everyone left the Synagogue that Shabbos morning, we all felt that we had partaken in a wonderful occasion honouring a dedicated and fine gentleman for his many years of work. It was a special moment, indeed!!

## "Beth Israel Choir"

One of Justice Dubinsky's great accomplishments during his tenure as Ritual Chairman of the Beth Israel Synagogue, has been the institution of our choir. Under the superb direction of **Mrs. Shirley Burnstein**, it has enhanced the quality of our services. This was shown on Kol Nidre evening when our choir members produced the best service ever.

Many thanks to our choir members who gave countless hours of their time.

In recognition of Shirley's devoted efforts, the choir members are donating two musical volumes to the Beth Israel Library.



*Left to right:*

*1st row: Borace Jacobson, Howard Karp, Cantor George Lieberman, Lowell Shore, David Block*

*2nd row: Errol Gaum, Edwin Rubin, David Korn, Justice J. L. Dubinsky, Steven Luner.*

# Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

by Anita Dubinsky

Mrs. Mirial Small, National President, was the honoured guest at the opening function held during September. Part of the Hadassah-Wizo month in Canada, this event drew a capacity attendance to hear Mrs. Small address the members on various organizational activities and to report on the work of Hadassah-Wizo in Israel. The evening's program included the installation of the new officers of Council as well as the announcing of new life members and associates. The evening concluded with a very lively fashion show. New officers of Council are: President - **Sheila Zive**; 1st Vice-President - **Bette Ross**; 2nd Vice-President - **Lenore Schelew**; 3rd Vice-President - **Gertrude Shane**; Recording Secretary - **Tamara McIvor**; Corresponding Secretary - **Leah Epstein**; Financial Secretary - **Maxine Cordon**; and Treasurer - **Barbara Rafuse**.



*RECEPTION—Halifax Hadassah-WIZO kicked off Hadassah-WIZO month in Canada with a reception, dinner and fashion show at the Citadel Inn.*

*Photographed, left to right, at the reception are Myra Freeman Mrs. Mirial Small, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and guest speaker at the dinner; Sheila Zive, president Halifax Hadassah-WIZO, and Shirlee Fox, regional chairman, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. (Wamboldt-Waterfield)*

The first October Bazaar for Halifax Hadassah-Wizo proved to be a success. With a cast of hundreds, the following persons assumed positions on the 1980 Bazaar Committee:

Chairman: - **Sheila Zive**; Consultant - **Barbara Paton**; House Chairman - **Shirlee Medjuck**; Secretary - **Tamara McIvor**; Treasurer - **Maxine Cordon**; Admissions & Employment - **Sandra Hoffman**; Amusements - **Myra Freeman**; Auction - **Rene Claman**; Baking - **Beatrice Zemel & Ruth Shane**; Bazaar Bulletin - **Anita Dubinsky**; Books & Records - **Clara Dankner**; Boutique - **Marcia Earhard**; Business & Professional - **Anita Dubinsky**; Candy & Fudge - **Dora Stone & Barbara Feiring**; Handicrafts - **Miriam Jacobson**; Town Clock - **Barbara Newman**; White Elephant - **Anne Peterson & Sara Yablon**; Children's Corner & Toys - **Louise Wolfson**;

Commercial Space - **Lols Block & Janet Stern**; Electric Appliances - **Gertrude Shane**; Entertainment - **Gertrude Shane**; Groceries - **Lenore Schelew**; Jewelry - **Paula Reitelman**; Leather Goods - **Sophie Forman**; Linen - **Mimi Weber & Rebecca Solomon**; New Merchandise - **Bette Ross**; Plants - **Bess Solomon**; Publicity - **Ruth Goldbloom**; Raffles - **Bea Zemel**; Refreshments - **Maureen Ottman**; Supplies - **Wendy Franklin**; Treasures - **Leona Freeman**; Wall Paper & Carpets - **Gail Green & Leah McKnight**

## Chapter Chairmen

Avivah - **Rene Claman**

Tikvah - **Gertrude Shane**

Barbara Goldberg - **Vicki Lipkus** Oran - **Barbara Feiring**

Following the Bazaar, Hadassah-Wizo women prepared for the 1980 State of Israel Bond Campaign, Women's Division. **Maxine Cordon** and **Doreen Gordon** once again co-ordinated this section and achieved their usual high standard.

The sympathy of the Halifax Jewish community is extended to the family of the late **Mr. Sam Goodman**.

## "Chai Means Life"

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by **Annette Strug**

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**Izhak Berman,**  
Speaker of the House—Knesset

**The Flowers for Yom Tov** project was a great success. Co-convenors **Carol Ginsberg** and **Yael Wollach** worked hard to make this the best Flowers for Yom Tov project ever. We look forward to **Flowers for Passover** in the spring.

**Second Hand Rose** continues to do an excellent business. Goods you wish to sell can be brought into the Barrington Street store during regular store hours, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**The \$65 Art Sale Combined with the Great Canadian Frame Sale** was held Tuesday, November 4 from noon to 10:00 p.m. in the Sculpture Court, Dalhousie University Arts Centre.

The November 19 general meeting was held at the home of Tanya Webber. **Mr. Herman Newman**, guest speaker, led a discussion on the Holocaust.

Money raised by O.R.T. in Halifax helps support O.R.T. projects in Israel. **Shirley Sherman** has said, describing her experiences as an O.R.T. volunteer in Israel, "O.R.T. is walking hand in hand with Israel's growth."

## In Halifax

## Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation

### Freedlander Speaks to A.P.J.S.F.

by **Ronnie Cuperfain**

On October 13, 1980 **Dr. Dov Freedlander** of Hebrew University spoke to a large gathering of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation. Dr. Freedlander is one of Israel's leading psychologists and head of Hebrew University's psychological services department. He spoke to the group about the stress of living in Israel. He described these stresses as a combination of unknown economic factors, threats of terrorism, East-West social conflicts and dissatisfaction with the government. It was plain to see from what he said that the land of milk and honey is not to be found in the land of Israel.

After his talk, a discussion ensued on points raised by his talk, aspects of Israel and programs at Hebrew University. Those present found Dr. Freedlander very frank and informative. It was a realistic picture of Israel he gave, which is often not given by people visiting from there.

A.P.J.S.F. plans to have more speakers and programs as the year progresses. The turnout to our last several programs has been very encouraging and we expect continued success in the future.

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# Massada Club News

Halifax, N.S.

The first meeting of the season took place on Sunday, October 19, 1980 at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue. Group leader, **Tova Andrews**, reported that over 30 members came to talk over plans for the coming year, hold elections, watch the movie "People of the Book" and generally have a good time over a cup of coffee.

The new executive is as follows: President: **Mr. Aron Katz**; 1st Vice-President: **Mr. David Block**; 1st Vice-President: **Mr. Max Rinzler**; 2nd Vice-President: **Mrs. Ella Morris**; 2nd Vice-President: **Mrs. Sarah Yablon**; Secretary: **Mrs. Bessie Rinzler**; Treasurer: **Mr. Hugon Gutfreund**; Recording Secretary: **Mrs. Jean Zlatin**.

A decision was taken by those in attendance that luncheon meetings will now only be open to those who make prior reservations. These very popular luncheons have to be planned in advance by those who prepare the refreshments and last minute arrangements cannot be made. Everyone is welcome to attend, just make your reservations early.

See you at the next meeting.

If anyone wishes to join this over - 50's club, contact the president **Aron Katz** at 443-4770 or drop in on a scheduled Sunday meeting. Call the Atlantic Jewish Council office for meeting dates. Your name can be added to the Massada mailing list too, and you will receive all the news.

## Poem

Sent to Shalom by **Ida Markus**

When things go wrong,  
As they sometimes will.  
When the road you are treading,  
Seems all uphill.  
When your funds are low,  
And your debts are high.  
And you want to smile,  
But you have to sigh.  
When care is pressing  
You down a bit.  
Rest if you must,  
But never quit.  
Life is queer with twists and turns,  
As each one of us sometimes learns.  
And many a failure turns about.  
When you might have won — if you had stuck it out.  
Stick to your task though the pace seems slow.  
You may succeed and start to go.

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## Shaar Shalom Synagogue

Halifax, N.S.

We welcome Rabbi Michael L. Kurz, new spiritual leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue. The Rabbi and his wife Mae arrived in Halifax just prior to the high Holidays.

Rabbi Michael L. Kurz was born in New York City where he received his Jewish and academic training. Rabbinic education began at an early age at Yeshivot, notably Yeshiva University. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America with the Degree of Rabbi cum laude, and was awarded the coveted Talmud prize. He pursued post-graduate work in rabbinics at Dropsie College in Philadelphia. The Seminary awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1972.

He received academic training at City University of New York, and earned the degrees of BS and MS in Education.

Rabbi Kurz is known as a scholar, an effective preacher, a capable teacher and administrator. He has addressed many audiences in the United States and Canada, and has pursued advanced studies in philosophy, the history of religions and Judaism.

In the past two decades he has been Rabbi of Congregation Bnai Israel in Auburn, N.Y., having been its Spiritual Leader for ten years. He also served as Rabbi of Ohav Zedek Jewish Center in Pottsville, Pa., Temple Beth El-Keser Israel of New Haven, Conn. and Rabbi of the Jewish Center of Sussex County, Newton, N.J.

Civically active in community affairs, he was Chairman for a number of years of the Cayuga County Cancer Association. He also served as a Director on the Board of Sussex County Association for the Retarded. He has held office in ministerial associations, and has served as well in the chaplaincy in New York State, as well as with the Veterans Administration.

Rabbi Kurz cherishes Jewish tradition, yet recognizes the need for progressive change. Possessed of an agreeable personality, much learning and administrative talent, his practical experience fits him well to serve with dedication, discretion and dependability.

## Atlantic Young Judaea

by Ann David  
Interim Mazkira

Shalom! I am Ann David, Interim Mazkira of Atlantic Region Young Judaea. The Mazkira is in charge of all of the Atlantic Provinces concerning Young Judaeans matters. Although the position is the top one, it does not mean that I do not have many capable people working with me to insure that Young Judaea continues on as our regional youth movement. Right now Atlantic Young Judaea is without an Executive Director (adult advisor), but with the help of Mrs. Shirlee Fox and many hard working Roshei Ken (heads of each city) things in Young Judaea this year have gotten off to a positive start. Communications between the Cities have been slow, but before long, as each Rosh Ken becomes familiar with the process of communication, it will definitely improve.

Each city has a Rosh Ken and a S'gan Rosh Ken, who work together with the madrichim (leaders) to provide the Jewish youth with not only social/fun programs, but also with a taste of Jewish unity.

There are six kenim in the Atlantic Region. The Sydney/Glace Bay Ken is being run by Marlene Elman. It has post-Bilum madrichim (campers from the national leadership camp) taking part in re-establishing and strengthening Young Judaea in Cape Breton.

Moving on to New Brunswick...we have three kenim there. One in Saint John, under the leadership of Mike Meltzer. He is facing a difficult job. There are not any leaders to help him out, but he is determined to insure Young Judaea's future. Hopefully, Mike will receive a lot of support from the community.

In Fredericton, we have a Ken being run by just two individuals. As of the latest correspondence, Joey Lang was Rosh Ken and Dina Graser is playing a key role. They have good community support and with determination and hard work, should be able to pull things together.

Moncton, although faced with very few leaders, have strong community ties and are working hard. Hopefully our March convention (veidah) will be held there.

Jumping over to St. John's Newfoundland, things look

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## Holocaust Committee

Presentation To Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax

Last spring, at a time when the Jewish World honoured those who perished under the Nazis during World War II, an opportunity was given to **Herman Newman**, chairman of the Holocaust Committee of the Atlantic Jewish Council—Canadian Jewish Congress, to speak to the students of Queen Elizabeth High School concerning his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. In the course of his discussions with the students, they expressed a need for more literature on the subject. On Monday, November 10, 1980, a presentation was made of a shelf of books on this topic to the school.

In his remarks, Mr. Newman said "It is appropriate that we meet at this time of year when we honor Canada's fallen. I am thinking especially of those who fell or were wounded in trying to defeat the Axis powers. I am recalling those soldiers who liberated myself and speak for those who are not among us. They must be remembered as well.

"These books are given in the knowledge that the danger of the bomb-throwing antisemites of today; is perhaps outweighed by the false "historical" inquiries whose aim is to deny the Holocaust ever took place."

He went on to say, "The significance of the Holocaust of European Jewry goes beyond the Jewish Community. Many profound and disturbing questions can be raised. I hope this small sampling will better aid in your formulating the questions and searching for answers".

## Atlantic Young Judaea

### Continued

great. **Esther Tock**, the Rosh Ken, called me recently to inform me that their opening rally was a success. Post-Biluimniks in Young Judaea are taking an active role and the results have proved positive.

Finally, back to Halifax. Our opening rally went well and the year is off to a solid start. Rosh Ken **Iris Kohler**, with the help of S'gan Rosh Ken, **Rachel Sadofsky** (and many madrichim) is now busy planning our fall convention (mifgash) which will take place in Halifax the second weekend of November. Many hours of hard work have been spent together working out all the details so that things may run smoothly with the help of **Amy Newman**, S'gan Mazkira. It is sure to be a success!

Our next major encounter is Kinus...the Kinus adbook campaign. Kinus is a national convention for Judaeans of 15 years and over. It is a good time to meet Judaeans from other regions as well as rekindle old friendships. Many things take place at Kinus. There are leadership seminars, constitution and ideology debates, prominent speaker discussions on Zionism, current events, and much more. In order for us to attend this Kinus, it is necessary to fund-raise. Please support your city's youth when they approach you for a contribution.

In closing, I would just like to say that Young Judaea consists of a lot more than just leaders. An integral part of Young Judaea is the kids that attend. Do not deprive your child of not only a great time, but a chance to identify with the other Jewish youths of his/her community.

Chazak V'ematz.

## Appointment To Select Committee—C.J.C.



**R.A. Kanigsberg, Q.C.**, of Halifax, N.S., has been appointed to the Select Committee on Constitutional Reform of the Canadian Jewish Congress which is to make a special submission to the Joint House-Senate Committee on the Constitution. This Select Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress was established as it was felt that the Canadian Jewish community should have a direct input into the deliberations taking place with regard to the Canadian Constitution.

The Select Committee is made up of 20 leading Canadian lawyers under the chairmanship of **Professor Maxwell Cohen, O.C., Q.C.**, former Dean of McGill Law School and noted Canadian constitutional expert.

**R.A. Kanigsberg, Q.C.**, is the representative of the Atlantic Region of Canadian Jewish Congress on the Select Committee. He is a distinguished member of the Nova Scotia Bar and a Past President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. "**Bob**" **Kanigsberg** affairs, Jewish and general, for many years. He was the recipient of a Negev Dinner Award in 1957, was among the group that firmly established Camp Kadimah, was a founder of the Shaar Shalom synagogue, has been an active member of the Zionist Movement and for many years served on various organizational executives within the local Jewish community.

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# Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

## Halifax

Over 70 concerned Jews of Halifax joined together during the last weekend of October with **Dr. Bernard Reisman** of Brandeis University to take a self-searching look at themselves and the role they play in the community. Dr. Reisman is an experiential teacher and lecturer.

Beginning on Friday night, Dr. Reisman discussed changes in today's society which affect the contemporary Jewish community. Continuing on Saturday, he went on to comment upon the inner and outer forces that contribute to the tensions that have affected Jews throughout the ages up to the present day.

