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Editorial

CHESED

I am taking this opportunity to refer to an article that appeared in a recent edition of "Israel Scene". It would appear to have been written by the editor, Helen Davis, who comments on the state of *Chesed* in Israel. She goes on to say that while there is no adequate translation for *Chesed*—"Loving Kindness"—is probably the closest one can get.

What is the state of *Chesed* here in Atlantic Canada or for that matter Canada in general? Ms. Davis reports that in Israel it is alive and well—and undergoing a remarkable renaissance. Can we say the same is happening here?

The ultimate goal of *Chesed* is done without thought of personal or moral gain. Jewish Law prescribes support of the poor, the widow and the orphan, visit the sick, comfort the bereaved and ensure a dignified burial for the dead. Provide a dowry for the needy bride, dance at her wedding and help provide a good education for her children.

According to Sara Meltzer, Chairman of the Centre for Volunteer Services, in Israel, "one in every four Israelis—man, woman and child—serves his community voluntarily in some capacity."

Keeping this in mind, we in the Diaspora, must call for a renaissance of volunteers, leaders, and individuals to truly practice "*Chesed*". "Happy is he who performs a good deed: For he may tip the scales for himself and the world."—Talmud: Kiddushin, 40:2

SHALOM From Shalom
Shirlee Fox
Editor

HOLIDAYS AND FASTS 5737-5741 (1976/7-1980/1)

	5737-תשל"ז 1976/7	5738-תשל"ח 1977/8	5739-תשל"ט 1978/9	5740-תש"ס 1979/80	5741-תשמ"א 1980/1
Rosh Hashbanah . . .	Sept. 25-26	Sept. 13-14	Oct. 2-3	Sept. 22-23	Sept. 11-12
Fast of Gedaliah . . .	Sept. 27	Sept. 15	Oct. 4	Sept. 24	Sept. 14
Yom Kippur	Oct. 4	Sept. 22	Oct. 11	Oct. 1	Sept. 20
Sukkot, begins . . .	Oct. 9	Sept. 27	Oct. 16	Oct. 6	Sept. 25
Hoshana Rabbah . . .	Oct. 15	Oct. 3	Oct. 22	Oct. 12	Oct. 1
Shemini Atzeret . . .	Oct. 16	Oct. 4	Oct. 23	Oct. 13	Oct. 2
Simhat Torah	Oct. 17	Oct. 5	Oct. 24	Oct. 14	Oct. 3
Hanukkah	Dec. 17-24	Dec. 12	Dec. 25 - Jan. 1	Dec. 15-22	Dec. 3-10
Fast of 10th of Tevet . .	Dec. 31	Dec. 20	Jan. 9	Dec. 30	Dec. 17
Fast of Esther	March 3	Mar. 22	March 12	Feb. 28	March 19
Purim	March 4	Mar. 23	March 13	March 2	March 20
Pesah (Passover) . . .	April 3-10	April 22-29	April 12-19	April 1-8	April 19-26
Israel Independ. Day . .	April 21	May 11	May 2	April 21	May 7
Lag Baomer	May 6	May 25	May 15	May 4	May 22
Shavuot	May 23-24	June 11-12	June 1-2	May 21-22	June 8-9
Fast of 17th of Tammuz .	July 3	July 23	July 12	July 1	July 19
Fast of 9th of Av . . .	July 24	August 13	Aug. 2	July 22	Aug. 9

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Thank You

—From The Staff Of Shalom

... I want to say I enjoy the "Shalom" very much, especially reading about Judge L. Dubinsky and Anita Dubinsky, Ben Prossin, Judge N. Green and more Glace Bay people who reside in Halifax. Sorry they couldn't be here, I wish them all the best. With best wishes and keep up the good work. . . .

Mrs. J. Jacobson
Glace Bay

... A pleasure receiving the "Shalom". . . .

Jean David

... I must say I enjoy the articles which are submitted, and I have received some very good comments for the magazine from members of our community. Keep up the good work, and wishing you much success. . . .

Jennie Brown
Fredericton

... Keep up the good work. You publish a much needed magazine. It draws everyone's support. . . .

Nathan Cohen
Moncton

... We enjoy reading the "Shalom" and look forward to every copy. Thank you. . . .

Mr. & Mrs. Percy Gaum
Sydney

... I think this magazine is a great factor in keeping the Atlantic Jewish Community together; and contributes very much to each village, town and city where Jews reside, to know what's going on in the other communities in the Atlantic Provinces. Wishing you the best of luck in continuing this magazine. . . .

(Mrs.) Lil Borshy
Halifax

... We enjoy the publication very much and look forward to its regular arrival. Congratulations on your fine efforts as Editor. . . .

Paula Kaplansky
Montreal

... I am happy to have received your wonderful magazine. It was really marvelous for me to read about my native land, the Maritime Provinces, about the Jewish life in my native Nova Scotia and the rest of the Maritimes. . . .

A. Medjuck
Syracuse, N.Y.

Prossin Nominated For National Jaycee Award



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December 10, 1980 issue

Sackville and District Jaycees have nominated lawyer Ben Prossin for one of Five Outstanding Young Canadian awards.

The awards are co-ordinated by Canadian Jaycees. Each year judges from across Canada choose from over 200 nominations, five young people who have excelled in their contributions to Canadianism through their occupation or organizational activities.

Mr. Prossin, a partner in the firm of Block, Prossin and MacLean, was born in Glace Bay. At an early age, he took an interest in his Jewish cultural background.

He became involved in Canadian Young Judaea, a Jewish youth movement and worked through the ranks to become regional president in 1962, a position he held for four years.

Mr. Prossin was heavily involved in the Jewish summer camp, Camp Kadimah, near Bridgewater. He became Camp Director at the age of 23 and held that post from 1968 to 1971. Presently, he is deputy chairman of the camp committee.

In 1967, Mr. Prossin volunteered to go to Israel during the Six Day War. He arrived as the war was ending but stayed for three months working in an agricultural settlement.

As a result of his involvement in Canadian Young Judaea, Mr. Prossin became involved with the Zionist Organization of Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation. He served as a regional president of the federation and this year was elected deputy president for Canada, the first deputy president from a city other than Toronto or Montreal. He is also national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In 1975, Mr. Prossin was a founder of the Atlantic Jewish Council. He became its first president and held that post for five years. He is a director of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax, a member of the Nova Scotia Civil Liberties Association, a director of the Halifax International Festival and a member of the Sackville Chamber of Commerce.

Politically, Mr. Prossin is an executive member of the Sackville Liberal Association and treasurer and finance chairman of the Halifax West Federal Liberal Association.

In July he was a delegate to the federal Liberal policy conference in Winnipeg and in November he was elected to the Liberal party leaders advisory board as the representative of the five provincial constituencies in the Halifax West area.

Canadian Jewish Congress —Recent Committee Appointments



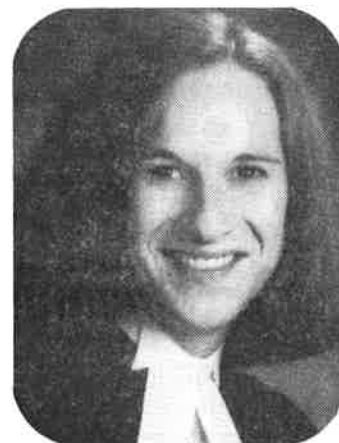
Justice J.L. Dubinsky, Halifax, Nova Scotia has been appointed to the National Religious Affairs Committee.



Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz, Moncton, New Brunswick will be serving on the National Education and Cultural Committee representing the Atlantic Region.



Ms. Pamela Medjuck, Halifax, Nova Scotia has been appointed to the National Youth Committee.



Ms. Linda Epstein, Halifax, Nova Scotia has been appointed to the International Relations Committee.

Beth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood —Halifax

At the General Monthly Meeting of the Sisterhood of the Beth Israel Synagogue, held in December, **Rose Pritzker**, Book Fair Co-convenor, reported on the successful 4th Annual Chanukah Book and Gift Fair.

Many thanks goes to **Reva Sherman** who arranged for many items to be available in time for the Fair before the **Michael Shermans** departed for Ottawa. We will all miss **Reva** and her helping family at the Fair, and in the Gift Shop. A large number of helping hands were available for the setting up Saturday evening and the selling on Sunday, so that the Fair was a great success.

Our thanks to the many convenors and helpers who were "busy beavers" weeks before the Fair helping with the apple picking and the apple pie baking and all the other baking and preparations.

This is a very successful project and one the Sisterhood hopes to continue with the help of its members. The Gift Shop is the backbone of this affair and thanks goes to **Helene Medjuck**, **Bea Zemel**, **Bette Ross** and **Anna Newman** for their continuing interest and support. The Gift Shop is always available to everyone in the community by calling one of the above ladies for an appointment, or the Gift Shop is open on Sunday one week prior to a holiday, and every Sisterhood meeting, and the Breakfast Club. The Gift Shop has many unusual items available for any and all occasions that cannot be purchased anywhere in the Maritimes.

Chanukah Celebrations At Northwood Manor

by **Mindy Jacobson**

Children of the Beth Israel Synagogue Religious School gave a musical concert under the direction of their teachers, **Mrs. Evelyn Luner** and **Cantor George Lieberman**, for Jewish residents and staff at Northwood Center and Manor (The Halifax Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Ltd.).

The program consisted of the lighting of the Chanukah candles, songs and a dance, as well as the serving of potato latkes.

Rabbi M. Pritzker introduced the performers and explained different aspects on Chanukah to those present.

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'Information Evening' Held In Halifax

During the visit of His Excellency **Yeshayahu Anug**, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Canada, to Halifax in early December, an informal "Information Evening" was held under the auspices of the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation.

Under the chairmanship of **Ben Prossin**, Atlantic Chairman, C.F.Z., the Jewish Community Leadership of Halifax entered into frank and positive discussions regarding the contemporary situation in the Middle East.



Picture shows Mrs. Anug [front left] listening intently, along with those present, to Ambassador Anug.

Following the meeting, many of those present had the opportunity to chat with the Ambassador and Mrs. Anug on a more personal note over coffee.

Ambassador Anug and Mrs. Anug were visiting Halifax on the occasion of the State of Israel Bond Dinner.



Ambassador Yeshayahu Anug, Mrs. Anug and Ben Prossin chatting informally after "Information Meeting".



State Of Israel Bond Campaign

by **Anita Dubinsky**

The 1980 Halifax-Dartmouth State of Israel Bond Campaign was highlighted on December 7, by a reception and dinner meeting at the Lord Nelson Hotel. This event coincided with the official visit to Nova Scotia of his Excellency **Yeshayahu Anug**, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, and **Mrs. Anug**. Distinguished guests included



Left to Right: Ambassador Yeshayahu Anug presents Scroll of Honor to Anita Dubinsky.

the **Hon. Gerald Regan, P.C., M.P.**, Minister of Labour; **Senator, the Hon. Richard Donahoe**, the **Hon. John Buchanan**, Premier of Nova Scotia and **Mrs. Buchanan** and **Mr. and Mrs. Tom Forrestall**.



Left to Right: Maxine Cordon accepts Leadership Award from Ambassador Anug.

The invocation and hamotzi were pronounced by **Rabbi Marvin Pritzker**, Beth Israel Synagogue. The toast to her Majesty the Queen and to the President of the State of Israel was proposed by **Doreen Gordon**. **Barbara Paton** brought greetings from the Atlantic Jewish Council. **Rabbi**

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Michael Kurz, Shaar Shalom Congregation, led in the Birchat Hamazon. The evening's program was chaired by **Anita Dubinsky**, 1980 State of Israel Bond Chairperson.

Introducing Ambassador Anug, **Mitchell Franklin**, Atlantic Area Chairman for State of Israel Bonds, made reference to the Ambassador's wide experience in the foreign service of Israel and to his fluency in five languages. His Excellency spoke briefly on continuing



Left to Right: Doreen Gordon accepts Leadership Award from Ambassador Anug.



A REMEMBRANCE OF HALIFAX

Left to Right: His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug receives a painting from Reuben David, Canvass Chairman for the State of Israel Bonds on behalf of the Halifax / Dartmouth Jewish Community.

relations with the new U.S. President and on Israel's plans for expanded technological facilities and community development due to proceeds of bonds. He expressed warm gratitude to the government leaders and people of Nova Scotia for their hospitality and positive support of Israel. Appreciation of the assembly was expressed to Ambassador Anug by **Reuben David**, Canvass Chairman. His Excellency presented plaques recording their achievements to the Committee Leadership.

Following the dinner, a brief social hour gave everyone the opportunity to meet **Ambassador** and **Mrs. Anug** and express our pleasure on this memorable visit.



Left to Right: Anita Dubinsky, Chairperson, Halifax / Dartmouth 1980 State of Israel Bond Campaign; Mrs. John Buchanan; His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug, Ambassador of Israel to Canada; Premier John Buchanan; Mrs. Yeshayahu Anug; Mitchell Franklin, Atlantic Area Chairman, State of Israel Bonds.



Left to Right: Hon. Gerald Regan, P.C., M.P., Minister of Labour; His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug, Ambassador of Israel to Canada; Anita Dubinsky, Chairperson, Halifax / Dartmouth 1980 State of Israel Bond Campaign; Mitchell Franklin, Atlantic Area Chairman, State of Israel Bonds.

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Bonds Marks 30th Anniversary

Sales Smash The \$5 Billion Mark

by Sam Rothberg
President and general
chairman, Israel
Bond Organization



During Prime Minister Begin's recent visit to the United States, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Bond program.

Anniversaries have a way of adding the spark of life to history. The Prime Minister's presence lent the appropriate historic dimension to a dinner honoring the veteran Jewish leader Jack Weiler, at which Mr. Begin presented him with the 1980 Golda Meir Award and where the Bond drive officially reached and exceeded the \$5 billion mark in cash receipts since its inception.

The occasion produced \$57.5 million, the largest amount

of money ever raised by a Jewish organization anywhere in the world at a single function. It was a signal honor to the longtime dean of Jewish fund raising.

The \$57.5 million realized at this one dinner compares with the \$52 million in Israel Bonds sold in all of 1951, the first year of Israel Bonds.

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I recall the beginning of Bonds on a day 30 years ago, September 3, 1950 when a group of 50 American leaders met with the leaders of Israel in the small dining room of the King David Hotel. They had come to Israel at the urgent invitation of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

The Israel contingent was most impressive and included in addition to the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Labor Golda Meir and Berl Locker, the chairman of the Jewish Agency.

This meeting took place during the period from September 3 to September 7 in 1950—less than 2½ years after the proclamation of the State.

Israel was in a state of financial exhaustion. Its meagre resources were drained by the War of Liberation. Its treasury was empty and its economy was on the verge of collapse. It had great difficulty coping with a wave of immigrants that started to flood the country immediately after the Proclamation of Independence.

In May 1948, there were 650,000 Jews in Israel. By September 1950 the number was almost double. There was a shortage of food for the newcomers, no housing and no jobs. Tent cities had to be set up. And when we met in

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Jerusalem there were more than 100,000 men, women and children living in these tent cities.

It was a bitter, desperate hour and it called for immediate and dramatic action. How could Israel create a new instrument to produce a substantial increase in financial aid from Diaspora Jewry?

The United Jewish Appeal had peaked in 1948, the year of Statehood. In 1946, the year after the horrifying extent of the Holocaust became public knowledge, a great breakthrough occurred in the UJA. It raised \$103 million, as against \$35 million in 1945, which was the highest amount raised up to that time. In 1947 the UJA raised \$117 million and in 1948, under the impact of the War of Liberation, it reached its highest point—\$148 million. But in 1949, with the Arab-Israeli war over, the campaign started to slide and the decline accelerated in the early months of 1950.

Those familiar with the fund raising scene in the United States were aware of the fact that it was UJA's top leadership who took the initiative in setting the stage for what later became the Israel Bond program. They more than anybody else were deeply concerned about the desperate need for new sources of financial aid.

