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Rosh Hashana Greetings



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

A year has now passed since I assumed my Presidency of the Atlantic Jewish Council. It has been a year of personal satisfaction and fulfilment. It has been a year of learning: one in which I have come to appreciate, more than ever, the vast scope of endeavors that the Council encompasses.

The Atlantic Jewish Council serves the community through its association with the United Jewish Appeal, the Canadian Zionist Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress and continues to serve our youth through Camp Kadimah, Canadian Young Judaea and its ever increasing involvement with its Outreach Programs.

In providing cultural programming, lecturers and speakers, the Council continues to preserve the quality of Jewish life through its link with our heritage, Israel and the "family" of Atlantic Jewry.

May I urge you to take advantage of the various opportunities which the Atlantic Jewish Council makes available for participation—whether you serve on a committee or attend a concert.

I am particularly pleased and gratified that the outstanding debt of Camp Kadimah has been retired. I would personally like to thank those who spearheaded the drive and those who contributed so generously in the final hours.

This message also gives me the opportunity to thank those who have worked so diligently and have assisted the Council this past year.

A special thank you to **Shirlee Fox**, who will be commencing her second year as Executive Director. Her efforts on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council are greatly admired and appreciated as are the excellent and dedicated office staff.

May the New Year be filled with health, happiness, prosperity and cultural enrichment. Shona Tova Tikatevu. May you be inscribed for a good year.

Editor's Message



Due to the nature of our geographic locations, it is not too often that we can all meet to discuss our future or look back over the past. At the time of writing these few thoughts, everyone in the Atlantic Jewish Council is busy preparing for the Annual Meeting in Sydney, N.S. and by the time you receive this edition of **Shalom**, the "weekend" will be over. I hope many of you attended.

Working as I do with many active com-

mittee members, I am heartened that these people have a deep commitment for Atlantic Jewry and Israel. However, I am also saddened and puzzled that there are many other people who do not. It may sound trite to repeat the oft quoted phrase "that we do not live in a vacuum", but from my appraisal many of us try this form of living.

The trigger word is "apathy" and it is interesting to note, that synonymous to the noun "apathy", is doldrums, inertia, stupor, torpor, all of which denote lack of feeling, absence or suppression of passion or emotion; a lack of interest in things that others find moving. In today's world of ever increasing tensions, the ongoing proclivity of the United Nations to condemn Israel and of those who seek to destroy her, the strident voices of those whose quest is to deny the Holocaust, the topical subject of sustaining Jewish life for ourselves and our children, surely make it impossible to live in this vacuum.

Are you in or out of this vacuum? I leave it to you to decide where you should be. This is the time of year for that decision.

On behalf of the staff of the Atlantic Jewish Council, may I wish all of you **SHALOM** and all good wishes throughout the coming year.



**Canadian Zionist
Federation**

Rosh Hashana Greetings



**by Judge Philip G. Givens, President,
Canadian Zionist Federation**

My country, right or wrong, my country! When right, to be kept right, when wrong, to be put right. (Sen. Carl Schurz, Statesman, Soldier, Journalist, Address to U.S. Congress 1872).

The above patriotic declaration has been paraphrased many times. Since Time Magazine recently in its letter from the Publisher, referred to Israel as "the spiritual homeland of millions of

American Jews", and since we all subscribe to the Jerusalem program, I, as a Canadian, consider this quotation very apt at this time.

These words have often run through my mind in the past several weeks as we have been subjected to the most scathing criticism which rose to a screaming crescendo in June with the elimination of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, continued to escalate with every following bomb on Beirut—exploding Kaly Katyusha rocket on Kiryat Shmona, and hopefully will have abated by the time these words appear in print.

In the 34 years of the existence of the State I cannot remember when we were bombarded with such a torrent of invective and condemnation as has been heaped upon us from all sides including from within our own community.

The election in Israel came and went and the result is stalemate. Everything is stuck on dead center. This was predictable since the major parties do not differ on the major issues and the notion was obviously split down the middle.

The fact of the matter is that the general perception of our friends as well as our

enemies and even in our own community is that in some way the present Israeli government is a barrier to peace. They have reached this conclusion because of preconceived biases or prejudices and these have been reinforced for them by military events since June.

Has the Israeli government been right in doing what it has done? Have they pre-empted Iraq from manufacturing and dropping a nuclear bomb on Israel, and have they pre-empted the PLO from harassing and attacking Northern Israel with its enormous build-up of Soviet and Libyan weapons? The World Jury and Jewry seem to be divided on the verdict and the result is that we are hurting both in Israel and here. The mood in Ottawa and Washington is awful, let alone in other capitals, and the spirit of our people is sombre and sad.

I have always felt that when it comes to the defense policy of Israel, only Israelis have the exclusive right to the shots. They lay their lives on the line, none of us over here have any right to interfere.

Furthermore, the election has just been held. It was a democratic election. The results may not have been as conclusive or of the kind as some would have liked, but nevertheless the new Government is legally constituted. It did not shoot its way in or bribe its way in. If it cannot command the majority in the Knesset, it will be dissolved and a new election will be held just as it was recently in Canada after the Clark administration.

I am not saying that the Government of Israel is always right even when it may make mistakes and may be wrong. If mistakes have been made they have to be corrected. But many of those who criticize do so with very unclean hands having regard for their own international records. I resent the massive overwhelming outpouring of abusive condemnation which seems to be based on the cardinal principle that Israel no longer desires the support of the civilized world because they say, it has changed its status from a beleaguered, defenseless, helpless little Democracy fighting for its life to a belligerent, belicose, bullying, military juggernaut.

In other words as long as Israel is prepared to accept the role of a cowering beleaguered, bowing and scraping third class nation using its weapons for parades and national holidays, then it is acceptable in the family of nations, but when it wishes to use its full capabilities to strike out at its tormentors who make no secret of their desire to annihilate her, then Israel must use restraint and for-

bearance which no other nation on earth is required to do.

I consider such a double standard as applied to Israel rooted in a deep seated international age old stereotype of the Ghetto Jew totally unacceptable.

We have been confronted by this dilemma for centuries, yet we have endured and survived so this is nothing

new. What is new is the determination of the people of the State of Israel that the acceptance of such a double standard would be repudiated and rejected out of hand no matter what Government would be in power. We have come too far for that. That is the message we must deliver to our people and to the world for a Happy New Year. Chag Sameach.



Shana Tova



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Erev Rosh Hashana 5742

During the year that is now coming to an end I had the great privilege of visiting some of the communities of Atlantic Canada and to sense their vibrant interest and commitment to the cause of Israel.

It was a memorable experience, as 5741 was quite a fascinating year, rich in challenges, apprehensions and hopes.

What will 5742 be remembered for? As the year that saw the completion and tested the solidity of the Peace Treaty with Egypt and as the year in which the efforts to achieve comprehensive peace on our Eastern borders will have made some progress.

As in the past, every meaningful step in the direction of peace will encounter the ferocious opposition of those who don't want a solution of the conflict.

Israel hopes to win the battle for peace and will need all the support it can get from the outside world and from the Jewish Communities abroad.

I wish all of you
a very Happy New Year.

Yeshayahu Anug
Yeshayahu Anug
Ambassador



**ROSH HASHANA
GREETINGS**

from

**Halifax
Hadassah-Wizo**

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Prince Rafuse
to
Seymour Prince**

**Dana Howard
Prince Rafuse
to
Dana Howard Prince**

Rosh Hashanah Message to Atlantic Jewish Community

by Alan Rose,
Executive Vice-President,
Canadian Jewish Congress

Rosh Hashanah will soon be upon us. It is a time for reflection and challenge. The commencement of a new year brings with it the thoughts of the old year, when we assess both our failures and our successes. The challenges which face the Jewish people are becoming increasingly complex. Israel remains our prime responsibility and it is beset with astonishing economic, political and social problems. We must continue to increase our endeavours for Israel in every respect because of the unbearable load which it carries. A host of other problems concerns us—the salvation of Soviet Jewry, assimilation of Jewish education, and the strengthening of Canadian Jewry. In meeting these challenges the Atlantic Jewish community has always played a significant role. We need you in the coming year, and send you these greetings on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah. Shana Tova!

Letters To The Editor

"The Shalom Magazine is well preserved when it arrives at 610 King Street. It is enjoyed by all and then sent to Ottawa and then on to Vancouver where it is shared by many Cape Breton people. A most pleasant magazine to be enjoyed by all!"

Mrs. A. Bernick
New Waterford, N.S.

... Shalom gives me a sense of the very vital Atlantic Canadian Jewish community. It is not often that one can successfully combine items of international importance and "catch-up" news about local families and achievements in one publication. You have done it extremely well . . .

Brenda E. Taylor
Regional Director
Canadian Council of
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The URO has received the following information from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany: The Claims Conference Hardship Fund is intended primarily to handle applications from those Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who left Eastern Europe after December 31, 1965. However, persons who left Eastern Europe before this date, but after the deadline for claims under the BEG (Indemnification Law) and have **VALID** reasons for not having filed their claims until now, may also register with the United Restitution Organization.

The URO wishes to inform persons who fled to Russia at the beginning of World War II and spent the rest of the war years there, to register with the URO, even if they left their homelands before December 31, 1965. Call (514) 844-2821, Monday to Thursday, between 9 and 12 a.m.

Kindly note that there are no funds available at the moment, nor is there any law providing for indemnification of these persons, but the Conference on Jewish Material Claims is trying to obtain recognition of these persons as being eligible for payments from the Hardship Fund.

Canadian Israel Committee

New Booklet Available

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This latest publication, from the Canada-Israel Committee, discusses the Middle East Arms Balance, the nuclearization of the region and secure and defensible borders. Copies are available at 80¢ each. Order from: C.I.C., 60 Bloor Street West, Suite 1003, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3B8.



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YOUR PLEDGE IS NOT TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. ONLY CASH IS!

Remember, a charitable deduction is the easiest tax deduction to take this year.

Your pledges have made it possible for us to plan and build and achieve and help our fellow Jews. That is why we ask you to please remember the pledge you made in 1981, and to honor it at this time.

Lloyd Newman
Regional Chairman
United Jewish Appeal—
Atlantic Region

Max Forman Chapel

A chapel in memory of Max Forman, Halifax, was dedicated recently at the Canada House Absorption Centre in Jerusalem. In the photo, Sophie Forman examines plaque bearing her late husband's name at entrance to chapel.



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Outgoing President Sheila Zive

I am very pleased to have been the President of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council. The challenges and responsibilities of the office have made the experience of the last two years one that could not easily be duplicated. It has truly been a learning experience and personally fulfilling.

As president, I had the opportunity to work with women who are dedicated, capable and enthusiastic both at the local and national levels. Together, we have made some difficult decisions and travelled the rocky road of the organizational world.

I would like to mention some of the highlights of the last two years and to thank most sincerely the people involved. I appreciate your untiring efforts, your jobs well done and your good humour.

- **Miriam Small**, National President attended the opening dinner where she installed the officers for 1981.
- **Ruth Gruber**, author of *Raquella* (1980) and **Lily Frank**, Executive Vice-President (1981) addressed our Youth Aliyah Dinner. The campaigns were extremely successful under the competent chairmanships of **Leona Freeman** (1980) and **Evette Bowman** (1981).
- Medical Services Teas under the Chairmanship of **Miriam Jacobson** and **Dorothy Zive** (1980) and **Leona Freeman** (1981) were both well attended and very enjoyable with guest speakers **Dr. A. Richmond** (1980) and **Lorne Rozovsky** (1981). The 1980 Tea was held at the home of **Shirlee Medjuck** and the 1981 Tea was held at **Ruth Goldbloom's** home—both graciously hosted.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo President's Review

by Sheila Zive

- **Lenore Mencher** and **Shirlee Fox** coordinated a Public Affairs Seminar (1980) "Thru PLO Eyes" with guest lecturer, **Fred Lepkin**. The Atlantic Jewish Council and Halifax Hadassah-Wizo (1981) co-sponsored an Evening with **George McCurdy** of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission for an update on the Ku Klux Klan.
- Atlantic Jewish Council and Hadassah-Wizo co-sponsored an evening for the Jewish Historical Society during the Learned Society Conference (1981).
- February 1981 saw Halifax Hadassah-Wizo hosting the Eastern Region Leadership Seminar—an excellent learning experience for all who attended. **Roz Newton**, a Management Consultant from California was the instructor. The participants came from Toronto and points east.
- **Doreen Gordon** and **Maxine Cordon** were Israel Bond Chairman (1980-81); both campaigns were successful and very efficiently organized.
- **Anita Dubinsky** kept us informed through Hayom these past two years.
- **Sylvia Rockman**, **Betty Miller** and **Sandra Hoffman** were always available and eager to fill requests for gift cards and specific gifts which is an important area for additional Hadassah income.
- The Calendar project for Hadassim was convened by **Sophie Forman**, **Lenore Schelew** and **Flo Rubin** (1980) and **Bernice Zive** and **Bette Ross** (1981) over the past two years.
- **Myrna Freeman**, Awards Chairman, and **Bea Zemel**, Life Membership Chairman, have presented deserving members with their awards.

Two of my own personal highlights include the Public Affairs Convention in Washington (May 81) which **Barbara Paton** and I attended—a learning experience beyond imagination and the very successful Bazaar I chaired in October 1980.

For the past two years, Council has been privileged to have dedicated and



Incoming President Bette Ross

supportive Executive members. Vice-Presidents—Leona Freeman (1980); **Bette Ross** (1980-81); **Lenore Schelew** (1980-81); **Gertrude Shane** (1980). Treasurer—**Barbara Rafuse**; Recording Secretary—**Sarah Yablon** (1980) and **Tamara McIvor** (1981); Corresponding Secretary—**Maxine Cordon** (1980) and **Leah Epstein** (1981); Financial Secretary—**Norma Saltzberg** 1980 and **Maxine Cordon** (1981).

Special thanks to **Barbara Paton**, **Shirlee Medjuck**, **Shirlee Fox** and **Leona Freeman** who acted as my advisors. My appreciation to you for your time and energy and devotion to Hadassah-Wizo.

To the Chapter Presidents—my thanks for the behind the scene support and for keeping the general membership informed and interested. Avivah—**Mollie Rechnitzer** (1980), 1981 Presidium—**Joyce Gordon**, **Ruth Garson**, **Shirlee Medjuck**. **Barbara Goldberg—Bonnie Bultz** (1980); **Joan Pink** (1980-81) Orah—**Barbara Fiering**, **Doris Stone**, **Bea Zemel**, **Marianne Ferguson**. Tikvah—**Gertrude Shane** (1980), **Leona Freeman**; **Yvette Bowman** (1981).

In closing, I offer my support and assistance to the 1981-82 slate of officers and wish you success. President—**Bette Ross**; Vice-Presidents—**Lenore Schelew**, **Myrna Yazer**; Secretary—**Tamara McIvor**; Treasurer—**Barbara Rafuse**; Financial Secretary—**Maxine Cordon**; Corresponding Secretary—**Leah Epstein**.

My best wishes to you for a Healthy and Happy New Year and may Hadassah's accomplishments continue to grow through you.

Halifax-Hadassah-Wizo

by Anita Dubinsky
Leona Freeman

Medical Services Tea

The Annual Medical Services Tea was held at the home of **Ruth Goldbloom** on Wednesday, July 8, 1981.

The Guest Speaker was **Mr. Lorne Rozovsky** who is a member of the Nova Scotia Bar and Assistant Professor of Law and Medicine at Dalhousie University. His topic was "How Much Does Your Doctor Have To Tell You."

The talk was most informative and enjoyed by the 75 people who were in attendance. There was a very good question and answer period, followed by an afternoon tea.

Convenor was **Leona Freeman** assisted by **Miriam Jacobson**, **Lenore Schelew** and **Sylvia Hershorn**. Monies will be directed to the Asaf Harofe Hospital in Israel.

Many thanks to our hostess, **Ruth Goldbloom**, and the members of the Chapters that provided refreshments and transportation, helping to make this a most successful event—both financially and socially.

Special appreciation to the following members who gave so generously of their time: Drivers—**Celia Goldberg**, **Barbara Rafuse**, **Barbara Paton**, **Sheila Zive**, **Bette Ross** and **Lenore Schelew**. Refreshments: **Dorothy Zive**, **Lil Newman**, **Anetta Chernin**, **Sylvia Hershorn**, **Barbara Rafuse**, **Reva**

Shane, **Rose Argand**, **Sheila Zive**, **Analee Cohen**, **Mimi Webber**, **Gail Green**, **Louise Wolfson**, **Rose Mosher**, **Celia Newman**, **Bessie Goldfarb**, **Anne Hammerling**, **Bette Ross** and **Miriam Zatzman**.

Chapter activities over the past few months included a Bar-B-Que social event at the home of **Michael and Harriet Laing** with proceeds going to the **Barbara Goldberg Chapter**. **Orah Chapter** sponsored a Bridge Luncheon and a series of Bridge Games as well as lessons in sewing and knitting. The Clothing Sale, May 28th was a huge success.

The sympathy of the Halifax-Dartmouth Jewish Community goes to the families of the late **Sam Warren**, **Ben Zemel** and **Bessie Mintz**.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Council has gratefully received a generous bequest for the Asaf Harofe Hospital from the estate of the late **Ida Pascal**. This is characteristic of the late Mrs. Pascal's strong support for Israel in her lifetime and serves as an example for all.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE SISTERHOOD HALIFAX

by Lenore Schelew, President

With the year 5741 drawing to a close and the month of Elul at hand, the time for sober reflection is again with us. How did we act in 5741 and how will we conduct our lives in 5742.

Our time on earth is very short and there are many things to be accomplished. Although it is not incumbent upon us, we are told by our sages, to complete all the tasks that there are in life; it is our responsibility to make an honest attempt.

It is therefore incumbent upon Sisterhood to attempt to keep the family of Judaism together through its women and we look to our members to help in this most important endeavour.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Sisterhood of Beth Israel Synagogue extends to all families in the Atlantic Provinces, its best wishes for a healthy, happy and fruitful New Year.

