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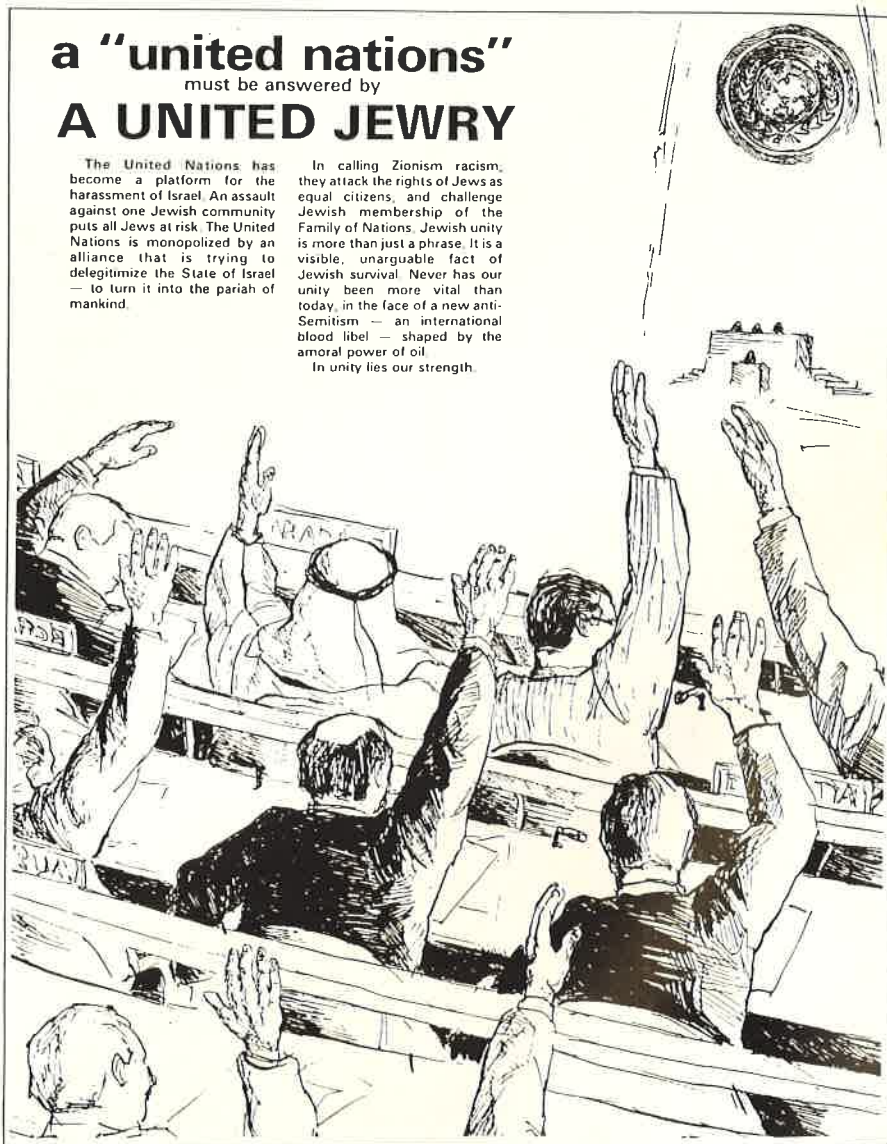
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Editor's Message



I hope by the time you read this that Spring and hopefully an early summer has arrived. As this is the last issue of **Shalom** until September, I want to take this opportunity to thank once again all those who have contributed to its pages. At the same time, I want to thank all of you who have been so generous with your time and help since I assumed the position of Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council. This past season has been extremely busy, and I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed and have partaken in all the events and activities that have been arranged.

Throughout the pages of this **Shalom** you will read messages and good wishes on the occasion of the 33rd Anniversary of the State of Israel. We at the Atlantic Jewish Council add ours to those.

At the present time United Jewish Appeal campaigns are in full swing and your continued generosity will enable us to fulfil our commitments to Israel as well as to continue to promote and maintain the quality of Jewish life in the Atlantic Region so as to perpetuate Judaic and Zionist causes.

Have a pleasant and healthy summer. Remember **Shalom** needs your summer news for the next issue in September.

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Shirlee Fox, Editor

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Independence Day Message



by **Martin Chernin, President, Atlantic Jewish Council**

These are historical times when the Middle East is the central part of the strategy of the two super powers, and Israel on the thirty-third Anniversary of her Statehood is now at the crossroads.

To demonstrate our concern about this crisis, Diaspora Jewry will have to respond to the challenge in a greater effort through all its Zionist organizations.

We, in the Atlantic Provinces, can be proud of the part we have played in supporting Israel, morally and financially, but now more than ever, we must rededicate ourselves to protect her Statehood with an even stronger commitment.

It is my sincere belief that Atlantic Jewry will celebrate the Anniversary of The Statehood of Israel with substantial increases in financial support.

It is this solidarity which has enabled her past survival and will ensure our future.

We, of the Atlantic Jewish Community join with World Jewry in celebrating Israel's thirty-third Birthday.

Share
a little
of your day.



Call home tonight.



Greetings From Prime Minister Begin On The Occasion Of Israel's 33rd Independence Day



From Jerusalem our eternal and indivisible capital I send to you all heartfelt greetings on the occasion of the thirty-third anniversary of the proclamation of Israel's Independence in the land of our forefathers.

After the most terrible disaster which befell our people in Europe and the heroic fight in Eretz Israel for national self-liberation we lived to see the day, one of the greatest in the annals of our ancient people, when we became a nation amongst nations, free and independent in our own country. Since then we have brought home millions of the Jewish people from the four corners of the world. We have had to sustain our independence through five wars, in which 14,000 of our best men gave their lives and more than 30,000 were wounded. But we did protect and preserve our independence. We set our country free; we reunited Jerusalem; we built up the land and are turning it into green pastures.

This year we celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. No doubt this is a turning point in the annals of the two countries and of the Middle East. After thirty-one years of a state war and of five actual wars waged on the battlefield with great sacrifice, sorrow and bereavement, we Egypt and Israel, declared that we shall never again raise arms against each other and the state of war is terminated.

The Middle East and its periphery are in a state of turmoil. Iraq faces Iran in armed conflict. Syria, itself seized by internal convulsions, is in confrontation with Jordan. Lebanon continues its inner bloody strife, mainly because of the presence of the criminal PLO now armed by Soviet tanks and heavy weapons, aided by Syria and financed, as before, by Saudi Arabia. In this arena of instability and dispute the only peaceful corner emanates from the treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt. We have since signed many agreements which stem from the treaty. We still have problems; indeed we hope to solve them. Better the difficulties of peace than the sufferings of war. We will be faithful to all the terms and all the parts of the Camp David agreements. There may still be difficulties ahead but we have started this great new chapter in our life, peace. We live by the faith that in generations to come our people will live in this land together with their neighbors, in equality, in human dignity, in freedom, in independence and in real security. Mazal Tov and Chag Sameach to all of you.



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Greetings On Israel's 33rd Anniversary



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend to the readers of SHALOM MAGAZINE my warmest greetings on the occasion of Israel's 33rd Anniversary.

In the changing international climate there is now some hope for brighter days. An increasing awareness amongst free nations could well result in more co-ordinated handling of situations dangerous to all of us.

Israel's own policies are determined by the geo-political environment in which we live. We are probably the only country in the free world whose freedom and existence are one. Other countries have experienced sad periods in their history, often lost their freedom but never their existence. We must exist in order to be free and must be free in order to exist.

This is the double significance of our renewed independence, now 33 years old and I trust that we are all aware of the immense responsibilities for its preservation in peace and prosperity.

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A Cause For Celebration



by Judge Phillip G. Givens, President, Canadian Zionist Federation

This year, indeed, day, should find us in a very buoyant and optimistic mood. We can recount the miracle of the restoration of the modern State, bask in the reflected glory of its achievements and again commiserate over its many problems both foreign and domestic, that always appear to loom on the horizon every Independence Day.

What should make us optimistic this time around, is the scenario we are witnessing as the new United States administration seeks to strike a deal for military hardware with Saudi Arabia. Suddenly, after all the doom and gloom we have been experiencing for many months, we now find an incredible massive surge of support in the United States rushing to the defense of the interests of Israel. This, in the face of the power of the Arab States to exercise their old blackmail, the unsettled situation in the Persian Gulf area, the pressure at the

United Nations, the whole agreement with regard to the West Bank and the Jerusalem question very much an issue in the forthcoming election, all this goes by the board. The clarion call from everywhere is that the independent State of Israel must survive as a bastion of freedom and that all its friends throughout the world are prepared to guarantee that it will survive, come what may.

By the time you read this, I am willing to wager that the problem of the sale of military hardware may or may not have been finally resolved, but whatever its resolution, it will not be to the detriment of the State of Israel.

So I say that when Israel has the ability to evoke such powerful support, Independence Day 1981 is certainly something to celebrate with joy and pride.

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Lou Sklar, Chairman, Or Yehuda Project Renewal Committee is shown with his wife Penny. Mr. Sklar was the special guest speaker at the Canvassers' Breakfast held in Halifax.



A "Thank You" to Sophie Forman for her outstanding efforts on behalf of United Jewish Appeal. Presentation was made by Lt. Col. Yona Gazit, Special Emissary to Canada, Karen Hayesod/United Israel Appeal.



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In a few short weeks, Camp Kadimah/Machar will be in session. Soon the words "Maccabia", "Regatta", "Carnival", "Chugim" and "Mifgash" will be echoing through the grounds of Camp. Registration indicates a record number of campers and many new faces will be arriving from new places. Old friendships will begin again and hugs and kisses at the bus depot will be the order of the day. Excitement is mounting over the implementation of this year's new concept in programming—special clinics in cultural, recreational and athletics. **Sheldon Cohen**, Camp Director, and all Staff are busy planning the Best Summer Ever! See you there.

Remember Visiting Day is Sunday, July 19, 1981.





הקונגרס היהודי הקנדי

Canadian Jewish Congress

Independence Day Message 1981



by Irwin Cotler, President, Canadian Jewish Congress

On behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress, I extend warm greetings to SHALOM for the special Israel 33rd Anniversary Edition. Although Israel has experienced 33 years of statehood, its existence continues to be challenged by all its neighbours except Egypt. Israel is the target of a barrage of attacks in world fora, including the United Nations, where its very existence is being called into question. These assaults on Israel are paralleled by the oppression of our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union and a rising crescendo of anti-Semitism throughout the world. The Canadian Jewish Congress joins with all Jews in reiterating our determination that Israel be secure, that the peace process begun at Camp David endure, and that Jerusalem remain the eternal and indivisible capital of the State of Israel.

The Jewish communities of the Maritimes have had a long history of identification with the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement. We join in the salute of the Atlantic Jewish Council to the Jewish State and its people.

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Yom Hoshoa—Halifax

In Halifax, as part of the commemorative services which was held at the Beth Israel Synagogue, five young performers under the direction of **Mrs. Belarie Hyman-Zatzman**, presented a dramatic segment entitled "Lest We Forget." Dressed in black and wearing white facial masks, they vividly portrayed this period in history.

Church and other dignitaries from all levels of government were in attendance. A display mounted in the lobby, was co-ordinated by Canadian Young Judaea. This service was under the direction of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Jewish Congress.



Shown above are the five young performers who presented "Lest We Forget" part of the Yom Hoshoa Services in Halifax, N.S. Nadine Sharp, Norman Rosenblum, Anita Small, Belarie Hyman-Zatzman, David Newman.



Shirlee Fox, Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council is shown discussing lobby display with Perry Sable.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE was commemorated in Halifax recently at the Beth Israel Synagogue. Among those present at the service were from left, Rev. Msgr. William Wamboldt; Joe Casey, MLA-Digby; Ben Prossin, Deputy Chairman, Canadian Zionist Federation, Vice President of Canadian Jewish Congress; Arthur Donahoe, Speaker for the Nova Scotia Legislature; and Edmund Morris, Minister of Fisheries.

Yom Ha'atzmaut 1981



Canadian Zionist Federation—
Atlantic Region



Atlantic Jewish Council

Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations were held throughout the entire Atlantic Region.

In Halifax, the Jewish community was invited to join in the celebrations. A very large audience watched the little children of the Beth Israel Synagogue dance and sing, followed by a two-act play, performed by the Chai Players of Halifax. The Jewish National Fund's 80th Anniversary was recognized by a slide show entitled "So Bold the Challenge" with an introduction by **Neil Franklin**, Vice-President Atlantic Region, Jewish National Fund. Canadian Young Judaea participated in the Flag Raising as well as performing on stage. The end of the very full evening was highlighted by the presentation of the Israeli



The Children Dancers of the Beth Israel Synagogue lend their own special excitement and entertainment to the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations in Halifax.

and International Folk Dance group of Halifax. With the entire audience joining in the dancing, a joyful evening was experienced.