Saturday night the audience was treated to a performance of Shalom Alachem's "The High School", performed by members of the Halifax community. Everyone was delighted with the players who had only joined together for a couple of hours rehearsal. Although the play is based on the Shtetle Society, many of the attitudes defined in the story are translatable to today's society. As with all the previous sessions, the audience was encouraged to comment and partake in the discussion.

Sunday morning the participants divided into six separate groups and were instructed by Dr. Reisman to reminisce about their childhood. The groups heard many unknown stories of their fellow Haligonians.

Following on from these group discussions, an interpretation of the Jewish community in Halifax evolved from those present, and an attempt was made to determine into what groups the Jews of Halifax could be categorized. Following is the profile of the community as defined Sunday morning:

1; Newcomers 2) Non-affiliates (professional and academics 3) Military 2% 4) Beth Israel Members 5) Shaar Shalom members 6) Orthodox but no synagogue affiliations 7) Israeli Organizations and affiliations 8) College students. The two major groups being the congregations of Shaar Shalom and Beth Israel Synagogues.

Through further discussion the topics addressed were listed and evaluated:

- 1) Problems of Jews in Halifax
- 2) Problems of Organizations in Halifax
- 3) Strength and Resources
- 4) Newcomers—transients and non-affiliates
- 5) Blue Sky—What would life be like here if there were no problems.

In reviewing number one, "The Problems", the group discussing this zeroed in on the following areas: a. The alienation of the age group between 20-45 years; b. Apathy; c. The lack of desire to take responsibility in the community; d. No outstanding models of leadership to emulate; e. The segregation of the children; f. The lack of a community centre for recreation and meetings; g. No professional leadership; h. The high cost of "belonging", eg. Synagogues, organizations. The "Catch Phrase" for these problem areas was "if one partakes, one must participate".

Problems in organizations—group two had many suggestions regarding this issue: the working women; returning to school; more options available, eg. secular organizations; not intellectually stimulating. It was found



*Lloyd Newman, Chairman of Halifax/Dartmouth U.I.A.; Dr. Bernard Reisman; Simon Gaum, Program Chairman, Shaar Shalom Synagogue.*

that affluence, motivation and education of members directly affects the level of involvement. The general apathy that affects today's volunteer results in the "let someone else do it" or "let the professional do it" attitude. The group also pointed out that pettiness is often involved and that leadership is unwilling to accept the volunteer who can "only do a little". There is often a guilt feeling placed on the volunteer and the pressures become too great.

Group three presented the resources that are available to the community as well as commenting on the outside influences that join a community together. They broke them down as follows: a) The two synagogues; b) The young age group who can provide future leadership; c) The senior citizens whose experiences can be drawn upon; d) The Universities, eg. resource people, programs and facilities; e) The Atlantic Jewish Council which provides the link between the Atlantic Provinces as well as to national organizations and affiliations, and is also the vehicle which motivates programs and services; f) Camp Kadimah which provides future strength and perpetuates our existence; g) The family which provides the force and impetus for accomplishment; h) Families who join together with others of similar inclination; i) The threat of external trouble, eg. anti-semitism often breaks down the internal barriers and motivates working together against a common enemy; j) The encouraging of older leaders to continue working for



*Presentation of gift by Harry Paton, president of Shaar Shalom Synagogue to Dr. Reisman*



the common good; k) Generous contributions of money which allow the community to obtain needed resources; l) The government which can be approached for grants to fund certain programs; m) The synagogue buildings which provide facilities.

Newcomers and non-affiliates—how does a community treat this group? It is often a sad and revealing commentary on a community. Group four asked the questions: "Do we have any obligation to seek out these people?", "Are we too comfortable in our own groups?", "Are we aware of the difficulties strangers encounter?"

The approach and welcoming of newcomers are often tinged with negative overtones. The initial contact should not only be for donations or to join an organization. This group suggested that social contacts be made first before any other proposals be made.

In a review, group five reminded those present of the way Jews lived in the Shtetle—an all encompassing mode of values and living. In today's Halifax society, the perpetuation of Judaism is seen through attendance at

Camp Kadimah, trips to Israel, affiliation with Israeli and Jewish organizations and through the two synagogues.

Group six—Blue Sky—was asked to use its creative imagination to suggest the composition of the ideal community. First and foremost would be a united Hebrew School along with a united and co-operative Chevra Kadisha. They felt that it was not necessary to have only one synagogue, but harmonious interaction between such institutions should take place. There should be a feeling of Yiddishkeit—a Jewish atmosphere where Jewish activities could flourish. Further, there should be an acceptance of the many ways to fulfill one's commitment to Judaism. The synagogues could be the community centres and provide free meeting space.

The Rabbis should not be expected to be all things to all people and that the Rabbis should work together.

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*Participants at the Scholar-In-Residence Weekend Program.*





## Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner For Edmund Morris

**Hon. Edmund Morris**, Nova Scotia's Minister of Fisheries and former Mayor of Halifax, received a high tribute at a testimonial dinner held in the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax.

The Jewish National Fund chose him as Man of the Year in recognition of his life-long service to his city, his province and all worthy causes. Upward of 300 prominent guests attended the Negev Dinner and joined in warm expressions of appreciation of Mr. Morris' interest and efforts.



The picture shows (left to right) **Charles Lynch**, Ottawa, Chief of Southern News Services, a former resident of Halifax and Saint John and guest speaker at the dinner; **Hon. John E. Shaffner**, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia; **Mitchell Franklin**, National Co-Chairman, Special Projects, Jewish National Fund of Canada; **Mr. Morris**; **Neil W. Franklin**, Vice-President, Atlantic Region, Jewish National Fund of Canada. Not shown, **Peter Herschorn**, who was himself a past honouree and who acted as dinner chairman.

## Halifax Author Publishes New Book



*Lorne Elkin Rozovsky*

**Lorne Rozovsky's** newest book "The Canadian Patient's Book of Rights" is an indispensable reference for every Canadian who is concerned about his rights as a patient. Author of "Canadian Hospital Law: A Practical Guide" and "Canadian Manual on Hospital By-Laws" (with W.M. Dunlop), this latest book, in straightforward language, answers questions that everyone needs to ask, but never does, explains what rights you have or don't have and goes on to tell you how to get them recognized.

Lorne practices law in Halifax and is on the faculties of Medicine and Law at Dalhousie University. He is chairman of the Canadian Bar Committee on Health Law. Married to the former **Fay Saber**, he and his wife lecture extensively and his travels have taken them to every Province in Canada, to the United States, Europe, the West Indies, Israel and Africa.

## Mein Shtetele

by **Leon Sills**

אין מיין קליין שטעטלע  
פון לייב חיים סילס

קליין שטעטל, יידישע היים, אין הארץ פון לאנד אייראפע,  
ציען זכרונות פון א טייער לעבענס גאנג!  
האט איר געשפאנט אקטאנען צו דערגרייכן די ברעגן פון פרייהיים,  
דורך מענטשלעכע כוואליע אויף מענטשלעכע כוואליע, דורך  
עליס איילאנד'ס "אפענע סיר" ?

ווי ביסטו, קליין שטעטל פון ערגעץ ווו אין אוקראינע,  
מיט אלטע הילצערנע ראמען, ניט ברוקירטע וועגן און הינקעדיקע  
פערד און וואגאנען?  
ליטוואקס און גאליציאנער, ווו האט איר פארבלאנדזשעט?  
זייט איר דאס לעצטע, פארלוירענער דור - די קרבנות  
פון מלחמה?

ניין די קינדער פון ישראל לעבן ווייטער - ליובאוויטשער!  
מיט זייערע שולן און ישיבות אוי, הערט זייערע רירנדיקע  
חפילו!  
הערט זיך צו צו די כאלאס-געקליידעטע און געבערדעטע  
חלמידי חכמים!  
כליען זאלט איר, חסידים באשיצט דאס שטעטל דרענס  
דאס תורה'דיקע וויסן!

אוי, מיין טייערער ליובאוויטשער שטעטל!  
שטעטלע, רופענדיק מיך אהיים!  
איר קומט... איך ק...!

## Jewish Educational Council Of Greater Montreal

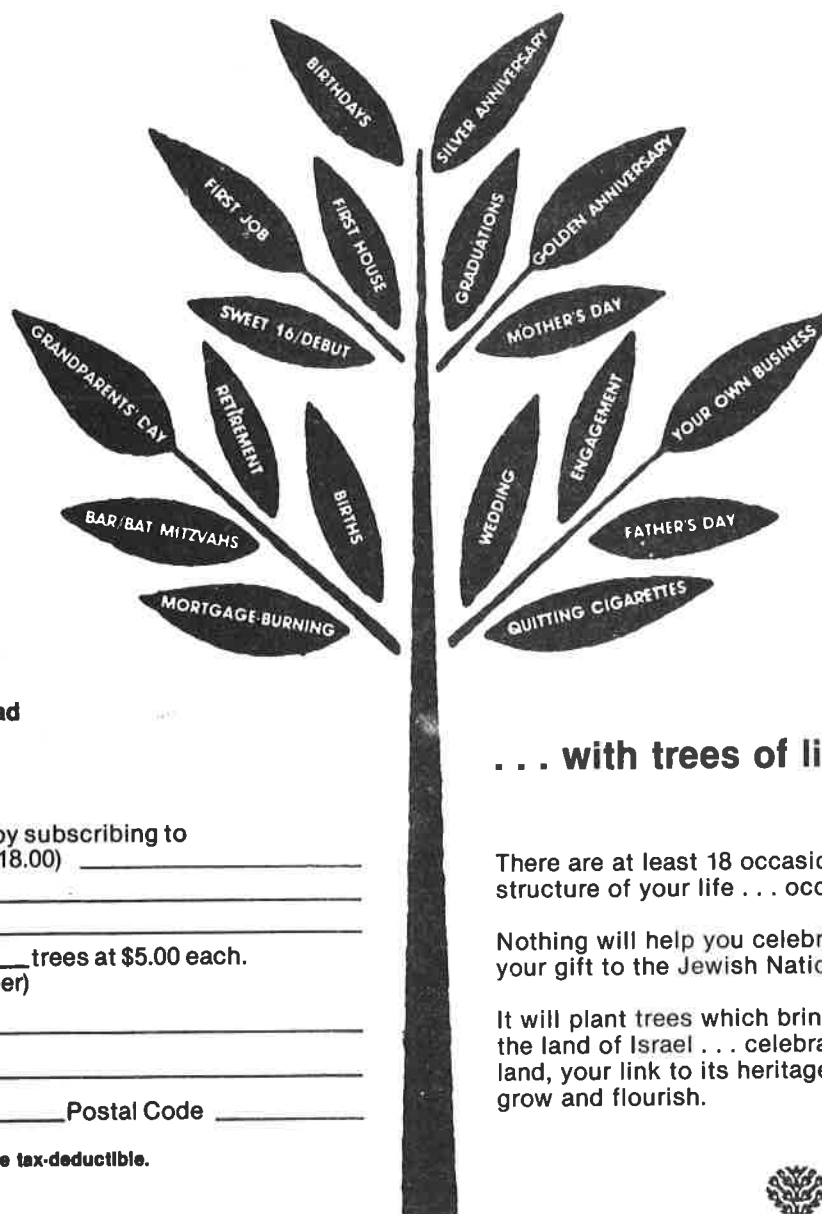
### "Education Resource Centre"

An exciting poster charting the major Jewish holidays was recently published by the Education Resource Centre. The chart gives a concise and comprehensive overview of the year's holidays: the name, date and source of each holiday, the pertinent concepts and symbols, and the laws and customs observed on each occasion.

The poster is a vivid graphic tool which highlights the essence of each holiday in encapsulated form. It can be used to teach about specific concepts, to compare interrelated holidays, or as a basis for deeper exploration of the various landmarks of the Jewish year. Teachers, program directors and youth leaders will find it handy, as will schools, organizations, and parents wishing to have a convenient holiday reference to consult throughout the year.

The poster can be purchased for \$5 (\$4 per poster for orders of 10 or more) from the E.R.C. For further information call Esti Jedeikin at 735-3541 ext 205, or write us at the E.R.C., 5151 Cote St. Catherine Road, Room 201.

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## Atlantic Advocate Pays Tribute To Canadian Jewish Author Norman Lipschutz

In an extensive article entitled "A Credit to His People", in the October issue of the *Atlantic Advocate*, **Michael O. Nowlan** pays glowing tribute to Atlantic based, Jewish Author, **Norman Lipschutz**.

The story on Mr. Lipschutz relates the author's literary career; speaks of the Jews of Poland as described in "Victory Through Darkness and Despair", which appeared in 1960 and was widely reviewed throughout North America. It also touches upon the intertwining themes of his major literary effort: *The Holocaust and the Subsequent Battle for Israel's Liberation*.



**Norman Lipschutz**

The article also relates in detail the efforts by Mr. Lipschutz to advance the literary arts in the Atlantic Provinces through his *Atlantic Literary Alliance* and *The Atlantic Mirror*. It confirms the fact that both attempts contributed immeasurably to the cultural life of the Atlantic Region and have tremendously encouraged many talented writers and poets.

Tribute is also paid to the many other literary accomplishments of the author. The article draws particular attention to the fact that "Who's Who in America" and "The International Biographical Centre" of Cambridge, England have extended Mr. Lipschutz recognition in their various publications.

To sum up, Mr. Nowlan refers to David Rome's observation that the Jews of Canada have contributed greatly to various aspects of our Canadian culture.

## Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

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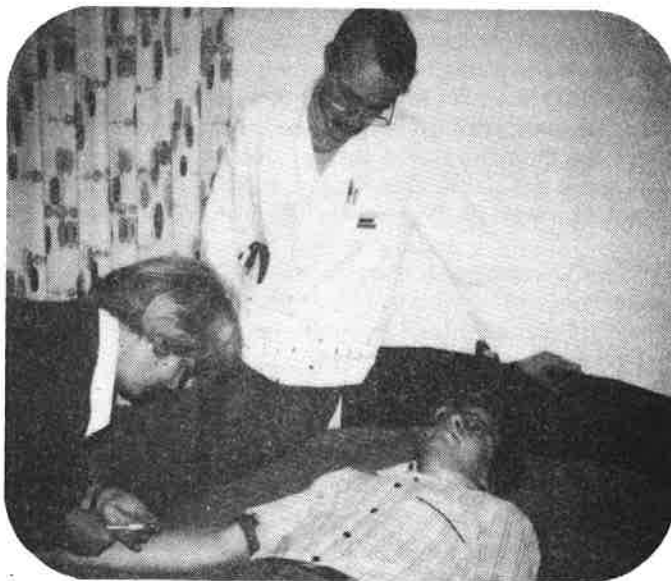
The Atlantic Jewish Council, or a similar umbrella group, should provide the framework and guidelines for groups to participate. Examples of such groups are the Massada Club and outreach programs to small Jewish communities.

Cultural co-operation between synagogues in the areas of drama, choirs, discussion groups, etc. would be instituted.

There should be a warm feeling of welcome to every

## Tay-Sachs Carrier Screening Program

During the week of October 20th to 24th, a Tay-Sachs Carrier Screening Program was held at Dalhousie University Health Services in Halifax. The clinic was sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Zionist Federation and Dalhousie University. Students and young adults in the Halifax area, as well as a cross section of the Jewish community attended the clinic to have their blood tested for the Tay-Sachs gene. This was the second such testing program held in Halifax (the first was in 1975).