Henry Montor, the executive vice-chairman of UJA, was the prime mover in looking for new ways of funding, working very closely with Golda Meir and Eliezer Kaplan. During 1949 and the early part of 1950, Mrs. Meir and Kaplan crossed the Atlantic on a number of occasions to meet with U.S. financial experts and key Jewish business and communal leaders to get advice on a proposed long-term public loan.

The Israel leaders found no encouragement in the American financial community, which questioned the wisdom of floating any public loan.

It was then that Prime Minister Ben Gurion invited the Jewish leaders to meet in Jerusalem.

The deliberations concluded with a proposal encompassing a 4-point program involving the raising of a total of \$1.5 billion over a 3-year period for rehabilitation, settlement and economic development. One third of the amount was to be provided by the Israelis themselves and the remaining \$1 billion was to come from the United States. The Prime Minister called for the adoption of the following program:

- (1) The creation of an Israel Bond drive as a new arm of fund raising for economic development.
- (2) A larger and stronger United Jewish Appeal for immigration and the early stages of rehabilitation.
- (3) Private investment capital and the active participation of individuals in Israel's industrial enterprises.
- (4) Grants-in-aid and loans from the United States and other governmental sources.

The conference delegates unanimously accepted the program and a decision was made to bring the question of Israel Bonds to the Jewish public.

Six weeks later, in October 1950, Golda Meir came to Washington to meet with representatives of major U.S. Jewish organizations and communities to consider plans for launching Israel's first Bond issue in the United States.

An entirely new organization was created under the leadership of Henry Morgenthau, Jr. as chairman of the board of governors; Rudolf G. Sonneborn as president, and Henry Montor as vice-president and chief executive officer.

In February, 1951 the Knesset adopted a law which

authorized the flotation of Israel's first bond issue to be known as the Israel Independence Issue.

Three months later, in May 1951, Ben Gurion came to the United States to launch the Israel Bond drive. It was truly an historic occasion—the first visit of the first Prime Minister of Israel since the rebirth of the State.

It was a triumphal visit. Ben Gurion was greeted by a ticker tape parade up New York's lower Broadway which was witnessed by 2,000,000 people. He received overwhelming responses at similar parades and meetings from coast to coast, including the dramatic opening Israel Bond rally before a capacity audience of 20,000 at New York's Madison Square Gardens.

Ben Gurion also visited Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Los Angeles. His tour was the occasion for enthusiastic public demonstrations of sympathy and support for Israel.

Record crowds jubilantly greeted Ben Gurion throughout his cross-country tour for Bonds. One moving event occurred when his plane en route to Los Angeles stopped at the Tulsa airport in the middle of the night for refueling. The Prime Minister was surprised to be greeted by the entire Jewish community led by Julius Livingston, who came to the airport to cheer and welcome the Prime Minister.

Those were the dramatic beginnings. The rest is the story of what the Jewish communities of the United States, joined later by Canada, Western Europe and other parts of the free world, did to establish Israel Bonds as a major instrument in developing Israel's economy.



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What happened to the thousands of Jewish immigrants who came from Eastern Europe to Canada back in the 1880's? Where did they settle? What was their experience of becoming Jewish Canadians? What does it mean to be a Jew in Canada today? It is a colourful and significant story, but one that is generally little known.

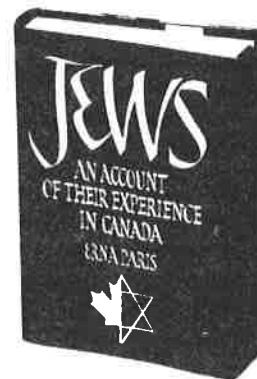
Jews is a compassionate exploration of the lives of Jewish immigrants, their children, and their grandchildren from the eighteenth century right up to the present.

The book concentrates on three aspects of the Canadian Jewish experience -- in Quebec, Toronto and on the Prairies.

Here is the story of the emergence of the "uptown" and "downtown" Jews in Montreal; of the tragic closed-door policy to the Jews fleeing Hitler's persecution; and of the dilemma of today's Anglophone Jews in a newly nationalistic Quebec.

Here is the struggle to improve sweatshop conditions in the needle trades in Toronto which led to involvement with the trade-union movement and then left-wing politics.

And in the Prairies, here is the story of the nineteenth-century Jewish pioneer farmers, idealists who had never farmed before, but who braved the cold, alien land.



Overall there is the larger question of knowing when to hold on to the richness of the past and how to incorporate the past into the present. This Erna Paris examines with startling insight and compassion.

Born in Toronto, Ms. Paris graduated from the University of Toronto and later received a Diplôme Supérieur from the Sorbonne in France. The winner of four awards from the Media Club of Canada for feature writing and radio documentary, and co-author of *Her Own Woman*, Erna Paris is a co-founder and former president of the Periodical Writers Association of Canada. She is turning her thoughts to another book.

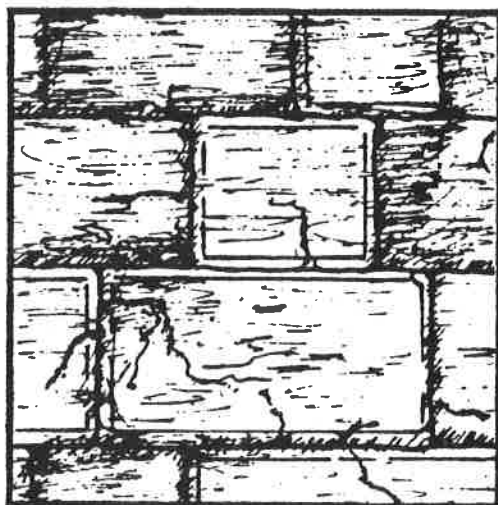
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Issues Dealing With The Ku Klux Klan

by **Lenore Mencher,**
Public Affairs Chairman,
Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

For the past number of years, education and information on Israel and international politics which have directly or indirectly affected that country have been dealt with by the Public Affairs Committee. However vital our involvement in Israel continues to be, it is also incumbent upon us not to ignore the needs of our own community. Accordingly, on December 4, 1980, the Public Affairs Committee sponsored a meeting dealing with the potential intrusion of the Ku Klux Klan into the Maritimes. The large attendance at this meeting attested to the importance of this issue, and to the respect accorded our guest speaker, George McCurdy.

Mr. McCurdy is Director of the N.S. Human Rights Commission, and his office is maintaining a vigilant watch on the activities of the KKK. Mr. McCurdy provided us with an historical perspective of the KKK organization in Canada and the U.S., and an informative glimpse at some of the new forms this racist organization is taking in an attempt to gain respectability and support.

For example, the KKK now purports to have only informational and educational objectives. As such, they have attempted to inundate school systems with propaganda advocating their brand of hatred—White Power, separation of races in virtually all areas of life, degradation of all religions other than their form of Protestantism. Fortunately, our astute Board of School Commissioners aborted this attempt by passing a resolution prohibiting the distribution of any literature advocating racial, religious and / or ethnic intolerance, and prohibiting uninvited people on school premises.

The Klan is, furthermore, now publicly disclaiming the use of violence under the name of Ku Klux Klan; but, in fact, they have affiliate organizations under many other names which carry on diverse Klan activities, some of which have been associated with violent acts. These groups go under the names of Western Guard, Knights of the Ku Klux

Klan, NAAWP (National Association for the Advancement of White People), and the Canadian affiliate, the Confederate Klans of North America.

The KKK has a history in Canada going back to 1921, with documented evidence of a recent strong resurgence. We must take preventive measures to discourage their existence here in the Maritimes. It is an accepted fact that groups such as the Klan thrive in areas of high unemployment and discontent. Certainly Nova Scotia is not exempt in this regard.

As of this writing, several strategies were discussed. We know of several individual letters and petitions which have been sent to various government officials urging them to take strong action against the formation of **any** organization whose aim is to promote religious, racial or ethnic intolerance and hatred.

A coalition meeting was subsequently held, which included representatives of the Jewish and Black communities, the Native Canadian, Acadian and East Indian communities. A core committee from these communities has been working on drafting a resolution to strengthen the existing codes on dissemination of hate literature, which they plan to take to the appropriate provincial minister and the Attorney General of Nova Scotia. What they are asking for is twofold:

1. the **strict enforcement** of Section 281.2, sub-section 1, of the Canadian Criminal Code which makes the incitement of hatred against any groups an indictable offense punishable by imprisonment; and
2. an amendment to the code which would have it apply to individual members of any group distributing such material.

The coalition participants unanimously supported this resolution and the continuing efforts of the core committee. We, also, can do our part to assist the committee in getting this vital resolution passed. We must write our own letters, individually and in conjunction with others, contact our M.P.s, M.L.A.s, aldermen—all elected officials. Let us apply the same spirit of commitment to our own community as we have shown to Israel. A strong united community protects us all!

Miriam Lief Chapter Of Mizrachi In Halifax

A Chanukah meeting was held at the home of **Mrs. Barbara Feiring.**

Mrs. Doris Stone, President, reported on our regular projects. She also thanked **Mrs. Tina Goldfarb** and her committee for an excellent fund-raising campaign this past year.

Miss Clara Dankner asked that all members send in their dues.

All-occasion cards can be sent out for Mizrachi by calling **Mrs. Ben Zemel** at 425-5951.

Mrs. Doris Stone installed the next chairman of the Chapter, **Mrs. Rose Pritzker.**

Mrs. Ella Morris presented a Chanukah program.

At the next meeting which will be before Purim, a raffle will be drawn for a painting done and donated by **Mrs. Ida Simon.**



Left to Right: Lenore Mencher, Public Affairs Chairman, Halifax Hadassah-Wizo; George McCurdy, Director, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

It's A Small World

by Frank Medjuck
Jerusalem

Jerusalem is full of surprises and beautiful experiences too numerous to list here. One special treat is the large number of pleasant coincidences and paths that cross.

On the plane over, we sat with an elderly couple who had lived in the apartment we were planning to rent in Jerusalem. **Linda Medjuck** sat next to **General Offer**, who she was supposed to look up in Jerusalem.

We attended a wedding deep in the Negev on Kibbutz Ktura which we later learned had been founded by **Michael Marcus** formerly of Halifax.

We delivered a note to **Dean Sinofsky**, formerly of Yarmouth and were lucky to catch him at an old address where he just happened to drop by for a few minutes. He insisted on taking us out to lunch and we were enthralled by his stories from the early 1930's. He sends regards to his childhood friends and wishes more of them would visit. After building so much here and having endured so much, he still has the sparkle of his youth.

When we eventually rented a place, it turned out that our Israeli neighbour has an uncle in Bridgewater—**Sally Napthal** who we all know as a long time member of the Beth Israel and a supporter of all Zionist campaigns. I told them of how we consecrated a special cemetery for his family in Middleton and how they had been saved from the Nazis by the Canadian Government. It is sad that the Canadian branch of the family has now disappeared through natural assimilation but the Israeli branch is alive and well.

We spent an evening with another Israeli couple in their home and the husband, formerly of New York, told me that his mother's maiden name was **Sylvia Lipton**. There are two **Sylvia Liptons**, the other is now **Sylvia Hershorn** of Halifax, apparently cousins. He, of course, knew of **Sheila and Nathan Lipton**, whose mother is Israeli, and the other members of the Sydney branch of his family—again a small world.

One day we bumped into **Anita Wolman** on King George Street and she reports that the Maritime contingent at Machon is enjoying the program immensely. It's an educational and broadening experience beyond their expectations.

On a bus to Mount Scopus, I told Hedda that one tall good looking boy, wearing a kepa looked familiar. I said "You're **Morris Weiner's** grandson!" and it was. He

had spent Rosh Hashana with **Mr. & Mrs. Weiner** in Halifax and I recognized him from shul. As is the custom, we exchanged addresses.

One night the phone rang. It was a young man in the Israeli paratroopers looking for one of **Hedda's** cousins. He spent the next day with us in the Old City. He is **Lief Manson**, son of **Ruth Greenblatt**, **Jason's** sister. I remember when Ruth wheeled him up and down South Street in a baby carriage (and that wasn't yesterday).

The most enjoyable coincidence was for us to be here while **Sophie Forman** dedicated a Chapel at the Canada House Absorption Center in Jerusalem in honor of **Max**. Several Haligonians attended, including **Hannah Eben Ezra [Hoffman]**, **Shirley Sherman**, the **Hammerlings** and ourselves. It was very appropriate in many ways. **Hedda** and I have spent some time in Jerusalem with **Max** and **Sophie** at the last World Congress and his absence on this trip was disheartening. **Max's** efforts are well known to us all in U.I.A., Bonds, and in founding the A.J.C., Z.O.C., C.Z.F., and C.J.C.

So it was only right that a project in Israel bear his name forever. Similarly it was only right that the project be at Canada House which is the product of the Canadian Campaigns for Israel for which **Max** worked so hard. And having acknowledged his dedication to the Canadian Zionist movement, how even more appropriate that the project be a Chapel thereby witnessing **Max's** other great labour of love, the synagogue. I pointed out at the ceremony that **Max** had spent a great part of his life dedicated to the Shaar Shalom in seeking to maintain synagogue meetings and services.

Now at Canada House, Jerusalem, in **Max Forman's** name, a Chapel services new immigrants on a daily basis, not only for services but also for children's religious study and adult Talmudic learning.

The result of all these coincidences is that most Israeli's believe that Atlantic Jewry is the great megalopolis of North American Jewish life, just as I believe that Dabian, Lithuania must have been a huge place—everyone I know from the old country has roots in Dabian.

One person was not convinced of this: at a concert at the Israel Museum, the entertainer asked the audience where they came from. When our companions yelled out "Nova Scotia, he answered "Impossible. I thought that was something to eat!!"

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Frank & Hedda Medjuck

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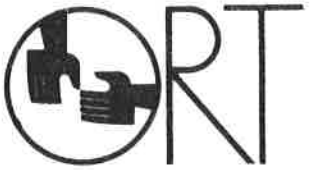
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Art Expo And Auction

by Rita Lazar & Doreen Gordon

What is rapidly becoming a traditional evening for Metro area art connoisseurs, will be held once more on Wednesday, April 29, 1981, at Citadel Inn, 1960 Brunswick Street, Halifax.

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT, a charitable group raising funds for technical and vocational schools in 24 countries around the world, will again sponsor an Art Auction at which will be sold some of the finest reproductions and originals on this continent.

Some of the artists featured in this year's selection include **Irving Amen, Sandu Liberman, Calder, Delacroix, LaLande, Ranucci, Al Kaufman, Dali, Joan Purcell, Lynn Heffner, Lebadang, Yu, Steinberg, John Donovan**, just to name a few.

Marlin Art of New York will be operating the auction for the third year in a row. In the past, patrons seemed very pleased with the selection and reasonable prices, and we expect the company will again present an excellent choice and high quality art.

Over the past several years, ORT has raised thousands of dollars through their Art Auctions. One reason that the

Art Auction is so successful year after year, is that most of the selections are sold for \$50 to \$100.

The April 29 Auction will start at 6:30 p.m. with a preview showing. The auction and bidding begin at 7:30 p.m. Special door prizes, coffee and tea served, Master and Visa cards accepted, admission price only \$1.00 per person. **Linda Raskin** and **Ardith Offman** are convening this very worthwhile project.

"Why ORT?"

What Makes ORT Unique?"

by Cathy Jacobson

This was the theme of ORT's National Board meeting held early in December in Toronto. **Gail Green**, National Board Member of Halifax; **Miriam Kohler**, Halifax Membership Chairperson; and **Cathy Jacobson**, Halifax President, attended this three-day session.

Lydia London, Toronto Region Education Chairperson, gave an informative presentation touching on such topics as ORT education, cults and anti-semitism. We wish to share this most enlightening portion of the meeting with you.

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something they can use wherever they may be. Our cause is to keep the doors open for children so that ORT can continue to give them a taste for life and make their dreams become reality and their hands and hearts never empty.