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A special feature of the Convention will be a luncheon with all Members of Parliament on November 17th.

In addition, many 'extras' are planned to make the convention even more exciting and enjoyable such as boutiques for sales of Israeli gift items from our schools, and Israeli art.

All Halifax Hadassah-WIZO members are encouraged to attend the exciting Convention whether as a Delegate from your Chapter, an Alternate or an Observer.

For further information, please contact Lenore Schelew—423-5782.



"Trained hands means Productivity, Security, Dignity"

In Halifax

by Sandy Gordon

The Installation of officers was held in June, 1981 at the home of **Sharon Ross**. The ceremony was very appropriately performed by **Annette Strug**. In her program of installation, Annette discharged the outgoing executive and awarded them with a rose in appreciation of their endeavours and a job well done. The incoming executive was presented with a different gem, each symbolizing the nature of the task she will set out to achieve. **Mazel-Tov** was extended and **Annette** was commended for a very unique and beautiful Installation Ceremony.

1981-82 Executive: President, **Linda Raskin**; Vice Presidents, **Carol Ginsberg**, **Donna Gorber** and **Gail Green**; Recording Secretary, **Vicki Lipkus**; Corresponding Secretary, **Dee Dee Merovitch**; Treasurer, **Miriam Kohler**; Financial Secretary, **Judy Abraham**; National Board Member, **Gail Green**; Past President, **Cathy Jacobson**.

At this meeting **Cathy Jacobson** presented awards to the following members: **Gail Green**—for her many varied services, convenorships, publicity, treasury, ORT Day, etc. **Linda Raskin**—for her many contributions in all facets of ORT's functions. **Gay Silverman**—for her outstanding contributions to Second Hand Rose and many other projects and positions. **Clara Dankner**—a presentation of a pin for her untiring devotion to ORT over the years. **Clara** expressed her thanks and pledged to become a life member.

Welcome to two life members: **Judy Abraham** and **Linda Raskin** became life members that evening.

The life line of an organization is not only the elected officers but also the board members who play a very significant role. They represent your future leaders and thanks to their untiring efforts they keep the various functions of the organization alive. We thank the following ORT Board Members for their continued support.

1981-82 Board Members—Membership Chairman, **Molly Rechnitzer**; Publicity Co-Chairmanship, 1. **Yael Wallock**, 2.

Unfilled; Scholarship Cards, **Rennie Claman**; Program, **Karen Sadofsky**; Education, **Annette Strug**; Shalom, **Sandy Gordon**; Membership Retention, **Barb Alberstat**; Parliamentarian, **Barb Alberstat**; Social Secretary, **Renee Dankner**; Oricle, **Cathy Jacobson**; Meeting Arrangements, **Gay Silverman**; Fundraising Committee, **Carol Ginsbert**; **Donna Gorber**, **Gail Green**; Nominations, **Cathy Jacobson**, **Linda Raskin**.

Projects for 1981-82

Flowers for Rosh Hashanah proved to be a very successful project. A centerpiece or a bouquet of fresh flowers were sold. **Gail Wollach** and **Naomi Judah** were the convenors for this project. **Dave's Bouquet Shop** was our supplier again this year.

This fall, two newcomers will be appearing at our meetings until December. Their names are **Raggerty Ann** and **Andy**, and **Donna Gorber** will be presenting these beautiful hand made dolls that stand about 3 1/2 feet and must be seen "in person" to be appreciated. Tickets will be sold at meetings and also for 2 days in November at the Shopping Malls. The draw will take place before Chanukah.

These projects are only the beginning—ORT is planning a very exciting and productive year.

Linda Raskin
President

New Year's Message

SHAAR SHALOM CONGREGATION

by E.M. Rosenberg, M.D., President

The High Holy Day Season is traditionally characterized by intensive spiritual efforts to review obligations and vows which have been made in the previous year in an effort to better one's lot. The Jewish Community of the Atlantic Provinces is strong and growing, and will continue to flourish. May we and all the people of Israel be remembered and inscribed in the book of blessing, peace and prosperity for a good life and for peace. May our community be inscribed for a good year, and may we all be worthy of abundant years.

PRESIDENTS PROFILE



*Linda Raskin, President
Halifax Womens ORT*

Linda became a member of the Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Womens ORT in 1975. Since her first association with the organization, Linda has devoted her untiring efforts in many convenorships and elected positions. She has co-convened Flowers for Rosh Hashanah, Margaret Standbury's Puppet Theatre, ORT Day at which an Israeli Fashion Show took place, and handled the publicity for ORT in 1976-77.

Linda has stated what ORT has given her . . .

"Through these varied jobs I feel that ORT has given me much more than I have given it. The experiences and knowledge I've gained and the friends I've made have been incredible."

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Greetings from Mizrachi

by Rose Pritzker,
President

The Mirium Lieff Chapter of Mizrachi greets its members and friends in the community. We thank them for their generous continuing support of our projects in Israel, and wish them together with the entire Jewish community, a year of health, blessings and peace.



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The 100th Year

Then... and Now

The idea that was to become ORT was first articulated in a letter dated April 10th, 1880, and sent over the names of five prominent Russian Jews to the towns and villages of the Pale of Settlement and to communities throughout Russia. That letter became, in effect, the founding document of ORT.

In language that now seems antiquated, that message spelled out a need that was addressed to the single universal problem that most critically oppressed a population of some five million Jews...the need to provide livelihood.

It called for the establishment of a fund "the income from which could be used to aid in the further development of already existing trade schools for Jews, for assistance towards the opening of new trade schools, for facilitating the movement of artisans from one place to another..."

Let the Old Year End . . .

Let the New Year Begin

"Let the old year and its misfortunes end; let the new year and its blessings commence". This is a traditional wish which is expressive of a common enough human feeling. The pressures of life sometimes drive us to the brink of despair, but the opening of a new year or a new era gives us hope for the future.

This feeling, of course, is not necessarily realistic. Life's problems do not disappear with the flip of a calendar's page. Individually we will continue to struggle with many of the problems of the past year. We may solve them or find that in the passage of time they dissolve of themselves. New challenges will arise and we will have to contend with them.

On the world scene, mounting pressures against Medinath Israel will not vanish. Israel's raid on the nuclear power plant in Iraq received unanimous condemnation in the Security Council; South



by Rabbi Marvin Pritzker,
Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax

Africa's invasion of Angola escaped censure by the American veto. Afghanis, men, women and children will suffer massacre; innumerable rebellions and civil wars will see terrorist acts leading to the murder of innocents; but the United Nations and its agencies will continue to condemn only Israel because it will not surrender its right to life. Eventually the new year may turnout to be no better than the old.

Nonetheless we will utter a blessing in praise of the Creator, "Who has kept us alive, preserved us and enabled us to reach this season". It seems we can utter a praise in behalf of the old year and its "misfortunes". The fact of life itself is cause enough to recite a blessing. As we survived all trials in the past, so may we survive all trials in the future. Again we will say a benediction feeling that life is worthwhile and gather new strength for the continuing struggle.

May we persist, confident of our future, and may we all be inscribed in the book of life for the year 5742.



Canadian Zionist Federation—
Atlantic Region

Masada Club



Atlantic Jewish Council

Installation of Officers

At the June meeting of the Massada Club, Halifax, the following slate of officers was installed by **Ella Morris** for the coming year. Plans were initiated for summer activities as well as plans for the fall. New members are welcome—please call the Atlantic Jewish Council for further details 422-7491.

President; **David Block**; 1st Vice-President, **Ella Morris**; 2nd Vice-President, **Aron Katz**; Recording Secretary, **Bessie Rinzler**; Treasurer, **Clara Dankner**; Corresponding Secretary, **Jean Zlatin**; Officer at large, **Sara Yablon**; Programming, **Betty Miller**, **Edgar Miller**; Telephone Committee, **Rose Argand**, **Betty Miller**, **Lil Mosher**; Refreshments, **Lil Mosher**, **Ida Marcus**, **Doris Stone**; Consultant and Co-ordinator, **Perry Sable**.

Summer Bus Trip

There were twenty-one members and guests of the Massada Club who enjoyed a Bus Trip to Victoria Park in Truro on July 12, 1981. Everyone brought a picnic lunch and the day was spent sight-seeing, playing ball and singing. It was a beautiful day, and everyone enjoyed the first of our group outings.



Thoughts by Ida Marcus

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
At all the times you can
As long as ever you can.

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour
on others, without getting a few drops on
yourself.

*A beautiful day was enjoyed by participants
on the Massada Bus Trip to Victoria Park,
Truro.*

B'nai B'rith Citadel Lodge No. 3099, Halifax New President Installed



Dr. Lowell Shore, Newly installed President of B'nai B'rith Citadel Lodge No. 3099

by Jeff Webber

Dr. Lowell Shore, Halifax, was recently installed as President of B'nai B'rith, Citadel Lodge No. 3099. Dr. Shore assumes the office from Past President, **Gerald Blustein**, who remains as an active member of the Executive. Other officers installed for the current year are **Paul Lipkus**, 1st Vice-President; **Edgar Miller**, 2nd Vice-President; **Henry Webber**, 3rd Vice-President; **Steven Zatzman**, Treasurer; **Irwin Mendelson**, Corresponding Secretary; **Andrew Wolfson**, Financial Secretary, and **Steven Luner**, Recording Secretary.

Dr. Shore and the rest of the Executive hope to continue B'nai B'rith success in community projects after the recent successful production of "Bits of Broadway" to aid the Sir Frederick Fraser Institute for the Blind. Projects currently in the works include a walkathon in the fall, another theatrical production, which is now on the drawing board, and continuing projects in association with the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children. There is another full slate of social events scheduled for the coming year.

B'nai B'rith Barbeque

by Jeff Webber

This summer's annual B'nai B'rith barbeque was a giant success with over 80 people in attendance. It was held at the Porter's Lake summer home of **Dr. and Mrs. Mendel Burnstein** who, as always, were gracious hosts. A basket of fruit and preserves was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Burnstein by **David Solomon** as a token of B'nai B'rith's appreciation.

Thanks to the efforts of **David Solomon**, **Martin Zatzman**, **Henry Webber**, **Gerry Blustein** and their respective spouses, the barbeque was an event enjoyed by all. A special note of thanks also goes to the many people who pitched in on the day of the event to help set up, cook, serve and clean. A welcome addition to this year's barbeque was the large assortment of deserts for which we owe thanks to the members' wives.

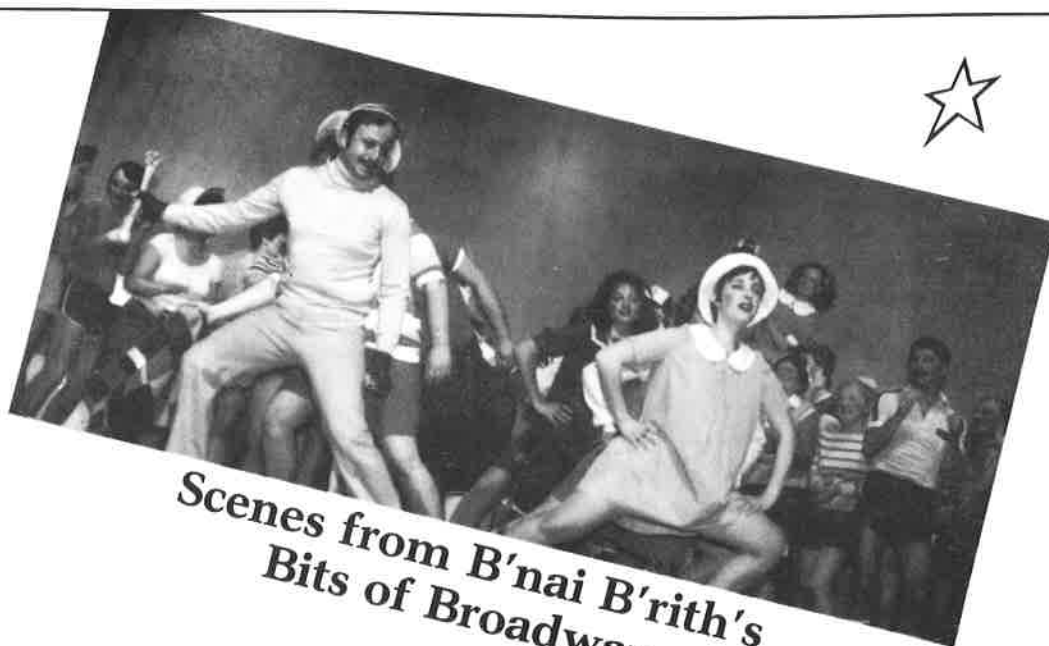
Lowell Shore, President of the Citadel Lodge, made a presentation of a farewell gift to **Barry and Bonnie Bultz** who are leaving Halifax to take up residence in Calgary. Both Barry and Bonnie have been very active in the community and their presence will be missed. Lowell spoke for all of us when he wished them good luck in their new home.



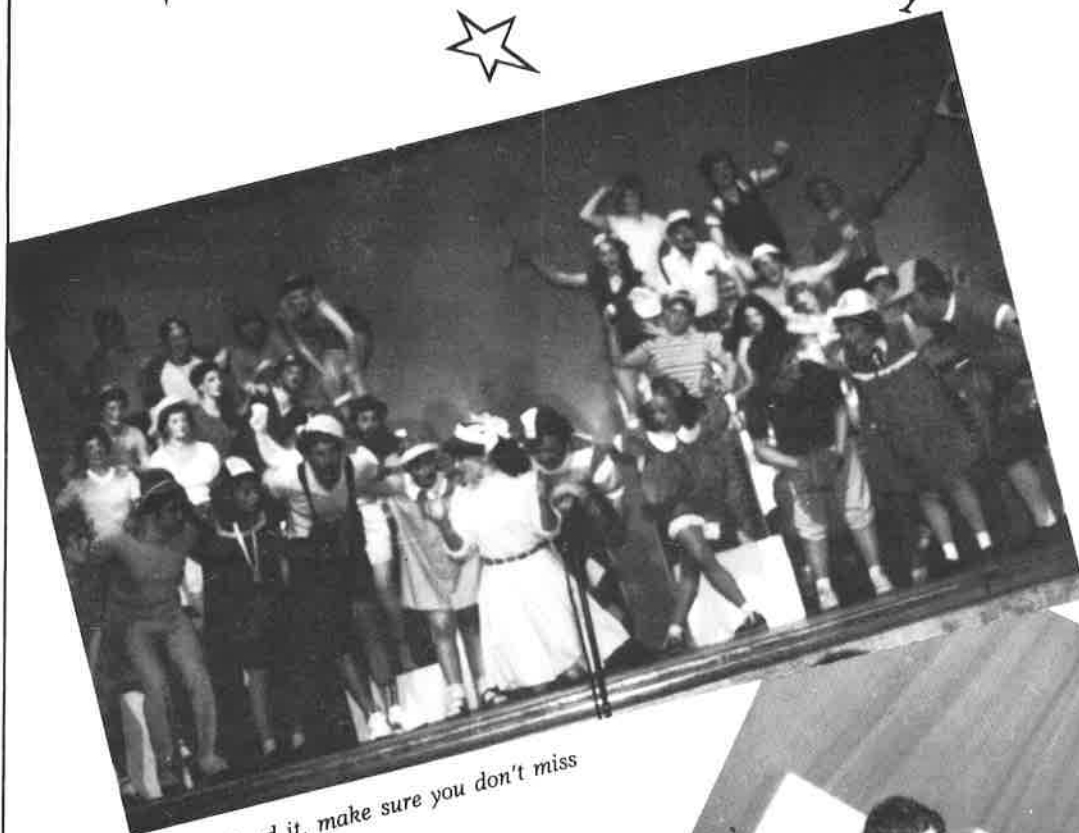
Benny Beans Basket Before Burnstein Presentation



Shirley Burnstein presents gift to Bonnie Bultz.



Scenes from B'nai B'rith's
Bits of Broadway



If you missed it, make sure you don't miss
this year's production.





National Jewish Leader Urges Tolerance in New Year's Message



Phillip A. Leon, National President of B'nai Brith Canada.

As we celebrate the joyous beginnings of another New Year, we cannot help reflect on the past twelve months as a barometer of what the next will hold in store for the Jewish community.

Israel, of course, continued to be a central focus for Jews the world over. We all waited with anxious anticipation while votes were tallied from the Israeli election. Again we marvelled at the stable influence that Israel provides in the Middle East, in being the only democratic country in that region with a viable process for the election of parliamentarians.

The strike on the Iraqi nuclear facility inspired a sense of pride in her daring, her unrivaled expertise and her decision to act to ensure her national security. To be sure, the action provoked criticisms of censure. But what choice had Israel save to act in her own defence? Israel knows that she can rely only on her own resources—having been left virtually to stand alone.

We have witnessed a growing movement in the U.N. condemning Israel for the same actions which when committed by other countries, go unchallenged. Attempts have been made to deligitimize her status in that forum. At the same time, there have been major efforts to legitimize the PLO giving it all the ac-

by Phillip A. Leon
National President
B'nai Brith Canada

counterments of state power, through manipulation of the voting machinery.

Only this past summer, PLO "diplomats" were received by leading Canadian government representatives and by officials of the Vatican.

We have seen a steady decline in the number of exit visas granted by the Soviet Union. The Russian authorities continue to "test" the West in how far they can go in their disregard of the Helsinki accords. Many regard the sentencing of Dr. Viktor Brailovsky, renowned Soviet scientist and leader of the Jewish emigration movement, as an object case to discourage other Soviet activists.

Both Canada, and our neighbours to the south, the United States, are experiencing events which give rise to concern, and merit careful monitoring. The growth of the KKK and the spreading infiltration of the neo-Nazi movement are gaining influence. The rise of the Moral Majority, and the various offshoots of the new-Fundamentalism, harken back to earlier periods in our history, where differences of belief were not tolerated.