"It doesn't hurt one bit!"

LR: Nurse Marilyn Kelleher, Dalhousie Health Services; Harold Barnett, Project Co-ordinator; David Cohen, Moncton, N.B., Dalhousie Student.

In addition to the staff at the Health Services, the clinic was manned by volunteers from the Jewish community. **Harold Barnett**, co-ordinator of the program, wishes to thank **Natalie Oler, Gloria Pink, Myrna Yazer, Harriet Laing, Wendy Franklin, Bette Ross, Barbara Paton, Sheila Zive and Hanna Barnett** for their valuable assistance at the clinic.

**Dr. Joe Johnson**, director of Dalhousie Health Services, was most instrumental in initiating the clinic and in coordinating his staff.

It is hoped that a similar program will be extended to other Maritime communities in the near future.

newcomer and that these people should be sought out so that they can be brought into the "community".

**Dr. Reisman**, without a doubt, had made those present aware of the concerns affecting the Halifax Jewish community. Now it would seem that it is up to the community to work together to act upon the solutions.

This weekend program was jointly sponsored by the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, the United Israel Appeal, the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness and with the aid of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

## Cape Breton News

### Minyan On The Mira River

Members of the Glace Bay community, with summer bungalows in Mira, hosted a Minyan and Kiddish every Sunday morning during July and August. Photograph of Minyan was taken at Dr. and Mrs. Philip Simon's bungalow, Sunday, August 24th.

Buffet Brunch followed services for all those in attendance — Glace Bay congregants, visitors and other guests.



*Outdoor summer services on the Mira River*

### Cape Breton Council - Hadassah-WIZO

Cape Breton Council of Hadassah honoured **Miss Lottie Morrison** recently at a special reception held at the Temple Sons of Israel. During September, Hadassah-Wizo of Canada honoured women across the nation for selfless dedication and outstanding services to their community.



*Left to Right are: Mrs. Shirley Dubinsky, Vice-President of Hadassah-Wizo of Canada; Miss Morrison, Mrs. Etta Chernin, Chairman of Hadassah-Wizo Month; Mrs. Sophie Sherman, President of Cape Breton Council of Hadassah. A plaque inscribed "To Miss Lottie Morrison, in recognition of her life long devotion to every humanitarian cause," was presented by Mrs. Chernin. Miss Morrison's name will be engraved on the "Pillar of Gifts" at Magdiel Vocaitonal Training Village in Israel.*

## Yarmouth Highlights

### Youth To Conduct Synagogue Affairs

**by Hubert Lynch**

At a recent gathering of the Jewish Community of Yarmouth, it was decided to give youth the leadership of the Agudath Achim Society. The following were elected for the year 1980:

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| President      | <b>Victor Indlg</b>   |
| Vice-President | <b>Irving Pink</b>    |
| Secretary      | <b>Dick Shapiro</b>   |
| Treasurer      | <b>Sam Cohen</b>      |
| 1st Trustee    | <b>Archle Cohen</b>   |
| 2nd Trustee    | <b>Ray Mandel</b>     |
| 3rd Trustee    | <b>Molshe Starets</b> |

Retiring officers were **Hubert Lynch, Harold Strug, Herman Shapiro, and Daniel Star**. Veterans **Irving Pink,**

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**Sam Cohen** and **Archle Cohen** agreed to stay on to give the new members the benefit of their experience.



*Succot Party—L-R: Rosalie Indig, Marion Mandel and Sam Cohen.*

The new President started out with a bang with his new Committee. A succoth was built on his premises and a gathering of the Community came to celebrate. This was followed by a brunch in the Synagogue Hall to celebrate Simchat Torah. A short service was held with the children enjoying the festivities. The brunch was most delicious, and those responsible were roundly applauded.

#### **Still in Hospital**

**Mrs. Faye Tilson**, who suffered a stroke, is still a patient at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

## **EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

The Atlantic Jewish Council's Outreach Programs are now in full swing in Bridgewater and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. **Perry Sable** of Halifax visits these two communities on a regular basis and instructs the children of these communities in Hebrew language, Jewish History and activity programs on Israel, as well as Jewish customs, holidays and traditions.

Yarmouth children will also be participating in a Junior Congregation. Special Chanukah programs are planned in both communities.



*The Yarmouth students are pictured here during their monthly class. Top Row: Left to Right: Zelaina Strug, Sharon Starets, Sabrina Mandell; Bottom Row: Left to Right: Jonathan Strug, William Strug, Steven Indig, Brian Indig.*

# **The Yarmouth Jewish Community — a renewal of life**

Reprint Yarmouth Vanguard

by **Peter Croxall**

When Michael Siegel, rabbi, arrived at Yarmouth airport some two weeks ago, so unaccustomed were the customs officials to the various religious accoutrements he had with him that he was detained there for over half an hour, first of all trying to explain himself then giving the interested officials a brief course in Jewish religion and customs. A rabbi, or Jewish minister, is not a strange or unusual sight in many places in the world, and indeed up until the thirties Yarmouth itself had a relatively large Jewish population, swelled every summer by large numbers of Jewish summer visitors from New York, coming here like many other visitors to escape the miseries of hay fever. But the local community has seen its number dwindle over the past 40 years, as its young people, in common with many other young people from this area, left for greener pastures.

Young people are the lifeblood of any religious community, and this is nowhere more true than it is in Judaism, very much a family-centered rather than synagogue — (church) centered religion.

But now a number of young Jewish families have returned to or moved to Yarmouth, and the most apparent consequence has been the arrival of a rabbi after an absence of 25 years. A flying rabbi, who visits his small flock in Yarmouth only four times a year; but now there is a leader for the community, a teacher for the children, a focus around which the Jewish religion and customs can be maintained and enhanced.

## **Rosh Hashana**

Mike Siegel's most recent visit here coincided with the start of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, which occurred on Sept. 10 and the subsequent ten day period of introspection and prayer which culminates in Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, and the most sacred of the Jewish religious holidays. The local Jewish community, now about 20 families, spent most of the day last Saturday (sabbath) in schul, or synagogue, fasting and praying. As Siegel explained, throughout the ten-day period leading to Yom Kippur, God is seen as 'opening up the book of life and death', entering the names of those who are and those who are not perceived as righteous; and during this time one has an opportunity of demonstrating to God with some vigor one's faith and one's desire to live a better life.

It is perhaps no wonder that Siegel's presence creates something of a stir at the airport, or at other public places, such as at the hospital where during his stay he visited some Jewish folk who were ill. Rabbis are rare enough here, and too, Siegel's appearance hardly accords with the popular conception of what a rabbi is supposed to look like. Twenty-six, bearded, with a mid-Western American accent, he looks like a university student—and indeed he is one. Only his yarmulka, or skullcap, gives any hint of his Jewishness. In fact he is not yet a full-



fledged rabbi, but is presently in the fifth year of the six-year rabbinical program at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. When the newer members of the local community began to feel the need for confirming and sustaining their Jewish traditions, they naturally began to cast around for a spiritual and religious leader — the last time Yarmouth had a rabbi was in the mid 1950's. With such a small group of adherents, a full-time rabbi seemed out of the question, and nearby rabbis such as the two in Halifax were already busy with their congregations and could not see their way clear to visiting here. Thus the Jewish Theological Seminary was approached. Like many religious training institutions, they are interested in having their students, particularly those who are well along in their training, gain practical experience in the field, and so they maintain a placement program to supplement their students' theoretical training with 'on-the-job training'. Thus in 1975 Yarmouth had its' first student rabbi—part-time, it's true, but an infinite improvement over no rabbi. Siegel is the third student to have a period of practical training here.



*Victor Indig, (left) newly elected President of the Yarmouth Synagogue and Siegel, shown on the Synagogue's altar. They both wear the tallis, or prayer shawl, which adult males usually wear when attending services. Between them can be seen an elaborately decorated torah, the most sacred of Jewish writings, roughly equivalent to the Christian bible. (Peter Croxall Photo)*

## Resurgence

This year is a high-water mark in the recent resurgence of interest and involvement of the local community. Siegel stayed 12 days on this visit, longer than any previous. In addition to teaching and services, he was involved in a conversion, in which the gentile (non-Jewish) wife of a local Jewish man joined the Jewish faith. And he participated in the election of a new board of officers for the local William Street Synagogue, the Agudath Achim Synagogue or Good Friends Synagogue. That election saw the retirement of Irving Pink, who had been president on and off for over 40 years.

Victor Indig was elected as new President.

The Jewish community gives much credit to Pink for helping to sustain religious life here during the many lean

years before the recent new blood and renewed vitality. Pink is self-effacing about his contributions; "Well, you know, when I came back from university in the thirties, I was young and educated, and they said: 'You be the President', so I did. And don't forget that Meyer Abraham was also president for a long while, and that I took over after he died. But it's good to see new blood: and Mike Siegel's enthusiastic." Pink says he has felt very little prejudice in the many years he has lived in Yarmouth; he feels Nova Scotians are notably broadminded. And he applauds the current trend of young people of all persuasions returning to small-town living; "There's a good life to be made in small towns. Though as a Jewish person you do find that you tend to become more integrated with your Christian friends, and often you do like to be with your confrerers. The same holds for any small cultural group, of course."

Yarmouth's synagogue was founded in the early years of the century; the building was formerly the Freewill Baptist Church, moved from Arcadia to its present location.

This period was of course Yarmouth's heyday as a tourist resort, and at that time, and indeed until the forties, Yarmouth even had a kosher hotel, the Fairmount Towers, now the Mid-Town Motel. Put simply, 'kosher' means that food, its preparation and serving, and the utensils and people involved with it, all adhere to rather complex Jewish food or dietary laws. There is not complete agreement as to the exact reason for the centuries-old rules. But it seems certain that they were in part designed to ensure the cleanliness of food at a time in history, and in geographical locations, where food became diseased very easily. Most practising Jews will attempt to adhere to some extent to these rules—they are an integral part of Jewish life and tradition. But any sort of consistent adherence is difficult in Yarmouth or indeed in Nova Scotia, because the nearest kosher butchers are in Montreal, and animals must be slaughtered in a prescribed manner, and under the supervision of a properly trained person, before meat is considered 'kosher'.

## Rabbi's Role

Mike Siegel has some very clear ideas about his, or indeed any other rabbi's role, in this local resurgence. "You must remember that unlike some other religions, a rabbi is really not a necessity, or at least not an ongoing necessity. Ten adult men constitute a 'quorum', and with that number a full-fledged service can be held in the synagogue.

The community itself, in order to be viable, must be involved to the extent that such a quorum is pretty well always available. There are just not enough folks here to support a full-time rabbi, who could provide some of the leaderships, so leadership for the continuation of Jewish religious life must come from the community itself." Then the community's approach to the Theological Seminary was in fact such an example of 'grassroots' leadership. "Yes, indeed," continues Siegel, "and another example is that they have now approached a person in Halifax, who is very knowledgeable in Jewish

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# Saint John Happenings

September and October 1980

by Louise Adler

## We Welcome

The members of the Congregation Shaarei Zedek of Saint John welcomed their new spiritual leader, **Rabbi Roger Pavey**, his wife, **Miriam** and their sons, **Jonathan** and **Dani**. They come from England and this is their first sojourn to the North American continent and in particular Canada.



*Left to Right: Rabbi and Mrs. Roger Pavey, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Michelson.*

Rabbi Pavey was educated in Britain and is a graduate of the University of London in both Arts and Theology. He received Rabbinic Ordination from the Leo Baeck College in London. Active in education and in inter-faith work, he has lectured for the University of London Extra Mural Department and for the Inner London Education Authority. He has served communities both in London and in Southend-on-Sea. He is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly, and has been active in the growing movement in Britain and Europe for Conservative Judaism. A contributor to the Anglo-Jewish press, he has written articles in educational magazines and in a recent festschrift for the late Ignaz Maybaum, and has a book appearing in Britain this year.

His wife, Miriam, has strong connections with the Hasidic movement.

## The Yarmouth Jewish Community — a renewal of life

### Continued

life and custom, and arranged for him to visit Yarmouth on a regular basis as an instructor for the young children of the community." So Siegel's role? "Is to be available for special occasions such as the regular religious holidays, for weddings and funerals, and to send along material—books and so forth—which I feel the people in Yarmouth might find helpful. I guess you could see me as 'consultant and spiritual advisor'." It's not just the Jewish community for whom the regular presence of a rabbi is vital "It's important, I think for Yarmouth as a whole to know and see a rabbi on a regular basis," asserts Siegel. "Not only does it tend to lend a certain

Their son, Jonathan, took pride in telling us that he attended Herzlia Jewish Day School for two years before coming to Canada. This school was run by the JNF Educational Trust, in collaboration with the local community. It was a small school but very active and the results, both Jewish and secular, were quite excellent.

Each new leader in our community brings a special gift in personality. We wholeheartedly welcome the Rabbi and his family. We look forward to direction and inspiration.



*These young people stayed up all night to prepare a small braided challah for each camper at the Camp Kadimah Closing Banquet. Sherry and Lynda are now in Israel for a year. The rest of the group are at University. Back Row: Left to Right: Leonard Abramsky, Mitchell Brown, Martin Zelikowitz. Front Row: Left to Right: Risa Daniels, Linda Medjuck, Miriam Sher, Sherry Koven, Cherise Devlin, Ron Daniels.*

## The Shomer Club

Our Shomer Club has launched a new and exciting program—"Our Neighbors."

Once a month, there will be a presentation by one of the ethnic groups in Saint John. Out of the twenty possibilities, six were selected by a special planning committee. Each group will explain their interests and concerns. This will be followed by a discussion from the floor and conclude with entertainment and refreshments.

Representatives from all the Senior Citizens' Clubs (23) in Saint John who are affiliated with the New Brunswick Senior Citizens Federation are invited to join us.

On Sunday afternoon, October 5, the first program was

credibility to the Jewish community, it's also very important in helping to broaden the perspective of all the folks here, and increased exposure and understanding of any group to any other group can only help to widen people's tolerance of difference."

Thus in this, year 5741 of the Jewish calendar, Siegel and the community of which he is now very much a part, if only temporarily, can take some satisfaction in the degree to which Jewish religious life is now flourishing in Yarmouth. "But", says Siegel, "much remains to be done there is always more to be strived for, here or elsewhere. In the words of the Talmud, one of the most important and fundamental of Jewish writings:

'The day is short  
The work is great  
And the Master is impatient'."

presented. Over 150 members and guests attended. The program was "Our Acadian Neighbors." **Doris Carpenter**, our secretary read the prayer. Shomer Club president **Joseph Adler** welcomed in English, and a welcome in French was given by **Lillian Levine**, a Shomer director. Greetings were given in both languages by **Leo E. Bouchard**, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Senior Citizens Federation.

**Roger Gossling**, representing the seven French Associations in Saint John, spoke of the efforts of the French Community and especially their local associations to secure an extension of their school to the 12th grade and to have it become part of a French Community Centre. The latter would also welcome the general public.

Following the question and answer period, **Samuel Cohen**, Shomer First Vice-President and Entertainment Chairman, introduced the musical program.

**Norman J. Vantour**, the operatic tenor from Moncton, rendered a most enchantingly full hour of song. The majority of the numbers were in French. But one beautiful operatic song was in Italian. He charmed all the members of the Shomer Club by his singing of the "Yiddish Mamma". **Walter Kinsella** not only was the accompanist, he also graciously presented a number of piano selections.