One hundred years ago, ORT began its program with agriculture and handicrafts. Today, ORT trains in the city, village, kibbutz and Yeshiva, and we teach everything from nuclear sciences and automation to agromechanics. By the end of 1980, there will be 100 schools in operation in Israel. There will have been more than 300,000 Israelis (more than 1/3 of the total work force) ORT trained. We have contributed to Israel in society, education, industry, and security. Our youth is being trained in the most sophisticated trades and advanced subjects, attaining a level of technical and intellectual expertise that will enrich the nation for generations to come.

Every Jew must stand and be counted. The quality of Jewish life and our Jewish institutions has been challenged by the depth of the crisis in Jewish Identification. We must take a strong stand against the mounting menace of Anti-Semitism. We can no longer hide our eyes and close our ears. It's growing—the tides are rising and threatening the welfare of Jews everywhere. It's happening right here in Canada. In the Canadian Jewish News, **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson** wrote about an Anti-Semitic Christmas card. He said, "This is the time for Jews to send Christmas cards to Christians and for Christians to send Chanukah cards to their Jewish friends."

Every Jew must stand and be counted

Unfortunately, among the loving greetings was found the first hate card to be sold side by side with those which speak of peace on earth, goodwill to men. The card which was on sale at Eaton's (it has since been removed) pictured an Orthodox Chassidic Jew complete with beard, ear locks and black suit, and the usual long nose which has become the trademark of the Anti-Semitic sketch.

The text reads: "We poor Jewish people live in an economy which is directly affected by your Christmas sales. When you Christians hold back from lavish gift giving, we suffer." The publisher apparently thought it was amusing. Neither I, nor anyone who recognizes a classic Anti-Semitic insult, would agree.

"It is like finding a swastika on the altar of a church. The two, Thank G-d, are a contradiction in Canada. If only we can keep it that way."

When the Jews were a wandering helpless people, they were persecuted. Now we are a people with a state and allegiance, and we are persecuted for that too. We don't have to look too far. It is happening right here on our doorsteps. And the more we become comfortable and integrated, the more we become complacent. It is our duty and responsibility to see and hear what's going on. What can we do to combat this dangerous and ongoing sickness? History has proven we cannot be "Jews of Silence"—we must show our Jewish anger.

In France, after the recent bombings, posters appeared on the wall of the Rue de Rosiers in the Jewish quarter of

Paris—"Now more than ever—Jews together, forward." If you wait for others to have pity on you or to fight for you, you don't deserve to be free.

The fact that our young people are recruited by cults should be of concern to us all. If any of you attended a meeting on Jewish affairs and you saw a young boy wearing a Kipah or a girl selling kosher chocolates, how many of you would buy? Would you know who it was or where the money was going?

A large proportion of these young adults come from stable, loving middle-class Jewish families. There are numerous theories which try to explain why our people are attracted to cults. Many who join have somehow become alienated from their own culture or society. In other cases, they are confronted by the choice of a different lifestyle and lacking self direction, they are easy marks. Studies and surveys show that membership in the most popular cults contain large numbers of Jews—far in excess of their proportion to the general population. Many cults make up anywhere between 18% to 45% of their membership with Jews and these figures are not an exaggeration.

Remember, we are not immune. You are never too old when loneliness prevails and that's when you are susceptible. If you can make a person behave the way you want, you can make that person believe the way you want. The assault is on our emotions, not our intellect. By the time we realize facts, we find ourselves enmeshed in the coils of the cult.

In summation, whatever the subject—ORT—Anti-Semitism—cults—the word that appears is survival. Remember that there is no final answer—only new questions. Every unmet need leaves a void in a Jewish child's life. Without ORT's help, these children will be bankrupt without an education. Remember—ORT brings life to education and education to life.

Darrell Mills Receives ORT Medal

Reprint

Dartmouth resident **W. Darrell Mills** recently received the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) centenary medal from Governor General Edward Schreyer in Ottawa.

Mr. Mills, a retired educator, is among 12 Canadians who will receive the medal for significant contributions in vocational and technical education.

Mr. Mills retired from the department of education at Halifax in 1973 as director of adult vocational training and applied arts and technology. He served 27 years with the department.

The medal marks the 100th anniversary of the ORT union, the world's largest non-profit, non-governmental vocational, technical education and training system, with headquarters in London, England. It has trained more than a million students and is active in 26 countries.

Mr. Mills started teaching in Joggins in 1927. He was principal of schools in Waterville and Canning, and president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union before serving overseas in the Second World War with the Royal Canadian Artillery.



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

We moved here from Stephenville, Newfoundland in September of '79 after living in Newfoundland since 1919. When I resided in Stephenville, I was Chairman of the committee responsible for building Newfoundland's first Synagogue in St. John's between 1930 and 1931.

I moved to Corner Brook in 1935 where I again chaired the committee that built Newfoundland's second synagogue in Corner Brook in 1942. At the time, there were only 16 families in the congregation.

From St. John's, Newfoundland I first heard of a perpetual cemetery fund so that small towns can be assured of continual care of their cemeteries even when the communities diminish in size. I know of some people who are planning bequests and are making sure it is part of their will.

My wife, the former Reta Marshal, is from Glace Bay, N.S. and my sister resides in Sydney, wife of Dr. M. Cleaner, so that we have many friends and relatives in Nova Scotia. We really appreciate reading the SHALOM magazine.

Sincerely,
Arthur Kolonel
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Gathering Of Holocaust Survivors Attracting Unprecedented Number Of Participants

TORONTO—A massive contingent of North American citizens, all survivors of the World War II Holocaust, is expected in Israel in June 1981 for the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. The Gathering has attracted a tremendous amount of attention amongst Holocaust survivors worldwide and it is expected that over 20,000 survivors, far more than original expectations, from Israel and around the world will participate.

The Gathering will be held under the patronage of Prime Minister Begin and the Gathering's joint chairpersons, both survivors, and American author Elie Wiesel and President of the European Parliament, Simone Veil.

The aims of the organizers of the Gathering are to emphasize the significance and legacy of the Holocaust and to serve notice that the Holocaust must be neither forgotten nor repeated; to confirm the continuity and survival of the Jewish people as a whole, with the State of Israel as its focal point; and to create an opportunity for survivors from around the world—once in a lifetime—to be with each other, their spouses, their children and grandchildren, to meet and share their common experiences of the past and their aspirations for the future.

During the Gathering's four days, from June 15 through 18, 1981, there will be an inaugural mass meeting and memorial service at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem (Israel's Memorial to the Holocaust); a march of survivors through the streets of Jerusalem to the Western Wall; special events at the three Kibbutzim in Israel established by Holocaust survivors; participants are invited to place a memoir of their Holocaust experiences in the Yad Vashem archives and special seminars and programs will be arranged for the survivors and their families.

Additional information on the Gathering may be obtained from Asher Rahav, at the Israel Government Tourist Office, 102 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1M8, telephone (416) 964-3784; or The Atlantic Jewish Council.

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YISHAK BEN-SIRA of the Aliyah Department, Canadian Zionist Federation, will be in Halifax Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12, 1981.

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Attention: Mr. George F. McCurdy

Dear Mr. McCurdy:

Re: proposed opening of an office in Halifax and other Maritime Centers by the Ku Klux Klan, an organization known to be racist and a distributor of hate literature.

As Jewish War Veterans, we were proud to fight for what Canada stood for. One item in particular in the Canadian Bill of Rights:

"I am a Canadian, a free Canadian, free to speak without fear, free to worship G-d in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, free to choose those who shall govern my country. This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind."

But, when a hate organization wants to come in and cause internal strife and fear in a community, I believe it should be banned before it sews its poisonous roots. If not, I feel we will have broken the trust and faith of those who fell fighting for the best in the world.

Sincerely,
Gar Meltzer

Commander Newfoundland & Maritimes
Jewish War Veterans of Canada

Remembering Our Dead

by Gar Meltzer

On November 11, 1980, wreaths, with the Star of David, were placed at the Cenotaphs in Edmunston, Woodstock, Fredericton, Moncton, Newcastle, Saint John, Halifax, Yarmouth, Sydney, New Waterford, Glace Bay and St. John's. A wreath was laid in Halifax on behalf of the **Atlantic Jewish Council**.

Services were held the previous Saturday in the local Synagogues in remembrance.



Front Row left to right: Harry Block; David Myers; Lawrence Ferguson; J. Solomon, Montreal; Back Row left to right: Mike Merovitch; Gar Meltzer, Saint John, Commander, Atlantic Region; Sam Cohen; Howard Karp.



Left to Right: Gar Meltzer, Commander, Atlantic Region; Howard Karp.

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Yarmouth Highlights

58th Hadassah Anniversary And Chanukah Party In Yarmouth

by Hubert Lynch

With the arrival of Yarmouth's flying **Rabbi Michael Sigal**, and teacher **Perry Sable**, a combined Hadassah-Wizo Anniversary party and the celebration of Chanukah took place at the Yarmouth Synagogue on December 7.

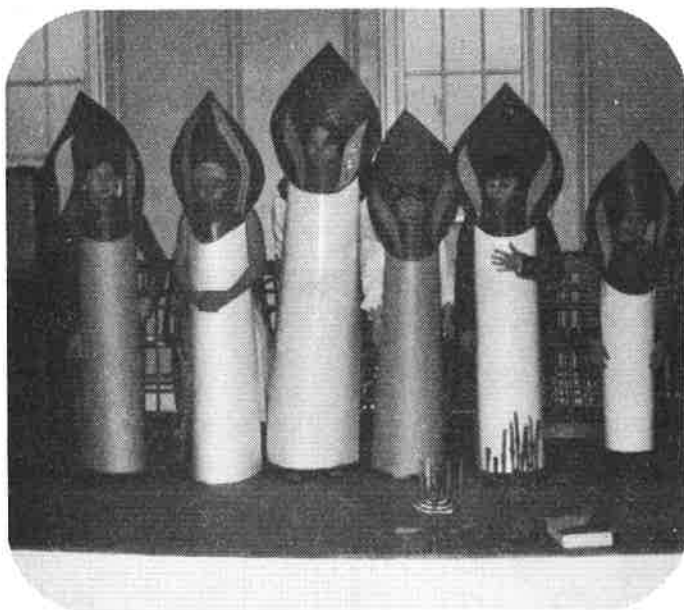
Taking part in the children's program were: **Sabrina Mandel**, **Sharon Starets**, **Zalina Strug**, **Johnathan Strug**, and **Brian** and **Steven Indig**. The theme of the program was the Chanukah lights and the children were costumed by **Mimi Mandel**.

Sharon Starets showed blossoming talent as she danced for the audience. In charge of this program were **Mimi Mandel**, **Josephine Starest**, **Esther Strug** and **Rosalie Indig**.

Convened by **Ollie Cohen** and her Committee of **Hilda Gillis**, **Ruth Pink** and **Sally Attis**, a most delicious brunch was served, followed by a short talk on Hadassah-Wizo by **Ruth Pink**.

The annual candle lighting ceremony was carried out, followed by a sale on baked and preserved items. A goodly amount of money was raised for Hadassah-Wizo. **Irving Pink** was in charge of the Sale.

All in all, it was another very successful affair.



All dressed up for Chanukah.

For those with shortwave radios, you can hear Kol Israel in English every evening at 6:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. on 11.8, 9.8 or 7.4 KC. I find 7.4 the best for clarity. They do have some very interesting programs besides the news.

Cape Breton News

Cape Breton Council Of Hadassah-Wizo

by Bertha Rusakov

The Glace Bay Talmud Torah was the scene of an enjoyable event on Tuesday, December 2, when the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo held a Chanukah Party in honour of the visit of National President, **Mrs. Allen Small**.



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Ellie Friedman, President of Queen Esther Chapter; Mrs. Rose Schwartz of New Waterford Chapter; Mrs. Mirial Small, National President; Mrs. Reva Nathanson, Vice-President, Cape Breton Council; Mrs. Helen Marshall, President of Glace Bay Chapter.

The hall was attractively decorated with Chanukah symbols, courtesy of **Mrs. Beverly Shore** and **Miss Andrea Chernin**. **Mrs. Helen Simson** of the Sydney Chapter kindled the Chanukah lights and led the recitation of the Brocheh while one lady at each table lit a Menorah.

In the absence of the President of Cape Breton Council, **Mrs. Samuel Sherman**, Vice-President **Mrs. Norris Nathanson** presided as Chairman. She extended a warm welcome to the assembled guests and introduced the head table guests.

In her introduction of the Guest Speaker, **Mrs. Harry Dubinsky** referred to National President **Mrs. Small** as a woman of warmth with a great sense of humor, dedicated to Zionism and the Hadassah-Wizo Organization. **Mrs. Small** expressed her pleasure at being in Glace Bay and said she experienced a feeling of nostalgia as the Talmud Torah reminded her of the hall she used to attend in her home town of St. Catherines, Ontario. It was fitting that her visit coincided with the celebration of the Glace Bay Chapter's 60th Anniversary. **Mrs. Small** presented pins to two of the founding members of the Chapter, **Mrs. Julia Eln** and **Mrs. Edith Jacobson**.

Mrs. Small lauded **Mrs. Dubinsky** for the fine job she is doing as National Vice-President.

She referred to the courage and heroism of the people of Israel and made reference to the rise of anti-semitism in Europe. Recent incidents of this nature, she said, serve as reminders that they can occur anywhere in the world. Jews

are more determined than ever to be masters of their own destiny. On the international scene, we are vulnerable. We need a game plan of our own. We must act constructively.

Having just returned from a leadership Mission to Israel, she voiced her concerns over the Jerusalem question and Israel's economic problems. **Mrs. Small** said that she is firmly convinced that the work of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo is vital to Israel, and crucial to providing a bright future for children, thus ensuring the future of Israel.

The speaker was thanked by **Mrs. Phil Simon**.

The highlight of the evening, the Chanukah Game, chaired by **Mrs. Mendel Chernin**, proved very successful and provided a great deal of enjoyment. The proceeds of this project are earmarked for the Nina Cohen Atlantic Day Care Centre.

A social hour followed.

Choosing A President

by Elliot Marshall, Glace Bay

Editor's Note:

This poem was composed by Elliot Marshall on the occasion of the recent visit to Cape Breton of **Mrs. Mirial Small**, National President, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada.

When choosing a President, what rule do you use?
Do you measure their height, check the size of their shoes?
Do you look at their hair, what color their eyes?
No, that's not the basis for achieving that prize.
Let's look at a Lady, one who accepted a call,
Who doesn't believe you should falter or fall,
No project to her is too big or too tall,
Though her name just happens to be Mirial Small.

Farewell—Bev Shore

by Helen Marshall

At a regular meeting of the Glace Bay Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo, **Bev Shore** (**Mrs. Gary Shore**), Correspondence Secretary and Blood Bank Canvasser for Glace Bay, was presented with a gift on the occasion of her leaving our community.

She accepted every posting without hesitation whenever asked, and exercised her duties very efficiently. People of her calibre are very hard to find. She will be sorely missed.



President Helen Marshall presenting Bev Shore, Corresponding Secretary, with a gift [Prayer Book] on the occasion of her leaving the community.

EL-AL

by Elliot Marshall

When the film "American Schadchen" was shown in Cape Breton, in the Sydney Synagogue, **Ellie Marshall**, Regional Vice-President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, in order to create a little Yiddish flavour to the evening, put on a little skit before the film showing. He required the services of another "actor" to help put on the skit, in the person of **Al Bernick** of New Waterford.

Ellie wants to take this opportunity to mention that Al's performance was superb, considering it was Al's first effort in the dramatic area. The critics raved about the skit and this new acting team of "El and Al" are already in great demand.

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Cape Breton News Cont'd

Public Affairs Presentation

by Bertha Rusakov

An interested audience of approximately seventy-five members of the Cape Breton Jewish Community attended a Public Affairs presentation, held in the auditorium of the Temple Sons of Israel on Sunday, December 7, 1980.