Thus, as we count our fortunes at the beginning of this New Year, we must simultaneously be cognizant of the warning signals, and be vigilant. As Jews, we must accept our responsibilities to combat every form of racism and bigotry, be it directed against any minority group. We must strive to educate both the Jewish community and the community at large, to the benefits of multiculturalism and differences. A society which is tolerant of diversity and appreciative of its strengths, means a healthy society.

By dedicating ourselves to these principles, by becoming involved in organizations and institutions which serve the community, we can, as individuals and as a community, make this next year an opportunity to build a viable peace for the Jewish community, for all Canadians and indeed for all peoples throughout the world.

To the entire Jewish Community
—Shana Tovah.



The High Holiday Season is a Time for Review and Renewal

by Harold Buchwald, Q.C.
National Chairman, Canada-Israel Committee

Canada-Israel relations, while maintaining a steadfast posture of positive good friendship and support, are suffering the beginning hints of erosion as differences emerge over certain Israeli policies and actions. As well, the ongoing battle for the hearts and minds of Canadians in support of Israel is being countered by a small but growing number of voices and groups critical of Israel, sympathetic to her enemies, and unhappy with what is perceived as Canadian government positions too partial to the Jewish state.

Notwithstanding sometimes critical comment in the media and other circles on a specific issue or event, a flourishing sovereign State of Israel within secure and guaranteed borders remains an unbudgeable cornerstone of Canadian government policy, as it is as well, the underlying "given" of virtually every commentator, both critical and supportive. This, in turn, is a reflection of the overwhelming sentiment of a vast majority of Canadians.

Maintaining the steadfastness of friends of Israel in Canada in the months and the years ahead is the special challenge the Canadian Jewish Community, its component groups, and each member must meet in the New Year of 5742. Renewed commitment in strengthened numbers and efforts calls for ongoing dedication from all of us. Our "track record" indicates we will not now fail to respond, whatever the requirement.

On behalf of the Canada-Israel Committee, its officers, board members, and dedicated staff, I extend warmest Rosh Hashonah greetings and best wishes.

**Northern American Leadership
Emergency Conference
On Soviet Jewry
Calls for Government
And Public Support**

MONTREAL—September 25, 1981: Following two days of discussion at the North American Leadership Emergency Conference on Soviet Jewry, nearly 200 delegates from three countries agreed to coordinate and activate an intensive worldwide campaign to mobilize public and governmental opinion in their countries. Jewish and non-Jewish leaders from across Canada, the United States and Mexico, agreed that the Soviet Jewish situation is critical and demands immediate attention as the doors to Jewish emigration virtually close.

Sponsoring the two-day event were the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ-US) and Mexico's Comité Pro Ayuda Judaisimo Sovietico.

The delegates, including Canadian Members of Parliament Jim Peterson and Roland Comptois, Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), and Mexico's Dr. Martin Luis Guzman-Ferrer (Editor, *Tiempo Magazine*), convened September 20th to 21st in New York City in response to the alarming decrease in Jewish emigration, heavy increase in harassment and arrests of Jews and the banning of Jewish education and cultural programs.

As Prof. I. Cotler observed, "There have been more arrests in the last few months than in the last five years!"

"The oppression of Soviet Jews must be answered by each of us as individuals and as governments," said Jim Peterson, M.P. (Lib.-Willowdale, Ont.). "As it has already been said, it is not a Jewish issue alone, it is an issue of fundamental human rights affecting everyone who believes in freedom. I believe that history will measure us by our actions, and if we do not act now, it will forever weigh

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Alan Rose is shown presenting Roland Comptois, M.P., with a copy of Azbel's book "Refusenik".

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Cape Breton News

Rosh Hashana Greetings



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

As President of Congregation Sons of Israel, Glace Bay, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

May the year 5742 bring peace to Israel and greater attachment to Jewish values.

JNF Appointment

Mr. Neil Franklin, Atlantic Region Chairman, Jewish National Fund, is pleased to announce that **Leon Zelikovitz** has accepted the appointment of Chairman for the Cape Breton area.

Greetings from Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo

Sophie Sherman, president

HAPPY NEW YEAR! In the solemn month of Elul when the Shofar is sounded, we consider our past deeds and resolve to start afresh and make a new beginning in the new year.

As in days gone by, so now we, the members of the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo, rededicate ourselves to continue our work as always.

It has been a most successful year for Cape Breton Hadassah-Wizo, an eventful year of achieving greater monetary success and exceeding our budget. We hope to continue in this pattern of success and do what we can to make the coming year a memorable one.

When planning for the new year, we shall endeavour to keep these lines in mind:

"The past is our heritage,
The present is our responsibility,
The future is our challenge."

Sincere good wishes to you all for a Very Happy New Year.

Hadassah-Wizo in the Summer

by **Helene Siegel**

It is truly said that the summers are for vacationing, for soaking up the sun, for relaxation, and for general well-being. But it is also said that Hadassah-Wizo does not take a vacation. So how do we integrate the two?

By combining an attractive and well-arranged social affair at a most gracious home nestled on the banks of the peaceful and beautiful Mira River. Let me tell you how we did it.

On July 28, an afternoon tea, under the very able convenorship of **Mrs. Bennie (Jean) David**, was held at the country home of **Mrs. Issie (Fruma) Shore**, Stellside, Mira. Working closely with Jean was her committee: **Mrs. Ellie (Helen) Marshall, Mrs. Nate (Nettie) Simon, Glace Bay, N.S.; Mrs. Sam (Sophie) Sherman, Mrs. Morris (Sara) Gaum, Mrs. Helene Siegel, Mrs. Louis (Ellie) Friedman, Sydney, N.S. and Mrs. Louis (Sylvia) Allen, New Waterford.**

Delicious baking of sweets and rolls were provided by: **Jean David (Bennie), Helene Siegel, Sara Gaum, Zelda Yazer, Edie Lecker, Etta Chernin, Ruth Simon, Helen Marshall, Nettie Simon and Sylvia Epstein.** Many others contributed plates, cheese crackers, and cash donations.

The centrepiece, creatively arranged by our convenor **Jean David**, consisted of fruit, vegetables interspersed with Israeli

flags and plates of flowers. Close by were plates of goodies, coffee and tea. The women; some sitting, some standing, out on the porch, in the den, in the living-room, talking, laughing, were an attractive sight to behold.

The turn-out was excellent and the proceeds which was contributed to Hadassim was more than gratifying. Just to add a wee bit more to our coffers, **Jean David** donated a Jewish Cookbook, a kosher take-off of Italian and Chinese cooking which was won by **Mrs. Libby Brenner**, Helen Siegel spoke briefly on the contents of the book and the most remembered episode of the Chinese section was the part in which the authors tried to persuade their grandmother to include Chinese cooking in her repertoire and knew that they had finally convinced her of its deliciousness, when, on taking her to Chinatown she bought two sets of chopsticks, one for milchig and one for flashig!; and briefly in the Italian section the authors pointed out how minestrone can be compared to Chicken soup and olive oil to schmaltz. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world; the Jewish woman with her ever-appetizing recipes keeps her world intact. We honoured Fruma with a double chai certificate for her warm hospitality and as for the rest of us, for those who helped, and for those who came, we knew that Hadassah-Wizo does not interfere with vacations, it adds to it.

Congregation Temple Sons of Israel

Sydney, N.S.

Welcomes New Rabbi

Rabbi Lagnado has been elected to fill the position of Rabbi at the Congregation Temple Sons of Israel, a Conservative Synagogue in Sydney, Nova Scotia. In addition to his Rabbinical qualification, he is also a Cantor. Rabbi Lagnado will also serve as Principal/Teacher of the Religious School of the Synagogue.

His education includes study at the Rabbi Zlotnick Seminary in Johannesburg, South Africa, a Hebrew Teacher's Diploma from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and he is also a qualified Shochet from the Beth Din of Johannesburg.

Rabbi Lagnado is 45 years old. He and his wife Liebe have 2 children—Michelle aged 12, and Isaac aged 11.



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News from Moncton

RABBIS MESSAGE AT ROSH HASHANAH



by Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz
Congregation Tiferes Israel

We are now experiencing one of the most active times on the Jewish calendar of life. Amidst the High Holy Day season I feel it is important to take out but a moment to **contemplate** the realities of today's world and **then** seek in our tradition a key to dealing with them.

Surely anyone considering the international scene will agree that this past year did not yield much improvement. Starvation, persecution, a relief of international tension between the major powers—**no change**. And when it comes to Israel—we have heard the growing talk of the "Masada Complex" the complete sense of being alone which seems to be the daily plight of Israel as its neighbors continue their provocations.

Our tradition teaches us that Rosh Hashanah was the birthday of the world. Interestingly enough, however, the readings read on this occasion have nothing to do with the world or its destiny, but rather concern themselves with events in the lives of individuals, Issac, Samuel, etc. In this we are taught a tremendous lesson. The world is built upon **individuals**. In a time when the individual feels barren, devoid of any ability of affecting a world that is ever plummeting into the pit of pain and misery, our tradition comes forward reminding us all of the fact that history vividly validates—great change in society comes through the dedication and zeal of the **individual**. It calls upon us to realize the dormant strength within each of us, which, if called upon can produce activity that well can alter the steps of humankind.

In the Haftorah for the second day of Rosh Hashana G-d consoles our mother Rachel for her weeping, her spiritual efforts which she would not cease by saying: "Restrain your voice from weeping, your eyes from tears; **your work** shall have its reward, says the L-rd; they shall return from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future, says the L-rd; the children shall return to their own land. Yes, the tears and prayerful dedication of this matriarch could not be cast aside by the Alm-ghty. We each can call upon our energies to alter the course of human events. Every moment of our lives must be seen as a challenge to change our self and all whom we meet. Let us pray we realize the potential we each possess during the coming year.

Jewish National Fund

Lt. Col. Yaacov Perez of Jewish National Fund has just visited Moncton, and with help of **Irwin Lampert** has received \$113,000.00 in subscriptions to Galil Canada.

Adult Education Series

The Rabbi has announced that he will be offering two classes in our Adult Education Series. Classes began Tuesday, September 8.

8 - 9 P.M.—Mishna Brachos—A class in the study of Mishna; the source of Jewish observance of the Torah. No Hebrew background is required. Here is your chance to get a feel of the tradition of the Yeshiva—learning **JEWISH STYLE**. Mishna Brachos is also the source of the rules pertaining to prayer and blessings. Receive an insight into the traditional prayer service.

9 - 10 P.M.—The Jewish Woman—The Jewish Woman in Orthodoxy will be explored. Issues such as: Women and The Commandments, marriage, divorce, women and prayer, contracts, women as witnesses etc., will be explored. Here is your chance to learn first hand the position of the Jewish woman in Jewish Law.

Religious School

In an effort to increase the efficiency and productivity of our Religious School program, the Rabbitzen, **Mrs. Lefkowitz** will be volunteering her time in helping the Rabbi instruct our students. Particular emphasis this year will be placed

upon the prayer service. Fluency in reading the service and a knowledge of its purpose and meaning will be the major goals of the program. Religious School began September 7, 1981 with the younger group attending Mondays and Wednesdays and the older group attending Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Teen Program Set for the Year

The Rabbi's study hour for teens began Sunday, September 12. The group will be exploring Jewish Theology using the text Jewthink "A Manual of Jewish Belief for the Thinking Individual". Last year's regular students were privileged to join the Rabbi for a weeks visit to New York. So 'teens don't miss out!!!

Community Cemetery Service

Our second annual community cemetery service was held Sunday, September 27. **Rabbi Lefkowitz** prepared a service in both English and Hebrew. The Rabbi intoned a Maala Rachamim in which all the souls interred in the cemetery were mentioned.

Pre School

The 1980-81 Preschool year had many ups and downs, but generally has been a very beneficial and productive one. The children, ranging from ages three to five, attended for most of the year. The program involved pre-reading, pre-math, social studies, health, science, music, physical education, Jewish festivals and religion.

We had several field trips including a visit to the Public Library, Fire Station and Post Office and a trip to Centennial Park held on June 25 and the Magnetic Hill Game Farm.

Several visitors added a great deal of interest to our program. These included a visit from a policeman, **Dr. Rubin**, a fireman, a magician, **Rabbi Lefkowitz** for a mini-Seder and **Mrs. Lefkowitz** gave instruction on a kosher kitchen. Each week we also had a visit from a puppet who introduced a different letter of the alphabet. We held a concert for parents and friends at Chanukah and a second concert for Purim during the Carnival festivities. There are 4 openings for children 4 or 5 years for the Fall of 1981. If you know of any interested parents, please put them in contact with **Sharon Rubin**.

First Bas Torah in Moncton's History



On Saturday evening June 6 **Sandy Fischel** became the first girl to have a Bas Torah in the history of the Moncton Jewish community. **Sandy** presented the first Chapter of the Book of Ruth to the Congregation chanting it in the original Hebrew using the traditional melody. Her message, one of pride and hope in Jewish womanhood reflected the valour so beautifully demonstrated by Ruth. Leading the Congregation in readings suitable for the occasion, **Sandy** completed the Sabbath day by explaining the Havdalah service.

It was a stirring presentation in that a Bas Torah was something completely foreign to Moncton Jewish life. **Sandy** has broken new ground in the community, she has prepared a path: a path we hope many other Jewish girls in our community will travel.

IN FOND MEMORY—A tree was planted at the Moncton Museum in memory of Rabbi Lippa Medjuck and his wife, Rose. Mrs. Medjuck had been on the advisory board of the museum and Rabbi Medjuck had been a friend of the museum for years before their deaths. The museum board honored their memory with the tree in company with left to right, Rev. Clement Cormier of the University of Moncton, Marielle Zink, president of the museum board of directors, Moncton Mayor Dennis Cochrane, Rev. Angus MacDonald of St. Augustine's, Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz who gave the memorial prayer, and David Attis, president of the Jewish congregation in Moncton. Rev. Cormier and Rev. MacDonald were friends of the late rabbi. (Austin Studio).

New Ministerial Group Formed in Moncton

Rabbi Lefkowitz, with the help of a number of other clergymen in town has formed a monthly ministerial luncheon group. Unlike other similar groups this group has no officers or membership. All greater Moncton clergy are invited to join together for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of each month. These luncheons concern themselves with discussions on basic moral and ethical issues prevalent in today's society. The luncheons have been getting a very positive response. Clergy from many of the Church groups in town attend. This is the first forum for clergy in the Moncton area in which all denominations are welcome and are free to participate.

Thus far the group has issued a statement calling all to the realization of G-d's presence in creation. Signed by fourteen clergymen representing 8 religious denominations it is the first collective statement of clergy of such diversity in the history of Moncton.

The Congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to the Ruch family on the loss of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, **Eli Ruch**.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gergely** on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Wanderer** on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Lampert** on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lampert** and **Mr. Ben Attis** on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. David Attis** on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mrs. Minnie Attis** on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fischel** on the Bas Torah of their daughter **Sandy**.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Cohen** on the marriage of their daughter **Natalie** to **Mr. Michael Smith**

Mazel Tov to our college grads! **David Cohen, Gary Rubin, Susan Rubin and Rhonda Rubin**.

Mazel Tov to our High School grads! **Rosalie Fine, Janice Rubin and Sandra Rose**.



RARE HONOR—Hyman Brumer (second from right, finance chairman of the Moncton Lion's Club, was recently awarded the **Melvin Jones Fellow Award** by the Lions Club in honor of his outstanding humanitarian service to the community. The award

has been made only four times in the 19-year-history of the Moncton club. With Brumer at the presentation are city councillor **Larry McLaughlin** (left), **Herb Flood**, past president of the club and **Vince Connors** (right) new president. (Arnold Studio).



Saint John Happenings

Spring and Summer 1981

by Louise Adler

WE ARE PROUD

On Sunday May 17th the annual Baccalaureate Service of the University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus, was held for the first time in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue.

Despite the weather, a large body of the University Faculty and the graduating class of 1981, together with clergy from the city, proceeded from Beaverbrook House through the city to the Synagogue. There they were greeted by a congregation of the families of the graduates and members of the Jewish community.

Interestingly, the University's Chief Parade Marshall for the occasion was **Mr. Murray Zides**, a member of the Synagogue Board.

The service was interdenominational, and included readings relating to wisdom and the link between knowledge and the service of God. They were read by a representative of the graduating class and by the Vice President of the University. The President and Vice Chancellor of the University, **Dr. James Downey**, spoke of the strong bond between Jews and learning that made it so apt for the service to be in the Synagogue. The Deputy Mayor of the city also welcomed the congregation to the Synagogue as an integral part of the life of the broader community of Saint John.

In his address, **Rabbi Pavey** spoke of the importance of Jewish tradition of learning *lishma* (for its own sake), rather than as a means of acquiring a livelihood. Learning is an opening of the mind and soul to God and an enriching of the personality by sensitizing the whole being to

the divine unity within the world. It is a lifelong source of satisfaction, an eternal quest for coherence and meaning. He cited the Pirke Avot on the types of student: the sponge that absorbs everything, but without discrimination; the funnel that takes in at one end and lets out immediately at the other; the strainer that passes the wine through but keeps the dregs; and the sieve, which lets through the bran but keeps the fine flour. He urged the students to consider which they were and to keep themselves open to the joy of learning as a religious search throughout life.

The music for this occasion was provided by the Brunswick String Quartet.

The community was honoured to act as host for the University on this occasion and hope that relations will remain close and cordial.

A further honor paid the Jewish community of Saint John by the University of New Brunswick was the conferral of an Honorary Degree on one of its most senior and distinguished members. In recognition of his services to the City of Saint John and the Province of New Brun-

swick, and also to the legal profession both locally and nationally, **Judge B.R. Guss** received the Degree of DCL, Doctor of Civil Law, at the University Convocation in May. Many members were present at the ceremony to share in the sense of honor conferred upon a universally respected and liked member of the Jewish community.

Judge Guss was born in Lithuania, but has had a distinguished career in law in Canada. He was the first ever Jewish Judge in New Brunswick, and became Master of the Supreme Court of the Province. He was founder and Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee of the Canadian Bar Association, and has served on many public committees. A totally committed member of the Jewish community and an ardent Zionist, Judge Guss has been President of Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, area Chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and was a founder of Young Judea in Canada. That the University of New Brunswick has honored him is a source of pride to the whole Jewish community, which rejoices with him and his family.