Mr. Ben Prossin, Deputy President of Canadian Zionist Federation, was the guest speaker as well as the Master of Ceremonies.

Saint John, N.B. celebrated with a community event at which **Ron Dagan**, a young Israeli singer, performed.

Saint John's, Newfoundland, held a community birthday party. A huge home baked cake specially prepared for their festivities, was sold along with all the candles to the highest bidder. St. John's has a reputation for really putting on a "big show" for this occasion.



Ron Dagan

B'nai B'rith - Citadel Lodge

It's A Hit!!

EDITOR'S NOTE

The following review from the **Halifax Chronicle Herald/Mail Star** says it all. Congratulations to the entire production.

B'nai B'rith 'Bits Of Broadway' Wonderful Production

by **Barbara Senchuk**

The Halifax citadel Lodge No. 3099 B'nai Brith came through with a wonderful little production in *Bits of Broadway*, last evening at Queen Elizabeth High School.

The hall was crowded with eager spectators. Happily, the show was all that one might have hoped for—and much, much more.

It was produced as a benefit for the Sir Frederick Fraser School for the Blind, and other B'nai B'rith foundation charities. Every contributor, on stage, backstage and those involved in direction, hailed from the general community, each one a volunteer.

Evidence of hard work and dedicated effort were everywhere to be seen—from the colourful detail in the costumes, to the neatly choreographed steps of the dance numbers.

Special commendation is due those volunteers in high managerial positions: **Shirley Burnstein** as musical director, **Bonnie Bultz** as choreographer, **Belarie Hyman-Zatzman** as Artistic Co-ordinator and **Edgar Miller** as Producer.

The six-piece band under Miss Burnstein's direction, provided nicely co-ordinated accompaniments. Their musical arrangements came thanks to the work of **Bunny Shore**.

The show was centred around the characters of the Charlie Brown comic strip, their summer camp experience and their decision to put on a musical. Each

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Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

by Anita Dubinsky

The house cleaning of Passover leads us naturally to a Spring Mini Bazaar where all used and unwanted items go on sale May 26. Our public is waiting for this successful annual fund-raiser for our projects in Israel, and this is a rehearsal for the Fall Bazaar, now springing into the full bloom of preparation.

Medical Services is a prestige project, with this year's distinguished guest speaker, **Dr. Philip Belitsky**, Department of Urology, Dalhousie Medical School. **Earle and Celia Goldberg's** home is the place to be on June 14 for this major annual event. **Leona Freeman** and her committee are in charge of arrangements.

Many Halifax Hadassah-Wizo members profited from the National Leadership Development Seminar held recently in Halifax. Skills in organization, time and paper



National Leadership Training Seminar—Hadassah-Wizo held in Halifax February 9 - February 13, 1981.

management were studied and practised. **Wendy Franklin, Myra Freeman, Harriet Laing, Shirlee Medjuck, Barbara Paton, Bette Ross, Myrna Yazer and Sheila Zive** were enthusiastic participants. Many expressions of appreciation for hospitality here came from visiting delegates.

Having completed her term as President of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council, **Sheila Zive** now assumes the Presidency of the Junior League of Halifax. Congratulations, Sheila!

The incoming slate of officers:

Past President—**Sheila Zive**; President—**Bette Ross**; 1st Vice President—**Lenore Schelew**; 2nd Vice President—**Myrna Yazer**; Treasurer—**Barbara Rafuse**; Recording Secretary—**Tamara McIvor**; Corresponding Secretary—**Leah Epstein** and Financial Secretary—**Maxine Cordon**.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo expresses deep sympathy to the family of the late **Yetta Kitz**. Mrs. Kitz was a charter member and officer and throughout a long life maintained a keen interest in all Zionist activities.



33rd Anniversary Of The State Of Israel



by Mirial Small, National President, Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada

On this, the 33rd anniversary of the State of Israel, we salute Israel for its remarkable achievements in human development in the sciences and in the arts.

We express our solidarity with Israel and dedicate ourselves to continued support of Israel, of the promotion of its ideals of justice and human rights.

Together we pray for peace in Israel and throughout the world and freedom for our people everywhere.

B'nai B'rith 'Bits Of Broadway' Wonderful Production

Continued

scene began with an idea from one of the characters, and ended with the acting out of that idea. Lucy's dream of being rich turned into a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof*, Linus' thoughts of food were answered with a children's chorus from *Oliver*.

Each scene worked smoothly into the next. Props were always ready at hand, the music was on time, and each character was in place and ready for action.

There were many delightful highlights, **Lowell Shore's** *If I Were a Rich Man* was well done. The Grease-type scene closing the first half of the program featured singer **Lori Silverman** in *Hopelessly Devoted To You*, and a marvellous group of dancers.

On top of the hard work that must have gone into turning her largely inexperienced cast into good little dancers, **Bonnie Bultz** took on the role of Lucy—and created one of the show's most charming characters. Everywhere at once, and full of energy, she was always a captivating entertainer.

Steve Lunar as Snoopy contributed many humorous moments to the scenes. **Ben Prossin** as Linus added his fare share as well.

The final scene of the show ended with the full cast on stage—dancing and singing its way to a most entertaining program's end.

Bits of Broadway comes warmly recommended. A second performance will be given tonight at 8 o'clock.



"Trained hands means Productivity, Security, Dignity"

In Halifax

by Annette Strug

Halifax Women's ORT is preparing for the 1981-1982 ORT year. Much thanks and acknowledgement must be given to **Cathy Jacobson** and the other members of the outgoing Executive for an outstanding year. The spirit was high, fundraising was very successful and our understanding of the role and importance of ORT and vocational training in the world was enhanced.

The members of the Executive for 1981-82 are: President—**Linda Raskin**; Vice Presidents—**Carol Ginsberg, Donna Gorber** and **Gail Green**; Recording Secretary—**Vicki Lipkus**; Corresponding Secretary—**Dee Dee Merovitch** and Financial Secretary—**Judy Abraham**. Congratulations on your appointments and much success.

The final ORT meeting for this season will be held June 17 at the home of **Sharon Ross**. The new officers will be installed.

DAYENU

BY HENRY LEONARD



"Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"

Reprint

Ort Salutes Israel's 33rd Anniversary



by Cathy Jacobson

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT is proud to be part of this special issue featuring Israel's 33rd Anniversary. We salute Israel and wish it a hearty Mazel Tov on its 33rd birthday.

ORT operates in many parts of the world but its major impact is in Israel where, in three decades, it has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of men and women, boys and girls. More than a quarter of a million Israelis, one quarter of the nation's workforce, is ORT-trained. ORT schools in Israel have over 55,000 students in 90 different ORT schools providing highly skilled workers for Israel's rapid industrial development. ORT creates opportunity for all Israelis and makes a vital contribution to closing the social gap.

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT is as vital as all those vocational and technical schools because we are one of the chapters entrusted to raise funds to support those schools. Halifax Women's ORT takes its task very seriously. We raise funds through various events such as raffles, Art Auctions, craft shows, fashion shows and many others. We also raise dollars through sale of scholarship cards.

Halifax Women's ORT donates a portion of its charitable dollars to other worthwhile causes on a local level. This year, ORT is assisting in refurbishing a room in Bryony House, a transition home for battered women and children. In past, ORT has supported the Speech and Hearing Clinic and Learning Disability groups in the Metro area.

ORT is deeply concerned with the key issues of our times . . . anti-semitism, Jewish and women's rights everywhere, Soviet Jewry and, above all, the security and well-being of our people in Israel. In chapters and regions from coast to coast some 5000 members of Women's Canadian ORT work actively to support the major and far reaching efforts of ORT in Israel and around the world.

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This 33rd Anniversary
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Immigrant Aid Work In Canada

The following is a literal translation of a letter signed by forty-seven immigrants who were detained at Halifax for deportation to Europe. The letter was addressed to Mr. Zwerling, Chairman, and Mr. Kitz, Treasurer of the Halifax Branch of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada, and it speaks for itself.

Halifax, N.S. On the great historical day when a large number of immigrants were released from jail and saved from a horrible fate which awaited them, namely deportation.

To our dear friends Messrs. Zwerling and Kitz of the Halifax Branch of the Jewish Immigrant Society of Canada:—

On this day of our release, we the undersigned take the opportunity to express to you the warmest and heartiest thanks from the depths of our souls.

No words nor phrases can describe the feeling of the freed man toward his liberator. Our Jewish History is almost fully covered with blood and tears and anywhere the Jew has trespassed, a mysterious power would lead that country to prosperity and the Jew to desolation. The only piece of earth on this Globe, that is -THANK HEAVEN- not yet acquainted with the horrible events that happened to other lands of our Goluth, is that of Canada and the United States, and when the doors of Canada were about to be closed upon us and we were to be deported back to Europe, with nothing to greet us there but suffering the only ray of hope which gleamed on us was extinguished, and a Jewish Community of old and young, men, women and children were about to be crushed.

As our position was at its darkest point, you Messrs. Zwerling and Kitz of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada, were the first persons, who with remarkable energy and sacrifice of both time and means, were successful to let the ray of light gleam once more in the

dark chambers of our cells, which eventually led to our release. Therefore, our kind Liberators, we would ask you to accept the only means with which we can thank you, that is our blessings from the depth of our hearts, which we hope will reach 'THE GATES OF HEAVEN' and be sanctioned by THE ALMIGHTY.

That you, your children and your grandchildren may never experience what is called "Wandering". That you may never know of trouble nor misfortune. That the tears of happiness shed by the old mothers, small children, broken-down fathers, and encouraged sons and daughters, shall be the last tears shed over our Jewish hardships and on the strength of these tears, the Jews shall be helped in all their want and misfortune. That in the near future, we shall all be united by our Lord, with Jewish happiness, in a Jewish Homeland.

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*Shaar Shalom Congregation, Halifax, N.S.,
salutes the State of Israel
on her 33rd Anniversary.*

The Halifax Baron De Hirsch Congregation Blesses The Sun

by Rabbi M. Pritzker

Many thousands of Jews from the Empire State Building in New York, to the Western Wall in Jerusalem, joined in the Blessing of the Sun the morning of April 8, 1981. In Halifax, members of the daily minyan gathered on the front patio of Beth Israel Synagogue to join in the same ritual which takes place once every twenty-eight years. The last time this occurred was April 1953. The next time will be April 2009.

The Talmudic passage on which this is based says as follows: "Our Rabbis taught; He who sees the sun at its turning point, the moon in its power, the planets in their orbits, or the signs of the Zodiac in their order, should say, "Blessed art Thou who makes the work of creation". And when does this happen? Abayei said: Every twenty-eight years when the cycle begins again the Nisan (Spring) Equinox falls in Saturn on the Tuesday evening going into Wednesday". This concept is based on a tradition that creation took place in the spring, and that one who sees the sun rising as it did on the very first Wednesday, the fourth day of creation, blesses the Creator who fashioned the universe and maintains it.



Daily Minyan—Blesses the Sun



Independence Day - 1981

by E.M. Rosenberg M.D., President, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax

On this, the thirty-third anniversary of the establishment of the first Jewish state in nearly 2000 years, one must reflect on the centrality of Israel in all Jewish life. It is impossible to separate Israel from Judaism: it is the spearhead of the whole Jewish people. Since the fall of the second temple, our prayers have always remembered Jerusalem and Israel, as the ideal to be achieved. In our generation, Jerusalem and Israel do exist, and have become a moral necessity. As a people, we have developed a new vigor because of the existence of Israel, and we will continue to be masters of our own destiny. To try and forget some of the horrible events in this century which led to the creation of Israel would be to attempt the impossible. Rather, let us continue to maintain our resolve and strength in Judaism and in Israel, in order that we may maintain ourselves as free men.

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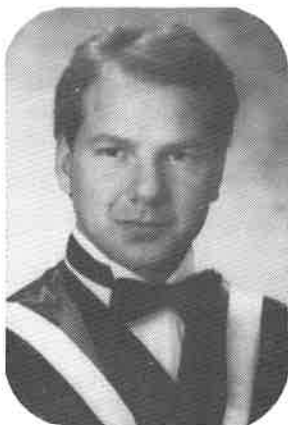
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Happenings . . .



RESEARCH AWARD

Dr. Marcus J. Burnstein has been awarded a Medical Research Council of Canada Fellowship. Marc, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Burnstein of Halifax, will be doing a year of original research in surgery related to the liver.



TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Mrs. Ella Morris of Halifax was recently honoured at an "Appreciation Night" tendered by Mengie Shulman to thank Ella for her ten years of loyal and invaluable service to Group One Atlantic. Relatives, friends and business associates gathered to shower good wishes and continued success as she enters her second decade with the company.

MR. JUSTICE J. DUBINSKY AUTHORS NEW BOOK



Mr. Justice J. Louis Dubinsky autographs a copy of his new book, "In and Out of Court," for Chief Justice of Nova Scotia G.S. Cowan while William Pope, President of Lancelot Press and the book's publisher, looks on.

A Message To The State Of Israel From The Glace Bay Community



by Philip Simon, B.A., D.D.S., Congregation, Sons of Israel

As President of Congregation Sons of Israel, Glace Bay, and on behalf of the Congregation, I should like to extend best wishes to the State of Israel on its 33rd Anniversary.

The 80's appear to have lurking dangers and insidious plots for Israel and Judaism at large in the world. Rising anti-semitism and P.L.O. influence alerts the world Jewish community to be on guard.

Let us hope and pray that on this 33rd anniversary the state will counter the many manoeuvres to do it harm, that it will be luminous for righteousness and contributions to world culture for the betterment of man.

Let us hope that the security of Israel always receives top priority, and that the state will always be a bastion from which Torah and Tradition will emanate.

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Age-Old Longing Fulfilled

by **Sophie K. Sherman, President Cape Breton Council Hadassah-Wizo**

Thirty-three years ago the age-old longing—the return of our nation to its own soil—was fulfilled. We, the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo, are proud to be a link in the chain that has never been broken, the link between us in the Diaspora and the land of Israel.

We have been privileged as members of Hadassah-Wizo to have lived and worked in one of the most dramatic periods of Jewish history. The years ahead will also require full dedication and action. But, it has been said, "Nothing greater can come to a human being than to love a great cause and to have the privilege throughout life of working for that cause". Such a cause is Hadassah-Wizo.

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Yarmouth Highlights

by **Hubert Lynch**

Purim Gathering

A gathering of the Community of Yarmouth took place in the Synagogue to celebrate Purim. A Havdalah Service was conducted by **Perry Sable**. The evening was convened by **Rosalie Indig**, and **Mimi Mandel**. The children were dressed in traditional Purim outfits, and a short Adult program was held. Refreshments were served.

Fashion Show—Hadassah-Wizo

The Annual Fashion Show of Israeli and Canadian Fashions was held at the Yarmouth Y'ARC Building, with **Rose Shapiro** in charge of the affair, with the assistance of **Ruth Pink**, **Rosalie Indig**, **Ollie Cohen**, **Hilda Gillis**, **Sally Attis** and **Belle Lynch**, all pitching in, along with others. The show played to a full house and was a smashing success. The Co-ordinator was **Shirlee's Shop**. This Annual Show goes over well with the public.

Youth Aliyah—Hadassah-Wizo

The Youth Aliyah Drive in Yarmouth was held as a brunch, at the Grand Hotel. Following the meal, the community gathered to hear a reading of what Youth Aliyah has done in the past, and what its hopes are for the future. The programme was presented by **Mimi Mandel**, **Sally Attis**, and **Hilda Gillis**. **Mrs. Ruth Pink** was the Convenor, and **Mrs. Rosalie Indig** was the Chairlady. Introduced by **Rosalie Indig**, **Mrs. Lily Garson** gave several of her very humorous readings, which were enjoyed by all. A substantial amount of funds was raised for Youth Aliyah.

Israel's Independence Day 1981

by **Victor Indig, President, Agudat Achim Society, Yarmouth, N.S.**

At this time of Israel's Thirty-Third Anniversary of Independence, one must reflect on the trials and tribulations this small State has gone through for the past thirty-three years.

Founded in 1948, the State of Israel has known few years of calm and peace. Harassed by its neighbours all these years, the center of attraction at the so-called United Nations, where more resolutions by the Arab Nations, supported by the Communist Bloc and the Third World have been made against it, than any other nation, the State of Israel has still stood up to world opinion, has advanced in manufacturing and in many other fields of endeavor.

With anti-semitism again raising its ugly head, the State of Israel stands out as a beacon to World Jewry.

May Israel enjoy many years of Independence, but with peace and quiet.



State Of Israel Bonds

Israel Independence Day Message

by Mitchell Franklin,
Chairman,
Atlantic Region,
State of Israel Bonds



On the occasion of the 33rd Anniversary of Israel's Independence, there is much reason to be thankful. Israel is now entering an era of relative peace, a period of new growth and development. This is something for which we have yearned, worked and prayed for so many years.

However, we Jews of the Diaspora must remember that Israel cannot do it alone.

This year marks another landmark anniversary, the 30th anniversary of the Bond Organization and, in these

past three decades, Israel has grown and developed thanks in substantial measure to the success of the Bond program, which has financed much of its Economic Development Budget.

The Jewish communities of the Atlantic Provinces take pride in their role in the Bond effort, and will continue to commit themselves to help provide Israel with the investment funds it needs to expand its economic infrastructure.

This year, the Government of Israel has called upon the Bond Organization to participate in providing the seed money for the funding of an immense and historic project—an ambitious hydroelectric power project which involves digging a 100 km long canal* and tunnel system linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, to be known as the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal. This water conduit will eventually supply Israel with 15-20% of its total energy needs. For a country that must now import 99% of its domestic needs in a world market that is, to a large extent, unfriendly or, for political reasons, unable to provide Israel with petroleum, this project has enormous ramifications.

Preliminary work has already begun for construction of the conduit, however, vast sums of money are needed. The Bond Organization has pledged the Israeli government to raise \$100 million for the "seed money" to start off this mammoth engineering feat.

On this day of celebration, let us celebrate as well a re-affirmation of our partnership with our brethren in Israel and continue to help Israel overcome the economic burdens which beset it.

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A Message From The Jewish National Fund Of Canada

by Neil W. Franklin
Vice-President
Atlantic Provinces



On behalf of the Jewish National Fund of Canada, I am pleased to send greetings on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of Israel's Independence.

The Jewish National Fund is the oldest institution in existence dedicated to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland. Its establishment in 1901 pre-dates the existence of the State of Israel itself by nearly half a century. During these many years, J.N.F. has provided the physical and financial means of realizing the biblical vision of "a land flowing with milk and honey".

Canadian Jewry has assumed a special role in building Israel. . . Canada Forest, Ilot, Samar, Yotvata, Canada Park, Rafiah, Rebuilders of Jerusalem, all stand as landmarks of your dedication to Israel. Our newest project, "Galil Canada" opens a new dynamic dimension of J.N.F. activity. It will require our continuing and intensified support, for we are determined to help create eight new agro-industrial villages in the Galil in order to bring new Jewish life to this needy region.

Galil Canada is an exciting and dynamic new project vital to the consolidation and vitality of Israel. As in the past, we are confident of your understanding and . . . generous support and that together we shall meet the challenges facing us.

State Of Israel Bonds

Calendar Of Events 1981

CITY	CHAIRMAN	DATE
Yarmouth, N.S.	Victor Indig	First week of April, 1981
Moncton, N.B.	To Be Announced	First week in June 1981
Fredericton, N.B.	To Be Announced	Tuesday, August 18, 1981
St. John's, Nfld.	Ruby Smilestein	Sunday, August 30, 1981

Saint John Happenings

March And April 1981

by Louise Adler

We Will Long Remember

Dr. Joseph Tanzman, who practised medicine in Saint John for over fifty years and delivered or assisted in the delivery of over 8,000 babies, has left us and this world.

He was greatly respected by the total community and loved and appreciated by our own Congregation, not only for his professional services, but as a warm friend and gentle and generous participant in all our endeavors.

He was awarded the Order of the British Empire during the Second World War in recognition of his overseas service. He was commanding officer of the 14th Field Ambulance which saw service in France, Belgium and Holland.

Dr. Tanzman was a former president of the Canadian Society for the Study of Fertility, former chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Canadian Medical Association and a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Saint John General Hospital.

On April 5, our synagogue witnessed one of the most dignified funeral services ever presented in our city. The attendance was tremendous, composed of our own mourners and the general community.

We will long remember him and miss him. May he rest in peace.

The family addresses the following to you:

Would our kind friends throughout the Maritimes who read this magazine, kindly accept this note as a card of appreciation for the many donations, letters, cards and warm wishes extended to us as we deeply mourn the passing of Dr. Joseph Tanzman, our beloved husband and father who touched so many of your lives.

Sincerely,

**Celia B. Tanzman and daughters,
Isabel Bonluk and Sandra Brown**

Saint John, N.B.	Bernard Freedman	Kol Nidre Appeal, October 7, 1981
Glace Bay, N.S.	David Ein	Week of September 7, 1981
Sydney, N.S.	Mrs. Jack Leviten	Week of September 7, 1981
New Waterford, N.S.	Al Bernick	Week of September 7, 1981
Halifax, N.S. (Men's Division)	Reuben David	October/November 1981
Halifax, N.S. (Women's Division)	To Be Announced	October/November 1981

Hadassah-Wizo

The Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo held a gracious and effective Youth Aliyah Dinner meeting on Monday evening, April 6.

Youth Aliyah functions are not new to our communities. But the spirit, the message and the presentations enriched our own appreciation. **Lilly Frank**, Executive Vice President of Hadassah-Wizo gave us ample food for thought and action. Although Youth Aliyah began in 1933, today, almost fifty years later, we are still desperately needed. We did not require reminders, but we received them and were stimulated.

On the preceding Saturday, **Rabbi Pavey** gave a stirring sermon on this subject.

The Hadassah-Wizo March 25 meeting included a Youth Aliyah film presentation.

In spite of the stimulation of these events, we were re-inspired by the speaker and the efforts of our Youth Aliyah chairperson, **Erminie Cohen**; the canvass chairperson, her displays and organization of the campaign, **Jackie Meltzer**, the dinner chairperson, **Sandra Levine** and the members who served in a variety of capacities. It was not routine.

Shomer Club

"Our Neighbors, the Greek Community", was the theme of the Shomer Club's program on March 29. As you may recall, representatives from twenty-two Senior Citizens Clubs in Saint John are invited guests.

Marie explained that their people had come to Saint John at various times during the past two and three decades. They had integrated well with the community. Now it was felt that there was a need, especially for the young people to know, love and retain their own roots. Their religious leader brought greetings.

Then a group of their teenage girls in beautiful costumes, each one representing a different area in Greece, presented a series of dances, both folk and modern which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Book Review

The March Book Review Club enjoyed a summary of "Sadie Shapiro, Matchmaker" by Robert Kimmel Smith, published by Simon and Schuster, Incorporated in 1979.

Although this is a story of sheer delight, it does have a serious undercurrent.

In real life, Sadie, as such does not exist. But according to the author, she is "patterned in part after his wife's aunt. As well she has characteristics of Smith's late grandfather."

The writer adds "Sadie Shapiro is also my own small tribute to the often overlooked older generation in our youth-oriented culture. And, too, she represents the millions of immigrants who came to this land, many not speaking the language. Through their hard work and dedication they made the American dream come true for themselves and their children. All of these qualities make up my Sadie Shapiro, wrapped in a warm and generous spirit that gives more than it receives. It's no wonder that people want her to be real."

Sadie, in the story, is already the country's fastest knitter, slowest jogger, and most lovable TV personality. Sarah, the friend of her youth dies and leaves a legacy for Sadie. Sarah asks Sadie to complete a task which she, Sarah was unable to finish. Sarah, a matchmaker (not for money—but as a mitzvah) left a trio of seemingly hopeless cases. Sadie is requested to find mates.

There is Doris, a fussy Park Avenue widow who has spurned a dozen suitors in her quest for an exact duplicate of her departed husband; Harry, a plain-looking Brooklyn fruit-store owner who wants only a duplicate of his departed wife; and Brenda an unkempt feminist sculptor who doesn't want anybody.

There are a number of other very interesting characters. Among them Sam, Sadie's husband; Maxine Morris and Fred Dubin of the TV Studio; the young handsome, Dr. Michael Newman; and then, there is Bryna Parker, a Hungarian emigre who has a party catering business in her apartment and also her grandmother.

Why spoil the story? You should read it.

Anne Frank Is Added To Wax Museum

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—A figure of Anne Frank has been added to the Madame Tussaud wax museum here. Anne is shown at the age of 14 sitting at a desk and writing her diary in a room which is a faithful reproduction of the attic in the house where Anne Frank and her family hid during the Nazi occupation of Holland.