Members of the panel, made up of participants of the recent National Leadership Mission to Israel and Egypt, related their experiences. **Mrs. Harry Dubinsky**, National Vice-President of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo, capably presided as Moderator. **Mrs. Sam Sherman**, President of Council, extended a welcome to the audience. The panel was thanked by **Mrs. Norris Nathanson**, Public Affairs Convenor.



Left to Right: panel participants Dr. G. Lecker, Mrs. Lecker, Dr. H. Dubinsky, Mrs. S. Sherman, Mrs. H. Dubinsky, Mrs. P. Simon, Dr. P. Simon.

All speakers referred to events of interest in their tour which included visits to a Druze village, the Good Fence, Hadassah-Wizo projects, the Pyramids of Egypt and the highlight of their tour, a meeting with Mrs. Sadat.

Several of the panelists expressed their amazement at the great changes that have taken place and the many new developments in Israel since their last visit in the Fall of 1977.

Members of the panel were: **Dr. Garson Lecker**, **Mrs. Lecker**, **Dr. Harry Dubinsky**, **Mrs. Simon** and **Dr. Phil Simon**.

Halifax Young Judaea would like to thank the Halifax Community for its support of the Kinus Ad-Book campaign.

**Iris Kohler
Rosh Ken**

What's Happening in St. John's

by Linda Berman

The Jewish Community of St. John's celebrated Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, with both dignity and fun. With both an adult as well as children's Chanukah party, "children" of all ages had an opportunity to participate in the festivities of the season. The Children's Chanukah Party, which took place on the morning of December 7, was highlighted by a play and singing of several songs about Chanukah. All the children in our Hebrew School participated and all performed well. The parents, the congregation members and the Rabbi and myself were very proud of them. The children then lit the menorah and were given dreidles and chocolate Chanukah gelt. The sisterhood served a lunch of wieners, latkes, and cupcakes deliciously baked by **Genevieve Lipkus**.



Family Feud "Jewish Style"

Teen Team



Men's Team and Moderator, Ruby Smilestein.

The adult Chanukah party which took place on the evening of December 14 began with cocktails, followed by a delicious supper of goulash, peas, and wieners prepared by **Helen Nathanson**, **Barbara Fine** and **Marge Smilestein**. The evening's entertainment was a game of "Family Feud, Jewish Style". With the questions prepared by **Rabbi Berman** and myself, three teams were chosen. The "Moms" team consisted of **Dorothy Riteman**, **Doris Tock**, **Naomi Skoll**, **Barbara Fine**, and **Tova Auerback**. The "Pops" team consisted of **Sheldon Lipkus**, **Aaron Tock**, **Adrian Fine**, **Bernard Nathanson**, and **Bill Toytman**. After the "Moms" defeated the "Pops" team, they played the "Teens" team. This team consisted of **Sammy Toytman**, **David Skoll**, **Esther Tock**, **Tobi Nathanson**, and **Frankie Smilestein**. The



Ladies Team

"Teens" emerged victorious. The evening was really topped off, however, by the good wit of the M.C., **Mr. Ruby Smillestein**. Special thanks must go to **David Skoll** who designed the special buzzer system used this evening.

In memory of **Mrs. Celia Epstein**, who passed to her eternal rest last summer, some good friends of the **Epstein** family and our synagogue, **Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lono**, donated a beautiful silver breastplate for one of our Torahs. The beautiful piece of art, which depicted each of the twelve tribes of Israel, was presented after Friday evening services by **Yolanda and Simon Lono**. It was a most generous gift and we are very proud to display such a beautiful Torah Ornament.



Chanukah Party



Presentation by Yolanda and Simon Lono.

May G-d bless the woman who has moved people to perform such acts of charity and may G-d cause her soul to rest in heaven forever.

We would like to congratulate **Dr. Adrian Fine** who has passed all his examinations and is now a member of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. Dr. Fine also recently attended an international conference of nephrologists in Washington, D.C. at which he was chosen to deliver a paper on the results of his research. His paper was enthusiastically accepted and we are very proud of him.

We would like to wish a Refuah Shelma to **Mrs. Grunia Ferman** who was recently released from the hospital. We are glad to see that she is doing well and hope that G-d will protect her for many years.

We would like to wish a very special Mazel Tov to our eldest member, **Mr. Joseph Epstein**, who has recently celebrated his birthday. He is keeping his age a secret. May he live in health and happiness until 120 years.



All Set To Play



Also in memory of **Mrs. Epstein**, her children **Yvette Bowman** and **Sidney Epstein**, as well as the ladies of our sisterhood of which **Mrs. Epstein** was a treasured member, have donated another silver breastplate to adorn one of our Torahs. In a ceremony, which took place on Saturday morning January 3, the beautiful breastplate was presented to our president, **Sheldon Lipkus**.

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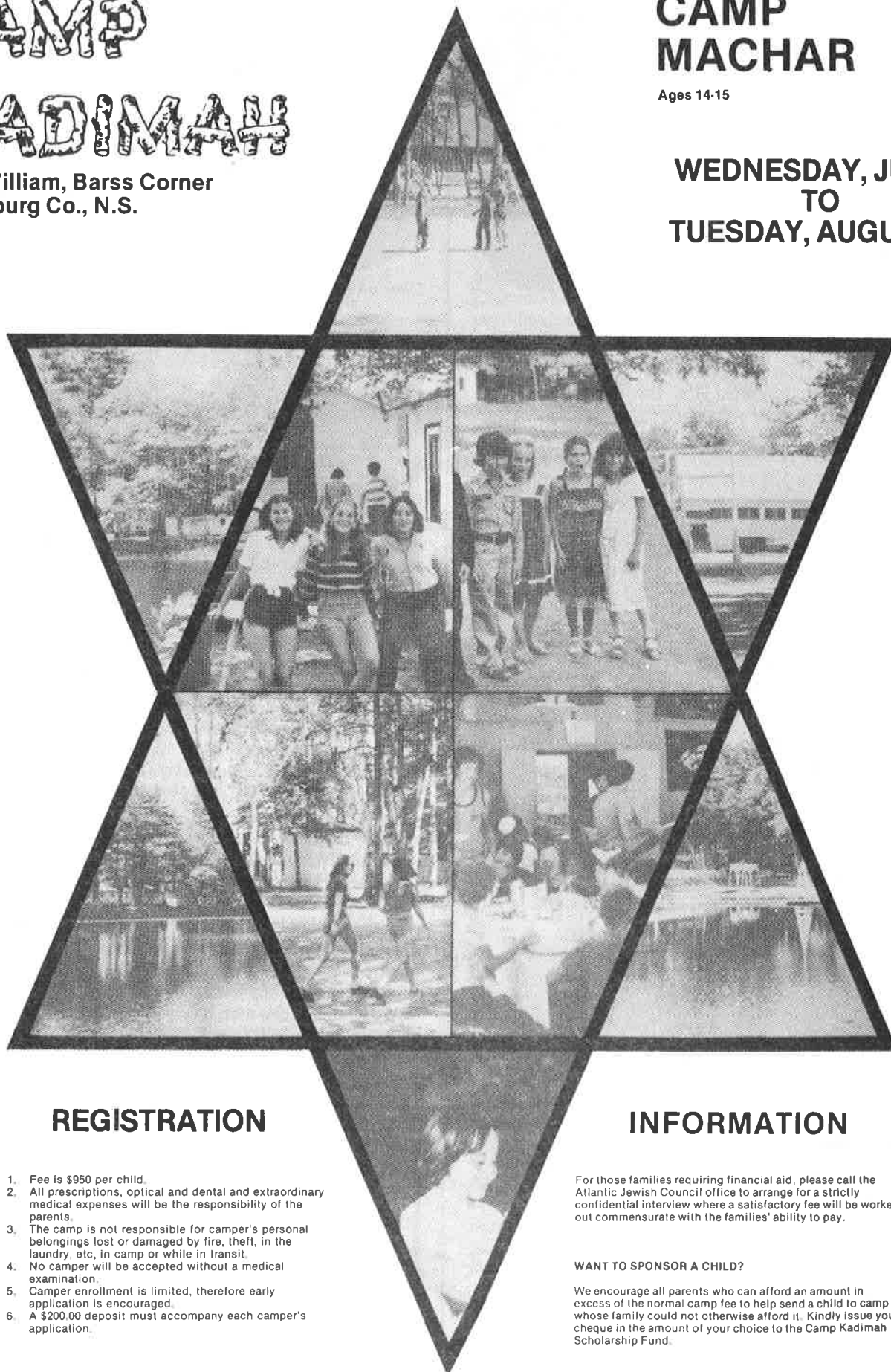
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Tu B'Shevat

by Rabbi Tzvi Berman,
Beth El Synagogue, St. John's

The Talmud tells us that there are four New Years every year. The first New Year marks the day on which G-d created the world. The second New Year, which occurs on the first day of Nisan, marks the month in which the children of Israel attained their freedom and became a nation. The third one occurs on the first day of Elul and is the time from which tithes are estimated. The final New Year occurs on the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat (Tu B'Shevat) and is the New Year for the trees.

There is the question, however, for what purpose do trees need a new year? As long as they produce fruit, who cares how old the trees are? After all, have you ever heard of anyone making them a birthday party? Yet, there is a need to have a New Year for trees. It is necessary so that we know how to bring "Nete V'Revei". What is that? There is a law that any fruit tree which is planted in Israel must be permitted to have its fruits fall off and rot during its first three years of production. During the fourth year the fruit must be picked, but can be eaten only in Jerusalem. During subsequent years, the fruit may be used in any place one desires. Since one does not take note of a tree's day of birth, trees were all given one birthday—Tu B'Shevat. Therefore, each year on this day, all trees are considered to have aged one year.

It is customary on this day to eat a new fruit on which the bracha Shehecheyanoo is said and to plant new trees, as this

is the beginning of the spring season in Israel.

The laws and customs of this holiday are only one example of the irrevocable connection of the Jewish religion to the land of Israel. Hundreds of other examples can be cited to substantiate this connection.

Unlike the connection which other religions have with Israel, our connection is more than just a desire to visit the Holy places and historical cities there. For us it is the actual land and the everyday living on the land which is important. Many commandments, such as the laws dealing with Tu B'Shevat, require the planting of trees and, consequently, actually living on the land. This requirement makes the physical possession and political and economic control of Israel absolutely essential for us as Jews.

After not being able to dwell in or rule our land of Israel for almost 1900 years, many people have begun to exclude Israel from their philosophy of religion. Authors such as Max Diamont and much of Classical Reform Judaism have built their philosophy upon the impossible task of the Divorce of the Jewish religion from Israel. Such an attitude is not at all surprising and not without historical precedent. After the first exile and a lapse of only 70 years, Ezra had a most difficult time in getting the Jewish People to move back to Israel. It seems that people in every age like to maintain the status quo. If this was true after only 70 years, how much more so is it true after 1900 years?

However, while people like to maintain the status quo, it is the Torah and the Talmud which should determine our attitude and response to our recently revived homeland. Since the Torah is timeless, our absence of 1900 years should not make one iota of difference in our response to Israel's call. The observant Jews of the world for 1900 years have recalled daily the days of yore when the Jewish People dwelt and ruled in Israel and when Jerusalem was its capital. Jewish liturgy continually speaks of how we long for the renewal of the Kingdom of David and how we long to reinstate the services in the Holy Temple and practise all of the Torah's agricultural laws which are applicable only in the land of Israel. Should the fact that we were physically prevented from gaining dominion over our sacred homeland lessen our desire to return to that land and rule it as the Torah intended? Most definitely not!

We long for the coming of the true Mashiach when the Davidic dynasty will be re-established, when Israel will be ruled according to the laws of the Torah, and when all people everywhere will recognize the Jewish People as the sole and rightful sovereigns of the Holy Land of Israel.

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The Editor

Saint John Happenings

November and December, 1980

by Louise Adler

A new Adult Study Group meeting on Thursday evenings has been organized under the leadership of **Rabbi Roger Pavey**. Believing in the statement that "an ignorant man cannot be a religious man", there has been an excellent response to learn more about our heritage, to discuss or to question. The sessions have been stimulating as well as enlightening.

Shomer Club

On November 23, the second in the "Know Our Neighbors" program, hosted by the Shomer Club, was devoted to Saint John's Black community. **Fred Hodges**, a former member of the city's Common Council and a Past President of the Saint John Labour Council, spoke with great feeling on how the Black community felt about being ignored. Although Blacks came here with the French, with **Champlain** they were known only by their first names. Never have there been separate schools for them. What they want most is recognition. There has not even been this for the Silver Star Mothers.

According to Mr. Hodges, all they really desire is to be accepted for themselves. Fred Hodges was bitter about discrimination in political parties, the medical profession, restricted employment in T.V., etc.

His address was followed by a beautiful choral presentation by **Rev. Warren Brothers** and his choir. Expressed in the music was the longing for a better day and a happy welcome, if not here, then in the life to come. One soloist, Rev. Brothers' sister, charmed the audience with her inspiring beautiful renditions.

Third in the series of special "Know Our Neighbors" programs was an occasion of information and delights presented by the Lebanese Association of Saint John.

The dignified president, **Raymond Tobias**, served as Master of Ceremonies. The prestige of the occasion was enhanced by the Head Table from which the greetings were presented by **Blair Bourgeois**, Regional Director of New

Horizons for the Atlantic Region; **Bernard Richard**, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Senior Citizens Federation; **Ruth Harris**, Vice President of the N.B.S.C. Federation; and **Willis Carr**, Coordinator for the Senior Citizens Clubs in Zone 4B (which includes Greater Saint John).

Joseph Gabriel held the interested attention of a very large attendance of Senior Citizens' Clubs representatives and Shomer Club members, as he outlined the past, present and future trends in the Lebanese Community in our City on December 14.

Originally this group came to our shores to find a better life and greater opportunity. They felt the need to maintain close association with each other for mutual security and encouragement. This was at the turn of the present century. With the second generation, as they moved out into the greater community, their greatest needs were to become Canadians, to be fully accepted and thus to be integrated into the wider society. But they still clung to their own society associations for encouragement and enjoyment.

Now, a new day is dawning. They no longer need the backing of their own group. They are secure. But they do not wish to lose the joy and associations of their inheritance. They have broadened their admittance policies. Mixed marriage members are welcomed. They retain the warmth of the past without interfering with their full participation in the present and the future.

Joseph Gabriel received a standing ovation for his lucid and thoughtful presentation.

He was followed by a delightful group of Lebanese Folk Dancers under the leadership of **Mrs. French**. The dancers wore charming costumes and were accompanied by most enjoyable music.

It was an afternoon of thought provoking and great enjoyment. One long to be remembered.

The fall is also a time of election of new officers. Those selected to serve the Shomer Club for 1980-81 are:

Hon. President
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Hadassah-Wizo

The Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo marked November 12 and 13 with its Annual Thrift Shop Sale. Due to the large increase in the number of "Flea Markets" in the city, it was decided to conduct this fund raising activity for a shorter period of time. Also the Bake Sale, which was always a feature of the Thrift Shop, was postponed to December as a joint project with Sisterhood. Both events were successful due to the generous efforts of all the ladies.

Sisterhood

Chanukah is a time of fun and rejoicing as well as religious ceremony and remembering. **Linda Hamburg**, President of Sisterhood, reports:

"All the children of our community had a super time at a skating and latke party in December. They roller skated for an hour, including parents, and then everyone went back to the Winch's home for latkes and a gift exchange. **Sandy Levine** made the beautiful Chanukah cake and everyone enjoyed all the goodies. Thanks to Sandy and Mel for inviting us to their home. It was nice for all of us to get together."

For the grownups, Sisterhood joined with the Atlantic Jewish Council in sponsoring the showing of the Yiddish motion picture with English captions: "The American Shadchen." Its delightful humour was enjoyed by over sixty in attendance. The latkes and sweets prepared and served by members of Sisterhood completed a gala afternoon.

Book Review

A reviewer of charm honoured the Book Review Club by discussing **Daniel Cohen's** "Curses, Hexes and Spells." He is an American writer. The book was originally published in 1977 by J.B. Lippincott Co., followed by J.M. Dent and Son Ltd., London, Toronto, Melbourne.