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Mazel Tov

Michael Smith, son of **Mrs. and the late Samuel Smith**, was honored with an Oifruf on Saturday morning, August 8th. The service was enriched by the participation of **Mark Bernick** of New Waterford and **Mark Koven** of Saint John. **Rob Tock** from Newfoundland and **Moishe Sadofsky** from Halifax served as ushers. The young people, many from other areas in the Maritimes enhanced the joy of the morning and were an inspiration to everyone present.

Michael, a native Saint Johner, married **Natalie Cohen**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Cohen** of Moncton on August 16th.

Michael received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science at Dalhousie University and took a year of Graduate Studies in Public Administration 1980-81.

Erminie & Ed Cohen on the marriage of their daughter **Cathy** to **Norman Tait**.

Erminie & Ed Cohen on their son **Lee** being called to the Nova Scotia Bar.

Murray & Dorothy Brown on the marriage of their daughter **Pamela** to **Leslie Calman**.

Book Review

During the Spring the members of the Book Review Club enjoyed the presentation of **Horowitz** and **Mrs. Washington** by **Henry Denker**, published by G.P. Putnam's Sons and distributed by Academic Press Canada Ltd.

Samuel Horowitz an elderly, cantankerous Jewish gentleman had resisted some young muggers (blacks) and he had a stroke. His face was cut. His leg, arm and hand were partially paralyzed.

When he wakes up in the hospital, he demands a mirror to see his face. The nurse consoled him with "When it heals, you'll hardly notice it."

Horowitz shook his head sadly. "It's no longer a world for people. Only for animals."

"I hear you tried to fight back," she said disapprovingly.

"I should give up without a fight? That's a lie that Jews don't fight back! Remember the Six-Day War? And what happened in '73? They hit us with a sneak attack on Yom Kippur, but in the end we had the Egyptians surrounded. And don't you forget it!"

Ben & Joan Smith on the marriage of their son **Jeff** to **Carolyn MacLennan**.

Joe & Ruth Koven on the marriage of their daughter **Sharon** to **Stephen Kincaide**.

Honey Smith on the marriage of her son **Michael** to **Natalie Cohen** daughter of **Louise & Ruben Cohen**.

Jerry & Marcia Koven on the birth of their first granddaughter to **Charlotte & Eric Feldbloom** and a great grandchild to **Rose Freedman**.

Gar & Jackie Meltzer on their daughter **Evelyn** being called to the New Brunswick Bar.

Gar & Jackie Meltzer on the high school graduation of their son **Michael**.

Sam & Elizabeth Koven on the graduation of their daughter **Rhona**.

Bernie & Natalie Freedman on the graduation of their son **Michael** from Dalhousie University.

Jerry & Marcia Koven on the graduation of their son **Andrew** from Dalhousie University, L.L.B.

Sam & Joyce Milrod on the graduation of their daughter **Leslie Ruth** who was called to the Ontario Bar. **Leslie Ruth** is the daughter-in-law of **Ben & Millie Guss**.

Norman & Janet Holtzman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Wayne**, brother of **Jeffrey**, grandson of **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Holtzman** and **Mr. & Mrs. Louise Newman**.

"Okay, I won't forget it."

His son **Marvin** and his daughter, **Mona** in San Diego, California employ **Mrs. Washington**, a nurse, to care for him. She is a ghetto-raised, soft spoken, black nurse who is determined to get him out the wheelchair, and walking again.

Horowitz' children threaten to place him in a nursing home if he doesn't cooperate.

Horowitz doesn't approve of blacks but likes his cleaning woman who is also black, **Bernadine**. He bitterly resents that **Bernadine** is fired because she does not know "therapy".

Mrs. Washington is a widow and a grandmother. Eventually her grandchildren, she and **Mr. Horowitz** become close friends and work together to get **Horowitz** on his feet and independent.

The story is poignant with laughter and tears, heart rending in sections, interesting and delightful. You will enjoy it.

"**Henry Denker** is that rarity, a born New Yorker. He has the street savvy, the sparkle, the wry sense of humor and the rich ethnic background that so characterize a native of that city."

Shomer Club

On May 24th the Italian community was the subject of "Our Neighbors" program at the Shomer Club.

John Rocca, a prominent Saint John Citizen, spoke most interestingly of the Italians in our city. In describing his people, **Mr. Rocca** stated that he wished to tell us "of ourselves. What makes us a people. We are gay lovers of life. We are entertainers, skilled in moving from tears to laughter. We are different in public than in private. In public we effect the grand style, minimizing the dull, the insignificant. We believe that life can be greater than it is—as created in work of art."

Mr. Rocca described the life of his people in their villages in the "old country" emphasizing the strong family ties, almost tribal in nature. There was not too much affection or trust in their government but rather a dependence upon relatives for assistance.

In Canada and especially in New Brunswick the tendency was to completely integrate with the local community and almost cease to be a separate identity.

His scholarly address was followed by a beautiful program of operatic songs.

The Scots were the subject of "Our Neighbors" program on June 14th. **Mr. David N. Cormack** served as chairman. **Susan Todd, Sandra and Krisa Taylor** dressed in beautiful costumes danced. Although very young girls, each is an outstanding artist in her own right having competed most successfully not only in New Brunswick, but throughout Canada.

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This year's Hadassah Calendar is being dedicated to the memory of **Freda Cohen** who gave so much of her time to this special project.

June started in pleasant fashion with a lovely supper held at the home of **Linda Hamburg** for the closing meeting of Hadassah and Sisterhood. New officers for the coming year were installed.

The following evening the movie "Apples of Gold" about the struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel, was shown to a lively audience at the Synagogue. We welcomed a number of Christian visitors on this occasion.

For Shavuot eve we revived the tradition of holding a Tikkun Leyl Shavuot. The Rabbi conducted a study course and refreshments were provided and served by members of Sisterhood. On Shavuot afternoon the Rabbi and his family were "At Home" for festive tea.

A meeting for the United Jewish Appeal was held at the home of **Linda** and **Norman Hamburg**. It was a delightful and successful occasion.

A meeting for Jewish War Veterans under the able leadership of **Gar Meltzer** was held in June and the previous Shabbat the Veterans took part in the service. Tribute to deceased comrades was paid by **Gar Meltzer**.

Summer wouldn't be complete without a Bar Mitzvah and it was with great pleasure that the community gathered to welcome **Wayne Holtzman**, son of **Janet** and **Norman**, into religious adult membership.

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The Chedar closed at the end of June for the summer with an exhibition of the children's work. Each child received a progress certificate and in addition special prizes were awarded to: **Lori Winch, Katie Elman, Jason Hamburg, Sara-Lynne Levine and Jonathan Pavey.**

The memorial in memory of the late **Dr. Joseph Tanzman** was unveiled on July 26th.

Community Activities

Sisterhood has adopted as its special project Hestia House, a refuge for battered wives and their children.

Saint John Rotary, of which several of our community are members, sponsored a musical show "Up With People". The show was supported greatly by the Synagogue, and families from our community, hosted cast members during their stay in Saint John.

We are pleased to report that we now have a Bakery in town whose bread is kosher and parev. It is under Rabbinical supervision.

Rabbi Pavey has been elected Chairman of the Saint John Multicultural Committee for the Bi-centennial celebrations.

The Yom Ha-Shoah service which we held on April 30 has been filmed and will be incorporated into the series "This is Canada" due to air in the Fall. **Lou Michelson** will be seen representing the Synagogue in an interview about Congregation Shaarei Zedek.

EDITORS NOTE—The following is the address given by Miriam R. Pavey at the Sisterhood of the Shaarei Zedek Congregation installation ceremony.

Tonight's lovely supper marks the end of a year and yet—almost like Simchat Torah—we look again to the beginning of a new year with the election of new officers of our Sisterhood. And the similarity continues further: just as Simchat Torah shows us that there is no end to the study of the Jewish religion, so our looking to the next year of our work shows us that there is no end to a woman's place in the Jewish community.

Women are the backbone of the Jewish community; and just try existing without your backbone. Truly Henrietta Szold said: "A woman can best serve the interests of her Synagogue by devoting herself to her home." From the creation of a home based firmly on the ideals and teaching of Judaism comes commitment to the Synagogue, to Jewish communal work in its many forms, to the wider community as a whole. Without the Jewish home there is no Jewish people. Without the Jewish wife and mother

there is no Jewish home. Ours is a formidable task. A shattering responsibility.

Without the Sisterhood the Shaarei Zedek congregation would not really function. And without the functioning of the Synagogue we would have no focal point for our other big challenges in Jewish life.

Now more than ever it is important that all Jewish communities in the free world—especially North America—should be strong. Strong to support Israel and any community who may need their help and support. You all know about the USSR, Syria, Iran but I am in constant touch with events in Europe and I do not care for the news there. Sometimes it seems only yesterday that, in the air-raid shelters of Britain, we cheered as we heard the drone of the allied bombers going out to fight Hitler. It was a good feeling, a people united against the Nazi filth. But now, on those same streets in Britain, neo-Nazi groups are allowed to parade in the interests of democracy and free speech. Nazi literature is distributed in schools. Synagogues are daubed. Jewish shops are attacked and cemeteries desecrated. Arson happens with depressing regularity. The worsening economic climate is creating the perfect setting for fascist activity. The PLO are allowed to set up offices in major British cities with perfect respectability. And apathy could let it happen. Apathy is one of the greatest sicknesses in human society. When I first came to Canada my 83 year old mother sent messages asking "when are you going to come home?" The last message I received from her was "for G-d's sake promise me that you will never come home. There is no home."

Tonight we are installing new officers for our Sisterhood. Officers. An interesting word. To me it represents a military term. And it is right and proper that it should. We **are** an army. The Jewish people is the army of the G-d of Israel. It has fought long and hard. It has seen many casualties but then, when you fight in the army of the G-d of Israel you must expect casualties. **BUT NO ARMY CAN RUN ON OFFICERS ALONE.** It needs **TROOPS.** YOU are the troops. YOU. Every one of you. Without you there can be no army.

Tonight the call goes out. The army of the G-d of Israel needs YOU. It needs your interest. It needs your time. It needs your energy. And yes, it will need your money too; when the call goes out. But most of all it needs your commitment. Your officers need to know that they have people to lead. People who will support them. People who will work shoulder to shoulder along side of them. You may say you are tired. Everyone is tired. But the Creator of the Universe—working for us—neither slumbers nor sleeps. Can we not, each one of us, on behalf of the Jewish people find that little bit more energy, those few more resources? While we sleep the storm clouds may gather and we may wake up to a deluge no power on earth can stop.

The Pirke Avot teaches us: "It is not up to you to finish the task but it IS your job to have a go at it." Tonight you greet your new officers. Give them your support. Sign on willingly in the army of the G-d of Israel and, with the Pirke Avot, determine that, even if we do not finish the task, together we will all have one heck of a go at it!



Jewish War Veterans of Canada

**Special Services Commemorating
D Day
Saint John, N.B.**

**by Gar Meltzer,
Commander, Maritimes/Nfld.**

To commemorate the anniversary of D Day, June 6th, a special Memorial Service was held in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, Saint John, N.B.

Members of the Jewish Veterans or their sons were called to participate in the reading of the Torah. **Rabbi Roger**

Pavey recited a memorial prayer after the honour roll of our dead comrades was read by **Commander Gar Meltzer**, followed by a Refuah Shleima prayer for our hospitalized comrade, **Sydney Grosweiner.**

Post Adjutant, I.J. David; J. Asher Polowin and David Lubin led the congregation in responsive reading.

At the conclusion of the services, the congregation recited Kaddish for the departed veterans. A Kiddush hosted by the Jewish War Veterans was served in the vestry of the synagogue.

The Saint John post boasts of a sick visiting committee who weekly bring cheer to our shut-in comrades.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Back to the typewriter again for another Season. Greetings to the following who celebrated anniversaries:

Joe and Cheryl Abrams, 10 years; **Meyer and Eta Berk**, 34 years; **Sam and Jennie Brown**, 27 years; **Frank and Daisy Budovitch**, 39 years; **Mitchell and Carolin Budovitch**, 14 years; **Sam and Eleanor Budovitch**, 42 years; **John and Harriet Lenard**, 15 years; **Isadore and Marlene Unger**, 17 years; **Weldon and Toby Graser**, 21 years; **Josef and Bertha Landau**, 32 years; **Ivan and Lois Levin**, 11 years; **Peter and Sharon Pinsler**, 14 years; **Steve and Doris Rauch**, 15 years; **Allen and Rhona Ruben**, 14 years; **Sid and Rita Tobin**, 29 years; **Izzie and Anne Elman**, 46 years; **Harry and Sheila Chippin**, 33 years.

Mazel Tov to **Ben and Faye Medjuck** upon the marriage of their son, **Joe**, to **Laurie**, daughter of **John and Evelyn Deans**, West Hill, Ontario.

Mazel Tov to **Sam and Jennie Brown** upon the marriage of their grand-

daughter, **Pamela**, daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Murray Brown**, St. John, N.B. to **Les Calman**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Morris Calman**, Lethbridge, Alberta.

A belated Mazel Tov to **Lou and Sue Levine** upon the graduation of their daughter, **Bonnie**, receiving her degree with class honors in psychology.

Barbara Budovitch has returned to Montreal, Que. after visiting her parents, **Sam and Eleanor Budovitch**.

Irving and Sylvia Meyers have returned from Calgary, Alberta, after visiting their children, **Alan and Myra Meyers** and **Stephanie and Michael Dorchik**.

A successful Auction, socially and financially, was sponsored by the Sisterhood, in the vestry of the Synagogue, convened by **Joan Levine** and **Edye Besner**. Cash donations were received, merchants donated merchandise and the members each made their specialties in baking. Swimming lessons were auctioned, baby sitting services, lawn mowing and there was also a Blood Pressure Clinic. **Harry Lang** and **Sam**

Budovitch, Jr., did a tremendous job as Auctioneers and following the Auction, delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, **Rhona Ruben, Lois Levine, Joan Levine, Edye Besner** and **Doris Rauch**.

General Meeting, members of Sgoolai Israel Synagogue, Sunday, May 31, President **Lou Levine** chaired the meeting. Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved. A complete Financial Report was given and copies of Financial Statement for the past year were available to all members present. The Treasurer was given authority to apply to the government to change our business year January 1st to December 31st so the Auditors can complete the business year as of those dates.

Donation of \$150.00 to be given toward a Memorial Plaque for the late **Dr. Tanzman**.

Slate of Officers for the year 1981-1982: President, **Lou Levine**; 1st Vice President, **Sam Budovitch, Jr.**; 2nd Vice President, **Bernard Chippin**; Treasurer,



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Hadassah-Wizo

The Lillian Frieman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo held a wine and cheese party for members and guests at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue to mark the closing of their 1980-81 term and to install the new Executive. The evening was made especially interesting by Marilyn Kaufman who delivered an informative review of her visit to Washington, D.C. as a member of a recent Public Affairs mission to that city.

Another highlight was the presentation of the Esther Award to Jennie Chippin in recognition of her outstanding and ongoing work for the Chapter. Her many years of service in the office of Treasurer was especially praised and appreciated by the members. The installation ceremony concluded the evening and members and guests were then invited to enjoy the refreshments amidst congratulations and well wishes for the incoming Executive. The following are the new executive for 1981-1982: President, Rhona Ruben; 1st Vice President, Marilyn Kaufman; 2nd Vice President, Lois Levine; Recording Secretary, Edye Besner; Corresponding Secretary, Gertie Budovitch; Treasurer, Sydelle Grobe.

Portfolio Chairladies: J.N.F., Gladys Swetsky; Specific Gifts, Roz Brown; Creche, Sharon Pinsler; Public Affairs, Marilyn Kaufman, Judy Budovitch;

Social, Cheryl Abrams, Sheila Chippin; Gift Cards, Leona Brown; Membership, Linda Payne; Cards, Jennie Brown.

A luncheon meeting of the Lillian Frieman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held July 29th at the summer residence of Edyth Levine with the President, Rhona Ruben presiding.

Plans for our Annual Bazaar, which will take place in October, were discussed.

A garage sale will be held in August, and a Public Affairs Seminar is planned for September.

Carol Lifshitz was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Ruben, Moncton, N.B. was welcomed as a guest.

Sisterhood

The closing meeting of the Sisterhood was held in conjunction with the closing of the Cheder, on June 23, 1981 in the Vestry of the Synagogue.

Seated at the head table were Rabbi Spiro, Lou Levine, President of the

Synagogue, Joan Levine, President of the Sisterhood and Daisy Budovitch. Joan thanked the members of the executive and urged support for the new executive. Rabbi Spiro installed the following for 1981-1982: President, Joan Levine; Vice President, Edye Besner; Secretary, Carol Lifshetz; Treasurer, Marlene Unger.

A presentation to the Rabbi was made by Joan Levine, for which the Rabbi thanked all those present. The Annual Closing of the Cheder followed and is known as the "Harry Velensky Trust Fund" closing. The children rendered songs to the delight of the parents and grandparents. Daisy Budovitch, daughter of the late Harry Velensky, presented prizes to the following for perfect attendance. Tara Abrams, Kevin Besner, Jonathan Pinsler, Linda Rauch, Sharon Rauch, Sheila Unger. Sheila Unger also won a prize for Chumesh. Siddurs were presented by Joan Levine to the following beginners. Tara Abrams, Kevin Besner, Jonathan Pinsler and Linda Rauch.

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The synagogue attendance prize which is given in the name of the late **Samuel Michelsan** was presented to **Sharon Rauch** and her sister, **Linda**, for their perfect attendance to Shabbat services.

Books were also presented by Rabbi **Spiro** to **Dena Graser** for her attendance in Cheder from Grade One to Sunday School and through her High School years. **Dena** thanked the Rabbi and reminded the children, as well as adults, not to forget their Heritage. **Dena** is leaving our Community to further her education and we wish her the best of luck.