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News From Moncton

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

A highly successful Art Auction took place early May. Combined with a beautiful Kosher Smorgasbord Dinner, a great deal of enjoyment was had by all those who attended.

Sisterhood will be holding its closing dinner on June 17. Chairman for this function is **Gail Zuckerman**. Elections of Officers will take place.

HADASSAH-WIZO

The Youth Aliyah Campaign this year has been very successful. Many thanks to the canvassers for their efforts, **Mrs. Helen Brodie, Mrs. Kay Cohen, Mrs. Anne Selick, Mrs. Carol Savage, Mrs. Carole Rinzler, Mrs. Gail Zuckerman, Mrs. Mary Feinstein, Mrs. Lorna Gorber, Mrs. Lillian Schelew and Mrs. Sharon Rubin**. Also, thank you to the members who baked the goodies for our evening - **Sharon Rubin, Linda Lefkowitz, and Diane Wanderer**. The chapter is most grateful to **Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Cohen** for their gracious hospitality in giving their home for our Youth Aliyah Evening in April.

B'NAI B'RITH

This past year was successful for Moncton Lodge No. 3069. Although seven members left Moncton due to transfers etc., an increase in membership amounted to an all time high of fifty-four with enrollment of eight new members.

1980-1981 saw us raise more money than ever before, due primarily to our most successful Hockey raffle and our most successful Monte Carlo Nite. This revenue will allow us to leave more than adequate funds to the new executive which should help them considerably during the commencement period of next year's programming. During the course of the year, we donated funds in the following manner:

Moncton Hospital (audiology equipment)	\$ 400.00
Moncton Hospital (circumstrain)	\$ 125.00
Tiferes Israel Pre-school (purchase of equipment)	\$ 250.00
Italian Earthquake Fund	\$ 250.00
3 High School Scholarships (\$250.00 each)	\$ 750.00
University of Moncton (Encyclopedia Judaica)	\$ 375.00
TOTAL	\$2,150.00

The primary steps were taken this year to organize, co-ordinate and host the first "Moncton Annual Brotherhood Dinner". Under **Rabbi Lefkowitz's** Chairmanship, it is hoped that this committee will receive the support it requires from the members to allow this enormous undertaking to materialize in the forthcoming year.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

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Holocaust Documentation Bank

One event continues to stir the passions of mankind. From those who seek to document and record man's inhumanity to man, to those who seek to deny and belittle its horrific magnitude; some 35 years later, the Holocaust still impacts on today's society.

Many Canadian citizens have an important historic and moral message to convey to their fellow Canadians. As survivors of concentration camps, freedom fighters or as military liberators, these individuals are living witnesses to that ominous period of history—one which must not be forgotten and whose lessons must be transmitted to future generations. As most are in their latter years of life, their numbers are dwindling and it is therefore historically vital to record the testimonies without delay.

Holocaust Documentation Bank Initiated

Recognizing the need for expeditious action, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Multiculturalism Program, Government of Canada, have initiated a Holocaust Documentation Bank—an audio-visual project to tape the personal histories of Canadians who have survived the Holocaust.

In one of the largest grants ever awarded, the Multiculturalism Program is sponsoring a CJC project to produce a series of color video-tape cassettes to inform, educate and sensitize the Canadian public to the dimensions of the Holocaust and the moral imperative to prevent its reoccurrence.

This project will be Canada's unique and significant contribution to the existing corpus of Holocaust documentation material and will be available for world-wide distribution and use.

Canadian Jewish Congress recognizes the historic and educational importance of documenting the personal testimonies of Canadian citizens who have relevant information on the Holocaust. A series of video-tape cassettes will be produced recording the individual

experiences of Canadians, Jewish and non-Jewish, who would provide geographic and historic data from both a European and Canadian perspective. This project is intended to have relevance in the fields of **oral history** and **education**.

While not a definitive historical documentation on the full import of the Holocaust, the Documentation Bank Project is intended to counteract an ominous process underway—the attempts to distort and falsify historical record. As books and new historical “journals” proliferate which deny the reality of heinous crimes against humanity, the Holocaust Documentation Bank becomes a mandatory dictate in the ethical, moral and historical record of the Holocaust. The Holocaust Documentation Bank will be able to counteract these assaults on historical fact. By taping testimonies of living witnesses, a definitive and authentic oral history will be available for use by historians, researchers and academicians. This documentation will be permanently deposited in the Public Archives of Canada, the Yad Veshem Memorial in Israel and in major Holocaust Study Centres in North America.

The Holocaust Documentation Bank series is intended to have impact on as wide an audience as possible. By using a variety of themes and touching on diverse aspects of the Holocaust and its ramifications for all mankind, this project will be a useful Canadian vehicle to explore this most sensitive subject.

In addition to Jewish survivors, interviews will be conducted with non-Jewish camp inmates, Canadian military liberators and “righteous gentiles” who were active in the rescue of European Jewry. Each interview will be recorded on a video tape cassette and be accompanied by a specially designed “Teacher's Guide”, which would raise moral, political and historical issues for class discussion. The series of tapes and discussion guides could serve as an audio visual curriculum base for course studies on the Holocaust and have utility for interfaith and ecumenical groups, adult education forums, as well as educational and cable T.V.

Committee of Consultants

Recognizing the significance of this project, a **Committee of Consultants** has been recruited to lend their technical and professional expertise to bring this project to fruition. Chaired by Aba Beer, Chairman of the CJC

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Holocaust Remembrance Committee, the **Committee of Consultants** includes experts in all facets of Holocaust Documentation as well as historical and education curriculum development. Members of the Committee of Consultants include:

Irving Abella, a history professor at York University who compiled the largest oral history collection in Canada on labor and working class ethnics; **David Demson**, a Catholic, and professor of systematic theology at the University of Toronto's Emmanuel College; **Emil Fackenheim**, a world renowned scholar on the Holocaust and present philosophy professor at the University of Toronto; **David Rome**, an authority on Canadian Jewish history and Consultant for CJC; **Paul Trepmann**, Executive Director of the Montreal Jewish Public Library and



Minister of State for Multiculturalism initials contract awarding funds to implement Holocaust Documentation Bank proposal, in Ottawa. (Left to right): Alan Rose, Executive Vice-President, CJC; The Honourable Jim Fleming (seated), Minister of State for Multiculturalism; Aba Beer, Chairman, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, CJC; Professor Irwin Cotler, CJC President and Stan Urman, Assistant National Director, CJC.

author of a number of books on the Holocaust; **Dr. Robert Krell**, a survivor and psychiatrist at the University of British Columbia; **Beverly Shaffer** of Montreal, a film director at the National Film Board and winner of a 1978 Oscar; **Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro** of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple; **Stan Urman**, CJC Assistant National Director.

The Holocaust Documentation Bank project was initiated on April 1, 1981, and will be completed by September 1, 1982. Cross Canada interviews of living witnesses to the Holocaust will take place during the late summer and early fall.

For those who wish to come forward and be interviewed for the purposes of the Holocaust Documentation Bank, further information may be obtained from the following persons:

Mr. Herman Newman
Chairman, Holocaust Committee—
Atlantic Jewish Council
5810 Chainrock Drive
Halifax, N.S.
Tel. 423-5066

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B'nai B'rith's Maritime Lodges Building Bridges With General Community

by Carol Zelniker

Halifax's Citadel Lodge was commended by Canadian B'nai Brith's Executive Vice President, **Frank Dimant**, for its multi-faceted community programming. "It is the programs of lodges in the small communities, in particular," said Dimant "that create bridges of understanding and co-operation between the Jewish and general community."

Dimant was in the Maritimes for a series of meetings with B'nai Brith's Maritime Lodges, and with the leadership of the local Jewish Communities.

In Halifax, Citadel Lodge has an exceptionally high ratio of younger members and is very active in supporting local projects such as the Fraser Institute for the Deaf and the Halifax Coloured Children's Home.

In his address at a general meeting of the Halifax Lodge, Dimant noted that as in the rest of Canada, "lodge members devote thousands of volunteer man hours to enhance the life of the general communities that they live in. B'nai Brith is an organization that co-operates in every community with numerous institutions and agencies, to brighten the lives of people who are less fortunate."

In his brief in Sydney Nova Scotia to Cape Breton community leaders Mr. Dimant re-iterated B'nai Brith's commitment to building understanding among all Canadians. After presenting an update on Anti-Semitism throughout the world and on the Canadian scene, Dimant told the Cape Breton leaders that B'nai Brith, through its League for Human Rights, is continuing its efforts to combat anti-Semitism and racism in Canada.

An announcement was made that discussion was presently underway between the Nova Scotia Human Rights commission and the League for Human Rights to introduce the League's 'Confrontation Games' series throughout the province of Nova Scotia. 'Confrontation Games' is the latest audio-visual medium for dealing with human inter-action in confrontation situations within institutional settings.

The Cape Breton audience was also informed that the League for Human Rights is involved with conducting a study in Nova Scotia of the Treatment of the Holocaust in Canadian History Textbooks. It is anticipated that the results of this study will be released shortly. The study is part of a national project undertaken by the League for Human Rights to analyze Holocaust Education in Canadian Secondary School curricula.

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Mr. Nicholas Munk, a Canadian, through the Munk Charitable Trust, set aside a sum of money that will yield \$10,000 every second year, beginning 1973. This sum in its entirety is to be given to a person who has stimulated and encouraged harmonious understanding between Jews and non-Jews, and has contributed to the world-wide struggle against anti-semitism.

Nomination of candidates to receive the Award are invited.

The nominee may be a person of international reput from any part of the world. Members of the Selection Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Members of the Selection Committee are: **His Eminence G. Emmett Cardinal Carter, D.D.**, Anglican Archbishop of Toronto; **Most Reverend Lewis D. Garnsworthy, D.D.**, Anglican Archbishop of Toronto; **Mrs. Mira Koschitzky**, Chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region); **Rabbi Dr. Jordan Pearlson**, President, Toronto Board of Rabbis; **Reverend Dr. Donald G. Ray**, Secretary, The General Council, The United Church of Canada; **Morley S. Wolfe, Q.C.**, Chairman, Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith (Ontario Region); **Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom**, President Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, CHAIRMAN: SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Nicholas Munk, a Canadian industrialist, resides in Toronto with his wife, Hedy. Mr. Munk immigrated to Canada from Hungary in 1939. He is a 13th generation descendant of a distinguished Rabbinical family dating back to Worms, Germany, 1560.

The Recipient of the "Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship" in 1977, Mr. Munk, has an avid interest in community affairs. Another notable contribution from the Munk Charitable Trust was given to the Baycrest Geriatric Centre in Toronto.

Since the establishment of the award in 1973, one Canadian, **Mr. Victor Kugler**, was the recipient. Mr. Kugler is the man who concealed **Anne Frank** and her family in Amsterdam, Holland, during the Holocaust.

Nominations must be addressed to: The Chairman, Selection Committee, Nicholas and Hedy Munk International Brotherhood Award, c/o Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, 49 Front Street East, Second Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5E 1B3.

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The presentation of the Award will be made in Toronto on October 26th, 1981.

Masada

by
Leon Sills & Usher Miller

Masada! The name conjures up Jewish history and the fatal clash between the Jewish civilization of the Middle East and the empire and tyranny of Rome.

Masada is indeed one of Nature's remarkable refuges from tyranny. Most Negev Desert mountains are cone-shaped extrusions from Mother Earth—but not Masada! A 1300 feet elevation on the Dead Sea coast, Massada is a "tabletop" peak shaped like the deck of a boat.

On this majestic perch stands the imperial site of King Herod, dating back to 33 B.C. On this tabletop peak was carved a fortified palace, surrounded by villas, swimming pools, a synagogue and store rooms. Here magnificent artisanship and beautiful mosaic floors tell of an early age of Jewish kings.

But, the era of Herod left no great impress on Jewish History, certainly nothing like the reign of King Solomon and King David during the Golden Age of **Wisdom**, the age of music and arts.

Jewish History has been dominated not by Gold and Gilt, but by pain and suffering, by purification of the soul, by transcendental and monumental effort, indeed genius of sorts, in rising to the heights of sacrifice, in dying for a cause, facing the ultimate reality of life and death.

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Such is the story of Masada, the imperial summer resort in the desert outside the heartland of the Mediterranean Middle-East.

Such is the story of Masada, the last refuge of a besieged band of courageous Jewish stalwarts and their families.

In 70 A.D., ancient Israel as a nation fell when Rome defeated Jerusalem. Jews were killed, taken prisoner, or were banished. The Age of the Wandering Jew began, dispersing the Hebrews to the wind.