According to **Miriam Pavey**, who brought this volume to our attention, stating that she had always been interested in Kabala and Jewish mysticism, **Mr. Cohen's** style is that of a journalist investigative reporter. He is a rationalist. He does not believe in supernaturalism. He presents facts in low key. This makes his book worth reading and it is totally inoffensive.

The author begins with the early family curse and brings it up to date with the theory of the **Kennedy** troubles. Currently we have had publicity discussions of the belief

that American presidents elected in the 20th year die in office or are assassinated. But, says the author, perhaps they are on someone's "hit list". Nor do we consider the stress associated with the position nor the hazards of the job.

Some curses are creative, others are associated with creatures such as snakes, cats, birds.

Some curses are created or exploited by the media. For example, the mass hysteria created by the curse on places: the Bermuda Triangle. A ship disappears, no explanation of why, no reason offered, why?

Many believe that people are cursed. For example, the legend of the Wandering Jew.

Then the magic superstitions such as Voodoo. These are mind creations. Or the subjects of "charms". Christians took over the Hebrew beliefs such as the "Sins of the Father", "Evil Eye" or "Kabala".

Mrs. Pavey emphasized that **Cohen** is not dogmatic. According to him and to the reviewer, "The final decision of belief in these rests with you."

A very lively discussion followed. In speaking about amulets, it was pointed out that if one wears one because that individual believes it will protect, whether it is a rabbit's foot or a copper bracelet, it helps because it relieves the wearer of a certain amount of stress. This in itself is a healing factor.

Charles Zatsman mentioned "The History of Superstition", 22 volumes by **Sir James George Frazer**. The latter is a well known Scottish anthropologist (1854-1941) who was especially interested in the study of Myth and Religion.

The discussion concluded only because we ran out of time.

Congregation Shaarei Zedek

At the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation Shaarei Zedek on December 14, the following were elected for the 1981 year:

President	Mr. L.I. Michelson
1st Vice President	Mr. Norman Hamburg
2nd Vice President	Mr. Daniel Elman
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Terri Levine
Corresponding Secretary	Mr. Murray Zides
Treasurer	Mrs. Joanne Meltzer
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Mr. Norman Holtzman	Mr. Jerry Koven
Mr. Ben Smith	Mr. Jon Everett
Sam Davis	Gar Meltzer

Hello

by **Jonathan Pavey**

I am nearly six years old. I come from England. When I was three I went to Jewish Day School. Everyone was Jewish. We had lessons in English and Hebrew. At Yomtov we did special things. There were 5,000 Jews in my town. Now I live in Saint John. My daddy is Rabbi. I am the only Jewish boy in my school, but everyone is nice to me. The lessons are not so hard as in England. I am in Grade Two.

My daddy teaches me Hebrew. I have a brother Dani. He is three and a half. He went to school with me in England. We like Saint John, but we miss our Jewish friends.

Shalom and love from Jonathan Pavey.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

May the year 1981 bring an abundance of good health and happiness to all.

Greetings to the following who celebrated anniversaries:

Harry and Bessie Brown	52 years
Gerald and Rosalie Budovitch	26 years
Sam and Gertie Budovitch	34 years
Dave and Lil Graser	56 years
Oscar and Polly Jacobson	41 years
Lou and Sue Levine	32 years
Joe and Ida Tobin	57 years
Bob and Gwen Velensky	22 years
Max and Mary Velensky	31 years

Mazel Tov to **Oscar and Polly Jacobson** upon the birth of their grandson, **Terry Scott**. Proud parents are **Mark and Jean Jacobson**, Ottawa, Ontario.

Myer and Eta Berk have returned from Montreal where they attended the graduation of their daughter, **Sybil**, who received her Masters Degree in Speech Therapy from McGill University. Also from a visit to Toronto with their son, **Dr. Joel Berk**.

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

Paul and Revie Walman and daughter have returned to London, Ontario after visiting her parents, **Ben and Goldie Budovitch**.

Valerie Rose has returned to Toronto to resume her studies at the International School of Hute D'Esthetics after visiting her mother, **Bessie Rose**.

Thomas and Rhonnah Gaum and daughters have returned to Truro, Nova Scotia after spending the Chanukah holiday with **Alfred and Leona Brown**.

Mazel Tov to **Irwin and Betty Rosenzweig** upon the graduation, with honors, of their son, **Shawn**, receiving his Masters Degree in Commerce from the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Simone Rosenzweig has returned to Boston to resume her studies at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, after visiting her parents, **Irwin and Betty Rosenzweig**.

Stuart and Frances Jacobson and sons have returned to Toronto after visiting his parents, **Oscar and Polly Jacobson**.

Condolences to **Irving Meyers and Elenore Budovitch** upon the loss of their uncle, **Louis Meyers**, Brooklyn, New York. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

Condolences to **Mary Velensky** upon the passing of her mother, **Clara Zwerling**, in Toronto, Ontario. May she be spared further sorrow.

The community was saddened by the sudden passing of **Max Chippin**. Left to mourn are his mother **Dora Chippin**, wife **Lil**, daughter **Anita**, son-in-law **Dave**, three granddaughters, brothers **Joe**, **Harry** and **Bernard** and sister **Betty Rosenzweig**. May all the mourners be spared further sorrow.

Speedy recoveries to **Sam Shepherd**, **Bea Abrams**, **Jack Levine**, **Ida Tobin** and **Bessie Rose** (Sam).

Jean Zisser and son **Martin** have returned to Brooklyn, New York, after visiting her sister, **Rose Satter**, brother-in-law, **Sam** and brother, **Sam Shepherd**.

Shalom to **Professor Jon Lenard**, **Harriet** and daughter,

who left for a sabbatical to "Technion" in Haifa for six months.

A delightful Kiddush was held November 1 following the Shabbat Services in the Vestry of the Synagogue sponsored by the Sisterhood, honoring the thirty-five wedding anniversary of **Rabbi David** and **Edith Spiro**.

Presentations were made by the President of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo, **Anita Adilman**, and by the President of Sisterhood, **Joan Levine**.

The annual Chanukah party was held December 7 in the Vestry. The programme under the direction of **Doris Rauch** and **Marlene Unger** was well received by the parents and grandparents. The opening of the concert was the lighting of the candles by **Robbie Cohen**, **Sharon Rauch** and **Julie Ruben**.

The first year Cheder children, **Tara Abrams**, **Michael Besner**, **Linda Rauch**, **Jonathan Pinsler** and **Julie Ruben**, participated in a play. Songs were rendered by **Andrew Levine**, **Alexia Kaufman**, **Marci Cohen** and **Patty Lenard**—all pre-Cheder children. A Chanukah play was presented by **Heidi Grobe**, **Elena Ruben**, **Robbie Cohen**, **Amy Budovitch** and **Julie Rubin**, **Linda Rauch**, **Jackie Pinsler**, **Sharon Rauch** and **Kevin Besner**.

The Sunday School Group of **Joci Levine**, **Andrea Brown**, **Bari Levine**, **Sharon Unger** and **Barbie Payne** rendered several songs. The children performed well and everyone present spent an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments were served by the following members of the Sisterhood: **Roz Brown**, **Joan Levine**, **Judy Budovitch** and **Edye Besner**. Gifts were distributed much to the delight of the children and special thanks were extended to **Marla Gartenberg** for her artistic invitations that were sent out to the community.

This year, as we have done in the past, members of our Jewish Community volunteered their services at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and the Veteran's Health Centre to allow our Gentile friends time off to spend Christmas Day with their families. All departments were well staffed. Husbands and wives teamed up in the Emergency, as well as covering the wards, admitting rooms, information and gift shop.

Barry Tobin, accompanied by his brother **Aaron**, have returned to London, Ontario where Aaron is attending the University of London, after visiting their parents, **Sid** and **Rita Tobin**.

Beverley, who also visited her parents, has returned to Montreal to resume her studies at McGill University.

Carolyn and **Ruth Chippin** have returned to Toronto after visiting their parents, **Joe** and **Jennie Chippin**.

Seth Chippin has returned to Toronto after visiting his parents, **Bernard** and **Valerie Chippin**.



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George and Lucy Chippin have returned from Israel where they visited her mother, **Ann Zwerbchik**.

Lawrence Chippin has returned to Halifax to resume his studies at Dalhousie University after visiting his parents, **George and Lucy Chippin**. **Stuart and Marcia Freeman** and daughter returned to Thornhill, Ontario after visiting his mother, **Lillian Freeman**.

Eric Swetsky has returned to Toronto after visiting his parents, **Lou and Gladys Swetsky**.

Chanukah

by **Jacki Pinsler**,
Age 10
Fredericton, N.B.

Every year Jews observe a festival called Chanukah. It is a happy holiday celebrating the first victory for freedom won by the Jews more than two thousand years ago.

Antiochus IV was a Syrian-Greek emperor who demanded that everyone in his empire follow his ways of worship. He seized the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem and filled it with idols.

But the Jews refused to give up their faith in the One G-d. They followed their leader into the hills of Judea where Judah Maccabee, (one of Mattathias' five sons) organized them into an army. Judah was called the Maccabee (which means hammer), because of the blows he struck for freedom. It is told that when Judah's men were cleaning out the Temple they found just a single jar of oil—only enough to keep the Eternal light burning for one day. (miracle) This one jar burnez for eight days and nights.

Today, people love this holiday, not only because it has become a time for exchanging gifts—but also because Chanukah is a time for playing the dreidel game. The dreidel is a small four sided wooden top that is spun by hand. On each side, there is a Hebrew letter which begins the words: **Nes gadal haya sham** (which means a great miracle happened there).

This year my family celebrated a very happy Chanukah. We exchanged gifts with our relatives and friends, lit our Menorah, had latkas, and enjoyed a Chanukah party in the synagogue. This is my brother Jonathan and my favourite Jewish holiday. I want to wish all my friends from camp a Happy Chanukah and hope to see you all in the summer of '81.

Summer Tour to Israel For Students and Young Adults

All university students and young adults (Ages 18-25) are invited to tour Israel this summer in conjunction with students from York University and the University of Toronto. For further information, please contact:

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Meeting Of The Sgoolai Israel Synagogue

A general meeting of the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue was held on Sunday, October 26, 1980 in the Vestry of the Shul. President, **Weldon Levine** chaired the meeting.

Saul Brown, Treasurer reported most member's dues have been paid and the balance of dues are collectible.

Martin Payne gave a report on a proposed dues structure for 1980/81. The new dues assessment was accepted by the members present.

The New Slate of Officers were elected for 1980/81:

President	Louie Levine
First Vice-President	Sam Budovitch Jr.
Second Vice-President	Bernard Chippin
Treasurer	Saul Brown
Assistant Treasurer	Steve Rauch
Recording Secretary	Ezra Rose
Corresponding Secretary	Harold Velensky
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Moncton News

Hadassah-Wizo

A meeting was held at the home of **Minnie Attis** on the very cold and snowy night of January 8, 1981. The **Hon. Mabel DeWare** was our guest speaker and she gave us a very informative view of the Mid Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen as a Canadian Delegate. Mrs. DeWare then graciously answered our questions on subjects concerning us as women and taxpayers in New Brunswick.

Our Youth Aliyah campaign will begin on Saturday, April 4 with guest speaker **Lily Frank**—National Executive Vice Presidente.

Our Chapter sends its sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to our Hadassim Youth Village commitment in Israel. **Sharon Rubin** will also gratefully accept any late comers. We truly appreciate your support of Hadassah-WIZO's work.

In Israel Tu B'Shevat means Spring has come—hope this warms your thoughts a little bit as we look forward to our own Spring thaw.

New Board Elected

At the recent general meeting of the Congregation held at the Synagogue on Sunday, January 18, the following individuals were elected for the 1980-81 year:

David Attis	President
Joseph Kohn	Vice President
Irwin Lampert	Treasurer
Norman Rubin	Secretary
Joel Attis	Board Member
Dr. Sheldon Rubin	Board Member
Natanla Ettienne	Board Member
Sam Gorber	Board Member

Our thanks are extended to **Gordon Rinzler**, **Fred Kirsh** and **Judy Jacobson** who served on the Board during the past year. A special thanks is extended to **Lou Selick** for his years of dedicated devotion to chairing the cemetery committee. We are all indebted to him for caring for, for so many years, this most difficult and unhappy task.

Unchecked Ambition

by **Leon Sills**

Young Billy rode broncos for fame,
Rodeos were part of his game,
Too daring was he,
He failed then to see
That tigers are hardly the same.

The moral that here must be told
Is: "No man will live to be old"
Whose innocent kind
Pays caution no mind.
Reality tempers the bold!



JNF Appoints New Executive Director For Eastern Canada



Michael Goldstein

The Jewish National Fund of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael M. Goldstein as Executive Director for Eastern Canada. Mr. Goldstein will assume his new position on January 15, 1981.

Mr. Goldstein has been Director of Program Management at Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre in Montreal since May 1977. He was Director of the Davis Branch of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Montreal from 1973 to 1977. He is a graduate of Wurzeiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work in 1971.

Mr. Goldstein is a graduate of the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad, Jerusalem, where he lived in 1966 and 1967. Mr. Goldstein is a Board Member of the Corporation of Professional Social Workers of Quebec.

Mr. Goldstein succeeds Mrs. Gittel Tatz who has taken a position with the United Israel Appeal of Canada in Toronto.

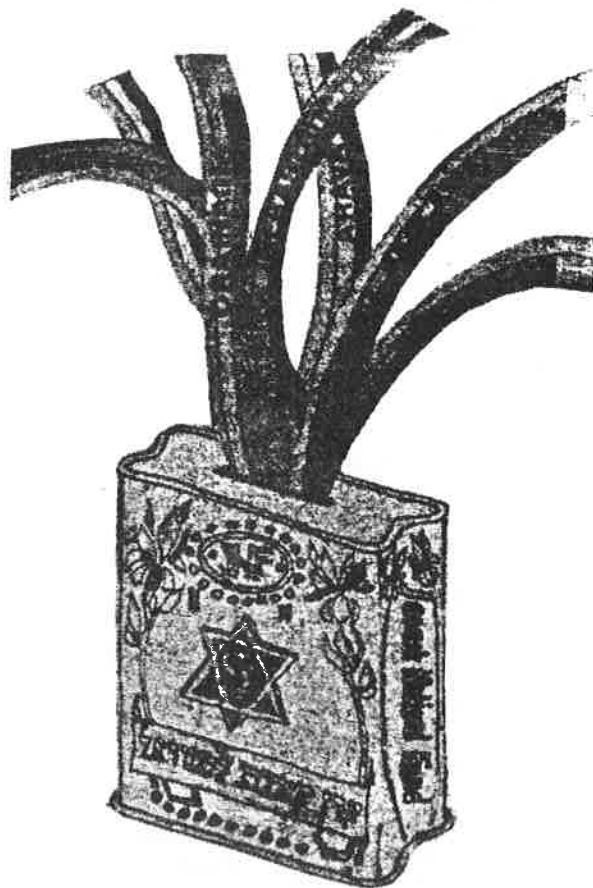
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The Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem's Bar and Bat Mitzvah project has been widely accepted by our own youth because of the special appeal that it holds for the honouree. Our young people can identify closely with students of their own age who live and study at the school in Jerusalem. These Israeli students are also of an age where they are being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Included with the invitation extended by the parents has been a note from the Bar Mitzvah. In it he states that he would be most pleased being remembered at this time by a contribution to Boys Town Jerusalem. This can often materialize into a four-year Scholarship for a needy Boys Town student.

Each donor receives an income-tax deductible receipt from our office. A list is kept of donors and periodic reports are sent along to the family to assist them with their personal thank-yous. A letter of thanks is received by the Bar Mitzvah from the Chairman of the Board. On Shabbat, when he/she is called to the Torah, a certificate, carefully prepared to include the names of all donors, is presented from the Bimah by the Rabbi to the honouree. This acknowledges the gift to all guests present that the Bar or Bat Mitzvah has shared his or her special day with the students at Boys Town.