The New Horizons Program cooperated with us to make this program feasible.

Two days after the program, we were gratified to read in our local press that the City Council had endorsed the school extension and the development of a community centre.

## Book Review Club

At the first Book Review meeting of the Fall season the reviewer startled the members by stating that one man, a Christian and a Swede, had in six weeks time, according to Israel's Yad Vashem, "rescued from the Nazis between 20,000 to 50,000 Jews and more if one includes his role in preventing the Budapest Ghetto, with its 70,000 from being destroyed." George Hegeudus, living now in Montreal, whose wife, daughter and his parents, saved by Raoul Wallenberg, states "Raoul was a Jesus Christ or the Moses of the Twentieth Century."

This unique person may still be alive in a Russian prison. Holocaust survivors all over the world are today taking up his cause.

**Louise Adler** chose this subject for several reasons. First she became interested in the fact that Sweden had over 7,000 documents about Wallenberg and especially that he may be alive today in 1980. And secondly, she was interested in how this subject was treated in the various magazines and in book form.

The first article she read was a condensed version about Raoul Wallenberg in the September 1980 edition of the Reader's Digest. This was by Gerald Clarke and she read in full the original article in the "Saturday Night" July / August 1980 edition. The Reader's Digest entitled it "IS RAOUL WALLENBERG STILL ALIVE?" The original one was headed "THE MAN WHO SAVED THE JEWS." Both periodicals are, as we know, Canadian.

Gerald Clarke, the editor of the late Montreal Star for 12 years, has worked for almost four decades as a foreign correspondent in most capitals of the world. In the second world war he covered the Normandy landings and the

signing of the peace at Reims. He has written a number of books. His T.V. program, Face of Red China on CBS, won an emmy award for best documentary. In 1953 he won the National Newspaper Award in Canada for a series on the Soviet Union. He is now a freelance writer in Montreal.

Mrs. Adler then referred to two earlier articles. One in an American publication, the *National Review* of August 17, 1979 by Lennart Frantzell. He designated his presentation "Alive or Dead—THE LAST OF THE PIMPERNELS." Mr. Frantzell lives in Princeton, New Jersey and works for a publishing house. An article of his recently appeared in the "Soviet Analyst," and he is at work on a study of early Chinese history.

The third author wrote in the "Newstatesman" of May 18, 1979 in London, England. He is Maurice Samuelson. It is entitled "After more than thirty years, the mystery is still not solved. WHAT HAPPENED TO WALLENBERG?" It is in this brief writing that the entire emphasis is on today's attempts to locate Wallenberg now and to obtain his release.

Mr. Frantzell summarized the early exploits of Wallenberg but concentrated on those who have seen and reported on Raoul since his capture and imprisonment. The Russians refuse to cooperate. Thus, Frantzell concludes "And so, 34 years after World War II, Wallenberg remains in his cell in Butyrka, the only man to serve a life sentence for having saved tens of thousands of Jews from Nazi's gas ovens."

"Maria Hegeudus was twenty-three when she and her three-year-old daughter, Eva, went to live with her in-laws in a designated "Jewish house in Budapest. Her husband, George, was in hiding in another part of the city." Thus reports Gerald Clare. "On a chilly November day in 1944 the troops of the Arrow Cross, the Hungarian Nazis, took her to an abandoned factory where she was kept for three days. Then suddenly a civilian in his early thirties appeared. He stood in contrast to the men who wore uniforms with rifles slung over their shoulders. He carried only a briefcase. He announced quietly, "I can take 500 women to our protected houses." The women were asked to line up in rows, and the stranger counted them off himself. He halted just beyond Maria, before he reached her closest friend, who stood in the row behind her. The friend went to Dachau.

The man was Raoul Wallenberg. He issued *schutz-passes*, which granted temporary Swedish citizenship. Those holding them were sent to a "védett-ház," a protected house provided by the Swedes at Wallenberg's direction.

Who was Raoul Wallenberg? Although he was credited by the Swedish Government as a diplomat at the request of the U.S. Government through President Roosevelt who then sent him to Budapest to help rescue Jews. By profession he was an architect and by occupation an importer-exporter and a member of a very powerful and wealthy Swiss family. In the Swedish legation in Budapest there was one, Per Anger, who later was the Swedish ambassador to Canada until his retirement this past January. The two became friends and worked together during Raoul's stay. Recently Per Anger wrote a book on Raoul. He believes Raoul is still alive and Anger is doing everything possible to help those who are working for his release.

Time and time again Wallenberg risked his own life to rescue the Jews. His techniques were remarkable. His courage, coupled with personality and skill, triumphed until the Russians captured him. We too believe he is alive.

# Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Mazel Tov to the following who celebrated anniversaries:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Alfred and Leona Brown</b>      | 16 years |
| <b>Ben and Goldie Budovitch</b>    | 32 years |
| <b>Bernard and Valerie Chippin</b> | 23 years |
| <b>George and Lucy Chippin</b>     | 20 years |
| <b>Warren and Miriam Cohen</b>     | 10 years |
| <b>Larry and Rose Eusler</b>       | 30 years |
| <b>Harry and Amelia Goldman</b>    | 38 years |
| <b>Sam and Rose Satter</b>         | 56 years |
| <b>Rabbi David and Edyth Spiro</b> | 35 years |
| <b>Ezra and Bella Rose</b>         | 26 years |

Mazel Tov to the following:

**Harry and Amelia Goldman** upon the engagement of their son, **Barry**, to **Debbie Perez**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Perez**, Toronto, Ontario.

**Max and Lil Chippin** and **Dora Chippin** upon the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter, **Karen Malka**. Proud parents are **Dave and Anita Adilman**.

**Lil Freeman** upon the birth of her granddaughter, **Breanne Sara**. Proud parents are **Stewart and Marcia Freeman**, Thornhill, Ontario.

**Harry and Sarah Lang** upon the marriage of their daughter, **Rhoda Anne**, to **Steven Marc**, son of **Joseph and Sylvia Fransblow**, Bathurst, N.B., which was solemnized October 12, Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. Rabbi Spiro officiating. The couple have taken up residence in Calgary, Alberta.

**Saul and Molly Brown** upon the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Mara**, daughter of **Dr. Melvin and Sandy Brown**, Toronto, Ontario.

**Katie Lubek** has returned to Toronto after spending the High Holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, **Gladys and Lou Swetsky**.

**Toby and Freda Appel**, **Helen and Bernie Pinsler** have returned to Ottawa and Montreal after spending the high holidays with their children, **Sharon and Peter Pinsler** and family.

**Brenda Budovitch** has returned to Toronto after spending the High Holidays with her parents, **Ben and Goldie Budovitch**.

**Eric Swetsky** and sister, **Barbara**, have returned to Toronto after spending the High Holidays with their parents, **Gladys and Lou Swetsky**.

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

**Lawrence and Adele Levine**, **Debbie and Terry Steinberg** have returned to their homes in Toronto, Ontario and Long Island, New York after visiting their parents, **Jack and Betty Levine**.

**Sam and Ann Snider** have returned to Montreal after spending the High Holidays with their daughter, **Linda**, son-in-law, **Marty Payne** and family.

**Bertha Isbitsky** has returned to Montreal after spending the High Holidays with her daughter, **Evelyn**, son-in-law, **Abe Budovitch** and family.

**Ezra and Bella Rose** and daughter have returned from Moncton after spending the High Holidays with her father, **Morris Gorber**.

**Ben and Faye Medjuck** have returned from Calgary after spending the High Holidays with their daughter, **Gertrude**, son-in-law, **Martin Cohos** and family.

**Sharon Rose**, daughter of **Bessie Rose**, is to be congratulated upon being named the most valuable player in the Eastern Canadian Senior B Ladies Softball Championship. Also was named by her team, Gardiner Realty, Player of the Year.

Condolences to **Professor John Lenard** and family upon the death of his father, **Ernest Lenard**, Toronto, Ontario.

**Gary Grobe** and family, upon the death of his father, **Seymour Grobe**, Paterson, New Jersey. May all the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

**Sadie Velensky**, upon the death of her brothers-in-law, **Hymie Cohen**, Moncton, N.B. and **Sam Goodman**, Halifax, N.S. May she be spared of further sorrow.

**Minnie Budovitch** has returned to her home in Hollywood, Florida after visiting her son, **Frank**, daughter-in-law, **Daisy** and family.

**Bea Sherman** has returned from Cornwall, P.E.I. after visiting her son, **Joe**, daughter-in-law, **Ann** and family.

**Bessie Hoffer** has returned to Montreal after visiting her sister, **Freda Budovitch** and family.

**Barry Goldman** and fiancé, **Debbie Perez**, have returned to Toronto after visiting his parents, **Harry and Amelia Goldman**.

**Rhoda Slutsky** has returned to Toronto after visiting her parents, **Dave and Lil Graser**.

**Esther Shapiro** and son have returned to London, Ontario after visiting her parents, **Harry and Amelia Goldman**.

Congratulations to **Weldon Graser**, Q.C., upon his appointment to the Board of Directors of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital.

The Annual United Israel Appeal Drive was held October 15 in the Vestry of the Synagogue in the form of a Chinese Buffet. **Mr. Louis Sklar**, Oshawa, Ontario, Chairman, Project Renewal, Ontario and Maritime Region, was extended a hearty welcome. **Weldon Levine** and **Harold Velensky** were the Chairmen for the evening.

The new Executive of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah Wizo for 1980-81 is as follows:

Past President  
President  
Vice President  
Corresponding Secretary  
Recording Secretary

Treasurer  
Baby Creche  
Specific Gifts  
J.N.F.  
Cards  
Membership  
Social Convenors

Public Affairs  
Honorary President  
Honorary Vice Presidents

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**Anita Adilman**  
**Marilyn Kaufman**  
**Marla Gartenberg**  
**Harriet Lenard and**  
**Judy Budovitch**  
**Jennie Chippin**  
**Sharon Pinsler**  
**Amelia Goldman**  
**Doris Rauch**  
**Joan Levine**  
**Bea Sherman**  
**Edye Besner and**  
**Jennie Brown**  
**Marilyn Kaufman**  
**Mrs. P.M. Levine**  
**Amelia Goldman and**  
**Faye Medjuck**

**Natalie Chippin** has returned to Calgary to resume her studies at the University of Alberta after visiting her parents, **Bernard and Valerie Chippin**. Also brother **Seth**



has returned to Toronto to resume his studies at the George Brown University in Toronto.

**Jeffrey and David Velensky** have returned to Toronto after visiting their parents, **Harold and Audrey Velensky**.

**Dr. Leonard and Bella Brody** and family have returned to Toronto after visiting his parents **Aaron and Betty Brody**.

A speedy recovery to **Sam Shepherd, Ida Tobin and Ben Budovitch**.

The Fredericton Jewish Community is pleased to have one of its girls participate in Community affairs.

**Sherry**, daughter of **Elenore and Sam Budovitch**, is a senior at the University of New Brunswick in the faculty of Education. Last winter, she was presented with a silver cup for co-ordinating the Red and Black Revue. The past four years she co-ordinated the beauty pageant in Fredericton. Last summer Sherry was picked to be on the Committee for Canada Week.

At present she resides at the Maggie Jean Chestnut Residence where she is the proctor. She was chosen out of 100 girls.

## Poem

by **Michael Besner**

10 years old

Autumn is when the leaves fall,  
When the days are growing small.  
We blow the shofar on the New Year,  
And Chanukah is coming near.  
School and Cheder start in September,  
French or Hebrew—it's hard to remember.  
The baseball games are all done.  
Guess what? We were number one!

## Chanukah Is A Happy Time

by **Heide Grobe**

12 years old

Chanukah is a happy time.  
Thoughts of gladness fill my mind  
Of Chanukah gelt and storybooks,  
Of sizzling latkes and friendly looks,  
Of brightly wrapped presents and Festival lights  
Of warm fireplaces and faces so bright.  
Oh Chanukah is such a happy time,  
And this completes my little rhyme.

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy Chanukah.



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## Lillian Freiman Chapter Hadassah-Wizo

Fredericton, N.B.

A gala reception was held recently in the Synagogue vestry to honour the charter members on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo.

The vestry was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Golden Anniversary theme. The tables were centred with vases of gold daisies. The centerpiece for the head table was a beautiful cake, made by one of the members and shaped 50 and frosted in the gold shade. The chairman for this auspicious occasion was the president, **Anita Adilman**, a great granddaughter and a granddaughter of two of the original charter members. She introduced **Rabbi Spiro**, who delivered a very moving Invocation. Mrs. Adilman



*Charter Members of the Lillian Freiman Chapter: Seated: Mrs. Blanche Levine. Left to Right: Mmes. Dora Chippin, Freda Budovitch, Rose Satter, Anita Adilman, Judy Budovitch, Lil Graser, Sadie Velensky, Min Budovitch.*

introduced the charter members, **Mrs. Blanche Levine**, charter president; **Mrs. Min Budovitch**, charter vice-president; **Mrs. Freda Budovitch**, **Mrs. Katie Budovitch**, **Mrs. Dora Chippin**, **Mrs. Lil Graser**, **Mrs. Rose Satter** and **Mrs. Sadie Velensky**. The history of the Chapter was presented by **Amelia Goldman**, who stressed the difficulties encountered in the early years because of the depression, the devastation wrought by the Hitler regime and the Second World War. The establishment of the State of Israel gave considerable impetus to Hadassah-Wizo and the Fredericton chapter grew in numbers and achievement. The membership today includes about 90 members—many young professional women accepting leadership. This chapter is proud to have five four-generation families in its ranks.

**Judith Budovitch**, the local representative on the National Executive, related delightful anecdotes in capsule form about each charter member, including **Mrs. Ida Tobin** and **Mrs. Shaindel Spiro**, who were unable to attend because of their health. In conclusion, a most impressive candle-lighting ceremony was conducted by the president. Each charter member lit a gilt coloured candle and was presented with a 50 year membership pin and a yellow rose.

Upwards of 100 friends and relatives joined in the celebration and delicious refreshments, prepared by the



members, were served to the guests while one and all enjoyed reminiscing about the past.

As in other years, members of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo have been preoccupied during their fall meetings with Bazaar arrangements. As has been the case for the past several years, arrangements and preparations are widely spread over the membership under the co-ordination of the president, who this year is **Anita Adilman**. Fredericton has found this broad sharing of responsibility very effective in view of the large number of working women in our Chapter. The highly successful Bazaar was held on October 29, 1980.

A "Book of Records" kept by our members in years past was brought to a recent meeting by **Faye Medjuck**. With the last entry having been made something like 18 years ago, it was agreed at this point to update this book containing various kinds of information on members. **Daisy Budovitch** will survey members for up-to-date information through the coming year, and the book will be kept later at our synagogue library.

## History Of Lillian Freiman Chapter Of Fredericton

### Recollections

**Editor's Note:** At the recently held 53rd Anniversary celebrations, the author of this article presented the following address.

by **Amelia B. Goldman**

This evening we are enjoying the "Spirit of Nostalgia" and thereby paying homage to our Charter members. I am honoured to serve as Historian—not because of my office in our chapter, but for two more significant reasons (1) I am my mother's daughter and (2) I have a long memory for past events.

I also wish to congratulate our Charter members who are being honoured here tonight, and I deeply regret the absence of those who cannot be with us due to poor health.