Freda Appel has returned to Ottawa, Ontario, after visiting her daughter **Sharon Pinsler**, son-in-law **Peter** and family.

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

Bessie Rose has returned from Toronto after visiting her son **Marven** and daughter **Valerie.**

Speedy recoveries to **Betty Levine, Oscar Jacobson, Bea Sherman** and **Ida Tobin.**

Ian Rose, 17, son of **Bessie Rose**, is proving to be a well known baseball player in New Brunswick. He was selected to represent Fredericton in the Canadian Youth Team competing in the World Friendship series in Newark, Ohio. **Bill MacKenzie**, technical director for Amateur Baseball in Canada, had this to say about Ian: "He is on the team because of his quick bat, and he has a super attitude and is a super young man". Ian has returned home and is continuing his studies at Fredericton High School.

Welcome back **Professor John Lenard, Harriet** and daughter, after spending Sabbatical leave from the University of New Brunswick in Haifa, Israel.

Louis and **Marilyn Newman** and family have returned to Montreal, Que. after visiting her parents, **Rabbi David** and **Edyth Spiro.**

Dr. Israel Unger Elected

For the year 1980-81, **Dr. Israel Unger** has been President of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). Being elected at the annual Council meeting in Ottawa in May of 1980, Dr. Unger served with CAUT for a one-year term. CAUT, consisting of 25,000 professors and librarians from coast to coast, is a national organization participating in all levels of events and interests for higher education in Canada. Upon completion of his term as President this June, and now under the capacity as Past-President, Dr. Unger presently serves as Chairman of the Elections and Resolutions Committee of CAUT. During the past twelve months, Dr. Unger has met with various university organizations, television, radio and news media, the Parliamentary Task Force, Council of Ministers for Education, and the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick, in relation to the Established Program Financing and matters of interest on post-secondary education.

On June 5th of this year, at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), the Nominating Committee unanimously elected Dr. Unger to the Council of Trustees for a five-year term. IRPP, founded in 1970, is an independent organization which examines and carries out research, and comments on public policy.

First Prize Winner

Nessa Leckie, the outgoing president of the Central New Brunswick branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association presented **Sarah Abraham**, a grade twelve student at Fredericton High School, with first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the New Brunswick branch of C.M.H.A.

For the past three years the Canadian Mental Health Association has sponsored a contest to encourage grade twelve students to write on a subject pertinent to mental health.

Education of the public is one of three tenets of the Canadian Mental Health Association, the other two being *service* and *advocacy* for the mentally ill.

Recognition that mental illness is still regarded with fear and shame, makes the role of the organization important in its efforts to assist those who have problems now, or those who have been ill.

The work of the Canadian Mental Health Association extends throughout the country, actively supported through ten divisions and approximately 190 branches.

B'nai B'rith

The Fredericton Chapter of B'nai B'rith held in May, what is rapidly becoming an annual tradition—a combination brunch and installation of new officers. The menu for the brunch consisted of cheese omelets, bagels, hard-boiled eggs, orange juice, cream cheese, coffee, tea, etc. All the food was prepared and served by the members of the executive of the lodge.

The newly elected executive consists of: President, **I. Unger**; Vice President, **B. Vigod**; Cor. Secretary, **J. Landau**; Warden, **S. Kaufman**; Rec. Sect., **C. Grobe**; Treasurer, **E. Rose**; Chaplain and Past President, **S. Rauch**; Trustees, **Rabbi D. Spiro, W. Cohen, I. Rosenzweig, A. Ruben.**

Simone Rosenzweig has returned to Boston, Mass. to resume studies at the Mass. College of Pharmacy, after spending the summer with her parents, **Irwin** and **Betty Rosenzweig.**

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

Sol and **Helen Singer** have returned to Toronto, after visiting her sister, **Gladys Swetsky** and brother-in-law **Lou.**

Elenore Rubin has returned to Montreal after visiting her parents, **Joe** and **Ida Tobin.**

Jack and **Betty Levine** and son have returned from Long Island, New York and Toronto, Ontario, after visiting their daughter, **Debbie**, and son-in-law **Terry Steinberg** and **Lawrence Levine** and daughter-in-law, **Adele.**

Francine Steinberg and daughter, have returned to Ottawa, Ontario, after visiting her parents, **Sam** and **Gertie Budovitch.**

Robin Payne, daughter of **Marty** and **Linda Payne**, graduate of Fredericton High School and prize winner in Biology, has left for Boston to further her education at Brandeis University.

Shelli Eusler has returned to Toronto, after visiting her parents, **Larry** and **Rose Eusler.**

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Congratulations to **Neil Brown**, son of **Bob and Roz Brown**, for winning the Dr. Dennis Wolfson Trophy which has been given out since 1954, for the best all around athlete for Camp Kadimah, 1981. This award was given through the sports programme at the Camp and Neil was a participant in all sports.

Norman and Ruth Golosky and family have returned to Toronto after visiting her sister, **Leona**, brother-in-law, **Alfred** and family.

Happy 50th birthday, **Alfred**.

Ethel Shepherd has returned to Toronto after visiting her nephews, **Alfred and Bob Brown**, nieces, **Leona Brown and Sylvia Meyers** and families.

A speedy recovery to **Bea Abrams**.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tobin and son, **Samuel**, nephew of **Joe and Ida Tobin**, have returned to London, England, after visiting **Jack and Betty Levine**.

Mazel Tov to **Sid and Rita Tobin**, upon the engagement of their son, **Barry Martin**, LLB, London, Ontario, grandson of **Joe and Ida Tobin** to **Debra Wolf**, London, Ontario.

Kevin Jacobson has returned to Toronto, Ontario, after visiting his grandparents, **Oscar and Polly Jacobson**.

Doris Yates has returned to Montreal, Que. after visiting her sister, **Mary** and brother-in-law, **Max Velensky**.

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a report on the needs of the Jewish community to which he or she can make a contribution. At the highest level—17 years or older—they should be able to describe the meaning and significance of membership in a synagogue and involvement in Jewish community life, Sternberg said. All four levels must be passed to earn the badge.

From the youngest age, it was noted, those working for the "Religion in Life" badge will have to present a certificate of regular attendance at a synagogue service and/or Jewish school. Other new requirements are ability to explain the meaning of the prayershawl and phylacteries; making a model succah; reading the works of such Jewish philosophers and scholars as the Baal Shem Tov, Chaim Nachman Bialik and Solomon Schechter; and conducting a prayer service.

These requirements, it was reported, round out an already thorough program in the Jewish religion, and the Scout or Guide successfully completing all requirements for the badge should have as solid a knowledge of Judaism as does a day school graduate.

Sternberg said final stage candidates must explain three sayings from the Ethics of the Fathers; discuss each of the sections of the Yigdal prayer; and describe the contributions to Israel of personages like Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the late Premier Levi Eshkol and Eichman's prosecutor Gideon Hausner.

The candidates must also list the national synagogue organizations, and the major seminaries and rabbinical organizations of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of Judaism.

He said that the Jewish Scout and Guide will learn some elements about the Jewish religion that the average Jewish day school graduate may not know—such as how to observe the Sabbath and the Jewish dietary laws while camping.

New Jewish Activities Badge For Canadian Scouts, Guides

TORONTO (JTA)—A new "Religion in Life" badge, requiring regular synagogue attendance and an active interest in the local Jewish community, has been established for Jewish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in Canada.

The Canadian Scout and Guide organizations, in cooperation with the religious department of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), developed the new badge, according to a report in the Canadian Jewish News.

Rabbi Robert Sternberg, director of the CJC religious department, said badges in Judaism and in the various Christian denominations have been available for about 10 years but the new "Religion in Life" program places more emphasis on Jewish festivals, practice and thought.

P.J. Horan of the Boy Scouts of Canada National Council in Ottawa, said there are some 20 Boy Scout groups in Canada sponsored by Jewish organizations and roughly an equal number of Girl Guide

groups, with an average of 60 members in each. He added that the number is declining.

To earn the Menorah-adorned emblem, four progressive levels of proficiency must be passed, starting at age eight in the Cubs and Brownies, the younger divisions of the Scouts and Guides.

Sternberg said he had changed the structure of the original program "to emphasize the importance" to Scouts and Guides "of engaging in activities which will demonstrate the relevance of religious practice in daily living."

Boys and girls at the first level—ages eight to 10—must answer the question: "What is special to you about being part of the Jewish community and about being Jewish?" Eleven-to-14-year-olds must participate in a synagogue or Jewish community project that "brings joy or happiness to other people," Sternberg said.

At the third stage—14 to 16 years—Scouts and Guides are required to write



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What's Happening in St. John's

by **Linda Berman**

In June the sisterhood of the Hebrew Congregation of Newfoundland sponsored the well known children's television personality, Mr. Dressup. Many people attended the three performances and the children all had an enjoyable and wonderful time. His visit was very successful and he and his wife enjoyed touring the province as well.

On Saturday, August 22, the members of our congregation celebrated a most joyous occasion—the 60th Wedding Anniversary of **Fanny and Otto Sidel**. They were joined on this special occasion by their son and daughter-in-law from Montreal and many other friends and relatives. In their honor, a kiddush was held after the Saturday morning services. We wish them a most happy anniversary and may they celebrate many more.

We wish a refuah shlayma to **Paula Toytman**, daughter of **William and Rose Toytman**, who recently underwent delicate heart surgery. She is, thank G-d, doing well and we wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

We wish a refuah shlayma to **Mr. Ralph Levitz** who is recovering from eye surgery and to **Mr. Bernard Levitz** who is attending physical therapy sessions hoping to be relieved of the pain from a pinched nerve in his leg.

We would like to say how much we enjoyed meeting **Harold and Gloria Soskin** and their children, **Elliott and Nicole**. Harold is **Linda Mendoza's** brother and he and his family live in England.

We would like to wish good luck to **Doris and Aaron Tock** who have recently entered into a new business venture. They have opened a wholesale bakery and are producing bread and rolls for distribution throughout the province. We know they will make a success of it.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year from everyone here to everyone out there.

Echoes

by **Rabbie Tzvi Berman**,
Beth El Synagogue
St. John's, Nfld.

The sounding of the shofar is synonymous with Rosh Hashana. A hundred sounds are blown on each day of the festival and everyone, children and adults alike return from the lobby, the library or outside the building in order to see and hear the shofar being blown. It is a good thing that the people place such importance on the observance of this mitzvah, since it is of Biblical origin and can be performed only during these two days.

However, with all this rushing to hear the shofar, do we really hear it? Are we really letting it speak to us or are we hearing only what we want to hear? The shofar begs us to recognize G-d as the Creator of the universe and to observe the Sabbath as a sign of this recognition. The shofar reminds us of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai and the holiness which that event brought to the world. It beckons us to observe the laws of kashrut and of family purity as a means of making ourselves an 'Am Kadosh', a holy people. The shofar reminds us of the great sacrifices which Abraham was willing to make, even to the point of killing his beloved son Isaac; and also of the sacrifices which we should at times be willing to make for G-d. All this and more is what the 100 sounds of the shofar are telling us. But does it really?

The Talmud tells us that we should not blow a shofar while we are standing in a pit for then we may be hearing an echo, a reflected sound, rather than the true, clear sound of the shofar. While we have not blown shofar from the depths of a cistern, many of us have put our Judaism in just such a place.

We reserve our Judaism for Friday nights and Saturday mornings or holidays and build up a wall of business interests and social activities around ourselves. When the shofar is blown, we are unable to hear its real sound. It rebounds off the walls which we have constructed and we hear only the echo. Instead of the shofar telling us to observe the laws of kashrut, the echo tells us to eat kosher foods only when it is convenient. The echo tells us to observe the holy Sabbath only if and when it can be integrated with our business activities. Rather than telling us to observe the laws of family purity, the echo tells us to ignore such laws because they interfere with our personal pleasure. While the shofar calls upon us to make sacrifices for the sake of our religion and demonstrate our devotion to G-d as did Abraham, the shofar's echo calls out to us with a whole list of things that are "more worthy" of our devotion and sacrifices.

As the shofar calls out to us this Rosh Hashana to observe the Torah and devote ourselves to the service of G-d, let us think about whether we are listening to the sound of the shofar or merely its echo bouncing off the walls of all those previous commitments which have surrounded us.

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Happenings and Events



*Executive Meeting—A.J.C.
Members welcome Harold Schwartz newly
appointed V.P. Cape Breton to his first
meeting.*



Weizmann Institute Honors Chief Justice



Left to Right: Mr. Jack Rafuse, Q.C., Mrs. Barbara Rafuse, The Rt. Hon. Bora Laskin, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Franklin, are shown at the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute National Dinner honoring Chief Justice Bora Laskin held recently in Ottawa.

New Chairman For Camp Kadimah



At the recent Annual Meeting at the Atlantic Jewish Council it was announced that Mr. Ben Prossin has been appointed Chairman of Camp Kadimah. Information and registration dates will be announced shortly.

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CONGRATULATIONS MENGIE!!



On June 17, 1981 Mengie Shulman was honored by his family, friends and business acquaintances for his association with the radio industry. Mrs. Ruby McSween, the present Chairman of Group One Atlantic Radio Stations, presented Mr. Shulman (right) with a plaque and a donation was given to the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children for the purchase of a heart monitor unit in Mengie's honor. Commodore Andrew McMillan (left), Fund Organizer for IWK, accepted the donation on behalf of the hospital for children. Mengie was thoroughly roasted by his friends and business associates and the evening was a huge success.



DID WE WIN?

Barbara Paton and Sam Jacobson listen intently to see if their tickets in "The Kilo of Gold Raffle" were among those chosen as winners. (See page 32)



Halifax Israeli and International Dancers joyously perform at the Canada Day celebrations—Halifax.

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Four participants from the Atlantic Region who attended the Hadassah-Wizo National Public Affairs Seminar held in Washington, D.C.—May 1981. Pictured at the Israeli Embassy are left to right: Barbara Paton, Halifax; Marilyn Kaufman, Fredericton; Sheila Zive, Halifax; and Jacqueline Meltzer Saint John.



Happenings and Events

LEARNED SOCIETIES MEETING: May 1981 in Halifax saw the Atlantic Jewish Council host, in co-operation with Halifax Hadassah-Wizo, an **EVENING OF REMINISCING** by long-time residents of Halifax. Shown in **UPPER PHOTO:** Sol Edell, Chairman of Archives of Canadian Jewish Congress for Toronto and Ontario; Dr. Stephen Speisman, Director of Archives for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. **LOWER PHOTOS:** show M.B. Fineberg and Aaron Zive recount their experiences. This meeting was the catalyst in reactivating the Halifax Jewish Historical Society. →

Appointments

Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Halifax, has been appointed to serve as a member of the National Archives Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.



Mr. Gerry Mendelson, Chairman of the Atlantic Jewish Council Russian Resettlement Committee has recently been appointed as a member to the J.I.A.S. National Board.



Mr. Harold Schwartz, Sydney, N.S., has recently been appointed Regional Vice-President, Cape Breton, Atlantic Jewish Council.



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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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Elliot and Betty Fineberg and Family—Halifax

Sophie and Zena Forman—Halifax

Mr. and Mrs. Max Fox and Family—Halifax

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Freedman—Saint John

Mr. Ralph Gaffen—New Waterford

Ruth, Ralph, Craig, Marc and Andrea Garson—Halifax



ATLANTIC REGION TOPS COUNTRY IN PERCENTAGE SALES

The Atlantic Region has been commended for its outstanding efforts on behalf of the Kilo of Gold Raffle conducted by the Hebrew Culture Organization of Canada—a charitable organization associated with the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Reaching 90% of its total allocation, sales could have gone over the top if the postal strike had not hampered efforts.

Sam Jacobson, Halifax, was top ticket seller in the Atlantic Region and his high sales were very instrumental in reaching this target.

Ivan Levine, Fredericton, the only winner in this area, was one of ten ticket holders who were awarded second prize—1-22K gold coin.

A telephone hook up between the AJC office and the reception held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal enabled an eager group, who gathered in anticipation, to hear the results as they came through.

Mrs. Neri Bloomfield, Raffle Chair-



*Sam Jacobson
Top Ticket Seller in Atlantic Region*

person, said that because of the success of this coast-to-coast fundraising effort, it will become an annual event.

The following is a list of coast-to-coast winners: *1st Prize, 24 22K Gold Coins*, **Mr. M.J. Weigensbert**, Dollards-Des-Ormeaux, *2nd Prize through 11th Prize each 1 22K Gold Coin*, **Fancia Ivanier**, Cote St. Luc, **Ilene-Jo Roitman**, Vancouver, B.C., **Eugene Edelman**, Edmonton, Alberta, **Ernest Schor**, Montreal, P.Q., **Deena Kravetsky**, Winnipeg, Man., **Abe D. Steinberg**, Winnipeg, Man., **Ben Chochinov**, **Ben Lichter**, **Mitch Garfinkle**, Town of Mount Royal, **Abe Levine & Sons Ltd.**, St. John, N.B., **Mrs. S. Nadel**, Winnipeg, Man., also **Phillip Bell**, **Ben Berest**, **Irva Liv**, **F. Wiententhal**, **I. Ivanier**, Cote St. Luc, *12th Prize, Fox fur jacket*, **M. Fugman**, Vancouver, B.C., *13th Prize, Weekend at King David Hotel in Jerusalem*, **M. Cooper**, Winnipeg, Man., *14th Prize, Flip Flop Chair*, **Louis Polson**, Edmonton, Alberta.



Holocaust Documentation Bank

During the week of August 3-7, 1981, the crew of the Holocaust Documentation Project of the Canadian Jewish Congress were at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax, N.S. to video-tape oral histories of Canadian Survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust living in the Maritimes.

The project's Director, **Kathy Faludi**, interviewer—**Josh Freed** and crew members—**Peter Benison** and **Richard Burman**, flew in from Montreal on the first leg of their coast-to-coast taping tour.

These oral histories will be deposited in the Public Archives of Canada and in **Yad Vashem** in Jerusalem, as well as providing the material from which a complete educational curriculum on the history of the Holocaust will be produced.