After Jerusalem fell, those who chose to fight the conquering Roman centurions turned outlaw. Almost 1000 Jewish Zealots held Herod's fortress at Masada. Flavius Silva and Rome's 10th Legion marched on the enclave in 72 A.D. Silva surrounded the mountain settlement where the band of Jews had turned for refuge; and he built a massive ramp to the peak and started the final assault.

In 73 A.D., Eleazar ben Yair, leader of the settlement group, convinced his followers that death and freedom were more noble than slavery. The Zealots chose mass suicide.

The story of this tragedy came, surprisingly, not from the Old Testament, but from Josephus, a first century historian, who had heard the report from a Roman soldier. He wrote a vivid account in **The Jewish War**, a volume still published. Unfortunately, Josephus failed to mention Masada's site, except to say that it was located somewhere on the Dead Sea coast. As a result, Masada vanished into legend and it remained unknown for hundreds of years.

In the early 1800's, a search for Masada began. And American and European scholars and archeologists investigated the story and site for 125 years.

Yigael Yadin, who is now Israel's deputy prime minister, encouraged the major archeological search for two years (1963-5).

The flat mountaintop was found; and the site was much as the Historian Josephus mentioned it.

Masada gave up many archeological findings. A synagogue was discovered; there were ritual baths built by the Zealots. Biblical scrolls (bits and pieces) were discovered, as well as rare coins struck during the **five-year** Jewish revolt. Wool clothing and artifacts came to life, which verified the way the Zealots lived and the way they died.

Jewish tourists do not go to enjoy the sights of Masada; they are drawn by the "sense of destiny", an "identity" of suffering with the Jews of old. Today's descendants of the Zealots seem determined that Israel shall not die at the hands of tyranny and militarism again.

Masada Club

Halifax

Be a part of this "Over 55" Group. Meetings are held twice a month on Sunday afternoons at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

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A program of the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region.

Oleh Spotlight

This letter was written by Murray Safran, former North American Aliyah Movement (NAAM) president, now living in Sanhedria Murchevet, Jerusalem, to his two children and their spouses living in the U.S.

Dear Children:

I finally have a "parnassa" (a living). On Sundays I am a Guidance Counselor in Bet Shemesh, a development town 30 miles outside of Jerusalem, at an elementary school; on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays I am a teacher of English as a second language, at a high school in Bet Shemesh; and on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, I teach American Government and American History (in English) at a new Yeshiva in Jerusalem. I must check each morning to see where I am going and I have six classes to prepare for. So far, it has been hard work, but I am managing. Here is a typical day:

I got up this morning as usual at 5:30 a.m. It was very cold (the boiler in our building is broken). I put on my heavy robe which goes on top of my thermal underwear and heavy pyjamas, which, plus woolen socks, I sleep in. Into the kitchen I go to slice 14 pieces of bread to make sandwiches for everybody. Also, I put out vitamins for five (are you taking yours?).

Into Sari and Sima's bedroom to wake them. Sari usually gets up first, puts on a small electric heater and gets dressed with her nose pressed against it. I wake Sima, although she has five more minutes to get out of bed, since her school starts a little later.

I return to their room in seven minutes (that's the schedule's amount of time for heat since electricity is expensive). Sari is dressed and I must get Sima out of bed. As I take the covers off her, she complains (in Hebrew), "I'm tired."

I wake Bea and go to awake Aron. Aron isn't in his bed. He usually watches T.V. laying on the floor in his sleeping bag. He fell asleep there and slept the night away.

I shave, daven, eat my breakfast, kiss four people goodbye and am on my way, carrying the garbage, my shoulder bag with my books for English as second language, and another bag containing my books for American Government and American History. Into the car, but—it is covered with ice because of the cold. I don't have an ice scraper so with my nails, I scratch a clearing on the front windshield and open the windows so I can see out the sides. I start driving slowly. At the bus stop, I see the rabbi who is my boss at my afternoon job and I stop to give him a lift. I can't get started for a couple of minutes, but finally it starts and we go crawling up the hill, my head out one window and his out the other to see where we are going. In ten minutes, we are at the Central Bus Station and we part. I go to buy my ticket to Bet Shemesh which costs 9.3 shekels (about \$1.25 one way). On the bus I prepare some lessons for my English classes and I am so absorbed I miss my stop and go two stops further on. Walking back, I meet Rachel, one of two former American women who also teach English at my school. Last year they were

volunteers in Sherut Leumi (National Service). The three of us are the entire English department.

The teacher I am subbing for (she had a baby) told me to have the students call me by my last name (familiarity breeds contempt), but I asked Rachel what the school's custom is and she said "first names," so that is what it will be.

My first class is the lowest 9th grade. They have been given two hours of English a week and no books! I forced them to work the two times I met them previously and they did it, albeit reluctantly. Today, I went to the storage room and brought two sets of books so they could choose which one they wanted, a good thing since they had used one of them last year and refused to use it again (even though they knew very little of it). I passed out the books and we used them. I hope it will help improve the class atmosphere.

My next class is a 10th grade class. They are a good class, but not very orderly. I will try to shape them up. Then, another 10th grade class at a higher level. They are motivated and work and it's fun to teach them. Finally my 11th grade class, in which there are only 5 students preparing for Bagrut (equivalent of Regents exams in N.Y.). All my other classes have 25 students. These are motivated and very pleasant students, but their English is weak. Since it is a small class, I intend to make them work very hard.

After my last class, I walk half a mile to catch the bus to Jerusalem. It is a winding path through sand and rocks. I catch the bus and in 50 minutes I am back in Jerusalem. Into the car and to the shuk (the open-air marketplace for fruits and vegetables). I walk through the shuk (about two city blocks) to check prices and I buy on the way back. In 40 minutes I have filled 3 shopping bags full. Into the car and on my way to teach American Government and American History. I stop on the way to buy a yogurt and a roll for a snack. Into my American History class of 10 young women, ages 13 to 17, including 3 new students who started last week. They are Russian emigrants to the U.S. who have been living there about three years, here for a year's study. Their English is excellent and they bring a worldly and sophisticated approach to class work. It's a good class and it's fun to teach them.

After 50 minutes, into the car for a very short ride to the boys' school. There are 9 boys in the class, including a former Iranian and a former Russian. They are bright. My problem with them is that we have no access to a library, no source material, etc. Many of them are capable of college-level work, if we only had the means. The rabbi who directs the program is a sincere and dedicated educator. It's a pleasure to work with him. We discussed the problem and are trying to find a solution.

It's 5 p.m. and my last class is over. Back into the car for the 15 minute ride home, accompanied by the rabbi and two of my students who live in our neighborhood. On the way, I discuss with the rabbi the importance of a career testing and counselling service for our students. He asks me to prepare a prospectus and a cost estimate. Now I have to find the time to do it. I drop off my passengers and continue on to the bank to withdraw some money and to the hardware store to buy an ice scraper.

I'm home. Sari tells me she needs solid gold earrings

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Suggested Readings . . .

With the approach of Jerusalem Day, June 1, 1981, may we suggest that you add "The Joy that is Jerusalem" by Asenath Petrie, with drawings by Shemuel Katz of Kibbutz Gaaton to your collection. This unusual publication will truly bring you the joy that is Jerusalem. The price is \$5.00 per copy, including postage. Details on prices for students and bulk orders from Shefa Press, 19 Helen Hamalka Street, Jerusalem.

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Israel Briefs

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Solar Pond Land Clearing

Land clearing for a solar pond to generate five megawatts of electricity began April 24 near the Northwestern Dead Sea. A small, experimental pond at Ein Bokek on the Southern shore of the Dead Sea already produces electricity by trapping the sun's heat in salt water below the fresh water surface of the pond.

Although a recent ruling by the High Court of Justice grants the Jerusalem District Electric Company the sole right to generate and distribute electricity on the West Bank, the Solar Plan is conducted by the Energy Ministry and Solmat Inc.

Cinderella Of The Negev

Although American scientists long ago learned the secret behind converting the fruit of a Southwestern U.S. plant into the famous 'Jujubee' candies, Israel has become the centre of Jujubee cultivation for its oil alone.

The jujubee, a desert shrub planted twenty years ago in the Negev, can produce 1-1/2 liters of oil during each blossoming of its one hundred-year average lifespan—oil which can replace the whale's in cosmetics, automobile lubrication, carbon paper, animal feed, and the treatment of psoriasis, eczema and acne.

The industrial oil derived by Beersheva scientists, with investment from Kenya, Venezuela and Australia, will

soon be exported in cosmetics produced by the Lon Cosmetics Company of Tel Aviv.

One principal importer of Jujubee oil is Japan, which will buy twenty-five tons of seeds this year for thirteen dollars a pound.

Jewish/Arab Joint Studies

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer told Knesset Chairman Yitzchak Berman that he supports the proposals to expand experimentation in joint studies between Jewish and Arab students, before they reached university.

Following the suggestion of a Knesset Committee established to investigate the structure and reform of primary education, Hammer asked the Knesset to expand Education Ministry programs joining Arab with Jewish students. Hundreds of Arab students already attend Jewish schools.

U.S. Electronic Israel Subsidiary

The world's leading maker of electronic components, Aux Corporation, will establish an Israel subsidiary, Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, Gideon Patt, announced recently. While the subsidiary will first conduct only research and development, it will eventually export 500,000 multi-layered capacitors daily. These electronic components are used in computers, communications, aviation control systems and vehicles.

Tomatoes Skyrocket

Israel grown tomatoes are reportedly selling for 2.45 dollars per lb. in New York. The hothouse tomatoes,

Oleh Spotlight

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for her recently pierced ears and Sima tells me she had a tooth pulled by the dentist and didn't cry. I sit down with Sima and our cardboard clock. I'm teaching her to tell time and she is learning quickly. Mother teaches her math and reading for about 20 minutes each day and she gets extra help in school.

Aron has a complaint. I spend so much time with Sari and Sima I don't have time for him. We discuss his choices of a high school. There really is very little to choose from. He probably will go to Boys Town. It is a technical and academic high school with the very latest in equipment. It has programs in computers, mechanics, carpentry, plastics, and others. It is a religious school with religious studies and the students live on campus. Since it is located in Jerusalem, Aron could live at home, but he wants to live on campus. It's not unusual here.

We eat supper. Meat is very expensive and we eat it about twice every 3 weeks. Of course, we have chicken every Friday and Saturday.

A neighbor comes up to inquire about English language high schools in Israel for a niece living in England. I advise her.

It's 7:30 p.m. and I have to leave to attend an Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel meeting. I am klitah (absorption) chairman. We do our best to help new Olim settle in and make satisfactory adjustments.

Home at 10:30 p.m. Mother and I discuss the need for a heater. The boiler is broken, we don't know when it will be fixed and even when it is, we get only two hours of heat each day because of the high cost of fuel. We decide to buy a gas heater similar to the one our neighbors have. They recommend it highly. It's 11 p.m., I watch the last 15 minutes of "Benson" and I'm off to bed.

On the bus ride from Bet Shemesh to Jerusalem, I often look out the window at the farms, fields, hills and at Jerusalem as we "go up." I think with amazement, "I have been here 3 years—this is my country." I ask myself, "Am I building the Land?" My answer is, "I am."

Love,
Dad

juicier than their U.S. counterparts, are in high demand even at the high price.

Worldwide Appeal to Save Syrian Jews

The Public Council to Save Jews from Arab Lands has decided to abandon quiet but fruitless diplomacy and appeal publicly to women heads of state and other political leaders to help save Syrian Jews. Appeals are going out to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of England, Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway, European Parliament President Simone Weil, the Pope, Women's Organizations, and others. Immediate emphasis will be placed on getting Syrian authorities to let several hundred unmarried Jewish girls leave Syria, although the ultimate aim is to free the approximately 5,000 Jews still held hostage by the Syrian government.

Settlement Update

There are only 78 Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, thirty-one in the Golan Heights and four in the Gaza District, with a total population of about 24,000, the Foreign Ministry reported in a recent statement. The Arab population of these areas is 1,160,000 with Jews comprising barely two per cent of the total. In contrast, Arabs constitute 16 per cent of Israel's population. Since 1967, the number of Arabs in Judea, Samaria and Gaza has increased by 200,000—nearly ten times the number of Israeli civilians who have settled there during the same time period. Since the Six Day War, Israel has allowed some 45,000 Arabs to return to these areas from abroad as permanent residents, under the family reunification scheme. Agricultural income in Judea-Samaria, the largest of the areas, has more than doubled since 1967, from 32.5 million dollars to 73.3 million dollars. Exports to Jordan have increased sixfold, from 15.5 million dollars to 91.7 million, while exports to Israel increased twelvefold, from 13.4 million dollars to 160.6 million. Personal consumption has increased five-fold, from 101.1 million dollars to 488.9 million, the Foreign Ministry said.