I wish to pause for one moment to remind you of those who were Charter members, but are no longer with us, namely: **Minnie Block, Annie Brown, Malka Budovitch [Mama Malka], Ida Budovitch, Ida Campbell, Basha Levine, Bailyah Lang, Freda Levine, Jean Liphshetz, Fanny Velensky.**

In reviewing the origins and progress of our chapter with several of our Charter members, I was overwhelmed to think that a handful of women could organize and continue to function with very little direction during a time when there was no State of Israel and we were suffering a severe depression.

There were no obvious labor pains involved in the birth of **The Lillian Freiman** chapter of Hadassah-Wizo of Fredericton, N.B. **Mrs. Anna Selick**—later Raginsky—was accompanied to Fredericton by young **Ben Guss** of Saint John on a Sunday afternoon in December of 1928. They dined at my parents' home—our first parlor meeting! The community was small—we had no synagogue, but a small minority were well aware of the need for a Zionist organization here. Following dinner, we had a community meeting at the Orange Hall—husbands supporting their

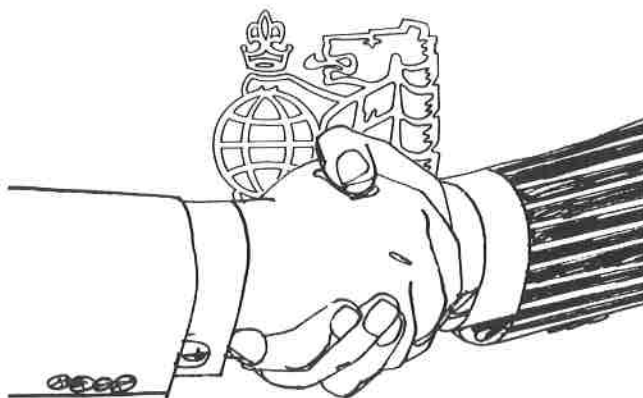
wives. At the age of 12, I also attended—I am uncertain as to why. Were there other children there? Did my parents feel I needed the exposure to offset my membership in C.G.I.T.? Or did meeting and listening to Anna Raginsky create a desire to learn and hear more about the importance of being Jewish? I prefer to think I was there for the last mentioned reason.

And so our chapter was born and an executive appointed—we are so fortunate to have with us tonight half the original executive—Charter President—**Blanche Levine**, Charter Vice-President—**Min Budovitch**, Charter Secretary—the late **Jean Liphshetz**, and Charter Treasurer—the late **Ida Campbell**.

It is interesting to note that these ladies were very young at the time—all had small children and all were involved with their husbands in business. It is the same today—when you want a job done, get a busy person to do it!

Our charter members, in their own way, made a great contribution to Judaism in Fredericton. They went from door-to-door collecting J.N.F. boxes. They were fabulous cooks and held bake sales and prepared dinners at the Shul for the community. They received materials from headquarters and held sewing bees at the home of **Min Budovitch**.

The year 1936 brought a few changes—by then, Hitler had become a real threat to World Jewry and our local women strived to work even harder. We had two new additions to our community—**Saul Brown** married **Lena Budovitch** and we had our first import from out of the province—**Ben** and **Faye Medjuck** moved here all the way from Cape Breton and their leadership ability was soon recognized. It was in 1936 that my mother was compelled to



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resign her office because of poor health, but Min and Jean were able to carry on with the help of their dedicated members. My mother was appointed Honourary President at this time.

1939—This was a banner year—we had our first Youth Aliyah dinner—I think the whole town turned out for what proved a most memorable evening. **Faye Medjuck** was president—she had just given birth to Marilyn—we had no guest speaker, but we had no fears! **Ben Medjuck**—not yet 28 years old—took over. How many can remember that night? Ben aimed high—he felt we should help bring three children into Israel and the cost was \$360.00 per child. One of our most respected elder statesmen, **Mr. Block** (he must have been all of 55!), got very excited to think we should aim so high and threw a challenge—if we raised \$1,000.00, he would give the \$80.00. What a night! Needless to say, Ben went over his goal—just as he did at our recent Bond drive.

1940—This marked the occasion of our first Maritime Regional Conference in Saint John—memorable because it coincided with the fall of France. Our national president, **Lillian Freiman** of Ottawa, was unable to attend because she was critically ill. However, she spoke to the meeting by long distance and gave us added inspiration—those were crucial days for everybody, but we Jews felt our identity as we never had before.

The war was devastating, but it played its role in establishing the importance of the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Following the partition of Palestine by the U.N. in 1947 and the War of Liberation—there was a tremendous impact on World Jewry. In January of 1949, a very important Zionist Convention was held in Ottawa. Our community was represented by four couples—**Min and Jake Budovitch**, **Jean and Nathan Liphshetz**, **Faye and Ben Medjuck** and **Harry** and myself. We were completely overwhelmed by the importance of our organization as outlined by leaders of Canadian and American Jewry—including **Senator Jacob Javitz**. We learned the importance of fund-raising to help our little State of Israel achieve maturity and accept any and every Jew into its fold. Our message to our Chapter on our return was “We must triple our budget”. And we did!

During these years, the late **Lena Brown**, **Faye Medjuck**, **Daisy Budovitch**, **Frances Budovitch** and **Edythe Levine** were alternating as president—all holding the office for several years. In the early fifties, Lena served as our first Regional for New Brunswick. During her term of office, our chapter planned its first Atlantic Province Conference with **Frances Budovitch** as Conference Chairman. The late **Rabbi Jesse Schwartz** of Zionist Headquarters decided this was the ideal opportunity to combine the men with the women. This proved so successful that the Sunday night banquet filled the Lord Beaverbrook Ballroom to overflowing—the hotel ran out of food and **Hymie** and **Myer Budovitch** had to rush over to the National to reinforce their supplies!

It is dangerous for an historian to pay special tribute to one person, but I am sure you will all agree that the late **Lena Brown** deserves honourable mention. She spearheaded our Thrift Shop and our World Jewish Child Day projects—both tremendous fund-raisers. And most of our beloved Charter members worked with the younger women on these projects.

We have held two Regional Conferences in more recent years—both very successful because of the total involvement

of our Members. **Faye Medjuck** and **Audrey Velensky** were our Regional Chairmen for these conferences and did us proud. Faye never ceases to amaze us with her energy and leadership—she is largely responsible for the success of this evening's simcha.

I must pay a special tribute to Audrey—when she returned from the Vancouver Convention in 1970, she was determined that Fredericton should have a Bazaar and she worked and fought to get it going. This brings us to the present when Bazaar and Youth Aliyah campaigns rival each other as fund-raisers.

In closing, let us all thank G-d that we have gone from strength to strength. We are so fortunate to have a group of bright young women carrying on the leadership of our chapter. Our president is the granddaughter of a charter member—our National Executive representative is the granddaughter-in-law of two of our charter members—history is still being made in Hadassah-Wizo in Fredericton.

I am sure we all join my mother, our charter president, in kleibing nachas from such riches.

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## City Of David

by **Maurice Spiro**

Let some rattle sabres,  
But none misconstrue:  
Jerusalem means Israel  
and Israel means Jew.

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## Next Stop, South America

by **Maurice Spiro**

Near the end of '45  
Some rich and famous nazis,  
The screams of tortured children  
Ringing sweetly in their ears,  
Entered that citadel of lies -  
That insult to Almighty G-d,  
Discussed a few things and left:  
Somewhat less rich, it is true,  
But with made to order passports  
And the heartiest good wishes.

## Jewish?

Mr. S. Levenberg of London, England tells the following story:

A military policeman in Belfast stops a Jew in the street and asks: “Which religious group do you belong to?” The reply: “I am Jewish”. Asks the officer: “That’s fine. But are you a Protestant Jew or a Catholic Jew?”

## What's Happening In St. John's

by Linda Berman

This past summer and early fall have been busy times in our community.

Home for a quick visit after spending a year at Yeshiva University, New York, **Barry Nathanson** left for a year of study at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. **Rhonda Wilansky** has returned from Israel after completing a course of study at Hadassah Hospital.

Mazel Tov to **Grunia** and **Louis Ferman** on the engagement of their son, **Allan** to **Ellen Burke**.

Congratulations are extended to **Helen** and **Nardy Nathanson** upon the graduation of their daughter, **Dara** from the University of Toronto, and to **Lorraine** and **Larry Nathanson** upon the graduation of **Greta** from Stern College, New York.

We are all proud of **Frank Smilestein** who won the "Dr. Dennis Wolfson Trophy" at Camp Kadimah this past summer. This honour is given to the best all round athlete of the camp season. Making people proud seems to run in the family as **Gila Smilestein** wowed audiences nightly with her performances in "Oklahoma!" and the "Roaring Twenties" and as one of the players in "Rare Vintage", her talents will be missed this season while she spends a year in Israel. She is on the Machon Program — the Institute for Youth Leaders From Abroad.

Shopping and eating have become easier in St. John's since the introduction of Kosher items in the stores. How nice it is to be able to go into a neighbourhood store to purchase Kosher cookies, borscht or blintzes!

### In Memoriam

In July 1980, the St. John's community suffered the loss of long time resident, **Mrs. Celia Epstein**. Mrs. Epstein, who came to St. John's in 1924, was a true friend and Ashis Chayil. Active in both the synagogue Sisterhood and Hadassah-Wizo from their inception, her home was open to all who visited our community. An active business woman, she always enthusiastically supported and participated in every project. For many years, she was hospitality chairman for Youth Aliyah.

Known for her many kindnesses, Celia Epstein will be sorely missed in our community.

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## Moncton News

The Tiferes Israel Pre-School Programme is well underway. The children are learning basic concepts and they are very involved in the daily process of fun, action and activity. We are all enjoying the excitement of the educational seeds of knowledge that are beginning to take place in our new and fantastic pre-school in Moncton.

### Religious School

This year, at the request of the Rabbi and the approval of the School Board, our religious school programme has been expanded to two days a week for two hours each session and one and one half hours on Sundays. Our children are now being exposed to not only formal study of the prayers, Chumash, Laws and Customs of Judaism, but on Sunday are receiving a formal class in Jewish History and activities in Jewish song and dance. With the addition to our religious school staff of **Miss Diane Shiner**, plans are now under way to create a childrens choir for Tiferes Israel which will not only perform at special events but assist the Rabbi at services as well.



*L-to-R. Front Row: Levi Lefkowitz, Shawna Rinzler, Jennifer MacPherson,  
Second Row: Randy Coleman, Robbi Boghen, Michaela Etienne, Erez Tall,  
Third Row: John Adam Mathews, Mya Rinzler, Yona Dina Attis, Gabrielle Rubin,  
Standing: Miss Diane Shiner (Pre-School specialist)*

### Rabbi To Teach At University

**Rabbi Lefkowitz** has been asked to teach a course in the Religious Sciences Department of the University of Moncton. The course, which falls under the heading of Great Religions of the World, will be an introduction to

the history, traditions and theology of Judaism.

Taught in the continuing studies division of the University, it will provide an alternate elective for matriculating students as well as an opportunity for people attending the continuing studies programme to learn about Jews and their Faith.

The Rabbi will begin teaching this course during the Winter Semester in January. The University will be developing a publicity program about the course which will be circulated throughout the Moncton community.

### Adult Education Gets Off To Great Start!!!

With nearly 30 people in attendance, our weekly Adult Education series began a few weeks ago. Taught by Rabbi Lefkowitz, this years series will consider the fundamental questions of religious Faith today: Is there a G-d?, a Jewish definition of G-d, G-d's relevance to the world, a definition of Judaism, Divine revelation, etc. It is still not too late to join the many members of our community who are already participating in this series. Classes meet every Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. in the Synagogue social hall.

### Library Being Developed

A new commitment has been made toward the development of a formidable library of Judaica at the Synagogue. A recent order of books will see the addition of some 40 volumes to the Synagogue's present collection.

Included in these volumes will be fiction, both Yiddish and modern Israeli, resource texts (Encyclopedia Judaica, My Jewish Worlds), as well as volumes on a sundry of Jewish themes. Once the Library is completely set up, regular hours for borrowing and browsing will be established.

### New appointment To N.B.P.I. Board

Upon the request of the Executive of the New Brunswick Pastoral Institute, Rabbi Lefkowitz has accepted a seat on the Board of the Institute for the coming fiscal year. Dedicated to the development of, and enhancing of Chaplaincy skills among clergy of **all** religious denominations in the Province, the Institute provides seminars and programs for the clergy of New Brunswick.

At the first meeting of the Board, the Rabbi was appointed Chairman of the committee to review needs and resources for Chaplaincy care at Provincial detention centers. The committee of six includes three clergymen from the Moncton area: the **Rev. Pierre Allard**, Chaplain at Dorchester Penitentiary, **Major Wilmont N. Linder** of the Salvation Army and the **Rev. George H. Snudden**, Protestant Chaplain at our local hospitals.

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## What We Are Doing . . .



*The Atlantic Jewish Council's Board meets to ponder, discuss and plan during its October sessions. With representation from nearly every community in the Atlantic Region, this first meeting of the new Board had many issues and ideas to deliberate upon.*



*Professor Bernard Reisman of Brandeis University—Guest lecturer and experiential teacher—Scholar-in-Residence Program, Halifax, N.S.*

*The East meets the West at Canadian Jewish Congress' national executive meeting held in Toronto recently. Seated (left to right): Phyllis Blustein, Halifax; Guy Kroft, Winnipeg; Morley Globerman, Winnipeg; Orlin Krivel, Regina. Standing: [left to right]: CJC president Irwin Cotler; Marjorie Blankstein, Winnipeg; Marty Chernin, Sydney; Ben Prossin, Halifax; Bernard Nathanson, St. John's; Herman Newman, Halifax; William Maurice, Vancouver; Weldon Levine, Fredericton; Lou Michaelson, Saint John.*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

*President-Elect—Jack Yablon, Halifax, has been named national president-elect of the Canadian Progress Club. A long-time member of the Halifax Club, and instrumental in the establishment and development of the Kingsmeadows Sports Celebrity Dinner, Mr. Yablon was elected on the first ballot at the national convention of the Canadian Progress Club held recently in Edmonton. He will assume the role of president at the 1981 national convention to be held in Halifax.*



*State of Israel Bonds Breakfast. Halifax/Dartmouth Chairman, Anita Dubinsky, is shown with her canvassers at the traditional breakfast held to kick off the drive.*



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*A Happy Simcha in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Do you remember the occasion? If you do, write **Shalom** and tell us!*



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*Happy days at Camp Kadimah. It was 1966 when the staff looked like this. How many faces and names do you know? Who will be the first to write **Shalom** with 51 correct answers?*

# Why Can't Israel Be More Like Switzerland??



by Samuel Jacobson

In one of the most popular musical plays by Lerne & Lowe "My Fair Lady", Rex Harrison sings one of the most lovable tunes of the whole production. He pleads with himself and his friends on the theme "Why can't a woman be more like a man?" "Why does every woman do everything her mother does instead of following her father?" He complains that if he had a male friend he wouldn't be peeved if he forgot his birthday, forgot to send flowers, or went out with another man. Why should a woman?

Perhaps it is far fetched to use the same theme in relation to different nations and different people. However, the August issue of Reader's Digest had a very interesting article on Switzerland. Come to think of it, that little country is not much bigger than Israel. Its population is composed of ethnic groups speaking many languages. And most of all, Switzerland is as poor in natural resources (if that is possible) as is Israel. And yet look at the tremendous difference! Why can't Israel be more like Switzerland?