Those in the Atlantic Provinces who contributed their testimony were: **Hon. Edmund Morris**, Minister of Fisheries, Nova Scotia; **Mr. Hugo Gutfreund** - Halifax; **Mr. David Mark** - Halifax; **Mr. Philip Riteman** - Halifax, N.S. and St. John's, Nfld. and **Mr. & Mrs. J. Kohn** - Moncton, N.B.

Interviewer, Josh Freed and Project Director, Kathy Faludi of Canadian Jewish Congress are shown preparing for interviews with survivors in Halifax.



Judaeans in Israel—Machon



From left to right back row: Sherry Koven, Avigail Eisenberg, Tammy Barron
Middle row: Joel Cuperfain, Lynda Med-

juck, Difat Jacobovitz
Front row: Anita Wolman, Gila Smilestein, Sandra Wolman

by Joel Cuperfain

Machon—the Institute for Youth Leaders from abroad. Every year, leaders from various Jewish youth movements from around the world meet in Jerusalem to live and study together for 5 months and then to spend the rest of their year working on movement affiliated Kibbutzim across the country.

Last September, 9 Canadian Young Judaeans, including 6 from Atlantic Region, arrived in Israel to spend a year on the Machon program. Together with over 100 people from such countries as England, Scotland, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, the US, France and Australia we studied such subjects as history, Judaism, leadership, Israeli society and of course Hebrew.

Along with our regular courses, we also had special seminars (the Arab-Israeli conflict, Jerusalem, Zionism, the Holocaust) plus tours all over the country, from top to bottom, from east to west.

Machon is not an aliyah-oriented institute, in fact it encourages members to return to their native countries. The purpose of the program is to better educate youth leaders and then send them back to their country of origin where they can resume their positions of leadership exer-

cising the new skills that they learned in Israel.

The 9 Canadian Young Judaeans quickly found a niche for themselves in the group and became an important name amongst the participating movements.

The education process at the Machon was not limited to the classroom. Discussions, talks and heated ideological arguments amongst the participants and rival movements were an integral part of the program. Further to the educational process was the country itself, living and seeing exactly what we were learning while we were learning it, talking to Israelis and becoming a part of Israeli culture. All this was part of our education at Machon.

Both the formal and the informal education were equally beneficial to us, but they also had one other important attribute in common—both were extremely enjoyable. Machon is not just an educational or learning experience, it is also an amazingly good time. Friends were made, places were seen, things were done and people were met. The memories will be held fondly for a lifetime as well as the friendship.

The Machonikim at Nitzanim

by Lynda Medjuck, Sandra & Anita Wolman

In early February, the Canadian Young Judaea contingent of Machon made its entrance on Kibbutz Nitzanim. Consisting of **Anita and Sandra Wolman, Lynda Medjuck and Joel Cuperfain**—Halifax; **Sherry Koven**—Saint John; **Difat Jacobovitz**—Toronto; and **Tammy Barron**—Calgary; the group felt that the second part of the year would be quite a challenge. Although Nitzanim was a familiar name to us all, as it is affiliated with the movement, we had mixed feelings on how it would rate as a home. Apart from our "Madrach", **Rami Friedman** (a past shaliach for Ontario) and his wife, **Jill**, we were virtually the only English speakers. Though founded by Eastern Europeans after World War II, the great influx of South American Jews later on, accounts for 50% of Spanish speakers. Unlike the Mexican Machonikim, who could speak to the members in Spanish, we had Hebrew as our only means of communication—but this proved advantageous to us as our Hebrew improved fast!!

For our first week (after having a few days free to get accustomed to our new surroundings), we were given the chance to work in different jobs to see where we would be happiest and most needed. We each had at least one day's "experience" in the "Pardez" picking oranges and grapefruit and in the factory called "Paltechica" where office chairs are made to be sold in the Kibbutz' store in Tel Aviv. Other jobs where many of us found our place, included working in the children's houses, (Ganim) cleaning for and taking care of the kids; the kitchen—helping to prepare meals and in the dining hall—putting out and serving the meals. After an eight hour work day (beginning sometimes at 5:30 a.m.), we had the whole afternoon to sleep, relax and socialize. Though we had expected such a daily routine to be tedious, it actually became a pleasant life style. After we had become more acquainted with the area, it proved to be quite easy to go into the city of Ashkalon (12 km. away) or Tel Aviv for shopping, movies or pizza. We also had days off each month and could take more time for special trips.

Unlike many Kibbutzim, Nitzanim doesn't have hundreds of volunteers but accepts only groups from Hanoar Hatzioni. With us were groups from Costa Rico, Mexico, Nachal soldiers, (and **Howard Revin** from Toronto who joined our group).

Our first night in the weekly "Disco Bomb Shelter" was our introduction to the younger Kibbutzim and volunteers, where we made our impression as a fun group. Three nights a week, the Ma'adon became part of our schedule where we socialized and ate cake and coffee. Movies were also shown once a week, they included films from "Grease" to "The Deerhunter" (the one time when our English was a great advantage). We were all adopted by Kibbutz families with whom we visited through the week (to watch T.V. and eat more cake) and spent Shabbat dinners on Kibbutz. The only day of no work was truly a day of rest for all and a great time to spend at Nitzanim's private beach—picnicking, swimming and tanning. The Kibbutz also organized various excursions for us touring the area as well as a three-day trip up north to the Golan which was enjoyed by all! Holidays were very special times on Kibbutz with no work and featuring special dinners and activities. None of us will forget the most exciting Purim of our lives at a huge masquerade party with food, drink and dancing until 4:00 a.m. During the course of the evening, groups of Kibbutznikim, old and young, put on skits based on the theme of fairy tales. In a little Canadian folktale, we "Canadians" became "Indianim" in a performance that Nitzanim will never forget.

Pesach, Shavouth and Yom Ha'atzmaut—Israel Independence Day, were all also magnificently celebrated in new and exciting ways for us and with special meaning being in Israel.

The place that had once seemed so strange to us soon became our home and when five months had passed, it was hard for us to say goodbye to the people with whom we had lived and worked so closely. Beside the good times, each of us learned from the experience itself (including Hebrew with a Spanish dialect—LAMAA!) Our memories will never be forgotten, and we hope one day to visit again our second home at Nitzanim.

Change of Season

As one season ends, another begins. This pertains to many things, including Young Judaea. As my term as Mazkira Ezor of Young Judaea ends, and I pack to go to Israel for the year, other people, who are taking my place in Young Judaea, are starting another season of programs.

Many times, I have been asked what I've received from working in Young Judaea. Often I answer "satisfaction". Satisfaction of seeing Jewish children getting together for Sunday meetings, social events or weekend conventions. Satisfaction after long hours of preparation by being rewarded with the participants' enthusiasm. I found that working in Young Judaea has inspired me to learn more

about Israel and Judaism. I have enjoyed working in Young Judaea immensely and feel that it has given me more than I have given it.

There are many people who have helped me throughout the year and I thank them all. But special thanks have to go out to **Shirlee Fox** and the AJC office staff. They have always been most helpful, even when they have been swamped with work. And I deeply appreciate **Mrs. Ginger Sadofsky** for lending her culinary skills during conventions.

Until next year.

**Chazak V'ematz,
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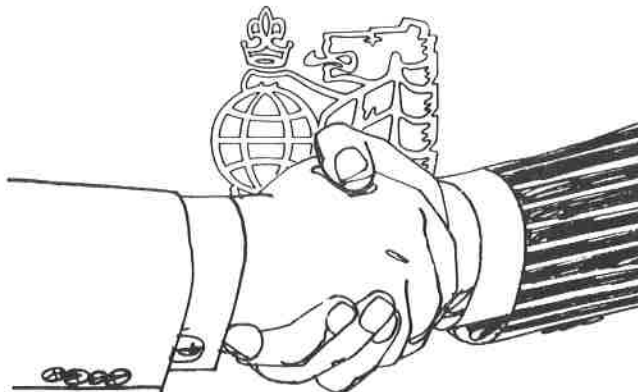
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My Understanding of Jewish Existence

by J. Louis Dubinsky



I have just finished re-reading another book by that eminent Jewish Professor, Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel. Since the Holy Days will be with us again shortly, I have decided to set down some thoughts which that book as impressed on my mind. That the reader will sense much of Dr. Heschel's own thinking in what follows is very understandable. I am quite happy to have an analogy drawn from the Biblical quotation in Genesis XXVII, 22: "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

There is a high cost of living to be paid by a Jew. Some of us, tired of sacrifice and exertion, wonder from time to time as to whether or not Jewish existence is worth the price. Others are overcome with perplexity, despair and even panic.

The meaning of Jewish existence is baffling to many people. Personally as an individual, I am moved at times by anxiety for the true meaning of my existence as a Jew. When I begin to ponder about this, I realize that my problem is not of myself, one Canadian Jew, but of all Jews. Furthermore, I find my thoughts embracing not only the Jews of the present but also those of the past and those of the future—in a word, the meaning of Jewish existence at all times. I should add, too, that when I refer to Israel, I do not mean necessarily the nation or country but rather the people of Israel.

What is at stake in our lives is more than the fate of one generation. In this moment, **we**, the living, are Israel. The tasks begun by the patriarchs and prophets, and carried out by countless Jews of the past, are now entrusted to us. We are the only channel of Jewish tradition, those who must save Judaism from oblivion, those who must hand over the entire past to the generations to come. We are either the last, the dying Jews or we are those who will give new life to our traditions and heritage. Rarely in the long

history of the Jew, has so much depended on one generation. We will either forfeit or enrich the legacy which we have inherited.

It is a matter of immense satisfaction to me and to many others in our own Congregation, that dedicated men like **Rabbi Marvin Pritzker** and **Cantor George Lieberman** have made it their life's work to instil in our youth the will to be Jews today, tomorrow and forever in the future. But unless being a Jew is of absolute significance, how can we justify the ultimate price which our people have been forced to pay throughout its history. To assess Judaism soberly and farsightedly is to establish it as a good to be preferred to any other alternative which we have faced or may ever face again.

It seems to me that one of our present most urgent responsibilities is to convey the taste of eternity in our daily living to those in the family of Israel who are not even capable of being ashamed of what happened only a few short years ago before their very eyes. For we were not born by mere chance as a by-product of migration of nations or in the obscurity of a primitive past. God's promise to Abraham came first and only then did we arrive on the world scene. We began according to a divine intention and because of a divine purpose. Our very beings tremble with the echo of an unforgettable past. Only a few weeks ago, (Va-Ethchanan), we read once again of our being given the Ten Commandments at Sinai and of our solemn response and undertaking. To be a Jew is to be committed to the experience of great ideas. The task of not only our rabbis and teachers but that of ourselves is to endeavour to make our lives compatible with our undoubted destiny.

Whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, the fact remains that we are endowed with the consciousness of being involved in a history that trans-

cends time and false glories. We are taught to feel the knots of life in which the trivial is intertwined with the sublime. There is no end to our experience of the spiritual grandeur, of the divine earnestness of human life. Our blossoms from time to time may have been crushed but we were upheld by the **faith** that comes from the core of our roots. As Jews, we know that **no** hour is the last hour.

It is to be noted that I used the word **faith**. Faith is not to be mistaken for belief—not the same as the attitude of regarding something as true. When the people of Israel worshipped a golden calf, 40 days after Sinai, their belief in the event was surely present. Faith, however, is an act of the whole person, of **mind, will and heart**. The generation that went out of Egypt and witnessed the marvels at the Red Sea and Sinai did not attain faith completely. At the end of 40 years in the wilderness Moses summoned all Israel and said to them:

"You have **seen** all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials which **your eyes saw**, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day, the Lord has not given you a **mind** to understand or **eyes** to see or **ears** to hear."

It is, of course, only too true that faith in the living God is not easily attained. Had it been possible to prove God's existence beyond dispute, atheism would have been refuted long ago. Had it been possible to awaken in every man the power to answer God's ultimate question, the great prophets would have achieved it centuries ago. Tragic is often the embarrassment of the men of faith. The question, "How long, O Lord, will it be before thy presence is felt?" has been asked many times in the past. David once cried out:

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"My tears have been my food day and night, while they say unto me, where is thy God?"

On another occasion, David asked:

"How long, O Lord, wilt Thou hide thyself perpetually?"

And who does not remember the cry of despair so familiar to every Jew?

"Eli, Eli, lama azavtani?" (My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?)

Why should we not be able to say as Moses said at the time of the Exodus?

"This is my God, I will glorify Him,

The God of my father, I will exalt Him".

Why should it be rather as the unhappy Job cried out in his despair:

"Lo, He goes by me, and I see Him not,

He passes on also, but I perceive Him not."

Notwithstanding the above, we have been repeatedly told by our rabbis that God is not indifferent to man's quest of Him and that God is in need of man. Our rabbis have further suggested that the words in Psalm CXIX, 19: "Ger onochi vaaretz" ("I am a stranger on earth") really refers to God and that God is a stranger in the world. Our task is to bring God back into the world, into our lives. To worship is to expand the presence of God; and to have faith in God is to reveal what is concealed. That is true of all peoples and religions. Insofar as Judaism is concerned, I say that the Bible is a record of God's approach to the children

of Israel. More statements are found in the Bible about God's love for Israel than about Israel's love for God. Without God, we are truly in the wilderness. Moses recognized this at the dawn of our recorded history when he exclaimed in Exodus 33.15: "If Thou thyself dost not go with us, take us not out of the wilderness." This then is the secret of our history: **to choose to remain in the wilderness rather than to be abandoned by God.**

Let me end on a note of hope. Firstly, let it be remembered that we had not chosen God but rather that God selected us in those early years. I personally detest very much the words—a chosen people—because that can suggest the preference for a people based upon a discrimination among a number of other peoples. We do not claim to be a "superior" people. We have all the shades of men and women that are to be found amongst other peoples, the great, the lowly, the honest, the dishonest, the admirable and the far from admirable. The words "chosen people" mean, in my view, a people approached by God at that time. The significance of this term is genuine in relation to God rather than in relation to other peoples. It signifies not a quality inherent in a people, but a relationship **between** the people and God.

Secondly, I need not remind you that the quest for immortality is common to all men. To most of them, the vexing question points to the future. Jews think

not only of the end but also of the beginning. As parts of the family of Israel, we are endowed with a very rare, a very precious consciousness, the consciousness that we do not live in a void. We never suffer from harrowing anxiety and fear of roaming about in the emptiness of time. We are part of the past and are therefore not afraid of what is to be. We remember from whence we came. We were summoned and we cannot forget this as we wind the clock of eternal history. We remember the beginning and believe in an end. We live between two historic poles: the mountain of Sinai and the ultimate Kingdom of God.

Finally, when one thinks of the tremendous—indeed miraculous—events that have happened since the birth of the State of Israel, I firmly believe that there is ground for hope that in our days—in our generation—there will have been fulfilled the prophecy of that great prophet, Isaiah, who said in Chapter 62, verses 6-7:

"Upon thy walls, O Jerusalem
I have set watchmen
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Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky, a native of Montreal who once served as spiritual leader of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been named Vice President for University Affairs at Yeshiva University in New York City, President Norman Lamm announced. Dr. Dobrinsky has served since 1973 as executive assistant to the President.

Beth Israel is the largest congregation in the Atlantic Provinces. Dr. Dobrinsky also worked as B'nai B'rith Hillel Counsellor at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

He is beginning his 20th year of service to the University as he enters this new position. In his new role, he will direct the University's development efforts and will be responsible for relations with the University's major constituencies throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and Western Europe. He also will continue to direct the University's \$100 million Century Campaign fund-raising efforts.

Dr. Dobrinsky has been working since 1978 as director of Special Gifts and director of Planned Giving in the University's intensified development campaign.

In 1964, he helped to establish the Sephardic Studies Program and the Sephardic Community Activities Program at the University. With Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon, Chief Rabbi of Sephardic Jews of the British Commonwealth, and the late University Chancellor Dr. Samuel Belkin, Dr. Dobrinsky set up those programs, aimed at preserving the rich Sephardic Jewish heritage of North America. Dr. Dobrinsky assumed the pioneering post of director of Sephardic Community Activities, using his expertise in Jewish communal life to meet the particular needs of Sephardic communities across the continent. He is managing editor of **The American Sephardi**, the respected annual journal of the Sephardic Studies Program.

Dr. Dobrinsky was also co-founder of the American Society of Sephardic Studies, an autonomous group of academicians. He served as vice president of programming for the Society.

He was founder of the University's annual Interdisciplinary Bereavement and Grief Conference, offered in cooperation with the Jewish Funeral Directors of America and allied professions. This year, he received the University's Distinguished Human Service Award at that conference.

He joined the University as a member of the staff of the Division of Communal Services, a branch of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), which is an affiliate of the University. He continues to serve on the faculty there.

In 1964, he was appointed Director of Rabbinic Placement, a post he held for nine years. He was appointed associate director of the Division in 1968, and he served in that capacity until 1973.

In 1980, Dr. Dobrinsky received his Ed.D. degree in administration and supervision of Jewish education from the University's Ferkauf Graduate School. His dissertation, "Selected Laws and Customs of Sephardic Jewry,"* is used as a manual in teaching ritual practices of the Syrian, Moroccan, Judeo-Spanish and Spanish and Portuguese communities in North America. Geared for use in junior high schools and high school yeshivot (day schools), the book also serves as a guide for the Jewish layman in the home.

During his years of service to the University, Dr. Dobrinsky has travelled throughout the United States, Canada, Central America, England, and Israel, visiting hundreds of communities to gain first-hand insight into their needs. He is a member of numerous organizations, including the Rabbinical Council of America, the National Commission on Torah Education, and the Metropolitan Commission of Talmud Torah Education. He is a member of the Board of the American Sephardi Federation. He is also on the board of Camp Morasha. He played an important role in founding that camp at Lake Como, Pa.

Born in 1933, Dr. Dobrinsky studied in New York City, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from Yeshiva College in 1954. He was ordained at RIETS in 1957, and he earned the Master of Science degree from the University's Ferkauf Graduate School in 1959.