Please contact: Mrs. Lois Block, Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem, Atlantic Region, Halifax, N.S. 429-2894.

Biluim Canada

by Ann David & Marc Garson

Alone, in the small Young Judaea office in Halifax, we sit reflecting upon our summer at Biluim Canada. It is hard to believe that a short time ago we were part of the strong chevra called Biluim. Though the distance be great, the feeling of unity and chevra still remains strong. Along with being a learning experience, Biluim gave us the chance to meet new kids and strengthen Young Judaea throughout Canada.

It is very hard for us to tell you of our experiences this summer as everything has its own personal touch and every day is now a memory. To each it has a different meaning.

All we can say now is that, through the good and the bad, we would not change it for the world. It is a unique experience, as the camp is made up of individuals who each add something special; something of their own.

It'll never be the same as Biluim's of the past or that of the future, but it was ours and we loved it!

Now looking forward to Biluim Israel, we hope that the friendships made can be strengthened and the good times will number even higher next year at this time. But more importantly, we are taking one more step in understanding our Jewish identity fostered by our movement . . . Young Judaea.

"Lasting bonds of true friendship will not sever". . .

Kinus 1980

by Iris Kohler
Mazkira Ezor

The 35th Bi-ennial Convention of Canadian Young Judaea took place during winter vacation at the Beacon Motor Inn outside of Niagara Falls. Approximately 65 senior Judaeans from across Canada attended the convention.

Programming was well done, with well organized discussions and workshops on topics varying from anti-semitism to the oil situation in the Middle East.

With the social activities of a movie, roller skating, swimming, etc., the delegates enjoyed the free time with both their old camp friends and new acquaintances.

The major business of the convention was to bid farewell to Richard Freedman, past Mazkir Klali, and vote in a new Hanagah (National Executive). We welcomed David Shapiro, from Hamilton, as the new Mazkir Klali, and Amy Newman, from Halifax, as S'ganit Hamazkira Haklali. I am sure they will both do a fantastic job.

By the end of the convention, the delegates were prepared to go back to their Kenim with fresh ideas and lots of ruach.

Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation

by Jeff Cohen
and Richard Freedman

The months of November and December were busy ones for Jewish students, as a variety of events took place in the city of Halifax. The theme of a majority of events centered around Zionism, relating to the November 1975 vote in the United Nations equating Zionism to racism.

Our Jerusalem Day display, held in the lobby of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, contained many fact sheets as well as posters depicting the history of Jerusalem from the years 1855 to 1980. In addition, many pamphlets and booklets centered on modern day Israel, Aliyah, Zionism and the terrorist comprised P.L.O. were available. Throughout the course of the day many of our Jewish students were on hand to entertain questions.

Earlier in the week our cinematic buffs were captivated by "Operation Thunderbolt", the Israeli version of the Entebbe rescue of Jewish hostages. A crowd of approximately 80 to 90 were on hand and all were left tremendously inspired.

On the evening of November 27, 1980, **Dr. Yaacov Vertzberger**, guest lecturer from the Hebrew University, gave his synopsis of the Camp David Accords and prospects for peace in the Middle East. The room was filled to capacity with a nice representation from the Jewish

community. Dr. Vertzberger was extremely interesting and somewhat controversial and we believe he was enjoyed by all.

On the first Sunday in December, students were treated to culinary delicacies unheard of in the Halifax community. Chefs **Sammy Furman**, **Richard Freedman** and **Jeff Cohen** toiled long hard hours in preparation for this eating experience and the 20 to 30 people who showed were by no means disappointed. **Mr. & Mrs. Herman Newman** were our special guests and as usual, Mr. Newman's personalized account of the Holocaust had a terrific impact on the audience.

In addition to other activities of the A.P.J.S.F., the higher administration of Dalhousie University was approached in order to come to some compromise regarding the scheduling of exams on Shabbat. The results were encouraging in that any Jewish student who does not want to write on Shabbat or a Jewish holiday may appeal to the President's Office at the University through the A.P.J.S.F.

On another note, members of the Jewish community were somewhat alarmed to hear of the impending move to Halifax of the Ku Klux Klan. On campus, although no real movement has taken place, several students have met to discuss several courses of action in light of the news. One can rest assured that Jewish students will join with any other opposing groups in opposition to the Klan.

Our activities are well underway for the next school semester, the details of which will be published in the next **Shalom**. Any inquiries can be directed to the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Jerusalem Day Events



Dr. Yaacov Vertzberger addresses an attentive audience.



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Chanukah Brunch



"Chefs" left to right: Sammy Furman, Jeff Cohen, Mark Bowman and Richard Freedman.



Herman Newman speaking on "The Holocaust".



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"A good meal was had by all"

J'Accuse!

by Samuel Jacobson



Where have all our friends gone? As a result of the global Anti-Semitic and Anti-Israel propaganda campaign backed by the power of Soviet Russia and the multi billion wealth of the Arab world, it is seldom realized that the idea of the Jewish Commonwealth has had a long history of support in the Western world. This was most pronounced among the Protestant clergy of England and America inspired by the old testament. During the nineteenth century it was felt that the world was evolving towards the millenium in which holiness was to be triumphant everywhere, and that a primary requisite to this happy eventuality, was the return of God's chosen people, the Jews, to the Holy Land. By 1839 popular interest had become so intense that the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland addressed "a memorandum to the Protestant monarchs of Europe on the subject of the restoration of the Jewish people to the land of Palestine." The London Times carried on a continual agitation in support of this concept.

This interest was intensified when the murderous Anti-Christian Mehemet Ali took control of Syria. It was further intensified by the horrible slaughter of the Jews in the Damascus Riots of 1884. Long before Ord Wingate trained the Jewish defence in Israel against Arab marauders after the Second World War, the colonization expert Colonel George Gawler devoted his whole life towards the colonization of Israel by Jews. At that time Israel was a land without people and of course the Jews were a people without land.

The famous Laurence Oliphant worked and wrote in support of a Jewish commonwealth. The novel "Daniel Deronda" by George Eliot had a pro-Zionist theme. Various associations were formed in England to support the cause and monster mass meetings were held. The British felt so strongly about the issue that a British Israel Movement was organized on the theory that the British people were actually the lost ten tribes. They even used the name "British" as being the following Hebrew words "Brit" meaning the covenant and "ish" meaning the man or people. So "British" became the people of the Covenant or the lost ten tribes. In 1891 Doctor Blackstone, Chairman of the Conference of Christians and Jews, submitted a petition to President Benjamin Harrison signed by an imposing list of the greatest names in America, clergyman, corporation presidents, and public officials furthering the purpose of God concerning the right of the Jewish people for an independent nation in their ancient homeland and offering an elaborate plan for Jewish colonization.

Even France participated in this movement. Joseph Salvador called for assembling of the European Congress to restore the Holy Land to the Jews. Mr. Henry Dunant the founder of the Red Cross, was also an ardent Zionist.

As though they were living on a distant planet, all these activities were completely unknown to the suffering Jewish masses of Eastern Europe. Leo Pinsker in 1882 issued his "auto emancipation" declaring that the Jewish people must, by their own efforts, restore their homeland in Israel. The result of his writings was the establishment of the "Lovers of Zion" Movement in Odessa. The writer's father joined that Movement and went to Israel more than a decade before the first world Zionist Congress organized by Herzl in 1897.

This was a period when the spirit of liberalism, of pure democracy, was spreading around the world, at least in the Democratic Judaea-Christian world. The hope was that all intolerance and hatred would gradually disappear, and mankind would live in harmony and peace with one another. And then came a sudden throwback. In Damascus, the leaders of the Jewish community were falsely accused of murdering a local friar for blood ritual purposes. The Jewish community was victimized, and the English and French consuls supported the accusation that the murder charge was historically proven. In Russia, a series of terrible pogroms inspired by the Czarist regime started a stampede of Jews emigrating to Western Europe, to Israel and to America.

In France, the very centre of enlightenment, the country whose slogan was "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" did not escape this reversal of progress. After a long barrage of Anti-Semitic incitement, the Jewish officer Dreyfus was railroaded by a secret military tribunal in 1894, degraded and condemned to penal servitude for life for alleged treason. Everywhere press and populace placed the stigma on the entire Jewish community. He was falsely accused of having sold military secrets to Germany. It soon became so apparent that the whole case was a deliberate frame-up that he was retried a few years later and once more sentenced to Devil's Island in French Guiana. The well known novelist Emile Zola risked his career by publishing the famous article "J'Accuse (I Accuse) exposing the outrageous nature of the whole affair. For this he was arrested but he fled to England where he went into hiding. This article appeared in a publication published by Clemenceau at that time considered a communist who later became known as the "Tiger of France". Dreyfus, who had been kept in an iron cage on Devil's Island, was pardoned, eventually vindicated, restored to his rank in the French army, participated in the First World War, and died in 1935 without being aware of how his trial and the Anti-Semitism of the great Democratic France, changed the fate of world Jewry.

Sitting quietly in the press gallery during the second Dreyfus trial was a young Viennese journalist named Theodore Herzl, a thoroughly Westernized Jew who accepted the enlightenment as a matter of course; he suddenly saw the Jewish problem stark naked. Returning to Vienna, his head full of the question, unaware that anyone had ever written on the subject, he penned a pamphlet "The Jewish State". His friends urged him to see a great brain specialist. They thought he had gone off his rocker! The brain specialist happened to be the famous Dr. Max Nordau who replied to a question "Well, it is of course quite possible that he's crazy, but if he is, so am I, because I agree with him." Herzl's solution to Anti-Semitism and the problem of Jewish homelessness, was that the Jewish people were a nation and as such must

have a homeland. His noble majestic appearance helped his message spread like wildfire through the ghettos in Eastern Europe. He spoke as an international statesman and diplomat. He met the ruling monarchs of Europe on a level of equality rather than as a beggar of favors or pity. When he visited Vilna "The Jerusalem of the Exile" the tremendous mass of Jews who met him at the railroad station was so great that it sent a wave of fear and concern into the police of the city. At the same time, his intellectual approach and diplomatic program appealed to the free intellectuals and leadership of Western assimilated Jewry. Great minds, writers, and leaders from both worlds flocked to support him. The rest is history. In 1897 the first Zionist Congress met in Basle and the foundation was laid for the World Zionist Organization. He then stated that within fifty years a Jewish state would come into existence. What a prophet! Exactly 50 years later in 1947 the United Nations Organization, meeting at its temporary headquarters near New York, passed a resolution for the establishment of a Jewish state in the ancient Hebrew homeland.

Britain with its long record in favor of Zionism, was given a mandate to carry out a program for the establishment of a Jewish state in accordance with its own Balfour Declaration which was to encourage the immigration of Jews and close settlement upon the land which would result ultimately in a self governing independent Jewish state. Under the circumstances, it was not surprising that Dr. Weizman, the English professor of chemistry, remained so dedicated to Britain that, in spite of the following record in the next two decades of British programs of scuttling the Jewish state and breaking every promise to encourage immigration, and preventing Jews from even acquiring any land, he remained loyal to Britain and refused to believe any evil intentions almost until the very end.

Now comes the turning of the tide. The good intentions of the past, the moral support of the Jewish homeland that was so evident during the 19th and the first decade of the 20th century dissolved into thin air and "realpolitic" took over.

The granting of a mandate on a Palestine to Britain was no accidental matter. For years, as stated before, the British people had shown strong emotional attachments to the concept of the restoration of the Hebrew nation. During the war, negotiations had been carried on with the Zionists of America and Britain on the exact wording of a

proclamation to be issued in support of that homeland. One of the versions was as follows:

"H. M. government regards as essential for the realization of this principle, the grant of internal autonomy to Palestine, freedom of immigration for Jews, and the establishment of a Jewish national colonizing corporation for the resettlement and economic development of the country.

"The conditions and forms of the internal autonomy and a Charter for the Jewish national colonizing corporation should, in the view of H.M. Government, be elaborated in detail and determined with the representatives of the Zionist organization."

In order to appease the Anti-Zionist Jews the final version known as the Balfour Declaration was issued in the following form: (On Nov. 2, 1917)

"I have much pleasure in conveying to you on behalf of H. M. Government the following Declaration of Sympathy:

His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

This letter was addressed to the pro-Zionist, Lord Rothschild. He personally owned more land at that time than the whole world Zionist movement.

The pro-Zionist interests of Britain were not motivated by sentiment alone. The Eastern Mediterranean was an area in which France and Britain were competing against one another for spheres of influence. The Suez Canal had been started by France but nearly went bankrupt until Britain, with the help of the Rothchilds salvaged the situation and also helped to squeeze France out of Egypt. Later, Britain arbitrarily pushed Turkey out of the Sinai Peninsula, which never did belong to Egypt, and took over the area in order to further secure the Suez Canal, which was the vital link to India.

In addition to these very materialistic interests, Britain was interested in getting the moral support of American and European Jewry. In America the majority of Jews had escaped from Czarist instigated pogroms. Russia was hated by them and therefore they would quite likely be sympathetic to Germany, which at that time was considered a very modern, enlightened friendly country to



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Jewry. While the Jewish masses hated Russia, the German Jews who had migrated during the middle of the nineteenth century, and many of whom along with their non-Jewish German Americans, still were speaking German in many cases, and were naturally pro-German, opposed American entry on the side of Britain. It was very important to get their sympathy as well as the support of Eastern European Jewry living in the former Russian Empire.

The Balfour Declaration was a tool that aroused tremendous sympathy from all of American Jewry, both the masses as well as the powerful influential German Jews, as well as the masses of Eastern Europe and at the same time gave Britain the pretext of pushing France, their rivals in the area, even further back.

While the leading statesmen of America and Britain fully sympathized and supported the Zionist cause, the colonial office had other thoughts. Shortly after Britain took over, a riot occurred in Israel. Many Jews were killed. Jabotinsky who had organized the Zion Mule Corps that helped in the invasion of Churchill's plan to conquer the Dardenelles and later organized the Jewish Legion that helped General Allenby in conquering Israel in 1917, decided to organize a Jewish defence against the murdering Arabs. The British did not trouble to punish the Arab terrorists but tried Jabotinsky, found him guilty and exiled him from ever returning to Israel the rest of his life!

Shortly after that a Japanese ship arrived in Haifa flying the Jewish flag. They were forbidden to enter the harbour until they had pulled that flag down and replaced it with the British flag. Evidently the real boss of the country was Britain, for their own selfish interests and not for the benefit of any Jewish homeland, which was their only reason for being there.

Within a few years, by 1922 King Ibn Saud had conquered all of the Arab Peninsula, kicked out the rulers of the Kingdom of Hajaz along the Eastern coast of the Red Sea, who were friends of Britain. In order to help these former allies Britain gave one of the sons, who had lost the war with Ibn Saud the throne of Mesopotamia (now Iraq) and to the other son he gave three quarters of the area formerly given to the Zionist Movement, then known as Transjordan. He became known as the Emir Abdullah of Transjordan. This had definitely up until then, been included as part of the Jewish National Home in accordance with all the terms and negotiations conducted between the Zionists and the British government.

Had the Zionists been aware of the true intentions of the colonial office to wriggle out of their promise and doublecross the Jews of the world, they might have acted differently.

Up until the early 1920's, there were still no restrictions on Jewish immigration. Had they followed the advice of that great visionary, Jabotinsky, they would have landed a half million Jews from Eastern Europe and created a Jewish majority immediately. At that time the area populated by the Jews in Eastern Europe was the battlefields of the invading Germans against Russia and the counterattacking Russians during the First World War. Immediately after the First World War they lived in the battle areas of the wars between Poland and Communist Russia.

Jewish leadership, as very often in the past, lacked the vision of its dedicated leaders. (Second Installment To Follow)

The U.N. Pro-PLO Postal Campaign

by Shlomo Ben Zachariah

It was recently reported that the United Nations postal division is starting to print a series of stamps with the slogan "The Inalienable Right of the Palestinians". In view of the fact that the PLO claim with the approval of the Arab world, and many other nations under their influence, that the PLO speak for the Palestinians. This is a betrayal of the very principles, the very foundation, upon which the United Nations was established and in complete opposition to its reason for existence.