Canadian Friends Of The Hebrew University



Canadian delegates at plenary session of the 43rd annual Hebrew University Board of Governors meeting in Jerusalem. Left to right: Manitoba Chief Justice Samuel Freedman and Mr. Harold Buchwald (both of Winnipeg) and Mr. Morris Wosk (of Vancouver).

A large Canadian Delegation headed by Dr. Ralph Halbert, President of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University attended the 43rd Annual Board of Governors meeting in Jerusalem. Representatives and observers from 12 countries around the world met in Jerusalem to plan the future academic development of the University, determine an operating budget and honour its distinguished members.

Several days, which were dedicated to the presentation of University programmes before the Board, preceded the official opening of the conference. One of the many resolutions passed by the Board was a drive to increase the participation of overseas students in the various programmes of The Hebrew University.

Those Canadians elected to the Board of Governors at this meeting included: Mr. I.H. Asper Q.C. (Winnipeg), Mrs. Julia Robinson (Winnipeg), Mr. A.E. Diamond (Toronto), Mrs. Mirial Small (Toronto), Dr. Gerald Halbert (Toronto), Mrs. Berta Lunenfeld (Toronto), Mr. Jacob Geller (Windsor), and Mr. Morris Wosk (Vancouver).



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Canadian Technion Society

Technion Signs Exchange Agreement With Swiss Institute Of Technology

HAIFA—An agreement for the regular exchange of scientists between the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology was signed recently by representatives of the two institutions. Participating in the ceremony were the President of the Swiss Institute, **Professor Heinrich Peter Klaus Ursprung** and Technion President Major General (Res.) Amos Horev.

The purpose of the agreement was to foster closer ties between the two institutions. To accomplish this, it provides for an exchange of teachers, with the visiting faculty members providing lectures and taking part in discussions of work of common interest.

As part of their visit, Professor Ursprung and his entourage held work sessions with President Horev, and the Technion's Vice Presidents, as well as the Deans of the Faculties of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Sciences, Materials Engineering, Biology, and Bio-Medical Engineering.

Hatikvah - The Hope

by **Dulcy Leibler**
World Zionist Press

Had he not written HaTikvah, it is doubtful whether Naphtali Herz Imber (1859-1909) would have made much of a mark on the history of his times. Fate, however, was to decide that his poem, initially read in public in Rishon leZion in the year 1882, was to be adopted by the Zionist movement, sung at Zionist Congresses, heard by Theodor Herzl in the last Congress before his tragic death, and officially confirmed in 1933 as the Zionist anthem. Twenty-five years later, it was to become the anthem of the independent State of Israel.

Unhappily, Imber died poor and unrecognized in the U.S.A., while his poem went from strength to strength.

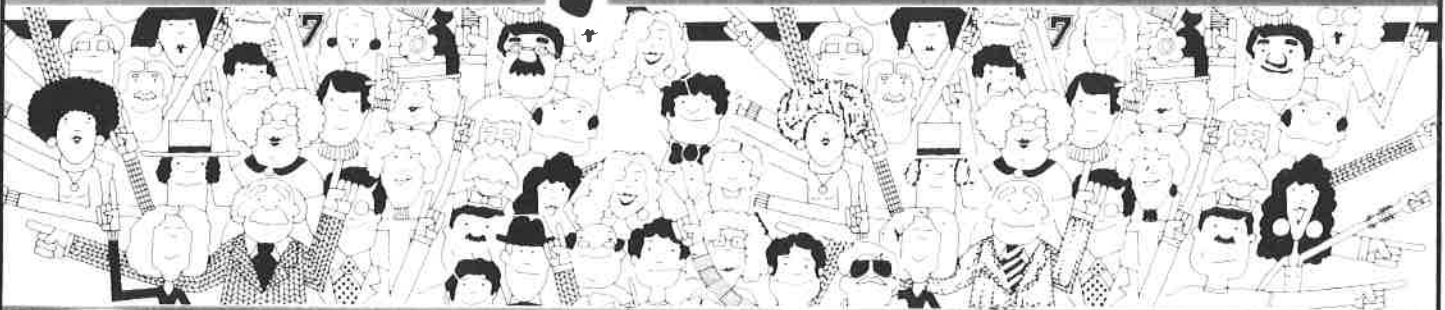
A young man from Galicia was inspired by the founding of Petah Tikvah, and wrote a poem about his feelings. A farmer from Rishon LeZion heard the poem in 1878. He enjoyed it so much that he promptly set it to music. The song was originally called Tikvatenu (Our Hope), later to become HaTikvah, the national anthem of the State of Israel, though never given official status as such by the Knesset.

HaTikvah has lifted the spirits of Zionists around the world for nearly a century. Ironically, the poet himself—whose personal spirits were always so much in need of lifting—benefitted hardly at all from his much beloved poem

Wanderer

Naphtali Herz Imber was born in 1856 into a Hasidic

Competitive



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family. He received a traditional education, and left home at an early age to wander around the world. While in Constantinople, he struck up a friendship with Laurence Oliphant, a Christian Zionist, and came with him to Palestine in 1882. He served as Oliphant's secretary and advisor on Jewish affairs. Imber stayed in Palestine for some six years, during which time he wrote essays and articles for Hebrew periodicals, as well as several poems.

Tikvatenu, one of Imber's most popular poems, was first published in 1886, although it had initially been read in public as early as 1882 to a group of farmers in Rishon leZion who received it enthusiastically. Among them was Samuel Cohen, who originally hailed from Moldavia. He set the poem to a melody based on a traditional Moldavian-Rumanian folk song called Carul cu Boi (Cart and Oxen).

During the 1880's in Palestine, many tunes and adaptations rapidly became folksongs, and none thought of copyrights at that time. The Tikvatenu melody became anonymous in an astonishingly swift process, and Imber's association with it all but forgotten.

Many changes were made in the original text of the poem over the years, and these have been traced through old song books, memoirs and the like. First of all, the title became HaTikvah, then some words were changed to suit contemporary opinion, and later the old-fashioned Ashkenazi syllable stress was changed to the Sephardi stress, used in modern Hebrew today.

But whichever way it was sung, HaTikvah was always inspiring. At the conclusion of the Sixth Zionist Congress in Basle in 1903 there was an enormously moving singing of HaTikvah by all present. Since this was the last Congress presided over by Theodore Herzl, it is clear that Herzl did manage to hear HaTikvah before his untimely death in 1904. The anthem was sung at all subsequent Zionist Congresses but not until the 18th Congress, held in Prague in 1933, was it officially confirmed as the Zionist anthem.

Life and Death in U.S.A.

By that time Imber had been dead for 24 years. He had left Palestine in 1888 to resume his world-wide wanderings. He was always poor and frequently involved with Christian missionaries, so that even his close friends wondered if he had not converted to Christianity in order to escape starvation.

In 1892 the poet settled in America, where he was married for a brief time. He did some serious work in the States. His second volume of poetry appeared in 1900, he published a Hebrew translation of the Rubbairat of Omar Khayyam, and translated into English some of his own poems and several tracts on Talmudic literature. In spite of these intellectual achievements, he found it impossible to make a decent living, and in 1909, in New York City, he succumbed to a life of squalor, misery and alcoholism.

His poem lived on, becoming the unofficial anthem of Jewish Palestine under the British Mandate. And, at the Declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, HaTikvah was sung by the assembly at its opening ceremony.

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Israel's Declaration Of Independence

May 14, 1948

ERETZ YISRAEL was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, m'apilim ("illegal" immigrants) and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community, controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodor Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz Yisrael and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz Yisrael the Jewish State, which should open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully-privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi Holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz Yisrael, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz Yisrael; the

General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz Yisrael to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

Accordingly we, members of the People's Council, representatives of the Jewish community of Eretz Yisrael and of the Zionist Movement, are here assembled on the day of the termination of the British Mandate over Eretz Yisrael and, by virtue of our natural historic right and on the strength of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz Yisrael, to be known as the State of Israel . . .

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz Yisrael.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL—in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months—to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz Yisrael in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream—the redemption of Israel.

Placing our trust in the Almighty, we affix our signatures to this Proclamation at this session of the Provisional Council of State, on the soil of the Homeland, in the city of Tel Aviv on this Sabbath Eve, the 5th Day of Iyar, 5708 (14th May, 1948).

And Suddenly There Were None

May 1948: The British leave Jerusalem
by Malkah Raymist

Reprint - World Zionist Press Service

This is a shortened version of a chapter of the book "Stiff Necked City—A Siege Diary", an unpublished manuscript dealing with the siege of Jerusalem in Israel's War of Independence. The book describes the period from November 30th, 1947, when the U.N. resolution was passed on the partition of Palestine, until September, 1948, the end of the War of Independence.

Malkah Raymist, who had served with the Allies in World War II, was a war correspondent who joined the young Israeli army when her work as a correspondent in the besieged City became impossible.

The United Nations were suddenly faced with the de jure recognition of the State of Israel when we, the new Israelis, were busy taking over Jerusalem.

As from May 10, 1948, there was already complete chaos. Least of all did the British themselves know what to do. They had stopped ruling and their only concern was to get out while the going was good. May 15 was the deadline everybody dreaded: Arabs, Jews and British alike. The high officials had already left. Small fry were evacuated in April, and families of minor officials followed. Officially called "Operation Polly", that evacuation was referred to as "Operation Folly".

Until the very last day nobody knew what was going to happen. Deep down, no one believed that the British would really leave. They were expected to stage a walk-out, only to return at once under some pretext or other.

Hativah—The Hope

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Timeless Words

Those who believe constant repetition dulls the emotional appeal of a national anthem must have changed their minds when they heard HaTikvah played by Egyptians, during Begin's first visit to that land, in the framework of the Camp David peace talks.

In fact, the words of HaTikvah have a timeless relevance, a meaning for Jews everywhere, reinforced by both good and bad experiences - reinforced by wars and peace treaties alike, by both anti-Semitic acts and aliyah. Naphtali Herz Imber's words are as old as the Jewish people itself, yet they are also as young as the State of Israel, which took them to its heart.

As long as deep in the heart
The soul of a Jew yearns
And towards the East
An eye looks to Zion

Our hope is not yet lost
The hope of 2,000 years
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

A small token force would probably be left behind, and incidents would be created. The small nucleus would receive speedy reinforcement, spread like an oil stain and quickly swell into a renewed full-size occupation force. That was what we expected and dreaded.

It was therefore almost a shock to find that they were really gone. Only yesterday so many areas were 'security zones' guarded by British soldiers closely scrutinizing everybody going through their gates and roadblocks. Now the zone gates stood open, traffic passing in and out freely. Inside the zones it was strangely and eerily quiet. Broken-down vehicles, punctured tires, empty oil drums and coils of barbed wire lay in the streets. Junk was strewn about the zones. Broken and gutted furniture with its stuffing hanging out was soaking in puddles of black fuel oil.

We were prepared for fierce house-to-house fighting after the withdrawal; we were ready to battle for every building inside the Jewish sector so as to make slow and bloody progress. We anticipated the British return—arrogant, high handed and roughshod.

Instead we were faced with empty streets and sudden silence—an uncanny and unnatural quiet. It was a strange and unexpected anti-climax after the tension of the previous months. The British had left Jerusalem in a political vacuum for 24 hours while at the United Nations they were still debating its future regime, mouthing dead formulae and saying that no political vacuum can exist.

Whether or not the British withdrawal was to be genuine and complete, we expected them to leave on the dot. We thought they would begin pulling out of Jerusalem at 00.01—one minute past midnight on May

16, filling the city with the noise and clatter of vehicles and tanks. But on May 15 we already found ourselves in control of the largest part of the city. There was war all around us and fighting in the suburbs. The first 4.2 mortar shells began to resound, to the amazement of a population not acquainted with them. They were still few and far between, and there was so much rifle fire, chatter of machine guns and major and minor explosions, that occasional mortar shells were not much noticed.

What will become of Bevingrad? That question exercised all minds. Bevingrad—the nickname given to the new Business Centre around the General Post Office, where two years earlier all the occupants had been evicted for 'security reasons'. This security area encompassed the Russian Compound with its Law Courts, the Government Hospital, Police and Criminal Investigation Headquarters, together with the Russian Church and appurtenant buildings. The area was barbed off. Police Headquarters were enlarged, and specially recruited additional policemen brought from England to keep the obstreperous Jews in line.