There is really no inherent reason for the difference in the economic strength of Israel and of Switzerland. On the other hand, Switzerland today has the highest per capita income in the world, even higher than the oil gorged Kuwait. The figure is \$15,792 per capita for Switzerland against \$14,820 for Kuwait, using her monopoly power to gouge the free world for the highest price she can get for oil.

On a comparative basis, the area of Switzerland is 15,943 miles. The population is 6,500,000. The GNP in 1976 was 59.5 billion U.S. dollars. The per capita income in the same year was \$9,349.00. Within three years, that is by 1979, the per capita income had gone up over 60% to nearly \$16,000 per capita. Israel, with slightly less than half the area, and almost exactly one half the population, according to available information, had a per capita income of about \$4,000. In 1979, this was about one fourth of the Swiss. It is composed of citizens who are just as intelligent, ambitious and productive, as any in the world. Is there not something wrong with the basic motivation that the Israelis have as compared to the economic environment existing in Switzerland? Let us take a brief look at the economic situation in the two countries.

In no country in the world do people work so well or work so hard. The result is the Swiss have the lowest inflation rate in the world! The result of high productivity.

Each citizen of that country, every man, woman and child, has a bank account of \$17,943 on an average. "It remains a staunch outpost of capitalism, a pugnaciously

non socialist democracy that abhors high spending, welfare stateism." Thus, overcoming the cost of a very substantial defence budget of 2.5 billion and a well equipped citizens army of 650,000 men.

Last summer on my usual annual flight to Israel I was unable to get a reservation on El Al and so was flying on Swiss Air. As usual, I looked around for something to read and found a magazine provided by the airline. Naturally, being interested in the economy of Israel, an article entitled "The Economic Singularity of the Jura" attracted my attention. Switzerland is a very ancient country. Yet one of the items mentioned in this article was "Another feature of the Jura (Canton) is the youthfulness of its population. More than one third of the inhabitants are under twenty years old." However, what attracted my admiration for the tremendous productivity of this area, which up until recently was one of the most backward in the country, was that in the middle 1970's the industry from the area was exporting goods to a value of three billion Swiss francs per annum: from 55,000 employees. In 1978 it had increased to three billion, four hundred million francs, and the number of employees was well below 50,000. This was equivalent to \$40,800.00 American dollars per worker **in exports only** not including production for the local national economy.

In spite of the fact that they are one of the poorest countries in the world in natural resources, "They have turned their homeland into one of the most highly industrialized and technologically advanced on earth." Now to review the situation in Israel.

The founding pioneers in Israel had a great dream of building a paradise on earth through the media of socialism. It must be admitted that for quite some time it appeared to be working successfully. The theory was that they would build Israel with two elements, "Jews without Money" and "Money without Jews". It appeared to be a perfect setup. Those in control were to assimilate the penniless immigrants into their socialist "Gan Eden." The money without Jews part was to be the function of those whose role was to be "To give money, keep quiet and stand in admiration" at what was being accomplished. It appears that something has gone wrong in recent years in that program. The idealism of the pioneers seems to have faded away and has been replaced by a blind desire for workers to produce the least, demand the most money, and live on a standard of living way beyond that justified by the productivity of its citizens. At present Israel has the highest per capita foreign debt, the highest per capita trade deficit, one of the highest inflation rates and probably the lowest productivity in relation to its ability in the world. And very serious labor-management conflicts.

It is very simple. At present, the motivation appears to be directed against productivity, against hard work, against austerity. The full potential of the Israeli is not being exploited to even a fraction of what it could be. All that is needed is that the workers of the country be properly motivated. No member of the Knesset, no labor leader, no newspaper, has urged the people to produce more and consume less!

How can this be changed? There is a method which is being widely used in America, which is known as profit sharing or cost sharing. It simply means that workers are given either a share of the profits, a share of the

increased profits, or a share of the reduced costs of operation. Within the last four years the number of deferred profit sharing plans registered with the American government has increased from 186,000 to 318,000. The number of workers involved (which covers all the workers in each enterprise) has grown from ten to fifteen million and is increasing daily. Employees working under these plans make more money. The employers make more money. Workers are happy. Work stoppages are very rare! The shareholders earn greater dividends, unit costs go down, enabling the company to compete both in the internal market as well as in international competition. Employment increases. There is a tremendous responsibility on leadership in government, labour and management in this regard.\*\*

Why can't Israel learn from the success of others? Why can't Israel send a commission to investigate what is going on in countries such as Switzerland, Germany, Japan, which are prospering on a non-socialist private enterprise basis. Why must Israel live by outworn theories of a hundred years ago? Do we live in the same kind of homes? Do we travel by horse and wagon? Do we walk along muddy dirt roads? Or are we living in the Twentieth Century? Isn't it about time that we stopped trying to put square pegs into round holes, and opened up our eyes to what is going on around us?

If the Israeli government were to pass a law giving a discount in income tax to any employer who installed a profit or cost reduction sharing plan for all his employees on a fair and equitable basis, and allowed the funds to be set aside into a deferred pension plan, upon which no taxes would be paid by the worker until withdrawn at severance or retirement, the productivity of Israel would double in a few years. Even then it would still be only half that of the Swiss.

In 1975 the former Minister of Finance said that every

*\*\* Profit or cost reduction sharing combines the best features of socialism and private enterprise.*

## Bonds Accepted For Charitable Contributions

At an ever increasing pace, more and more donations to Israeli based charities and institutions are being made with State of Israel Bonds. The advantages of using Israel Bonds for contributions are manifest. The institutions and charities receive the donated funds from the State of Israel while Israel obtains the dollars and puts them to work immediately to purchase raw materials abroad and to produce goods for export to relieve the pressures on Israel's economy. And the donor, of course, receives his tax receipt for the value of the Bonds contributed to the tax exempt charity or institution.

Specific provision is made in each State of Israel Bond for this purpose. The Bond states that Israel will purchase in Israel any Bond at the-then official rate of exchange and apply the purchase price to "contributions

one percent in increased productivity would increase the gross national product of Israel by one hundred million dollars. Israel could, within less than a decade, increase her productivity by 5 billion dollars each year or by at least 50%, making her economically independent and master of her own destiny. She could become the Switzerland of the Middle East. She could become relatively as productive and strong economically as Germany or Japan. She could amaze the world with her economic ingenuity as she has with her bravery on the battlefield. No nation has produced as many great heroes against insurmountable odds as her soldiers and military leaders have in all her four wars. And the greatest heroism of all was in the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Isn't it about time that Israel took off the blinkers of socialism that is blinding her and endangering her very future, unleashed her tremendous ability to show what she can do on the economic front as she has on the military front?

Only the capitalistic free enterprise nations have helped Israel and allowed their Jewish citizens to participate in the reconstruction of the state and absorption of the homeless. Not one leftist nation in the world has contributed one farthing to help in the greatest success in restoring fertility to desert soil in human history.

No socialist state in the world is prospering. They are all mired in economic misery, class conflict and worse. The less any country is leftist the more it prospers.

Isn't it about time Israel stopped envying the prosperity of private enterprise nations and started to imitate their methods? Then it won't be very long before its citizens and its friends around the world stop worrying and start hoping and looking forward to the day when Israel will be on the road to a prosperity, as strong in spirit and as secure politically as Switzerland.

What Israel needs more than gift dollars or Israel bond sales or dependence on others is a revolution in thinking! When that revolution takes place her future will start to brighten. May that day come very soon! Yes, Israel could be very much like Switzerland!

which are deductible for income tax purposes in the State to funds, institutions, or charities in the State." provided that such Bonds bear a process month or issue date not more recent than 24 months prior to the date of such surrender.

The provision is quite clear and obviously desired by the Government of Israel. Just as the use of Israel Bonds for tourist expenses in Israel are encouraged so are donations to Israel-based charities and institutions. They give Israel the immediate use of the dollars for its economy and allow the State to pay the contribution in Israeli currency.

Whether your donation is to one of Israel's institutions of higher learning—Hebrew University, Technion, Weizmann Institute, Bar Ilan, Tel Aviv, Haifa, or Ben Gurion University—to Hadassah-WIZO, Pioneer Women, ORT, Mizrahi, B'nai B'rith—whether it be to Jewish National Fund or Boys Town or any of the Israeli based Yeshivoh or cultural institutions—you perform a double mitzvah by making your contribution with Israeli Bonds.

# That Wonderful Feeling ... Israel

**Editor's Note:** Wendy Rose writes of her trip to Israel this past summer. Wendy was part of a group of 43 teenagers visiting Israel. She resides in Woodstock, New Brunswick.

by Wendy L. Rose

I recently returned from a trip which I shall remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I spent six weeks in the Holy Land - Israel! Before I left, I thought to myself, "Six weeks sure is a long time to be so far from home", but, by the time it was time to come home, I realized that those six weeks were like six days!

The trip I went on was sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Organization. The program itself is very similar to the well known Biluim Israel, except for one minor difference — there are no leadership seminars. The agenda itself was almost identical. We arrived at Ben-Gurion International Airport on July 1, at around noon (Israeli time) and were greeted by a bus ready to transfer us to the Holy City of Jerusalem. The first six days were spent in Jerusalem, where most of the touring was of the Old City. After Jerusalem, we went to Field School which is part of the military training for all Israeli youths. Here they learn about nature and things associated with it. Our particular field school was situated in Sde Boquer, which is in the Negev Desert. During our stay in Sde Boquer (which was for four days) we climbed the historical Mt. Masada, which is well known because of its biblical history. We saw many of the caves which were home to a group of religious Jews during the 17th century.

After field school, we went down to Eilat where we spent the weekend. The farthest we got into the Sinai was Coral Island where we went snorkling. When we departed from Eilat on July 13th, we were to break up into two groups to be dropped off at separate kibbutzes along the way. The reason we were split up was because one Kibbutz could not take all forty-three kids plus three leaders. So, twenty of us were dropped off at a kibbutz known as Mish Mar David which is about one hundred twenty miles from both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We did a variety of jobs ranging from the vineyards to the cotton-fields to the apricot orchards or the basic housework — washing dishes or clothes for 200 families. It wasn't exactly a beautiful kibbutz, but the experience found

there is one I will never forget. The other twenty-three kids still had a very long bus ride ahead of them as their kibbutz was way up north — one mile from the Syrian border to be exact. Their kibbutz was fairly poor, as it is a young kibbutz (called El Romme), but it had very nice facilities. After the kibbutz, we went to Gadna which is the pre-military army for all Israeli youths. We were more or less split up into groups, the guys in one and the girls were separated up into two more groups. Although we were separated, we participated in activities together. We did such activities as night manoeuvres, obstacle courses, self-defense and of course we learned how to shoot a rifle. After Gadna, we headed back to Jerusalem where most of our time was free. The major spot we visited this time in Jerusalem was Yad Vashem — The Holocaust Memorial Museum. Before leaving Israel, we made a final stop in Tel Aviv where we spent an entire weekend with no planned activities. Before I knew it, I was packing my duffel bag for the final time and was on an airplane heading back to Canada.

I cannot explain the feeling I got the first time I set foot on Israeli soil, but I can assure myself that before too much longer, I will once again get that wonderful feeling of being in the land that was meant for me, a land meant for the Jewish people of the world!

## Machon

by Joel Cuperfain


Even from the opening weeks of Machon 1980, we can see that Machon is much more than simply a year program, a year experience would be a better name. Machon is a learning experience, a growing experience and to the nine Machonikim of Canadian Young Judaea, it is an experience of a lifetime.

The studies are very intense, starting at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 7:00 p.m. and cover such topics as Hebrew, Judaism, history, Israel Society, and Leadership, plus both theoretical and practical chugim. Because of the short study period (five months), a great deal of information is given in every class and the Machonik tries to absorb as much as possible.

The idea behind Machon is an interesting one—send leaders to Israel so that they can learn how to better work for their movements in the diaspora. The present group is composed of about 120 people from Canada, the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Great Britain, France and Australia.

In the past few years, Young Judaea's enrollment at the Machon has steadily climbed from one in 1978, four in 1979 and nine this year; from St. John's to Calgary, including six from the Atlantic Region.

We look forward to a great year at the Machon.  
Chazak V'ematz.



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# Settling The Galilee: Priorities and Problems

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by Jonathan Paul

The demand to give priority to the future of Galilee is no longer a cry in the wilderness. As the plans for the Negev get under way following the evacuation of Sinai, the development of Galilee will not take second place. This was the hopeful conclusion following the summer 1979 meetings of the Zionist General Council and the Jewish Agency's 50th Assembly. Yet with all the publicity given to Galilee's prospects and problems, it still remains to be seen how the settlement authorities meet the practical challenges involved.

Within 220,000 acres of Galilee, Israel's northernmost region, it is estimated that there are 70,400 Jews (32%) and 149,600 Arabs and Druze (68%). The figures suggest a demographic imbalance in a region whose Jewish character has remained undisputed since Second Temple days and whose place within the borders of the State of Israel has been taken for granted.

While there is no proof to the claim that there is a conspiracy by the Israeli Arabs of Galilee to "take over" vast tracts of land, it appears that the high natural growth rate of Galilee's Arab population has resulted in the tendency for Arab villages to sprawl outwards and take over land in all directions, regardless of the ownership of land onto which the villagers move.

## Three Approaches

The Israeli settlement authorities have recently begun to grapple seriously with the realities of the situation. Three approaches have been adopted to the settlement of Galilee by the Jews, sometimes termed "Yihud" (or Judaization) of Galilee, a term rejected by some Jews, as well as by Arabs. First is the establishment of new, permanent settlements in areas until now not settled. The second approach is to reclaim more land for agriculture for the extant Jewish settlements in the region, and provide them with additional housing. The housing issue has also been raised regarding the region's seven development towns. The third and so far the most controversial approach is the establishment of 29-30 new temporary settlement outposts, called Mitzpim or Mitzporim.

The areas in which new permanent settlements are being established do not lend themselves readily to cultivation. These are the rock-strewn hills of the Galilee where natural water sources are sparse. A great amount of time and money must be invested before settlements of an agricultural type can be erected.

There are three "blocs" which best exemplify how the natural problems of the Galilee are being solved. They are the Segev bloc in Central Galilee, the Tzalmon bloc further east, and the Tefen Industrial zone and settlement bloc situated between Maalot and Carmiel.

## Segev

The Segev bloc is designed to apply the industrial village concept—an extension of the moshav—en masse. Eight new industrial villages with a variety of industries as their economic basis, are planned for the bloc. Whilst it is still in the experimental stage, there is a logic to the thesis that it is easier and quicker to establish a settlement that depends purely on industry rather than to invest in agriculture on land that is difficult to cultivate.

In terms of the demography of the Segev block, there are an estimated 20,000 Arabs and 300 Jews, yet awareness of a demographic problem came very late in the day for some members of the Yaad settlement. A few weeks after its unofficial settlement on the land in November 1978, one of them drove into the large neighboring village of Sakhnin for petrol. In the course of conversation with some of the locals he invited them to come and visit Yaad. The reaction was one of indignation: "How dare you invite us to a place which we consider ours."

Yaad is the first of the industrial villages to be completed. Its industry is computer software design. The Yaad Garin (nucleus) are all University graduates in computer technology and allied sciences. Proof of its success is found in the integration of Yaad-designed systems at the Petro Chemical Industries and the Israel Electricity Company.