The United Nations was established with the aim that all members should respect the independence of all its members and live in peace with them. That all matters of disagreement should be settled by peaceful means. Instead, here is the United Nations defending the PLO whose record of atrocities, of hijacking, of murdering defenceless men, women and children around the world, has shocked all fair-minded people everywhere. Here is the United Nations encouraging the destruction of one of its own members. Here is the United Nations defending a fanatical group of individuals who do not represent a nation, but merely an international group of terrorists, who are holding the residents of Judea and Samaria in fear of assassination and who would otherwise be glad to live in peace with their Jewish neighbors and with Israel, and who are allied with similar groups around the world who have murdered many diplomats of the free world, who have blown up planes full of innocent, defenceless passengers, who have killed a dozen athletes at the Munich Olympics. And the Olympics was meant to promote sportsmanship and brotherhood around the world!

In the past, due to the intensive desire of the state of Israel and world Jewry to absorb its refugees, and to develop a modern democratic society, it has neglected to defend its own right to be accepted among the nations of the world. It has always allowed its enemies to take the offensive and only then react to their aggression. Too often has the reply been too late and too weak.

Even the dramatic and glorious rescue of the hostages at Entebbe in 1976 was only the reaction to the hijacking by the PLO. Is it not about time that we react to this latest act of aggression by the U.N. with action as speedy and as powerful as this disgraceful step by the United Nations deserve?

It would seem that the least that could be done in addition to many steps that come to mind and that could be implemented, if the will and the courage is there, is to counter this postal campaign with a dynamic and powerful postal campaign of our own.

The proposal is that a united group of worthwhile Jewish organizations issue many hundreds of thousands of sheets of postage stamps to be distributed in the widest possible manner, given away free of charge and asking those who receive them to contribute whatever they wish in order to cover the cost of printing and distributing. Why not start with the umbrella organization of the Canadian Jewish Congress?

Such a postal campaign would be very similar to the

Easter Seal campaign or the Christmas seal campaign by the anti-tuberculosis movement. If such a campaign could get the cooperation of the fifteen thousand members of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo and probably several hundred thousand members of the American Hadassah as well as similar groups in Britain, France and Israel, the impact on world opinion could be tremendous. In addition to the womens' organizations, there are many mens' organizations such as B'Nai B'rith, synagogue groups, Zionist bodies, and general volunteers from the Jewish and non-Jewish communities that could be co-opted to help. It might be possible to get the cooperation of large business bodies who would process all their letters with a printed stamp with a suitable slogan.

Other suitable slogans, no doubt will surface.

A suitable design could be created by an artist with a choice of several slogans. One slogan comes to mind "The Inalienable Right of Israel to Peace and Security." Another "Judaea and Samaria must **not** be Judenrein, racism nowhere!" Many other suitable slogans no doubt will surface.

Free World Jewry in recent years successfully conducted a campaign on behalf of imprisoned Soviet Jewry. It had an impact on the Soviet policy, on American public opinion, and just as important, it had an impact in uniting World Jewry itself.

The above suggested campaign would equally have an effect upon improving the image of Israel and ourselves which suffered as the result of the multi-million dollar propaganda campaign by our enemies and almost as much by our former neglect to counteract. Let this be the beginning of presenting our case to the world. "Words are Weapons." We are supposed to be the people of the Book. In spite of that, the world is being swamped by neo-Nazis and a revived anti-Semitism that is flooding the world with books attempting to prove that the holocaust never occurred. Why don't we answer?

This new wave that endangers not only the future of Israel but the survival of world Jewry, could be more dangerous to all of us than even the Hitler campaign in the thirties, and the Holocaust in the forties. Are we going to allow a second Holocaust without at least attempting to fight back?

Israel and world Jewry generally have performed great miracles. The very survival of the Jewish people dispersed as a minute minority around the world, having survived without any political sovereignty is a miracle in itself. In addition, the very regeneration of the state of Israel as a sovereignty is another miracle. In addition to the above, the young state has much to its credit. Three outstanding features are the following:

First, they have re-established Hebrew as a living language from being a semi-dormant language for a hundred generations into the language of the street. Secondly, they have made the desert bloom. They have restored fertility to an eroded, abused soil. This according to the great American agronomist is the greatest record in all history and if appreciated by the world at large, could to a great degree overcome the danger of starvation facing many tens of millions in the developing world. Third, their military record has astounded the world. Here was a nation that had not fought to defend itself for over two thousand years and had achieved victories against overwhelming odds from nations owning a thousand times as much land and many scores of times as many its own population. This heroic effort should build up the morale of the people and be a warning to its enemies in the future.

However, there is one important factor that Israel and even world Jewry has overlooked. It has neglected the power of public opinion to such a serious extent that it might even endanger its very survival. It has ignored the fact that "the pen is mightier than the sword" or that "words are weapons." If Clausewitz, the German military theoretician were alive today he would include public relations or propaganda as a military weapon. Actually it is an extension of war and the defence forces of any country. Many nations have a Minister of Information on the Cabinet, and give him a substantial budget. They also have an official Press Officer who talks for the government. Israel should dedicate at least ten percent of its military budget to public relations if it is to survive. It cannot afford to continue to ignore this aspect without danger to itself.

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Why Esther And Not Mordechai?

by Mrs. Samuel H. Simson
Sydney, N.S.

I've always wondered why Esther, a woman, was chosen to play the integral role in the Purim drama, while Mordechai, a male, acted basically as a catalyst, in a secondary role to Esther's. Was it chance or fate that destined these two key characters to play their respective roles in the Purim drama? "Chance", however, doesn't fully satisfy the inquiring mind, when one realizes how very few situations are brought about by G-d in a haphazard method such as "chance" is. Though we may not comprehend the rationals of G-d's actions, and in ignorance label it "chance", our sages assure us that "A person doesn't bang his finger on earth unless it is thus decreed from above."

In order to better understand, we must first remember to circumscribe Purim in its proper historical perspective. The eras of our forefathers times, when G-d openly performed miracles has passed. Therefore a "Nes Guluy", a forethought miracle to help the Jews from Haman's clutch, simply involving a chosen man (Moses, Joshua in the past), Mordechai, perhaps could not have been expected no matter how fervently prayed for by the people. What could be hoped for, however, was a "NES NISTAR", a miracle cloaked in the veil of ordinary circumstance. In essence, when we read the Megillah of Purim, there is not even mention of G-d's name, let alone a miracle through G-d's interventions. Yet throughout the Megillah, we are intuitively aware of G-d's divine presence behind the presence of a "NES NISTAR" at work. Secondly by focusing on the specific characters involved in the unfolding drama, we can gain an even clearer insight into the question—why a woman was chosen over a man, as well as exactly what kind of woman was Esther?

Haman and Achasverus, both key characters in the Purim drama, were vain, arrogant and egotistical (chauvinistic) men. Haman, for example, made all bow before him and was humiliated when Mordechai refused to do so. Another indication was the reward he suggested be given the man the King wished to honor—that reward of parading through the streets in a kingly attire reinforces Haman's vanity and arrogance.

Achasverus, though a King over vast empires with no need (as Haman had) to grasp more honor and power, was forced to have his beloved Queen Vashty killed in order to salvage his rejected male ego. I contend that the personalities of these two men made it impossible for a Jewish male, Mordechai, to achieve any eminence. Haman wouldn't have permitted it and Achasverus would have been duped by Haman. One of the very reasons for the intended massacre was an attempt on the part of Haman to assuage his rejected ego by taking revenge on Mordechai for publicly humiliating him.

A woman, however, (until recently) never assumed to present a threat to a male in power. In case a female did become too threatening, she could be easily dealt with or as in the extreme case where Vashty of Persia posed a threat, she was summarily disposed of. Had Esther gotten

out of line as a woman's libber and insisted on her privileges as Queen, etc., her fate would probably have been as Vashty's! Instead, Esther chose the demure way to proceed, by innocently inviting the King to a feast and revealing her sorrow to a man made more pliable and understanding by good food, good drink and a beautiful wife. But, on the other hand, we cannot ignore nor deny her strength and individuality.

Though elevated to the position of a Queen, she never forgot her identity. She observed Shabbat and Kashrut, though she cleverly kept it a secret. More importantly, she kept her commitment as a Jewess, even while in a position of influence, and used that influence to help her people. She didn't turn her back on them nor seek to save her own skin as Queen. Instead, she risked her life for a mere audience with the King. Mordechai realized, too, that she was in the best position to influence the King. Had Mordechai requested his people to be remembered in reward for saving the King's life, at best Mordechai would only have saved himself from death, but not the lives of his brethren. Haman would undoubtedly have seen to that.

Only a woman could render Haman impotent by preying on both the King's and Haman's ego. "Up to half of the kingdom ask of me and it shall be given to you", Achashverus promised Esther, in moment of kindness. How could Haman attack the people of Esther after that remark? What on the surface may have appeared as the tactics of a demure and dependent woman, may really have been a strategy, a ploy to achieve goal. Once Mordechai understood that he as a male would be ineffective against Haman and conveyed to Esther the message that she could save the people, Esther chose to act upon Mordechai's advice rather than passively submitting to the fate of her people.

To me, therefore, Esther was, in the real sense, a liberated woman. She did not berate Mordechai for not risking his own life. She accepted the challenge without taunting Mordechai for his helplessness nor flaunting her power at him. Amid alien cultural hostilities, Esther was able to maintain her individuality and identity, to the point where she was willing to lay down her life to maintain that identity as a Jewess. At the same time, however, she never lost sight of herself as a woman as evidenced by the way she treated her husband, the King. To me this was a woman truly liberated.



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Judaism—“Ya’Ha’Dus”

by Rabbi Samuel H. Simson
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Although the term Judaism (YA HA DUS) does not occur in the Bible or in the Talmud, it is employed in an ancient Midrash (Esther Rabbah) where it signifies a mode of life based on adherence to the teachings of the Torah given by G-d; Judaism has been defined as the strictest form of Monotheism (belief in one God) and the practical effect on that belief on life. First preached by Abraham and symbolized by the covenant of circumcision, it is the oldest existing religion—the parent of two faiths that have spread over the major portion of the world.

Judaism believes that man is capable of perfection; he is made in the image of G-d, therefore he possesses nobility. According to a talmudic statement, G-d gave the Torah to Moses in the desert, in a no-man's land, so that the people of Israel might not claim exclusive possession of it. One of the ancient rabbis declared that, as all mankind traces its ancestry to Adam, all men are brothers, the children of one parentage. All men, therefore, are equally capable of achieving the zenith of moral and ethical behavior. The main purpose of Judaism, according to a saintly rabbi of the 12th century, is to promote mutual understanding and peace among all people. Its function is to keep the great ideals intact before the eyes of mankind.

Judaism lays a great stress on reverence for parents, respect for the aged, and benevolence toward the infirm and the weak. In all dealings with men, honesty and truthfulness are absolutely required. Stealing, falsehood, oppression—even the withholding of a man's wages so much as overnight—are forbidden. Talebearing, gossip and unkind insinuation are prohibited, as is hatred of a fellow man in one's heart. The dumb animal has claims

upon the kindly help of man, even when it belongs to one's enemy. Justice, truthfulness, care for the weak, regard for the rights of others, love for fellowmen and mercy for the beast are the virtues taught by Judaism.

“Learn to be good” is the keynote of the prophetic appeal. The tone of Judaism is optimistic. The world is good and life is precious, for both are the creation of G-d who is the source and ideal of all goodness and morality. As G-d is merciful and gracious, so should man be. As a child of G-d, man has duties toward himself as well as toward his fellow man. He is duty bound to preserve his health. He who subject himself to needless fasting and self-mortification is a sinner. The servant of G-d does not detach himself from secular contacts and does not despise life which is one of G-d's gifts.

One of the chief principles of Judaism is the belief in the divine choice of the Jewish people to transmit the divine message to mankind. In the midst of rich and powerful nations, engulfed in passionate idolatry, it was “the smallest of all nations” that preached the unique idea of a universal G-d to the rest of the world. “He has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly His own. It was not because you are the largest of all nations that the Lord set His love upon you and chose you, for you are really the smallest of all nations.” (Deuteronomy 7:7) The highest motives working through the history of Judaism have been the strong belief in G-d and the unshaken confidence that at last the G-d of Israel will be the G-d of the whole world, or in the words of the prophet: “On that day the LORD SHALL BE ONE AND HIS NAME ONE.” (Zechariah 14:9) Faith and hope are said to be the two most prominent characteristics of Judaism. It demands belief in a personal G-d. As to how to live the Jewish life, was summarized by Hillel in the famous maxim: “DO NOT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR WHAT IS HATEFUL TO YOURSELF, THE REST OF THE COMMENTARY, GO LEARN IT”.



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Application And Registration

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The Canadian Zionist Federation

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Israel Aliyah Center

Full Scholarships For College Study In Israel

MONTREAL—Canadian Jewish students can receive full scholarships enabling them to study for academic degrees in most of Israel's universities, yeshivas, teachers colleges and art, music and technical institutes, it was announced by the Israel Aliyah Centre.

According to Yitshak Ben-Sira, Israel Aliyah Centre Shaliach in Montreal, the plan, which has been renewed this year, has assumed increased importance because of the steep rise in the cost of higher education in Canada and the dangerous trend towards assimilation and intermarriage of Jewish students on Canadian campuses.

"Thousands of Canadian students have gone to Israel for 'Junior Year Programs', said Ben-Sira, "But only a few hundred are studying for a degree and receiving the full scholarships for the full three or four years. Most students and their parents just haven't heard about the program."

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, in Haifa, Tel-Aviv University, Bar-Ilan University, Weizman Institute of Science, Haifa University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The

Rubin Academy of Music, Betzalel Art Academy are among the many fully-accredited universities and colleges where qualified Canadian Jewish students can benefit from the scholarship plan.

Free tuition, free dormitory housing or apartment rental subsidies; stipends for food, transportation, books and entertainment; and loan assistance for the plane flight to Israel are the key elements of aid offered.

"In Canada parents spend a lot of money to send each son or daughter to college, or instead accept government loans which must be repaid for years afterwards," Ben-Sira noted, "But Israel is offering an education of equal or higher quality for almost no cost to the student."

The Israel Student Authority, a joint body of the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, operates the scholarship program with funds contributed by world Jewry through the U.J.A.

"The program is offered to Jewish students with the expectation that many of them—after three or four years of study in Israel—will choose to remain and settle permanently in the Jewish homeland", Ben-Sira stressed.

"Israel and world Jewry are prepared to subsidize free college education for Jewish students because it's important that our youth have the chance to spend several years studying in Israel and even more important—that they adapt to Israeli life and decided to make Aliyah," said Ben-Sira.

The scholarship is available for Bachelor's or Master's studies. Since Israel university studies are conducted in Hebrew, most prospective undergraduate students from the U.S. and Canada enroll in a one year, fully-subsidized pre-academic course in Hebrew to bring their language ability up to the required level. This too, is fully subsidized.

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From "The Jewish Connection"

by M. Hirsh Goldberg

FACT: Theodor Herzl, founder of the State of Israel, once wanted to convert Jews to Christianity.

FACT: Herzl predicted the date on which modern Israel would be created—and was correct within two months.

FACT: The Balfour Declaration favoring Palestine as a homeland for the Jews was weakened by the only Jew present when its wording was discussed.

FACT: Israel's birth can be traced to a chemical discovery based on horsechestnuts.

FACT: The Dead Sea Scrolls were first deciphered on the night the United States voted to create Israel.



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We need your help. The Geneva officials of the Red Cross readily admit that Israel fulfills 9 of the 10 criteria for admission more than adequately. Israel maintains that it be allowed to use the Red Shield of David as its protective emblem. Fair minded people can very well understand that Israel should not be forced to use the Christian Red Cross, the Arab Red Crescent, or the Red Lion & Sun of Iran. OPERATION RECOGNITION has been given the responsibility to marshal world opinion against this unfortunate situation. We have established committees in 46 countries engaged in various programs on behalf of our cause.