Gone was the monumental tank with its enormous gun turret, stationed for several years at the entrance to Bevingrad. It had become a landmark. The stolid and ponderous Jerusalemites, not entirely devoid of a sense of humor, had called it the Statue of Liberty.

By its central location and slightly elevated position, the Russian Compound overlooks many different quarters surrounding it on various levels. People speculated and squabbled about what would happen to this British stronghold. The population feared that it would be delivered into Arab hands, as happened with several quarters between Bevingrad and the Old City.

In fact, after feverish tension, wondering and speculating, Bevingrad was suddenly ours for the taking. It was like walking, tense and alert, into an abandoned enemy village, stepping cautiously, expecting enemies to lurk in every shadow—only to find that the village was really abandoned.

Now it was all over. Gone were the British, leaving behind them resentment and chaos. How strange, how empty. There is suddenly no one to hate. It was somehow frustrating, being deprived of one's pet aversion of so many years. But other worries claimed our immediate attention. The British had gone. The United Nations had resolved there would be a Jewish State but the Arab leadership thought otherwise. Now we had a war on our hands.

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Jerusalem Background

(1) POPULATION STATISTICS

Year	Jews	Moslems	Christians	Source
1844	7,120	5,000	3,390	Encyclopedia Britannica quoting Turkish census.
1876	12,000	7,560	5,470	The Living Guide Indicator de la Terre-Sainte (France-1876).
1896	28,112	8,560	8,748	Calendar of Palestine (1895-1896).
1922	33,971	13,413	14,699	Report & General Abstracts of the Census of 1922 by British Mandate (Jerusalem, Government Printer, 1922).
1931	51,222	19,894	19,335	E. Mills, Census of Palestine 1931 (Jerusalem, 1932).
1948	100,000	40,000	25,000	Z. Vilnay, Jerusalem-The Old City (1962).
1967	195,700	54,963	12,646	Israel Central Bureau of Statistics.
1970	215,000	61,600	11,500	Jerusalem Municipality.
1975	250,000	85,000	15,000	Jerusalem Municipality.
1979	275,000	95,000	15,000	estimated.

(2) POLITICAL ASPECTS

* Under the U.N. Plan

The U.N. Palestine Partition Resolution of 1947 provided for a Jewish state, an Arab state and the internationalization of Jerusalem.

The war of 1948 and the Jordanian occupation of East Jerusalem rendered obsolete the statute for the city's internationalization (which was accepted by Israel but rejected by Jordan).

A U.N. resolution of December 9, 1949 to place Jerusalem "under a permanent international regime" was equally rendered meaningless by the Jordanian occupation.

* Under Jordan 1948 - 1967

During the war of 1948 the Jordanian army seized the eastern part of Jerusalem, including the walled Old City which contains 36 of the 39 shrines most sacred to Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

No Arab state recognized Jordan's subsequent annexation of the Old City in 1950. The Arab League resolution of April 13, 1950 barred any Arab country from annexing part of Palestine.

The Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement of 1949 assured access by Israeli Jews to the Western Wall but neither Israeli Jews nor Israeli Muslims were in fact allowed access to any of their Holy Places in the Old City.

The old Jewish quarter, including Jewish academies, synagogues and libraries, were razed and the Jewish population of the Old City expelled.

A Jordanian law passed in 1958 required all members of the Christian Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre to become Jordanian citizens. Its members has always been Greek citizens.

The work of the Jehovah's Witnesses was halted in 1964 on the grounds that this Christian group maintained contact with Jews.

A Jordan law of 1965 curtailed the development of Christian institutions in Jerusalem by blocking their right to acquire property in the city, either by gift, purchase or bequest.

Exemptions to Christian institutions from customs duty were withdrawn in 1966. Christian schools were required to close on Friday, the Muslim holy day.

* Under Israel 1967 - Present

Jews, Christians and Muslims are free to worship at their shrines and to visit their Holy Places.

Jews and Arabs move in Jerusalem without restriction.

Within days after the reunification of Jerusalem, the Israel Knesset (parliament) passed the "Protection of Holy Places Law" (5727-1967) affirming that:

* The Holy Places shall be protected from desecration and any other violation and from anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the various religions to the places sacred to them or their feeling with regard to those places.

* All religious bodies—Muslim, Christian and

Jewish—are autonomous, controlling their own activities without restriction.

- * Construction of religious institutions (particularly Christian) has vastly accelerated.
- * Citizens of all countries including Arab states are free to visit Jerusalem.

Housing projects are being built for Arabs as well as Jews.

The Arab population of East Jerusalem—male and female—has the right to vote in the municipal elections. 5,000 of its working population are members of the Histadrut (Israel's trade union organization) and with their families receive all its social, medical and vocational training services.

From: "Middle East Notebook".

National Comm. for Middle East Studies, Autumn, 1979.

(3) FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Internationalization does not provide a solution to Jerusalem's situation. Such a policy would be a political anachronism, and an injustice to its inhabitants regardless of faith. Although in theory, internationalization strikes some as a palatable alternative, in practice, no genuinely international regime has ever succeeded in administering any territory for any length of time. Such administration can further be paralyzed by disputes among the countries directly involved. Berlin is one unfortunate example that illustrates the point.

In our time, an international regime is

synonymous with linkage in some way to the UN. The original UN resolution concerning Jerusalem was intrinsically misconceived in that it ignored the primacy of the Jewish historical link to Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel. The UN's present composition precludes the possibility of a balanced and just treatment of any questions that involve Israel; in practice, UN administration of Jerusalem under such circumstances would be preposterous.

Internationalization was unequivocally rejected by the Arab states when it was proposed in 1947, even though Zionist authorities considered such a scheme in principle in order to insure the city's unity. Jordan has never accepted this idea, however, still clinging to its demand that it be given free rein to rule once again in East Jerusalem.

Plans for Jerusalem's future are almost as diverse as the city's residents. At present, there is an unprecedented opportunity to build upon the momentum of the Israel-Egypt peace agreement when discussing the future. Bearing in mind that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of the Jewish people, it is now—more than ever in the past 4,000 years—a truly open city. This is an important break with the past. Previously, whoever ruled Jerusalem—ancient Israelites, Romans, Greeks, Turks, British, or Jordanians—did so at the detriment and even exclusion of others.

This was not so under Israeli sovereignty. Befitting its sacred connections to the three major Western religions, Jerusalem's future will combine the aspirations of the 300,000 Jewish residents with those of the 100,000 non-Jewish residents. And now that the first step toward peace with Israel's Arab neighbors has been taken, the next important step is to maintain the openness of the eternal capital of the Jewish people, while respecting the history and feelings of everyone with an attachment to Jerusalem. When this is accomplished, Jerusalem will resume its historical predominance as the city of peace.

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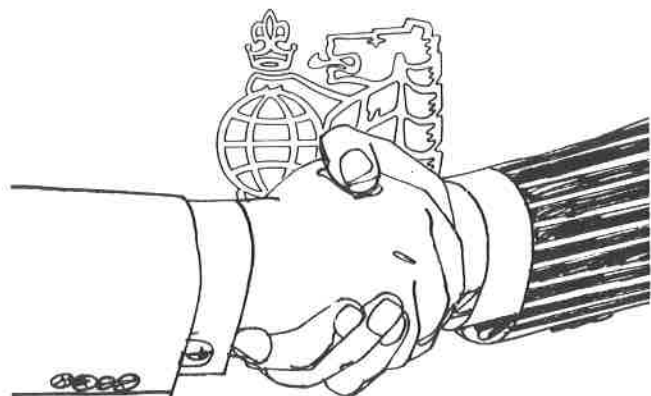
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Discrimination: A New Canadian Import?

Reprint: Canadian-Middle East Digest

Is Canada a haven for United States companies whose business activities would be illegal under U.S. anti-boycott legislation?

Coastal International Ltd., formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of Coastal Corporation of Houston, Texas, was incorporated in April 1980 under the laws of Bermuda. The business of both companies is crude oil and petroleum products, supply and marketing. In March, Coastal International made a public offering in Canada of 2,400,000 common shares at a total price to the public of \$21,900,000. The prospectus was approved by the Ontario Securities Commission and the stock is currently trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Avoiding the Net of U.S. Anti-Boycott Laws

What makes this stock issue unique is the primary reason for Coastal International's existence in Canada. The prospectus summary puts it this way: "...the success of (Coastal International) depends in part upon its ability to purchase crude oil and petroleum products from suppliers with which Coastal Corporation (the U.S. parent) and others are precluded from dealing because of United States anti-boycott laws." To put it simply, Coastal International is attempting to dodge an American statute.

The law in question is the *Export Administration Act* of 1978 (EAA), the terms of which prohibit U.S. concerns from engaging in transactions that require economic and trade boycott activities imposed by a foreign country against any state, or its nationals, friendly to the U.S. The EAA applies to U.S. persons and foreign entities controlled in fact by U.S. persons.

THE EAA provisions caused Coastal International to design its management and control structure so as to avoid being classified as a United States person for the purposes of the EAA. However, the prospectus cautions investors that the U.S. regulatory authorities may attempt to assert jurisdiction over Coastal International under the EAA, on the basis that it is controlled *in fact* by Coastal Corporation.

Applicability of Ontario Anti-Boycott Statute

For Canadians, the question remains whether the company, and others like it, will be able to use Canada as a refuge from legislation in other jurisdictions prohibiting discriminatory business practices. A potential legal impediment to the company's scheme is the Ontario anti-boycott law—the *Discriminatory Business Practices Act*, 1978 (DBPA)—introduced by Premier William Davis during the previous legislature. The intent of the DBPA is to prohibit discrimination in business relationships on the grounds of race, creed, colour, nationality, etc.

Under section 4 (1) of the *Act* the underwriter,

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'Interns For Peace''

How can Jews and Arabs co-exist in Israel?

by Shoshana Cyngel
World Zionist Press

People in the holy land, both Israeli Jews and Arabs, yearn for peace. Moreover, there is a silent majority which wishes to know and understand each other properly in spite of cultural differences, prevailing prejudices and the loud voices of the extremists, full of hatred, which are increasingly heard in both camps. For them, it is not enough to believe passively in peace: peace must be worked for actively and personally.

To Narrow the Gap

Ten youngsters, among them Israeli Jews, Israeli Arabs and American Jewish immigrants have recently decided to reach out and help bring together Israeli Arabs and Jews. They are members of the 'Interns for Peace' movement, initiated a year and a half ago by Bruce Cohen, an American Reform rabbi. The young men and women left town a year ago and moved to three Arab villages—Arara, Kara and Tamra—to engage in communal work, aiming to narrow the gap between the Jewish and Arab communities in Israel.

One of the young people who joined the peace movement is 27 year old Israeli born Lizi Meller. She recalls: "Before I finished my translation studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, I had met a young man who told me about the Interns for Peace movement, of which he was a member. The idea attracted me. I really

wanted to help bring together Israeli Arabs and Jews. Besides, it seemed such an exciting challenge and adventure."

Warm People

Lizi rented a room in a respectable Arab family's residence in Arara, an Arab village located near the Samaritan mountains.

"I never was in an Arab village before for any length of time", she says. "It was a new experience. Everything looked different. Such a muddle of houses, paths, sheep, hens . . . I was not scared, but I felt like a stranger. The possibility that I was forcing myself upon the Arab family worried me. Why should they welcome me?" I kept asking myself.

Her fears, however, soon vanished. Father Hasan—a handsome 44 year old stonemason; his wife Rochaiya—a sympathetic 38 year old housewife; and their daughters—Samira, a 20 year old dressmaker, and Najach, a 14 year old high school student—welcomed Lizi warmly.

At first they gathered around her in the living room, drinking tea slowly, examining her. "Suddenly they asked me to explain a Hebrew word they did not understand. Then I felt the ice was broken", recalls Lizi, who shares the same room with Samira and Najach. "They are very warm people", she emphasizes.

A Hard Start

The first three months were tough for Lizi and her three friends. American born youngsters, members of the Interns for Peace movement, all living in Arara. It was a time of doubts, mistakes and seeking the right direction.

Discrimination: A New Canadian Import?

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Midland Doherty, may have engaged in a discriminatory business practice, by agreeing to abide by the provision in the prospectus that "shares may not be offered to or owned or voted by citizens or residents of the United States. . . ." This singles out U.S. citizens living in Canada as a class of persons discriminated against by virtue of their nationality. Section 4 (1) apparently deems this to be a discriminatory business practice, which would in turn trigger the prohibition in section 5 (1) of the *Act*.

The Ontario law is not without teeth. Failure to comply with an order to cease a discriminatory business practice can result in a maximum fine of \$50,000.