## Tzalmon

The Tzalmon bloc is a settlement region with the bias



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towards permanent agricultural settlements, situated further east of Segev and with rather different problems. Because the terrain in the Tzalmon block is less suitable for agricultural purposes, the settlement authorities have prepared land for the farmers of the bloc some distance away. Thus, for example, the lands belonging to Kibbutz Lotem are situated a good three quarters of an hour's drive even further east.

Kibbutz Moran in this bloc is a 'first' for a special reason. The group, exurbanite Israelis, insisted that they build their homes themselves, reverting to the old pioneering tradition of no outside labor. But like Tzalmon and Lotem, Moran suffers from isolation. There are no roads directly linking any of these settlements with either of the two main urban centers in the region, Carmiel and Safed, and consequently no public transport yet links them with the rest of the region.

## Tefen

The Tefen Industrial Zone is intended to provide work for the populations of Carmiel, Maalot and the new settlements. The factories at present in partial or full operation include a battery and electrical appliance plant, a rubber plant, and a shoe factory. The majority of workers today are local Arabs. Of the six new settlements planned on the zone's perimeter, only one, Lapidot, is complete and populated.

## Outposts

The settlement outposts constitute the final approach to solving the demographic problems of the Galilee. Their settlers have various objectives. Their very existence on State-owned land is intended to prove a Jewish presence. Practically speaking they are employed to fence off large areas of state land surrounding their outposts, and guard them against illegal encroachment. The Jewish National Fund, which is the settlement institution responsible for clearing the ground for the 30 or so outposts, claims that both the infrastructures and the access roads for the outposts are complete. The settlers are expected to number between 10-15 families per settlement, providing their own livelihood, but only a few of the outposts have as yet been manned.

The controversy surrounding the outposts is twofold. In Jewish opinion, while the settlers of the three new blocs appreciate the urgency of establishing a Jewish presence on state owned land, via these settlements-in-trust as the outposts are sometimes called, they are concerned that the diversion of funds and manpower to establish them will adversely effect the development of their own settlements which are intended to be permanent. In terms of cost, a permanent settlement costs IL100 million to establish, and an outpost IL6 million.

## Arab Fears

Arab opposition is founded on the villagers' fear that the new policy involves taking land, which they believe is theirs, for Jewish settlement. While they support the settlement of Galilee, they object to the aim of 'Judaizing'

the area. In some places they oppose the construction of outposts dominating Arab villages and 'supervising' life there from above. One could elaborate on these themes, all of which caused a physical effort to prevent the erection of an outpost in the Catholic village of Mi'ilya in July 1979, an episode ending in violence, police intervention and arrests.

## Galilee Lobby?

A review of the plans for the Galilee shows that the 50 new settlements, including the outposts, should be sufficient to establish a Jewish presence in those areas where it does not exist. The development towns must also be urgently expanded and a new one was recently initiated near Maalot. Further, this ambitious plan must be realized at a time when the Negev is still at the top of the priority list. The first echoes of a "Galilee Lobby" in the Knesset and elsewhere have recently been heard but if it is to achieve its aims, its voice will have to reverberate strongly and clearly up and down the Land.

# Epochal Event In Israel; NGO European Sports Contingent Convenes In Israel For First Time

by Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV (JTA)—The Non-Government Organization of Europe (NGO), a sports contingent from 11 countries plus Israel's Sports Federation leaders, opened a six-day conference here marking the first time ever that a governing European sports body convened in Israel. The event is epochal in that Israel sports bodies now are given recognition as full-fledged entities in the European Zone.

Representatives are present from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Austria. Holland's W. Van Ulsen, president of the NGO, opened the proceedings followed by a welcome to all assembled by Shmuel Lalkin, head of Israel's Sports Federation.

## Boycotts Are Criticized

The highlight of the opening session was an address by Dr. Uriel Simri, director of the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports. Touching on the vulnerability of government bodies in interfering with international competitions, Simri stated:

"We have known boycotts of the Olympic Games in the past, but even the African boycott of 1976 was far less severe than the boycott (against the Games in Moscow last summer) instigated by President Carter and one may rightly claim that the tendency to boycott the Olympic Games, for political reasons, has grown with the years.

"The fact that organizers of international sports events, including the Olympic Games, have boycotted participants who had the legal right to participate has also definitely contributed towards the use of the boycott as a weapon in the sports arena."

# Anti-Semitism In The 80's

Reprint: Jerusalem Post

A survey of the situation of French Jewry by the Post's David Krivine. And a special report by staffer Ernie Meyer on a recent Jerusalem symposium on anti-Semitism.

THE BOMB that went off outside the synagogue in rue Copernic blew up a popular illusion: that the French people have forgotten the difference between Jew and gentile.

Many Jews take heart from the magnificent act of repudiation in which the whole French people joined, making it clear that these anti-Semitic brutalities are abhorrent to the republic and its institutions. "At the funeral of one of the bomb victims in a small country church," says Michel Topiol, president of the UJA in France, "the curé read three poems. One was the *Shema*. I cannot tell you how moving that was."

YET the last couple of months were filled with alarming events. A car drove past a number of sites in Paris, pouring submachine-gun fire into a synagogue, a school, a kindergarten. A bomb damaged a Jewish war memorial near Notre Dame Cathedral.

Windows were broken in the "Sentier" (centre of the Jewish rag trade) and a shop in the Jewish Milgram chain was blown up. Rabbi Sirat, chosen to succeed Kaplan as Chief Rabbi of France, had his beard pulled and his hat thrown off in the Paris underground.

ANTI-SEMITISM exists in the Diaspora; everyone knows that. It never perishes altogether. Prof. Charles Tapiero, chairman of the World Zionist Organization's Sephardi communities department, reminds us that, according to a recent poll taken by the daily *L'Express*, one Frenchman in eight considers there are too many Jews in his country. One in 10 believe that France is not the Jewish community's true homeland.

Mild antagonism of this sort, noticeable mainly among ill-disposed individuals with a bee in their bonnet, has not bothered the Jews of France overmuch, any more than the same kind of phenomenon causes concern in other freedom-loving countries. But the latest sudden spill into violence, even though on a relatively small scale, has caused shock waves, out of proportion perhaps to the events causing it.



After the bombing of the Paris synagogue.

Mr. Topiol explains: "When a healthy man has a pain in the chest, he takes an aspirin. When a man who has had a heart attack feels a pain, he thinks his time has come.

"The Jews of America never experienced the Nazi occupation as we did. Pétain, Laval, the anti-Jewish laws, are supposed to be a thing of the past. Jews have risen to important positions in France's cultural and political life. They think it cannot happen again."

But the terrible trauma of the war years persists; it rankles under the surface. "That small bomb, which killed the four unfortunates," Topiol says gravely, "has caused a *bouleversement*, turning everything upside down. It has awakened memories going back not just to Hitler, but to Dreyfus."

JOE SILBERSTEIN, a Jewish Agency emissary to France back in Jerusalem for the meeting of the Agency's board of governors, quotes the scion of an old and extremely assimilated Jewish family as saying publicly: "There is a wave of terrorism in Europe. In France it is taking an anti-Semitic form." Everybody was startled to hear such a drastic conclusion from this man, of all people. He continued: "For the first time in my life I went to synagogue. For the first time in my life I joined a demonstration"—the march of Jews down the Champs Elysée after the service. He regretted that there were so many Israeli flags and so few French flags, but all the same, "I was proud to take part in that assembly."

Topiol comments:

"This little bomb has awakened Jewish dignity, I would

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almost say Jewish self-esteem. The reaction of our youth over there is indignant, aggressive, challenging. That is because they have the knowledge of Israel and the example of Israel.

"They are lucky, so lucky. We did not have that during the Hitler war. We lived in a vacuum. They have Israel behind them. It makes all the difference.

"Let me tell you a story. I have six grandchildren here; one is a pilot in the Israeli air force. I have a grandson in Paris too, Marc. I said to Marc, half-jokingly, 'Can you be as strong in the present ordeal as your cousin Jacky in Israel?' He said yes—and meant it. Our youngsters do not want to fall behind their brethren in Israel, do you see?"

THE CAUSE of the recent excesses is a combination of several things. First, the anti-Israel stand adopted in Western countries, and France in particular. "Each time I see a newscast about Israel on French TV, I have to take a tranquilizer," says Silberstein. The generally inimical tone helps bring latent anti-Jewish feelings to the surface. After the horrors of the Holocaust, the world felt guilty. Even people who entertained emotions of hostility towards the Jews repressed them. Now that it is all right to criticize the Jewish state, the psychological self-censorship is lifting.

Then there is the proneness to violence that has emerged in our times. Prof. Tapiero sees importance in the combination between the lurking anti-Semitism that is always there and the terrorism that has become commonplace in the modern world. The security which exists among Jews in the tolerant and prosperous Western societies is fragile, because democratic societies are vulnerable, he says.

"Look at the plague of hijacking, look at the diminutive terrorist organizations that hold governments to ransom. The West is exposed to the tyranny of extremist ideological minorities.

"The first reaction of the Jews to the present barbarities was shock—and then came unity. A majority of the Jews in France are immigrants from North Africa," he reminds us, "and they did not go through the same experience as the European Jews.

"They are not assimilated in France, they are communities in transition. They instinctively turn to Israel when threatened, because their culture is Israel-centred." They were not affected by the universalist doctrines expounded by the Ari, the great medieval Kabbalist, he explains. "The Sephardim always believed in a return to sources."

THE JEWISH people in France are confused at the moment. They face a dilemma over the two conflicting aspects of France: the France of the bomb in the rue Copernic, and the France of the great protest against the bombing, cutting across all political parties. This reflects the two aspects of their own personality: the Jewish identity and the French identity.

A lot depends on what happens next, and there are conflicting opinions about that. Walter Eytan, one-time Israeli ambassador in Paris, does not expect a deterioration in the traditionally tolerant attitude of the French.

"A measure of anti-Semitism has always been present," he says. "It's so old, it can almost be seen as part of Europe's Judeo-Christian civilization. If people are prepared to live with it, they have no right to get excited at the occasional sinister event. If they are not prepared to live with it, they come to Israel."

Abraham Avihai, chairman of Keren Hayesod, takes a more pessimistic view.

"The world has changed since 1973. It is not a safe place any more. The feeling has gained ground that the good things we took for granted yesterday may be gone tomorrow. World insecurity is Jewish insecurity. This new uncertain, unstable situation threatens all that has been achieved since the Jewish Emancipation in the last century."

The answer, in Tapiero's opinion, is to recognize that the problem does not belong to the Diaspora alone; it belongs equally to Israel. Both parts of the Jewish people are integrally linked together; a blow to one is a blow to the other.

"The battles of Israel are fought not only in Sinai and the Golan and South Lebanon," he stresses. "They are fought in London, New York, Paris—and in rue Copernic."

Joe Silberstein, a fifth-generation sabra, observes:

"The Jews of France in their present impasse need Israel. It is our task in Israel to speak up, to open their eyes. Five thousand Jewish families could be brought over tomorrow—if we could escape from our lethargy and send out the right messages."

That, he believes, is what the Jewish problem, including the new spell of bomb-throwing in France, is all about.



*The National Front in Britain.*

#### **Symposium On Anti-Semitism — Ernie Meyer**

ABOUT ONE THIRD of Americans have a latent tendency to anti-Semitism. This anti-Semitism is still not respectable, but the danger lies in its potential. No one knows what catalyst might spark a crisis: It could be the price of a gallon of petrol reaching \$5, inflation hitting 25 per cent a year, or unemployment getting out of hand.

This is how Dr. Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, sees anti-Semitism in the U.S. today.

A less alarming view of the situation in Europe is taken by Dr. S. Roth, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London. He does not see a growing Nazi or Fascist mass movement on the horizon. While he regards the neo-Nazi groups more as an obnoxious irritant than a serious threat, he considers European democracies sufficiently resilient to resist them.

In the long run, he sees the more serious danger in the intellectual right, in the falsifiers of Holocaust history, and in the anti-Zionist radical left. Right-wing anti-Semitism may remain "the socialism of the fools," he points out, but Left-wing anti-Zionism is "the folly of the socialists."

The two experts were speaking during a symposium on "Anti-Semitism in the 1980s" held in Jerusalem on September 29 as part of the annual meeting of the international council of Yad Vashem. The date was chosen

to mark the 39th anniversary of the German slaughter of Kiev's Jews at Babi Yar.

Dr. Foxman, who, as a young child hidden by Catholics, survived the destruction of the Vilna ghetto, cited a 1979 Gallup poll which found that 29 per cent of Americans see Jews as more loyal to Israel than to the U.S. Another poll this year found 45 per cent of American blacks holding this view.

The latest addition to the anti-Semitic arsenal in the U.S. is the movement to proclaim the Holocaust a hoax. Dr. Foxman described its three aims. The first is to undermine the legitimacy of the State of Israel. This is done by questioning the reality of the Holocaust, thereby weakening the sense of contrition felt by some nations.

The second goal is to rehabilitate the reputation of Nazi Germany, and the third, to develop new forms of expression for traditional anti-Semitism.

Citing the lack of education as the main source of U.S. anti-Semitism, Foxman laid some of the blame on the Church. As an example, he mentioned the case of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Bailey Smith, who recently declared: "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew." The influential church leader later explained that he is not anti-Semitic, but that it is simply a fact that "no prayer gets through that is not prayed through Jesus."

While the Anti-Defamation League has found evidence of a "Buy Christian" campaign, it is more worried by the growing role of anti-Semitism in political life. For instance, according to Foxman, the Klu Klux Klan is becoming more audacious and more politically active, and in general there is a greater callousness about anti-Semitism.

IN A VERY detailed exposition of the situation in Western Europe, Dr. Roth cautioned that looking only at the "warts" of anti-Semitism does not give a true picture. On the whole, the position of European Jewry had looked better in the last 25 years after the end of World War II, than it had ever done before.

"One cannot really complain of anti-Semitism," he said, "when a Jewess (Simone Weil) is elected president of the European Parliament, when a Jew (Bruno Kreisky) is chancellor of what is, relatively, the most anti-Semitic European country, Austria, and when the rights of Jews are nowhere seriously curtailed."

But in the 1970s, the three factors that had made for the postwar "golden era" changed. The shock of the Hitler era,

with its resulting feelings of guilt, wore off. The State of Israel, whose emergence had raised the status of Jews, was viewed differently and even among many liberals Zionism became a dirty word. Finally, economic boom turned into recession. In the nine countries of the Common Market there are no less than seven million unemployed. Britain has two million. In Belgium, the rate exceeds 11 per cent.

"While each of these changes would be a serious cause for concern, their cumulative effect creates frightening prospects," Roth warned.

In spite of these conditions, which one British neo-Nazi leader described as "made-to-measure" for right-wing extremism, that movement has not become stronger. Measured in electoral terms, the right wing is definitely declining in Britain, in France and in Italy. Although this applies generally to Germany too, the extreme right there shows some increase.

In the 1979 report of the West German Interior Ministry, 23 groups were described as explicitly neo-Nazi—six more than two years earlier. Their total membership was reported to be up from 900 to 1,400.

"Still, an average of 61 members per organization cannot be described as a formidable threat," said Roth. The recently outlawed French Federation d'action nationale et européenne, or FANE, claimed altogether 260 members. Even the membership of the largest neo-Nazi group in England, the British National Front, is estimated at no more than 10,000 and leadership conflicts have led to repeated splits.

"I know it will be said that Hitler did not start with more than a handful of followers. This is true. But it is equally true that not every group of 50 crazy fanatics grows into a big political party. All of these groups are led by complete non-entities, and that is of paramount importance," he added with a note of hope.