He lives with his wife and children in Monsey, N.Y. A married daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kramer, live in Manhattan.

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Klu Klux Klan Can't Hide Its Face Behind Bedsheets

By George F. McCurdy, Director
Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

In this time of economic uncertainty in Canada, peoples' minds become more vulnerable to the kinds of racism and scape-goating that result in racial, ethnic and anti-semitic harassment and violence. There is some evidence to substantiate that activities of racist groups and individuals are now taken more seriously in Canada and elsewhere.

Nova Scotians, alarmed by the Klan's public announcement to the effect that an office would be opened in Halifax, were outraged and deeply concerned by the prospect of a presence of the Ku Klux Klan in our province. This resulted in a "coming together" of Nova Scotians who believe that our society must be based upon racial justice and harmony. The Federation for Religious Racial and Ethnic Equality (F.R.R.E.E.) representative of 70 provincial organizations, was founded in January 1981 for the purpose of:

1. Disseminating information about the so-called new Klan, namely by use of audio-visual film and a comprehensive background paper.
2. Encourage vigilance in our schools against the circulation of hate literature on Klan activities.
3. Encourage widespread denunciation of the Klan by all levels of Government, Community Organizations and Leaders.
4. Call for strict enforcement of Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code relating to hate literature.
5. Press for amendment to the Criminal Code to make it unlawful to hold membership in the Klan or similar hate groups.
6. Establish, through the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, a rumor control procedure.
7. Plan regional meetings to communicate more effectively on

F.R.R.E.E.'s program.

The Provincial response to the reasonable, low-key program initiated by F.R.R.E.E. has been most gratifying to the representative Committee: (Ben Prossin, Atlantic Jewish Council; Hamid Rasheed, Black United Front; Noel Knockwood, Union of Nova Scotian Indians; Mac Sidhu, National Association of Canadians of Origins in India; Mary Clancy, Catholic Social Services and George F. McCurdy, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission).

Eight (8) cross burnings, circulation of hate literature and recruitment of students in the schools of British Columbia, by the KKK, led to the appointment of a one-man Commission to study the activities of the Klan in that province. The McAlpine Commission concluded that the provisions of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, as well as the Criminal Code of Canada, are not adequate to address the problem with respect to the hate literature and the various things for which the Klu Klux Klan is responsible.

The British Columbia government enacted the Civil Rights Protection Act prohibiting the promotion of contempt or doctrines of superiority based on race, colour, ethnic origin, place of origin or religion. This law provides for civil action in British Columbia's Supreme Court against an individual or organization that interferes with a person's civil rights by promoting racial hatred.

It is interesting to observe the trend towards the enactment of tougher laws against the Klan in the U.S.A., where there has been significant increases in cross-burning, terrorism, vandalism to property and harassment against the target groups. The Connecticut Legislature, as an example, responded to escalating racist activity by passing two

bills.

One, passed into law in 1980, makes it unlawful for any person to burn a cross on public property or on private property not owned by that person without the written consent of the property owner. The second bill, an Act concerning Paramilitary camps, was passed during the 1981 Legislative Session prohibiting teaching or demonstrating to any person the use, application or making of any firearm, explosive or incendiary device, or technique capable of causing injury or death to a person.

President Harry Truman said the Klan was a: "Bunch of damn cowards hiding behind bedsheets". Interestingly, the Ku Klux Klan can't hide its face behind bedsheets in the State of Kentucky where twenty-one (21) City or County ordinances have been enacted to prevent the wearing of a mask, disguise or hood.

The Connecticut Education Association has commendably completed a special Teachers Information and Instruction Kit on the Ku Klux Klan, ready for introduction in the current school year, in co-operation with the National Education Association, Department of Instruction and Professional Development.

A statement found in the introduction to the *Teachers Information and Instruction Handbooks* is apropos to the conclusion of this article:

"The Ku Klux Klan is not an ordinary social or religious organization whose members meet from time to time to discuss their views in the democratic tradition of free speech and peaceable assembly. Some Klan leaders seek to portray their activities in this genteel and respectable light. But behind this mask of civility, the reality of the KKK is the fanning of hate into violence and terrorism".

Now that Israel has just passed through the trying period of another election, the question as to the type of Knesset it should have in the future is a very timely topic. Generally speaking, in the democratic countries where there are regular or frequent elections, there are two methods of selecting those who will represent the people at large, a process by which the strongest party often in conjunction with fringe parties, especially in the case of proportional representation, select a cabinet and assume the responsibility of governing.

The two principal methods are known as either the proportional representation method or the constituency representation method. What are the strong points and the weak points of each system? Which method has provided the most stable form of government? Let us look at the plus and minus, the strengths and weaknesses of both systems.

Historically, the constituency method is the oldest. The theorists, those wishing to improve upon the past, had in the early part of this century, and in particular after the first world war, favored the proportional representation system thinking that it would remove some of the injustices of the constituency system.

It was felt by those who favored proportional representation that it was more democratic and that it gave every faction and political philosophy of a country, the best possibility of being heard in the parliament of the nation. The question arises, has it really worked out that way? Under the proportional representation method, candidates of each party are nominated behind closed doors. The public at large has practically no say in who is to represent it in the Knesset. The result is that the members of the Knesset have no responsibility to any particular group of voters but only to the political boss that heads their party. In view of the fact that proportional representation favors a multiplicity of parties, it is almost impossible for any one party to get a clear majority. In order for them to have the power to govern they must seek support of one and most often, several fringe parties who naturally impose conditions that impinge and weaken the program and principles of the party that won more votes than any of the others. These fringe parties bargain and naturally demand and acquire representation in the cabinet.

What kind of cabinet results from this kind of arrangement? In stable constituency representation systems, the cabinet is appointed by the leader of the government party which in the vast

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Israel Elections: Proportional Representation—Constituency Representation—or Both?



by Samuel Jacobson

majority of cases already has won over fifty percent of the seats. Members in the cabinet are only those who have a similar political point of view as the government party and the prime minister and only retain their cabinet positions so long as it suits the prime minister.

Under this system there is normally uniformity of opinion on most matters discussed. Actually, in countries with constituency representation such as Britain and Canada and probably America, there is a law known as "Cabinet Solidarity" which forbids any cabinet minister from revealing or expounding any opinions contrary to that decided upon at cabinet meetings. In at least one country, Britain, state secrets are not allowed to be revealed for at least thirty years. Incidentally these secrets revealing Britain's role in blockading the escape of Jews from Europe and suppressing their knowledge of the extermination camps, is only now being revealed.

In proportional representation systems the cabinet is composed of members from different philosophies in order that these differing political ideologies may be tempted to jointly make up fifty one percent of the Knesset and keep the existing government in power. However as the cabinet members representing the fringe parties owe their loyalty and their position in the cabinet not to the major party, but to the power base of the party they represent, cabinet disunity results. After each cabinet meeting those representing the fringe parties expound

their opinions on how they differed with the majority decision. This destroys the effectiveness of government, belittles the prestige of the country, confuses its own citizens and builds up the morale of the enemy. It is no secret that there are no secrets of what goes on behind the closed doors of the Israeli cabinet! This, in spite of the fact that the country is surrounded by enemies who are legally in a state of war with them, or those who are not, but could be at any time.

To get back to the selection of candidates, is it not far more democratic for each individual who becomes a candidate for election to the government, be voted upon at a "Town Hall Meeting" of the public at large, than to be selected by a very small group behind closed doors? Under constituency representation each candidate who succeeds in getting the largest number of votes, has a responsibility to the specific constituency who nominated him in the first place and voted for him, based upon his election campaign promises.

Under the proportional the candidate in the Knesset has no responsibility to any specific area of voters. His only responsibility is to the power hungry fringe party who nominated him. Is it any wonder then, that very often the Knesset is conspicuous by the number of its members who are not present?

Is there possibly a solution to this situation which promised so much in the past but which has resulted in a very disappointing situation? Comparing the two systems, it must be admitted that the constituency representation with all its faults, has always resulted in a far more stable government. In conditions whereby those who govern have both the authority from the electorate, and therefore the power to govern in accordance with the principles they espouse to the nation, and who voted them into power with that full knowledge. On the other hand, many countries with proportional representation have very unstable governments that can be toppled over and very often are changed almost annually. There is hardly any need to mention the countries referred to. It also should be remembered that Hitler came into power under a proportional representation system.

In view of the fact that no perfect system has ever been devised, also that many experts on the subject have written volumes without being able to influence the different systems used, the writer dares to take the bull by the horns and

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suggest that possibly a combination of both systems perhaps on a trial basis of one or two decades, might finally settle the problem by being able to compare the benefits of both.

The suggestion is as follows: Why not use both systems? For example, there could be one election based on the constituency representation method. Under this system the party that received the largest number of elected candidates would have the power to appoint the leader of the government and the cabinet. As soon as that selection is over, after a period of thirty days, there would be another election based upon the proportional representation system. Each election would bring in fifty percent of the members of the Knesset and would be allowed to have a proportionate number of members in the cabinet in relation to the total number of votes won by the leading party in each election. It is very obvious that many faults will be found with this rather hazy and imperfect idea. However, sooner or later, if Israel's government is to be united and respected, and not continually wash its dirty linen in public, the proportional representation system, with all the benefits its advocates had hoped for, will have to give way to the constituency representation method which results in greater national unity and government that has the power and responsibility for governing and in cabinet solidarity. Only then will Israel gain the respect of the other stable democracies of the world.

Supplement

Since finishing this article in early July, an item appeared in the Halifax Herald which was a reprint of an article from the New York Times News Service written by David Shipler. It points out that the Arab voters constitute nearly 10% of the country's electoral strength. This is enough to swing the ability to form a government into the hands of one or another of the political parties.

Under the present proportional representation system where it is practically impossible for any one party to gain a clear majority, it could very well happen that if the Arabs were to unite into one voting bloc, they could hold the balance of power in supporting or withholding their support of the party attempting to form the government. What a leverage and power that would give that potential minority who are being indoctrinated to destroy Israel from within!

One could easily imagine that instead of the Arab vote being split up as it is now between the Communists, those supporting the labor movement and others, if they were to unite, they could very easily endanger the survival of the state. Is not this particular potential danger enough to change the electoral system of Israel from the theoretical, but impractical advantages, of proportional representation, to the more realistic form of constituency elections that create a far more stable and far more democratic system of government?

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by Nechemia Lipschutz (1889 - 1954)

Born in Pinsk—Byelorussia, he emigrated to the U.S.A. at the age of seventeen. Made his debut as a poet with his poem "Idyll" in the "Freie Arbeter Shtime" of New York. (Was also published by the "Jewish Daily Forward".)

He later returned to Europe, served in the Army, and was caught up in the First World War. He battled the Germans and spent four years in a German Prisoner of War camp. His linguistic ability helped him survive the ordeal. He was given extra rations in recompense for his services as an interpreter.

After his release, he returned to Pinsk, and was confronted with yet another battle—This time for a slice of bread—due to the starvation rampant during the revolutionary period.

Following the establishment of Poland as a state, Nechemia married the daughter of a Stoliner Chassid. The young couple settled in Pinsk and an only son was born to them.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Lipschutz was invited to teach English at the Tel-Chai and Tarbut Schools. He also began contributing to the columns of local Yiddish weeklies. His prose and poetic works found favor with the populace. Many of his poems—also memoirs of the war and his trials of his years as a prisoner-of-war—won him critical acclaim. He was also engaged to write romantic tales, translated from the English.

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In the course of his writing career, he assisted many aspiring young men and women to make their mark in the literary field. As well, he tutored prospective emigrants in the English language.

With the rise of Hitlerism in 1933, Nechemia decided to emigrate. He accepted proposal by his wife's brother, Mr. Morris Begun to settle in Nova Scotia. Mr. & Mrs. Lipschutz and young son arrived in Glace Bay in the autumn of 1935.

Nechemia struggled for a livelihood. He also pursued his literary career. He wrote in English for the local press. He also sent material back home. In due time, his poems were published in The Canadian Jewish Eagle (Der Keneder Adler); The Jewish American and years later, in the Algemeiner Journal of New York.

In 1951, Nechemia assisted his son, Norman, in establishing the Cape Breton Mirror—a monthly magazine, and he assumed responsibility for the "Political Analysis" column.

Mr. Lipschutz was also an accomplished violinist and played the instrument in the synagogue of "Shtetele" Motele, birthplace of Dr. Chaim Weiz-

mann, First President of the State of Israel.

Posthumously, Mr. Lipschutz Senior was honored in that his biography and poems appeared in esteemed volumes in the United States, Canada and Israel.

In 1963, the noted Jewish poet and writer, Chaim Leib Fuchs recommended that Mr. Lipschutz' works be published in book form. It finally came to pass in the spring of 1981.

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Background to Middle East Problems

by Shlomo Ben Zachariah

Glancing through popular weekly newsmagazines with millions of readers and the most prominent daily newspapers in America and the Free World, one gets the impression that the most serious political problem facing the world is the tension between tiny Israel and even the tinier few thousand terrorists of the PLO! It has been estimated by those who keep a record of these matters, that the United Nations spends over 50% of its time debating the issue of the Palestinian "refugees." Perhaps an individual like myself, deeply concerned with the issue, may be given the privilege of expressing a point of view rarely heard by the experts expounding solutions to the problem!

It now appears that when a few high school boys and girls are induced to throw a few rocks at Israeli security soldiers, either by professional agitators of the PLO, or even probably by TV cameramen from American Press Syndicates, it is immediately broadcast around the world and appears as headline news on the front pages of the New York Times, the Washington Post, and other prestigious publications around the world. One would imagine that no tensions exist elsewhere on this little earth! It is true that the Sinn Fein get a fair coverage in connection with their terrorists acts in Ulster. The U.N. never debates, one hardly ever hears of the rebellion of the Basques in Northern Spain, the Bretons from Northwest France in Brittany, the revolt of the Kurds against domination by both Iraq and Iran. The world has forgotten about the Iraqi Iran War. The occupation of Afghanistan by Russia is seldom mentioned. The list goes on and on endlessly. But the United Nations and the world media hypocritically closes their eyes to these facts. They merely turn the spotlight of publicity on the multi billion propaganda campaign financed by monopoly Arab oil, on the Israeli-PLO tension.

It is true that the Israeli war of independence, like every war in all history, created a refugee problem. It is also true that there was a terrorist attack against an Arab village by the name of Deir Yassin by the Irgun, the military force under the leadership of the present Prime Minister Begin. The reason Deir Yassin is mentioned so often and repeated end-

lessly like a broken record is because it was the only attack initiated by any Israeli force against civilians as well as military personnel of Palestinian Arabs. While hundreds of Jewish civilians were killed the fact that they were preventing the delivery of water and food to besieged Jerusalem for weeks nearly brought the population of Jerusalem to starvation, is never mentioned. The fact that many were killed endeavouring to reach Jerusalem is never mentioned. The fact that the civilians were given an opportunity to leave so that the battle could be continued between two military forces, is never mentioned. The fact that all British military armaments which were at that time supposed to be withdrawn from Palestine, were handed over to the Arabs, while Jews were deprived of every opportunity to get armaments, was never mentioned.

But let us forget these details. The facts are that during the entire mandate period from 1920 to 1948, more and more pressure was being exerted by Britain to prevent Jews from emigrating to Palestine, resulting in a tremendous flood of Arabs who were needed to supply the labor for the very aggressive building up of the state by the few Jews who fortunately were able to overcome every obstacle put in their way by the mandatory power. The result was that vast areas of Syria, Iraq, the Hedjas, of Saudi Arabia, were depleted of their populations because of the tremendous migration of Arabs who came to work for the Zionist development at many times their former wages. The only areas at that time where the Arab population increased tremendously was in the vicinity of Jewish development. The population of both Palestine and Jordan in 1920 was about 250,000. By the end of the Second World War the population of the Arabs west of the Jordan alone had increased to about one and a quarter million. This could never have happened as a result of natural increase, especially as their population has remained stable for centuries due to the tremendous infant mortality rate.

Why has the problem of the "Palestinian Refugees" become so insoluble when the problem of all other war refugees throughout history has somehow disappeared?

What are the facts and who is to blame

for this specific refugee problem developing into a crisis of such proportions?

Since time began, mankind has been migrating from one area of this planet to another. It is believed that all the people of Europe migrated from the borders of India, perhaps from the area that is now Iran. North America has been settled by many tens of millions of Western Europeans. Similarly, South America has been settled by many millions of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking people of southern and western Europe. Similarly, Australia was colonized by convicts from Britain and Siberia with convicts from Tzarist Russia. Whether the population around the eastern Mediterranean originally came from Arabia or whether they were forcibly converted by invading armies I will leave to experts to determine. It is quite possible that Mr. Arafat, the fanatical zealot who wants to destroy Israel and kill all its inhabitants, could very well be a descendant of Jewish ancestors forcibly converted to Islam many centuries ago. It is estimated that at the time of the destruction of the second temple, there were eight million Jews living in that part of the world.

Let's get back to a review of migration of peoples and of the history of war refugees. The Arab world claims that the Jews had no right to return to colonize their former homeland. Under those circumstances, do the North Americans of European extraction have any right to be living in North America? Should we not then return the country to the Indians and move back to Europe? There is as much justice in the Arab case as there would be if the native Indians and Eskimos and others of the new world, were to request the destruction or the emigration of all the populations of the new world whose ancestors colonized this continent during the last four hundred years. Now as regards war refugees.

In all history war refugees have been allowed to be absorbed into the areas to which they were forced or voluntarily emigrated. There were eight million Germans who fled from the invading Russian armies into West Germany. Were they ever allowed to return? Were they ever maintained and fed in camps for decades? Allowed to instigate their population to terrorize the civilian population controlled by Soviet Russia? To murder and kill defenceless women and children? No.

They were absorbed into West Germany and the problem of these refugees was solved.

When Pakistan and India became independent under separate governments, millions had to be exchanged. At least ten million non-Moslems were compelled to cross over to India. And at least an equal number of the Islamic faith went over to Pakistan. They were all resettled and no more was heard of them.