At the 1977 Bucharest International Red Cross Conference, a 9-nation working group was formed with instructions to investigate the entire emblem problem and return with its report to the next Quadrennial Conference to be held in Manila during November 1981. It is therefore vital that we keep this issue in the forefront of public opinion so that the Manila report will be a positive one and that the injustice against Israel be corrected. We are grateful for the cooperation and help given us by the American Red Cross Society. Nevertheless, this unilateral support, welcome as it is, has not as yet brought us the rightful recognition due from the International Red Cross organization.

The following action program will help our cause very much:

1. Send protest letters to Mr. Alexandre Hay, President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, CH 1211, Switzerland.
2. Send letters to the editors of your local newspapers.
3. Have your own Red Cross Society pass a resolution on behalf of Magen David Adom recognition.
4. Distribute and assemble public resolution forms.
5. Keep in touch with our headquarters.

Thank you very much for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin

Holocaust Committee —Atlantic Region

Editor's Note: Mr. Newman is Chairman of the Holocaust Committee—Atlantic Jewish Council, and sits on the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Through the auspices of C.J.C., a large selection of books on "The Holocaust" was presented to the school library.



Mr. Herman Newman
Halifax, N.S.

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An Ancient Prayer

Submitted by Jacob Koren

Please God, give me healthy jaws—
and also something to chew!
give me sound body—
and also comprehension how to
keep it strong!
grant me pure soul and intelligence, that
without fear
—when encountered with sin and
evil—
will quickly correct perversion!
grant me spirit of a freeman and courage, not
a weepy one—
so that I will not fondle too much
a bothering creature whose
name is "Me"!

Merciful God, give me sense of humor—
to see the light of things,
to find some happiness in my life—
and to share it with others.

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Living Together: Jews And Arabs In The Town Of Acre

by Larry Steven Price

Reprint: World Zionist Press Service

About 9,000 Arabs and 27,000 Jews live together harmoniously in Acre. This historic, picturesque little port-city, just 8 miles from Haifa along the Mediterranean coast, has long been a tourist attraction in Israel. One hardly notices that in the main shouk, the Arab style market, Jews and Arabs work side by side—one stand owned by Jews, the other by Arabs. When closing time comes, each helps the other clean up. It's difficult to tell who works for whom in Acre, as Jews and Arabs also work for each other.

Who is Abu Christo?

Along the waterfront, one goes to eat at a famous Acre restaurant, Abu Christo. This popular seafood and fish eatery provided us with a key to the story of Acre. Acre has a new and old city. The old city is a mixture of Moslem and Christian Arabs living in rustic old stone and plaster homes, much like the casbahs the world over. The old city is along the waterfront, as is the restaurant Abu Christo.

Away from the waterfront, past the old city, is the newer section. There, Jews have been living since 1948, in development housing (shikunim) rising on stilts from the ground in pastel colored walls. The early shikunim were put up so quickly and cheaply that now, over 30 years later, they are sometimes semi-slums. Later building is of a much higher standard. Along the main commercial drag which runs perpendicular to the shore, the streets are clogged with people, both Arab and Jew.

Abu Christo, it turns out, is owned by a Greek Christian, who opened the restaurant with monies received from the British as reparations to him for some property damage during the 1948 Independence War. But Christian Triandefelidas is rarely at the place. It is managed by a squarefaced squat man with an Arabic pencil-thin mustache and short cropped salt and pepper hair. On first glance one suspects he is Abu Christo. Everyone who frequents the place thinks so. He speaks English with an Arabic accent, and flutters Arabic around at his staff. Actually his name is Albert Ben Shitrit, 58, a Jew who lives in the Jewish part of Acre.

Albert Ben Shitrit

Albert has been working as waiter, then manager, of Abu Christo for 18 years. He is the father of ten children, seven small ones are still at home with his wife, Rachel. Their home is strictly kosher, unlike the restaurant. The kids go to a religious school. Albert and his wife, and their family of then 5 children, immigrated from Rabat, Morocco in 1962. Albert says there are no problems between Jews and Arabs in Acre.

"None," he says swinging his hand around towards the stone walls which hide behind the Crusader built fortress.

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Israel Briefs

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Search for Gas and Oil

The deepest oil well in Israel's continuing search for mineral deposits will be drilled over three miles beneath the Negev desert near Sodom. This was decided by the Government Oil Investment Co. Hnah. Another eight new drillings for gas and oil along the southern coastal plain and near the Dead Sea have been authorized.

Recent estimates by U.S. Geologist James Wilson indicate that at least 30 million barrels of extractable oil lie in Israel, enough to supply domestic use for 15-20 years.

Scientific Discoveries

Arye Lavi of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, announced recently that the Weizmann Institute has developed a new instrument, capable of curing 85 per cent of chronic cold sufferers, according to tests completed in many parts of the world. It is a specialized vaporizer which should become available on the international market by the middle of next year. It was produced by Kibbutz Netzer Sereni, a settlement founded in 1948 by Buchenwald survivors.

The Weizmann Institute has also announced its production of methanol, a petrol "substitute", which is derived from little more than water and carbon dioxide through the harnessing of solar energy. Major automobile manufacturers have acknowledged methanol's potential use as a petro-substitute by developing experimental methanol powered cars.

News comes from Ben Gurion University of the Desert that camel milk can be used as a staple food in arid third world nations (many of whom do not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel). Dr. Reuven Yagil, who has received a grant for research, claims that camel milk is sufficient nourishment for a child living in an arid zone. One camel which supplies 6-10 litres of milk a day can sustain several families for weeks without drinking water. During these

periods a 1300 lb. camel will lose one third of its weight during a two week period, but will regain its weight in three minutes of drinking. Professor Yagil suggests selective breeding, using the same techniques and knowledge as that used for the raising of dairy cows, thus developing a new breed of milk-camel.

U.N. Effectiveness Questioned

A group of 100 international scholars, scientists and artists, including 30 nobel laureates, voiced alarm at the "perversion by irrelevant political machinations" that have "crippled" U.N. agencies. The statement was welcomed by Israeli political experts as a statement "of conscience". It cited "assaults orchestrated by the Soviet and Arab Blocs in their campaign to isolate and discredit Israel" which is contributing to the erosion of U.N. effectiveness.

The signatories include French author Simone de Beauvoir, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, Leonard Bernstein and historian Barbara Tuchman. The statement says "The United Nations condemns the historic Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty and exalts P.L.O. terrorists. Those who vow to eliminate the State of Israel and refuse to make peace are permitted to sit in the councils of the peacemakers, while Israel, a member state, created in fidelity to the principles of the U.N., is slandered and faced with the threat of delegitimization."

Druse Citizenship

A law passed last month by the Knesset now enables Druse residents of the administered territories to apply for Israeli citizenship. Fifteen heads of local Druse councils received Israeli identity cards last week and the Interior Ministry will issue cards to more of the 500 applicants next week.

Israeli Tomato Growth

During an international conference on tomato research in Cairo, Israeli and Egyptian delegates agreed to future agricultural joint research and cooperation, based on a new strain of tomato developed by Professor Nachum Kidar of the Hebrew University in co-operation with Ben Gurion University. Egyptian farmers are particularly interested in fostering cultivation of this new strain of tomatoes in the Delta Region, which can resist spoilage for up to two months.

At present, the average tomato yield in Egypt is 8 tons per acre, compared to Israel's harvest of 24-28 tons per acre.

Medical Diagnosis

A radical approach to medical diagnosis, based on immuno-assay research at the Haifa Technion, will soon become available internationally. The new technology allows safer, cheaper performance of many clinical diagnostic tests, including those for pregnancy, thyroid growth or malfunction, urinalysis and critical dosage determination for heart patients.

Export With a Difference

Whilst most countries boost their own export, Israel is aiming to help countries expand their export trade with Israel and other world markets, according to the Chairman of the Israel Center for Trade with Developing Countries.

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Canada Counters Copenhagen Resolutions



On November 7th, the United Nations General Assembly voted in committee on the ratification of the Copenhagen Program of Action, adopted at the Mid-Decade World Conference for Women, which ended July 31, 1980. At this conference, Arab delegates subverted the dialogue on important women's issues with blatant attacks on Israel over the "denial" of Palestinian rights. The inclusion of paragraphs attacking Israel, specifically affirming the equation of Zionism with Racism, forced Canada to join Israel, the U.S. and Australia in voting against the conference's program of action.

Initially, Canada was considering changing its vote in committee due to the understandable pressure being brought by women's groups who had labored long and hard to develop the constructive elements comprising the main body of the program. However, as a result of the campaign initiated by the Canada-Israel Committee, in which the CZF and its many constituent Zionist groups played a leading role, **Canada cast a negative vote on the Copenhagen Resolution.** Significant is the fact that the Canadian Labor Congress, the Quebec Federation of Labor and the Ontario Federation of Labor also joined in the campaign to keep the Canadian position congruent with that decided initially this summer. Below is the text of the telegram sent on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Federation urging Canada's "NO" vote:

THE HONORABLE MARK MACGUIGAN
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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In the name of consistency with fundamental policy, we respectfully urge Canada to vote against ratification of the Copenhagen program of action now before the 3rd committee of the General Assembly. While in concert with most details of the program, the reference to Zionism as racism is abhorrent to us as Jews as it is to persons of goodwill everywhere and as such we believe warrants a negative vote.

JUDGE PHILIP G. GIVENS DR. LEON KRONITZ
PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Living Together: Jews And Arabs In The Town Of Acre Continued

"In the shouk there is a Jewish dentist, a watchmaker, shopkeepers, all right in the middle of the old city. No trouble. We all get along fine."

Albert gets off work late. He has no qualms about jumping on his bicycle and riding down the ancient streets, now covered with asphalt, between the moist stone walls of the Arab district, heading for his home. He laughs when you mention trouble. Then, one of the waiters summons him in Arabic. He leaves, holds a quick frantic discussion in Arabic and returns.

"My children all want to stay here, they have friends here," he says. Are their friends Jewish or Arab? "Some

German Restitution Payment

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany announced that Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who could not file claims under German indemnification laws, may now apply for a grant from a Hardship Fund established with German Government appropriations.

According to the Guidelines issued by the German Government, grants will be made to such Jewish victims who suffered damage to their health and are in a poor financial situation. The Guidelines limit individual payments to D.M. 5,000.- (Five Thousand) per person. It is the intention of the German Government within its budgetary limitations to make available up to D.M. 400 million for this purpose.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims will distribute the funds subject to the German Government Guidelines.

The Hardship Fund is intended primarily to handle applications from such Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who left Eastern Europe after 1965 when the deadline for filing claims under the German law expired. Others who failed for valid reasons to file indemnification claims in time may also apply to the Hardship Fund.

Where and How To Apply:

Interested individuals should register **not later than** December 31, 1981 in writing to:

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against
Germany,
Gruneburgweg 119,
6000 Frankfurt,
Germany

Applications should state their full name, current address, date and place of birth and date and country from which they emigrated.

Arabs too, why not? We all live in the same city," says Albert, but then he is called away again. At the next table he collects the bill from the diners. They are a well dressed, middle class couple. They speak to him in Arabic. He jokes with them, smiles, as he writes out the check.

Leaving With A Pleasant Feeling

We thank Albert and wander through the town. The shouk is almost closed. Those merchants who are open are friendly. We cannot help notice the signs for the Jewish dentists and jewelers and watchmakers. Almost every store advertises both in Hebrew and Arabic.

We wander down to the wharf again, between a break in the stone walls of the old Crusader fortress. The lights of Haifa glitter in the distance, across the shimmering phosphorescence of the Mediterranean. Some Arab youths are playing with a small octopus they have extracted from the water. We want our pictures taken against the beautiful scenery. We speak in Hebrew, are answered in Hebrew. Our camera is taken, the picture snapped by the youths and handed back with a smile. We leave Acre with a pleasant feeling. Sometimes, smiles are rare.



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Canadian Jewish Congress

Congress Archives Contain History Of Canadian Jewry

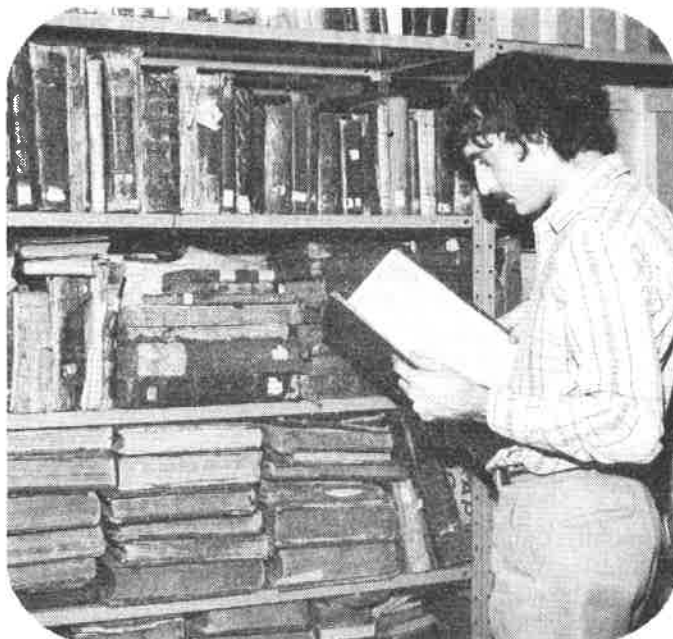
The rich history of Canadian Jewry, from its beginnings to the present, is available to all in the archives of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Amidst its numerous letters, photographs and other documents, one can trace the story of a people who grew with a nation.

"The archives contain the stories of people who have contributed to the development of Canada and Canadian Jewry", says David Rome, Director of the CJC archives in Montreal. "We have documents pertaining to the lives of over 5,000 Jewish Canadians, from Aaron Hart, patriarch of the Canadian Jewish community, up to prominent Jewish Canadians of the present. These records detail their lives and achievements."

But there is more to the archives than the stories of people.

"We also have all the documents of Canadian Jewish Congress", relates Mr. Rome. "Since Congress was established in 1919, it has helped refugees, worked for the establishment of the State of Israel, and fought anti-Semitism, among its many endeavours. The documents pertaining to these activities are here."



A researcher looks through one of the numerous old volumes housed in the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives.

The archives have also published a series of 27 volumes for libraries and learning institutions entitled "Canadian Jewish Archives", which chronicle events and people in Canadian Jewish history. These books are unique in that they provide a treatise on the person or occurrence combined with relevant documents, thus providing detail and authenticity.

There are also precious treasures in the archives, including Sifrei Torah and other ceremonial objects which emerged from the destroyed Jewish communities of Europe after the Holocaust.

The archives are also located in Toronto, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Speisman, and there are Archives Committees in Congress' regional offices across the country.

Scholars from a wide variety of disciplines will find the archives useful in their research. To gain access to them, call Mr. Rome at 931-7531, 1590 Avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal or Dr. Speisman at 977-3811, 150 Beverley Street, Toronto, Ontario.

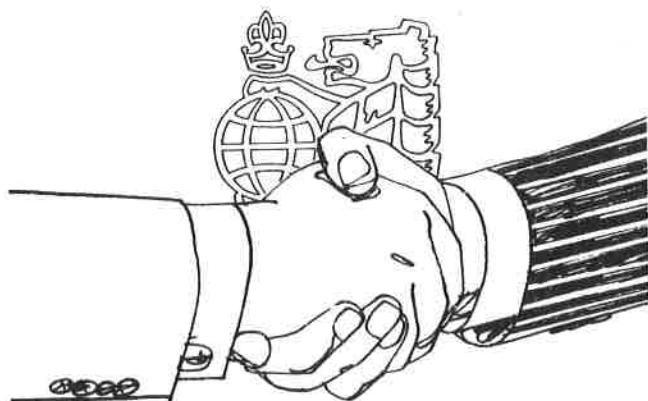
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