But if numbers were declining, neo-Nazi activities were on the increase all over Europe. "The groups couldn't increase their membership, so they increased their activities," explained Roth, attributing part of this development to the American TV series on the Holocaust.

ROTH CAUTIONED that counting incidents, rather than weighing their significance, can lead to treating mere irritants as serious dangers. Many of the increasing number of terror acts are not directed against Jews. (He was speaking a week before the bombing at the Paris synagogue.) "In general, Jews play a secondary role in many



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of the activities of neo-Nazis, whose main targets are coloured people in Britain and foreign workers in Germany and Sweden."

He regards the "intellectual" right wing, which fights not with bombs but with ideas, as a new and dangerous phenomenon. It emerged in France as a cultural rather than a political movement, under the name of "Groupement de Recherches et d'études pour la civilisation européenne (GRECE). With an estimated membership of 10,000, its danger is the intellectual level of its adherents and their presence in some high places.

While GRECE preaches that men, both individuals and races, are created unequal, its leaders would certainly deny being anti-Semitic, says Roth.

He went on to give many details about "revisionist historians," who deny the facts of the Holocaust and describe it as the greatest swindle ever perpetrated. "These falsifiers of history are a much more dangerous element than the occasional swastika-daubing hooligan, to whom we possibly give too much attention and certainly too much publicity."

Dr. Roth concluded his presentation with a warning against the danger of the anti-Zionism fostered by the left and the new left. Whatever their original aims, the effect of their attitude is anti-Semitic. In the long run, this represents a greater danger to Jewry than the activities of the numerous small neo-Nazi groups.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY historian Prof. Shmuel Ettinger sees the Soviet Union as the centre of worldwide anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist agitation. There is a self-perpetuating lobby, especially in the military and the academic establishment, that lives off this campaign.

"It is cause for worry that a world power like Russia invests such extravagant efforts in anti-Zionism, which, from a realistic point of view, the State of Israel is not worth. But there is no doubt that the government is dragged along by these pressure groups and by public feeling."

The many Soviet anti-Semitic publications lean heavily on the racial element. The line between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism is blurred. Every Jew, especially in the U.S., is presented as a Zionist. Zionism is not a tool in the hands of U.S. imperialism: the White House is a tool in the hands of the Zionists.

"Zionism is something the Jewish capitalists invented for their profit; the Zionists were the partners of the Nazis; historically, the Jews volunteered to live in ghettos, so as to rule their host nations more effectively." And so the crude lies continue.

Ettinger admitted that perhaps he was painting too bleak a picture. He quoted writers such as Nadezhda Mandelstam, who claims that she never encountered anti-Semitism in Russia.

Prof. Franklin H. Littell of the religious studies department at Temple University, who is a member of the U.S. Council on the Holocaust, warned that the damage being done by revisionist historians should be taken seriously, and castigated the news media for building up these groups.

"You can't 'discuss' the truth of the Holocaust. That's a distortion of the concept of free speech." He was applauded when he declared: "The U.S. should emulate West Germany, which outlaws such public exercises. We now have to deal with a minimum of violence; later, we'll have to fight them in the streets."

## A Religion That Doesn't Seek Converts

Reprint

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Christians assume that all religions, like their own, are on the lookout for prospective converts.

But Judaism is one faith that accepts new members from other religions only reluctantly. In fact, some Jews—the tradition-centred Orthodox Jews, for instance—may not even recognize converts received into other sectors of Judaism, such as the Conservative Jews or the Reformed Jews.

The issue of people converting to Judaism usually comes up on the occasion of a man or woman entering into marriage with a Jew.

At one time it was unthinkable for any rabbi to officiate at a marriage involving a Jew if there were a non-Jewish partner to consider, the non-Jew was expected to convert.

In very liberal branches of Judaism, at least in North America, this may no longer be true. A poll of reformed rabbis in the United States reported that 41 per cent are willing to officiate at mixed marriages without requiring conversion. Although 21 per cent required that the offspring be raised as Jews, a full 29 per cent made no such condition.

Since intermarriage of Jews and non-Jews is at an unprecedented high, this is a big problem. Of all marriages in the United States involving Jews, a study found that 16.8 per cent are with a non-Jew. Before 1952, statistics show intermarriage as a minor factor in Jewish life.

In Canada figures may be even higher, approaching 24 per cent.

Among Orthodox Jews, a wedding of a Jew and a Gentile—even if a liberal rabbi officiates—is viewed as no marriage at all.

A Jewish family of any strictness would be expected to abstain themselves from the ceremony.

Most rabbis—and in a place like Toronto, all rabbis—would require a conversion of the non-Jew to the Jewish faith. An Orthodox rabbi I know said that without conversion there can be no marriage. Furthermore, he said that it must be a proper conversion, "an Orthodox conversion."

He is an internationally respected scholar of Jewish law. His study at home is lined with row upon row of books in many languages, many of those in Hebrew written by himself.

A man in his early 60's, he spoke gently about this problem of conversion to Judaism, combining his own innate compassion with what he considers the inflexibility of Jewish tradition.

For the brutal fact is that Orthodox Jews will not recognize conversions undertaken under Reformed or Conservative auspices. For these are assumed to be conversions of convenience, for the sake of marriage.

As an Orthodox Jew, the rabbi I became acquainted with does not recognize what others hold to be true—that Judaism is divided up into sects or denominations: Reformed, Conservative, and Orthodox.

"There are only observant and non-observant Jews," he said.

Observant means eating Kosher foods from Kosher dishes, abstaining from forbidden foods, praying before meals and other acts, keeping the head covered, observing the laws of ritual cleanliness as regards sex, refraining from prohibited kinds of activity on the sabbath—things that Conservative, and especially reformed Jews, may not take seriously.

From an Orthodox Jew, these rules are the will of God expressed in divinely inspired words of the Law of Moses.

It is not a mere focus on externals, of course. Heart is given to these actions by continual study of and surrender to the Law.

This is not an odd or eccentric point of view. Another rabbi sat preparing some conferences at his dining room table as I talked with him. He was also Orthodox.

For him the marriage of a Jew and non-Jew is second in seriousness only to the outright conversion of a Jew to another religion. When a Jew intermarries with a Gentile, he said, he denies the validity of his Jewishness, because a proper Jewish religious life involves the totality of being of a person, 24 hours a day.

But if a person has converted to Judaism "according to legitimate specifications," he said, he is considered a Jew in every way.

This is an Orthodox rabbi talking. What Orthodox Jews consider a conversion "according to specifications" includes a long period of prescribed reading and personal tutoring for the candidate, circumcision for the male, and ritual immersion. These are rituals always bypassed by the conservative and reformed sectors of Judaism.

In addition, orthodox Jews scorn the Reformed concept of "conversion classes."

There is, however, more to it than that. The kind of Judaism taught in Conservative and Reformed congregations—and even the rabbis who teach it—are somehow suspect.

The rabbi I was visiting shocked me. "Reformed rabbis are not really rabbis, because they are not observant," he said. According to him, no Orthodox rabbi would recognize the legitimacy of reformed or Conservative rabbis, and there is no difference between them.

The reason? They are not observant of the Law of Moses. They therefore reject the absolute divine character of scripture in totality.

"It makes no difference whether they reject one per cent or 90 per cent," he said.

When I heard that, I went and talked with a Conservative rabbi I had known in Toronto. He too was wary of Gentiles converting to Judaism. He felt that very few non-Jews from Christian churches have had very good religious formation.

Religion rests lightly upon them, he said, and they are always coming up with phrases like, "I never believed all that."

If Christianity didn't serve them, the rabbi said, how can the Jewish religion do it? "Some individuals become theology. They imagine things like warm family relationships in the Jewish community. The grass is greener on the other side."

The problem as he sees it is not gaining Gentile converts, but developing a greater religious sensitivity among Jews.

His final words to me: "Many Jews are secularized. I would like us to be a religious group, not an ethnic group. Unless Judaism has something to say religiously, the battle is not worth the fighting."

## Major Collection Of Russian Papers Found

Reprint: Cultures Canada

An important collection of records documenting Canadian-Russian relations, long rumoured to be hidden in an American archives underground vault, has at last been located.

The collection consists of about 100 boxes of countless letters, reports, photos and other documents, and was compiled more than sixty years ago by three former Russian diplomats: **Sergi Likacheff**, consul general in Montreal; **Harry Mathers**, vice-consul in Halifax; and **Constantine Ragsine**, consul in Vancouver.

This new information will provide thousands of Canadians of Armenian, Doukhobor, Estonian, Finnish, Georgian, Jewish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Mennonite, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian origins with valuable information about the region they, or their ancestors, left for Canada. The collection will also shed light on what their forebearers looked like, and what their lifestyles, and cultural and religious values were.

One ethnic group, more than any other, will find these records of enormous benefit. The immigration of the Jewish Community from Russia to Canada is exceptionally well documented in these records. For most Canadian Jews the lack of comprehensive records on places of their origin in Russia, Lithuania, Byelorussia, Poland, and Ukraine has been a major obstacle to establishing their ties with a former homeland and with relatives left behind. The excitement among Canadian Jews at the prospect of studying records of their exodus from Russia is already evident among those who have learned of the existence of the collection.

Anyone using this collection to trace their ancestors may be able to uncover long-lost relatives, claim estates they never knew existed, or repossess belongings they lost. Likacheff and Ragsine, in particular, kept accurate information on places of origin of immigrants, dates of arrival in Canada, places they settled, education, names of next-of-kin, ownership of property, and value of estates. These two compilers were also legal advisers, defenders in courts, trustees of estates, and monitors of claims for support for dependents while on war service, and for pensions, compensations and land grants.

Records in the collection also reveal a good deal about East Europeans' involvement in World War I. Heart-rending letters written in Russian, Finnish, Yiddish, and Ukrainian describe many individuals' deeds and misfortunes during that war. Canadians who served in the Siberian Expeditionary Force or the Archangel Railway Brigade are often listed by name, and Canadian relief to victims of the Russian Civil War is well documented. As well, Likacheff's efforts to free interned Russians mistaken for Austrian nationalists is also well documented.

The collection's whereabouts has intrigued Canadian scholars and archivists for years, and it is now safely stored in the Public Archives in Ottawa. The task of organizing, describing, and microfilming may take a year or more, but then this priceless collection of Canadiana will be available to the public.

## Maccabiah Games Set For Israel July 1981

TORONTO—The Eleventh MACCABIAH Games will be held in Israel July 6-16, 1981. Since the first Maccabiah Games in 1932, thousands of Jewish athletes from around the world have taken part in the Games, recognized by the International Olympic Committee and the International Sports Federation as one of the only six such international events equivalent in stature to the Olympic Games.

3,000 athletes and contestants from thirty countries will take part in the ten-day games—participating in more than thirty different sporting events. The games will be held mostly in Ramat Gan and the Tel Aviv metropolitan area.

The Maccabiah Games opening ceremony is set for July 6, 1981 at the Ramat Gan Olympic Stadium. Over fifty thousand spectators are expected to watch Israel's President Navon declare the Games open and to witness the runner light the Maccabiah flame in honour of the Maccabees, who led the "Chanukah" rebellion against the Greeks more than 2,100 years ago, in whose memory the Maccabiah Games are dedicated.

Two events in addition to the actual games are a Gala Concert in honour of the games on July 4, 1981 given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Zubin Mehta; and a festival of Gymnastics and folklore on July 11, 12 and 13 (in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa respectively) with Israel and International folklore groups performing with the Games' competing gymnasts.

Further details and Games schedule are available from the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. Tickets should be ordered before May 15, 1981, from The 11th Maccabiah Games Organizing Committee, the Kfar Hamaccabiah, Ramat Gan, Israel.

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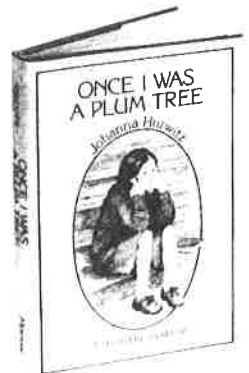
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## Research Improves Fish Breeding Methods

Israel leads the world in the variety of fish it raises in ponds, according to the Israel Fish Breeders Association, which recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the industry in Israel. The association's secretary, Marco Solomon, reports that the six varieties of fish now bred include carp, St. Peter's fish, silver carp, grey mullet and trout, as well as new varieties of grass and silver carp which have a particularly low-fat content.

Fish breeding is carried out at 79 kibbutzim and several villages, with the industry "totally integrated" into the communities' farming activities, according to association members. This is done to avoid wasting water. The breeders, for example, deepen ponds so as to catch and store winter rains and provide water for cotton irrigation during the dry summer months.

Over the last ten years Israel's fish breeders have succeeded in considerably reducing pond areas while maintaining breeding levels. This is the result of intensive research which has led to such innovations as automatic feeding machines, aeration for intensive breeding and a system to pump the fish out of the ponds when they are to be marketed. Research is currently focused on sea fish breeding along the shore and the experimental breeding of prawns in fresh water ponds for the export market.

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## Anti-Zionism Is Anti-Semitism

The passing of the resolution equating Zionism with racism was one of the many travesties of justice perpetrated upon the world in recent times. The sponsors of this resolution are not really concerned with justice or truth, but only with gaining their political ends. Whatever the wording of this resolution, ANTI-ZIONISM actually spells ANTI-SEMITISM. The proof of this is that since that time there has been a rise in anti-semitic incidents throughout the world.

In March of this year, the London Times in a dispatch from its Helsinki correspondent, reported that Iraq has now broadened the boycott of Israel to include not only Zionists but Jews as well. One of the questions asked of suppliers: "Is there any person in the company who is a Zionist or a Jew?"

Numerous books are making their appearance, attempting to prove that the Holocaust was a myth and forced upon the unsuspecting world in order to gain sympathy for the Jews, so that they would get a homeland. A recent new publication in California calls for an in-depth study of the fictitious Holocaust and its role as a Zionist propaganda weapon. They write about the "absurdity of gas chambers" and call Anne Frank's diary a lie.

David Kahane, 15, was killed in Antwerp by terrorists in front of the Agudat Israel Community Center. Two other children were wounded critically. One almost lost his sight, the other suffered severe head wounds. Was David killed because he was a Zionist or was he killed because he was a Jew?

JTA reports that the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry has received reports that the 2350-year-old synagogue of Ezra the Scribe in Tadeh near Aleppo is being used as stables. The adjoining cemetery is being used as a pasture for animals.

The U.N. and International organizations—extensions of the U.N.—have become nothing but tools for the passing of anti-Zionist and anti-Israel resolutions. The fact that millions of people are starving in the various parts of the world and have never heard of "human rights" appears to be of no concern whatsoever to that world body. Recently the World Council of Churches policy-making committee stated that Jerusalem, forever united, as the capital of Israel, jeopardizes world peace. The Pope made a similar statement. Where was the World Council of Churches and where was the Vatican when it became known that Jewish Holy sites in East Jerusalem were being desecrated in the most shocking manner by the Jordanians.

Anyone who has travelled to an Arab country in the years since Israel gained her Independence knows that upon arrival one has to state one's religion, not political affiliation. Is this Anti-Zionism or could it possibly be anti-Semitism?

The list could go on ad finitum. The reason for quoting some of these facts and incidents is, that we must see things the way they really are. If we do not, we play right into the hands of those who would have the world believe that Zionism is Racism. So let us not fool ourselves, anti-Zionism should really read ANTI-SEMITISM!

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