Need for Federal Action

The company's reasons for coming to Canada are contrary to Canadian public interest and stated government policy on foreign boycotts.

First, the absence of federal legislation in the boycott sphere places Canada in the position of being a haven for American companies whose activities would otherwise be illegal in the U.S., on the grounds of discrimination against U.S. citizens or residents. In this respect, Canada stands as a safe harbour for discrimination.

Second, what the company seeks to avoid is U.S. legislation with which the governments of Canada and Ontario agree in principle and in spirit. In the event that company's evasion scheme is successful, it will be a graphic demonstration of the need for a national anti-boycott statute.

In 1975, the prime minister stated: "I think it is sufficient to say that this type of practice (i.e. boycott clauses) is alien to everything the Government stands for and indeed to what in general Canadian ethics stand for."

The saga of Coastal International points to the necessity for federal legislation in the area of economic coercion and discrimination. This would not only inhibit similar corporate avoidance schemes, but would also translate a statement of principle into an effective instrument of action.

"Most of the time we visited Arab families. We wanted to get to know the community, the people's responses to ideas we had. But the villagers seemed very tranquil and contented. It is difficult for them to accept changes", says Lizi. "They accepted me as a person a lot sooner than as a community and youth worker offering new ideas and change. They were not enthusiastic at first, but as time passed, they have really changed their attitudes."

The Arab villagers were amazed to see an Israeli Jewess living among them: "Why did you come?" they asked me and still ask her, astonished. "To know your culture, to learn your language and to work with you," she replies.

After three months, the situation began to improve. In an apartment rented by the Village Council, Lizi and her friends opened a kindergarten. They also founded in the village a Na'amat Club, (the organization belongs to women members of the Israeli Labor Party,) with Israeli-Arab folk dancing groups, gymnastic and dramatic groups, etc. "We have various additional plans," adds Lizi. "People understand now that in a way they need us. It is the beginning of a process—the people have started asking us for assistance", she stresses.

Different World

Everyday life in the village interests Lizi. "You always learn something new, for instance, new attitudes to life, unknown to you and your culture. The clash of cultures stimulates you intellectually. If you are sensitive enough, you can learn by experiencing no less than by reading."

In the background one can hear the Moazin's prayer. Scents of oriental food fill the air.

"Their life is so much more simple," says Lizi, "closer to the land, which is the essence of life. In the Western culture there is so much alienation. We close ourselves behind shutters. We drive cars instead of walking and meeting people."

Hens are crowding around us. In a neighbor's yard a young Arab sings aloud. A child laughs.

"You know", she tells me, "I feel as if I could have been in China, as far as getting to know our neighbors is concerned, before coming here. Can you imagine, only now am I becoming acquainted with people living one hour away from my house, but in an entirely different world. Isn't it strange?"

"Everyone must do something towards peace", she exclaims. "If we'll continue with our prejudices—real peace will never reach this area."

Believing in Peace

Lizi believes the two nations are able to live in peace. "It can happen! But this devil called politics stands in its way. It distorts everything and turns people into a mob", she says bitterly. Lizi does not call the multitude to follow her. "I merely ask them to listen to each other, to care, because as you get more acquainted, your prejudices disappear."

Listening to Interns for Peace, one senses that as long as Arab and Jewish youngsters reach out towards one another, there is hope in the holy land.

Atlantic Region Action In Combatting Ku Klux Klan Activities

The Atlantic Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in close co-operation with the Atlantic Jewish Council, has been playing a leading role in combatting the introduction of Ku Klux Klan activities into the Atlantic Provinces and, in particular, with regard to activities within the Province of Nova Scotia.

Ben Prossin, a Vice President of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Past President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, is one of six people constituting a steering committee of a newly-created organization whose purpose is to combat Ku Klux Klan activities. The new organization is known as the Federation for Religious, Racial and Ethnic Equality (FRREE) and has a membership of some 130 organizations in the Province of Nova Scotia encompassing most church denominations, many of the ethnic associations, the black community, many general community groups, service organizations as well as representatives of the labour movement.

An organizational meeting with some two hundred persons representing the various organizations that make up FRREE took place in mid-April at which a highlight was a panel discussion followed by questions involving the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, the Mayors of the Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, the Leader of the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia and the Liberal Party spokesman in the Legislature in these matters. The panel discussion was chaired by **Ben Prossin**.

At this point in time, care is being taken so that the Ku Klux Klan does not receive undue publicity while at the same time ensuring that the public is aware of the threat posed by these dangerous bigots. FRREE has been concentrating on educating the municipal and provincial politicians to the dangers of the Ku Klux Klan and has met with Federal Minister of Labour, Halifax MP, the **Honourable Gerald Regan**. Also, FRREE has conducted ongoing seminars which have involved education supervisors, principals and teachers at both the elementary and high school levels. FRREE has a very close working relationship with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, in particular with the Executive Director of the Commission, **Mr. George McCurdy**, who has been of tremendous assistance in the establishment of FRREE and maintaining its activities.

The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Atlantic Jewish Council will continue to play a part in FRREE activities and in cementing improved relations with the various ethnic and religious groups which together make up the Canadian mosaic.

The Globe and Mail

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1981

Crisis in Lebanon

Reprint

Syrian President Hafez Assad can't have it both ways. Either the Syrian troops in Lebanon are there as peacekeepers serving under the colors of the Arab League — in which case they have neither reason nor excuse for the deployment of surface-to-air missile batteries and anti-aircraft guns in the Bekaa Valley. Or they are there as Syrian soldiers, the fighting troops of a country at war with Israel, consolidating their grip on Lebanon as a forward base from which that war can be pursued.

When President Assad, replying to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's demand that he remove the missiles, warns that an attack on "Syria" would be an attack on the Arab League and on the Soviet Union, he makes it plain that not even he can take seriously his own army's disguise as an Arab Defence Force. In his mind the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon is already "Syria."

Whether he has any mandate to speak in this case on behalf of the Soviet Union and the Arab League is another question. Moscow, whatever its long-term designs on the region, can hardly relish the prospect of being drawn into an Israeli-Syrian war in which it would have either to rush massively to the support of the shaky regime in Damascus or see its client go under. As for the Arab League or, more accurately, Saudi Arabia, which has been paying most of the bills for this ambiguous Syrian operation, it can hardly be in a hurry to pull the Soviet Union more heavily and deeply into Middle East affairs.

Nothing in Lebanon is simple or clear-cut. Complication is piled on complication back to the French colonial era when Lebanon, then a small and largely-Christian community, was expanded to include broad areas of Moslem population and thus turned into a political time bomb. Nobody in Lebanon has clean hands. Christian Lebanese of

several factions, Moslem Lebanese of several factions, Palestinian guerrillas of varying camps, Israelis — all have made some contribution to the current disorders.

But the heart of the problem is the reversible flag of convenience under which Syria poses as a peacemaker but behaves like a conqueror. Without the facade provided by the Arab League, most of whose members currently regard Damascus as a pariah, the problem in Lebanon would be a clear-cut case of Syrian aggression — a long first step toward the creation of the Greater Syria of which Damascus has been dreaming for decades.

Israel, as many prominent Israelis have reminded the Begin Government, has no right to decide which of the competing camps of Lebanese should hold power. But Israel does have the right to insist that Lebanon not be annexed by a country that has consistently refused to make peace with itself. And Israel has the right to insist that Lebanon not be used as a base for attacks against itself, attacks for which no government, in or out of Lebanon, accepts accountability.

Yet the Arab League, many of whose members appear seriously concerned by the risks of increased super-power influence in their region, and profess to be devoted to peace and stability, continue to supply Syria with a pretext for its reckless behavior, a peace officer's badge to wear while disturbing the peace.

Countries like Saudi Arabia and Jordan have been critical of many of the policies of the Begin Government. And some of these criticisms may be valid. But when they demand that Israel entrust its future to a comprehensive peace with all its neighbors, they conveniently forget that trust is inspired only by the trustworthy, and that this trustworthiness begins with the elementary accountability that is so blatantly lacking in the Arab League's posture in Lebanon.

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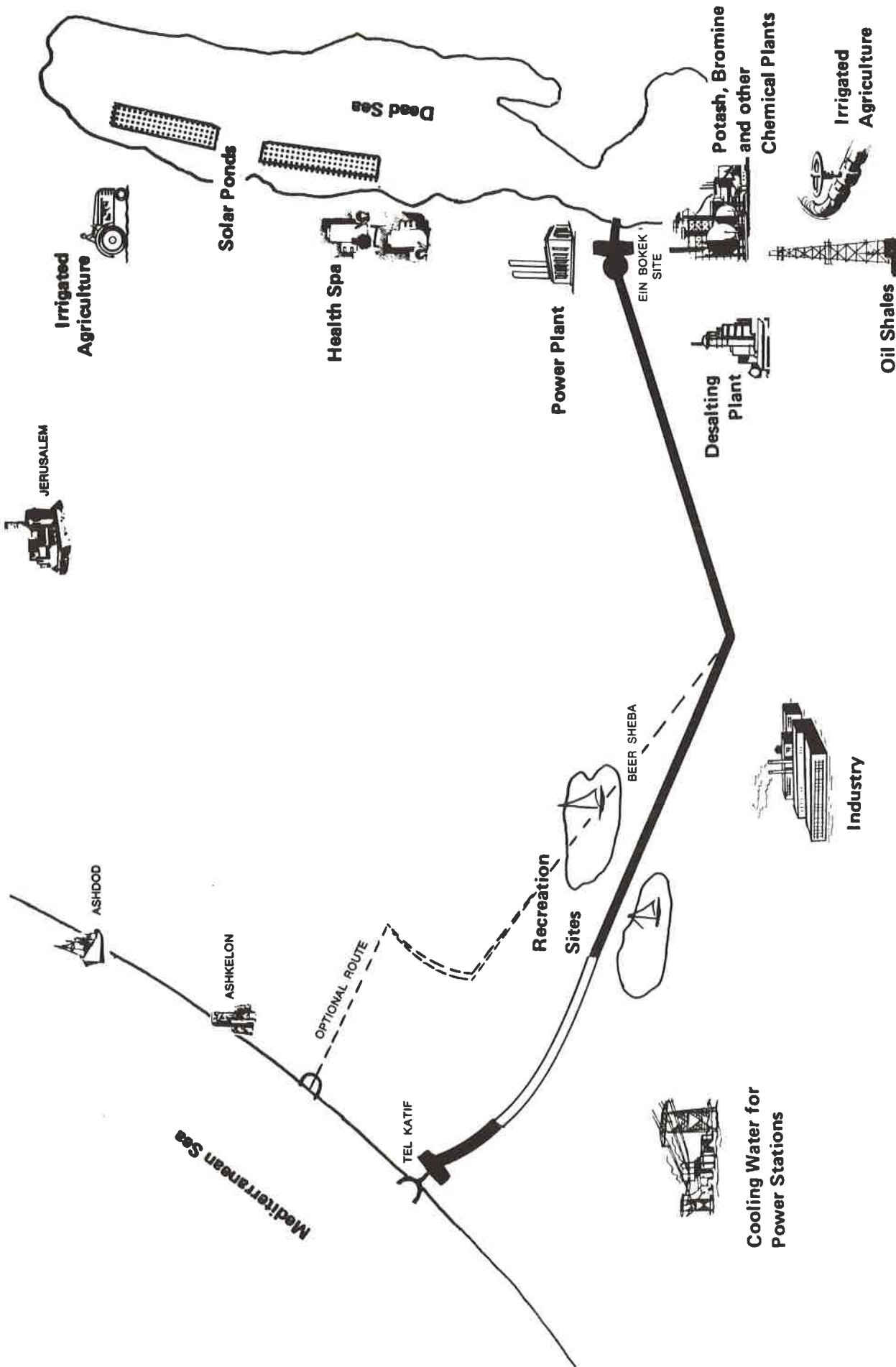
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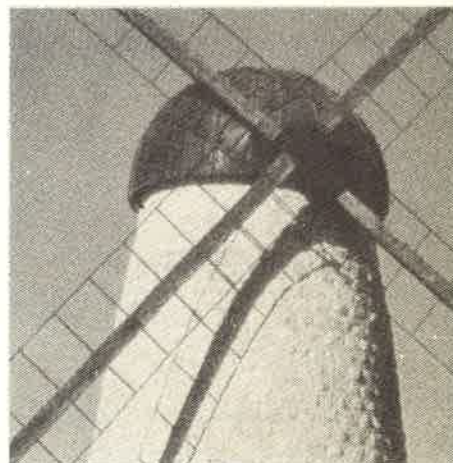


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