Kemal Ataturk overthrew the Sultan of Istanbul (Constantinople). He expelled the Greek population along the western coastline of the Turkish peninsula. Millions who had lived there for thousands of years were absorbed and settled in Macedonia. Why did not the former League of Nations set them up in camps, feed them, house them and encourage them to organize invading raids and murder civilians in the territory from which they were formerly expelled? That would have created a similar source of tension and possible wars between Turkey and Greece had that occurred.

And how about the United Empire Loyalists, those Englishmen sworn to loyalty to the King of England? Did Britain collect them in camps to organize Commando Raids, camouflaged to bring terror and death to the civilians south of the border? When, after the war, they requested the privilege of returning to the former farms and to possibly sell their properties, they were both forbidden to return and refused one penny of compensation by the father of the American republic, the Honorable Mr. George Washington.

And so it goes throughout history. Those who really desire peace and justice should let nature take its course, should allow war refugees to solve their own problems.

Is it possible that the American Oil Lobby which has been and still is all powerful in controlling American Foreign Policy, is so eager to please Saudi Arabia and the other powers under whose deserts have tremendous petroleum resources, tried to patronize them by making an exception that has resulted in a cancer in world society?

Whether they knew it or not, whether the action was intended or not, the final consequences of this misguided good intention (to give it a most philanthropic interpretation) could result in world conflict. The facts are, that the vast majority of those within the camps are infiltrators who were never anywhere near Israel. That the large percentage of the balance were recent immigrants who had immigrated into Israel for job opportunities

and that possibly ten percent of the total population of the camps was born or raised in the country.

No census has ever been taken of the refugee camps, nor was any ever allowed. The thousands of bureaucrats servicing the camps are all Arabs. No others are allowed. The educational program of the camps is a carbon copy of Nazi hatred. The camps have cost the United Nations many billions of dollars, most of the money coming directly from American support. The hatred and the wounds of Arab Israel tension could be drastically reduced and possibly even be healed if these camps were phased out. It would be a humanitarian act that would improve the possibility of peace tremendously.

However, it should not be forgotten that whether Israel existed or not, whether the camps exist or not, it would not make one iota of difference in the inevitable conflict between Russia, whether under the Imperialist Tzarist regime or under communist dictatorship, and America, whether under a Republican leader or a Democratic party. The conflict will have to be settled on a different level. The immediate best solution for that is energy conservation. That could make us energy independent.

In the meantime, the only stable, and capable regime able to prevent the Russian bear from controlling the free

world petroleum supply of energy, is democratic Israel.

Again, to revert to the Madison Avenue financed and inspired very sophisticated public relations efforts, it would be assumed that the non-Jewish population of Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip, were all united and zealous in their eagerness to rebel violently against the administration of the State of Israel. The 1973 surprise invasion by Egypt, Syria, Iraq and others found Israel completely unprepared for war. During the first week the invaders had an advantage. They seemed destined to certain victory. The Syrian army penetrated deeply across the Jordan, with the obvious intent of cutting Israel in two. Why then did the Arab population not take advantage of the situation and rise in rebellion against Israel in support of their fellow Arab-speaking conquerors? The fact is that they remained very quiet. Is it possible that instinctively they felt very comfortable living under the rule of a benevolent democratic government rather than risk their fate under those who had come to rescue them!

No amount of appeasement of Arab hatred of Israel will satisfy either Russian ambition to seize Persian Gulf Oil or reduce Islamic Arab greed for gold and financial, and ultimately political control, of the industrial world. Only Israel stands in the way. It should be kept strong and secure!

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A Gathering of Holocaust Survivors Takes Place in Jerusalem

by James Lewin

Reprint: World Zionist Press Service

A trauma, according to modern psychiatry, is a shock one tries to forget yet cannot help but remember, if only in the hidden depths of the mind. For the span of an entire generation, the survivors of the Nazi Holocaust have, for the most part, remained silent. Novelist and journalist Elie Wiesel, himself a survivor of the concentration camps, became a spokesman for a horror beyond words and 'The Last of the Just' by Andre Schwarz-Bart and 'The Informed Heart' by Bruno Bettelheim bore witness to the facts.

But most of those who survived the concentration camps kept their knowledge to themselves, on the assumption that someone who hadn't been there could not possibly understand. Yet, it's been becoming clear that many people in the "civilized" world are denying the reality of the Holocaust. Even after World War II, when everyone became fully informed of the enormity of the mass murder which had been perpetrated, the incredible complacency of the world was astonishing.

Survival

"I remember vividly my arrival in Auschwitz on a grey winter evening in 1943, after endless days in a cattle car," stated Ernest W. Michel, chairman of the first and perhaps only international gathering of Holocaust survivors, which took place at the Binyanei HaOoma in Jerusalem from June 14-18. "I remember jumping out of the car—hungry—frightened—whips lashing. Then the line moving slowly forward until we came face to face with Dr. Mengele, the Angel of Death, and his thumb went up and down: Up—you live. Down—you die." Now executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal Federation in New York, Michel was the moving force behind the Holocaust survivors conference.

The Holocaust is not merely a Jewish problem. It is a problem for the entire world. A nagging, uncomfortable sense of complicity characterizes the common attitudes to this most organized crime in history. And the self-serving petty interests of complacency would rather not challenge insidious attempts to deny it ever happened.

But Ida Schwartz from Plainfield, New Jersey hasn't forgotten jumping out of a moving train, destined for the death camps, in the middle of the night to escape the waiting gas chambers. "Today I wouldn't do that if you gave me a million dollars!" asserted the slight, dark-eyed mother of three sons. Even after she had saved her own life, she had no other alternative than to sneak back into the ghetto, she recalled bitterly, to suffer six years of starvation, sickness and continuous mortal danger.

Disruption at Session

The plenary session of the survivors, which promised to be the most substantial event of the three day conference, was disrupted by a notorious spokesman for extreme militancy in Jewish affairs. Rabbi Meir Kahane stood up and began shouting loudly, "I demand the right to speak to this assembly!" He and some of his supporters charged down the aisle of the auditorium, as if intending to take the stage by force. Most of the crowd angrily reacted to this charade and one man raised his arm in mock salute, "Heil, Kahane!"

The dignitaries on the speakers platform eventually restored some order in the hall as Professor Yehuda Bauer from Hebrew University took the podium. He lectured on how the history of Christian association of the Jews with Satan was the root of the anti-Semitism which became Nazi ideology.

Despite the disruption, approximately 5,000 survivors from 24 countries who participated in the meeting found their own meaning in this unique gathering of souls returned from the jaws of destruction. Many individuals encountered old friends they'd believed to be long deceased.

A Strong Israel

The children of the survivors also participated in their own meetings and workshops dedicated to preserving the memory of the past. Special emphasis was placed on recent attempts to attack the Jewish people under the precept of 'anti-Zionism'. "For 2,000 years we've been living on the mercy of others," stated Arye Dulzin, chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, adding that the only way to secure the

future of the Jewish people is through a strong Israel. "If there had been a Jewish State before World War II, there would have been no Holocaust," Dulzin maintained.

Even in the United States today, said Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League, there has been a shocking increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the past three years. And Professor Vitali Rubin spoke for the many Holocaust survivors and current victims of totalitarian oppression in the Soviet bloc, who were invited but unable to attend the conference because the authorities would not allow them the freedom to go anywhere.

As Kalman Sutlanik, co-chairman of the conference assembly on the new rise of anti-Semitism in the world today, insisted: "The madness may start with the Jews but in the end it will engulf the whole of humanity."

Never to Forget

The reason it is essential never to forget the enormity of the Nazi atrocities is simply the necessity to ensure that it never recur. Most people prefer to submerge the memories but those who actually went through that hell will never forget, no matter how much they may wish to do so.

Now that most of the survivors are well advanced in years, they felt it was time to meet, if only once, to commemorate their dreadful experience and to bear witness to the neo-Nazis' denial that the Holocaust ever took place. For them, and for all others who care, the reunion of survivors had its own very special significance.

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World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

Participants from the Atlantic Provinces included **Herman Newman**, Halifax; **Philip & Dorothy Riteman**, St. John's and Halifax; and **Mr. & Mrs. Moses Kantorowitz**, St. John's, Nfld.

Deeply impressed and at times overwhelmed, all came back with incredible stories of meeting people not seen in years or believed dead. A truly emotional experience, this visit to Israel is one that will remain in their memories forever. **Herman Newman**, who is Chairman of the Atlantic Jewish Council Holocaust Committee, presented the flag of Nova Scotia along with official greetings from the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth.



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Mr. & Mrs. Moses Kantorowitz are shown at the J.N.F. Memorial Grove, honoring Isaac and Esther Kantorowitz, in Israel.



Premier John Buchanan of Nova Scotia is shown presenting the Nova Scotian flag to Herman Newman, Chairman of the Holocaust Committee, prior to Mr. Newman's departure from Halifax to attend the "World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors".

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Israel Briefs

[JNI—Jerusalem]

Peki'in Patriarch Dies at 80

PEKI'IN (JNI)—Yosef Zinati, the head of the only Jewish family in the only village in Eretz Yisrael with an unbroken record of Jewish occupation since 2nd Temple Days, died August 26 at the age of 80. He died following a long illness one month after the death of his son. According to Galil tradition, the Zinati family has lived in ancient Peki'in without interruption since the destruction of the 2nd Temple. Yosef left the village for six months only once, during the War of Independence, but returned to Peki'in as soon as the Galil was liberated by Israeli forces. The family maintains the local Jewish shrines, the cave in which Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai and his son wrote the Zohar (Central work on Jewish mysticism) while hiding from Roman authorities and the ancient synagogue, today used by dozens of soldiers serving in the area. Yosef is survived by his wife, one daughter and several grandchildren.

Massive Solar Energy—'Made In Jerusalem'

JERUSALEM (JNI)—Luz International of Jerusalem will supply solar-generated steam to power three U.S. textile plants in what is said to be the world's largest privately-financed solar energy project. The 10M dollar contract is worth 50 percent more than the total value of Israel's 1980 solar energy exports. The textile firms, belonging to Pibb, J.P. Stevens and the Cone Mills Corp., will pay for the energy on a sliding scale fixed at 10 percent less than the rising cost of oil, a system devised by Luz President, Arnold Goldman, an immigrant from the U.S. who founded the high technology company two years ago. The shemesh utility system, one of the first attempts to harness solar energy for large-scale industrial use, uses reflectors to focus the sun's rays on a sealed pipe containing a volatile fluid that generates steam from heat.

First Israeli-Mexican Joint Venture

TEL AVIV, (JNI)—Israelis and Mexicans will found a vegetable dehydration company in the Mexican state of Sinaloa to produce 1,700 tons of dried produce annually for the Mexican market. The plan represents a breakthrough in joint ven-

tures between the two countries as well as in Kibbutz participation in foreign investment under the agreement, the first since efforts to foster Israeli-Mexican trade began almost two years ago, deco-atikim will invest 400,000 dollars in an initial 2M dollar Mexican project. Deco, Kibbutz Bror Hayil's dehydration company, has previously sold its know-how to plants in Greece, Thailand, Brazil and South Africa.

JERUSALEM (JNI)—An Interministerial Committee has recommended that new immigrants be given the option of waiving customs exemptions in favor of a standing loan which will become a grant after five years of Israeli residence. The recommended sum of five thousand dollars to seven thousand dollars will be available next April, if approved by the Finance and Absorption Ministers. It is believed that this system would discourage the unnecessary import of duty-free luxury items and provide greater support to Olim, particularly those coming with few material resources.

The Rescue of Soviet Jewry Interpretive Report by Yosef Toledano

JERUSALEM (JNI)—'The rescue of Soviet Jewry is the most important and most urgent mission of the Zionist movement. It requires the unanimous help of all the Jewish people,' Arie Dulzin, Chairman of the World Zionist Executive, declared at the opening session of the 10th Jewish Agency Assembly last night.

This view is accepted by most Jewish organizations throughout the world which are deeply concerned by the drastic and continuous drop in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union over the past months. It is now clear that there is a definite correlation between dimension of Neshira and the reduction of exit permits. It is obvious that Neshira threatens to close the gates of the USSR. It is vital to deprive the Soviet authorities of this pretext for shutting its gates to Jewish exit. Furthermore, Neshira weakens the 'staying power' and the moral basis of Jewish activists in the USSR who struggle under the slogan 'Let My People Go'.

The last presidium of the Bruxelles Conference reaffirmed that 'The primacy of return to Jewish land is essential both to the revival of Jewish national consciousness in the Soviet Union as well as to the essence of the struggle to secure the principle of 'Let my people go'.

To address the urgency of the situation, and after major consultation with all concerned Jewish organizations, the Jewish Agency decided to take appropriate measures. The Jewish Agency will now reserve its aid only for those who choose to go to Israel on their Soviet exit visas. Those who want to emigrate to other countries will be free to do so on their own responsibility. Soviet emigrants with 'first-degree relations' in Western Countries will continue to be assisted in joining their families.

These steps have been approved by all major Jewish organizations except HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), which expressed its reservation that the Jewish Agency plan may contradict the sacred principle of 'Freedom of Choice'. But this sentiment is unfounded. As in the past, every emigrant remains free to choose the country to which he wants to immigrate. On the contrary, the new steps may create a real possibility of free choice.

Actually, this is not an ideological debate. Nor is this an argument of drop-outs vs. Aliya, or freedom of choice vs. coercion. This is a pragmatic measure meant to forestall the closing of Soviet doors in the face of Jews wishing to leave.

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The Jewish War Veterans of Canada has embarked on "Operation Remembrance" a project to compile a complete list and historical record of military achievements of Jewish men and women who served in the Canadian or Allied Armed Forces during the World Wars. With the aid of a grant from the Health and Welfare's New Horizons Program, it is planned to publish the information in book form for the Department of National Defence, Archives, Libraries, veterans and families of deceased ex-service men and women.

At present, no such record exists anywhere. It is known that the percentage of Jewish participation in the struggles to safeguard and preserve the ideals of democracy, was greater in proportion to its percentage of the total populations.

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada, a federally chartered, non-profit organization, consists of ex-service men and women who continue to remain in the front line of the ongoing battle against those forces that would destroy the principles of human rights and dignity.

The organization maintains its headquarters in Toronto at 2788 Bathurst Street, Suite 210, M6B 3A3 with branch posts in the major cities across Canada.

Rosh Hashanah Traditions

One traditional belief is the reason the shofar is blown so many times during the High Holiday days so Satan will think the Messiah has come and thus he will think his power on earth is over and he will no longer plague mankind. The shofar is also blown so God will hear it and hearken to the prayers of the repenting Jews. It is also blown so to awaken the Jews to their sins of the past year and repent of them. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah pious Jews practice the custom of Tashlich, which is the trip to a body of water usually a stream or an ocean with fish. The Jew empties his pockets three times into the stream to symbolize the casting of his sins into the water while he prays. The fish carry off the crumbs and symbolically carry off the sins of the past year. The ceremony also is to remind the Jew that he is like a fish caught in the net of God's judgement and he must repent to be set free. The ceremony also follows the concept of the scapegoat of the Second Temple period and the karpot of

today during Yom Kippur. The body of water is also to remind the Jew to reflect on the purifying aspect of waste and how during the holiday and the period up through Yom Kippur he should try to think of ways to repurify his life according to the Law. The month of Tishri has for its zodiacal symbol a balance. For the Jew it is a balance which weighs all the deeds of man during the year. A traditional belief of the holiday is that a record of one's life during the past year is entered in the Book of Life and it is up to the Jew to change the decree of Judgement through repentance. The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called the Shabbat Shanah, the Shabbat of Returning, so the Jew will not forget to return his life back to one of following the Law. The Fast of Gedaliah on the third of Tishri is one which commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah, a governor of Judah by traitors.

Canada's Human Rights Agencies Seek Government's Support to Fight Racism

(OTTAWA)—Canada's human rights agencies are urging all levels of government to combat hate groups by strengthening existing laws and enforcing them more vigorously.

The appeal, contained in a resolution co-sponsored by the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick human rights commissions, passed unanimously at the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA) annual conference held recently in Windsor, Ontario. CASHRA's membership includes the federal and all provincial human rights agencies.

The resolution condemned individuals and organizations, such as the Ku Klux Klan, that preach racial, ethnic or religious intolerance, characterizing their

theories as scientifically false, morally bankrupt and socially unjust.

CASHRA cited the Klan's recent attempts at expansion in Canada as a major cause for concern.

Cashra Resolution

"Be it resolved that the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies condemns and opposes any individual or organization that preaches racial, ethnic or religious intolerance such as the Ku Klux Klan and calls upon the federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to immediately adopt positive measures to strengthen legal provisions and enforcement measures in order to eradicate all incitement to such discrimination and subversion".

Purchase of Rare Coins

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Bank Leumi has bought a rare collection of ancient coins, to prevent its sale abroad. The bank is to present the collection, for which it paid \$200,000, to the Israel Museum on loan display. The coins belonged to the late Adolf Reifenberg and the collection is

regarded as one of the most important in Jewish numismatics. It includes unique coins from the Bar Kochba period. When the bank heard that Reifenberg's heirs had decided to put the collection up for sale in Zurich it decided to purchase it to prevent its removal abroad.

Short Stories on Jewish Life to Archives

FREDERICTON—

Reprint—Canadian Jewish News

The Provincial Archives of Fredericton has acquired the literary papers of Maritime-born writer Melvin Jacobson, the author of "Minyan," short stories about Jewish family life in Chatham, N.B., his home town.

Jacobson died four years ago in Montreal.

The book, along with an unpublished novel and a number of published short stories, is "a rare find and just the type of thing we need to help preserve the heritage of all our people as we better get to know the life and times of a prominent Jewish-Canadian and his New Brunswick roots," said provincial archivist Marion Beyea.

According to Beyea, the papers were donated by Jacobson's family, through Robert Jacobson of Newcastle, N.B., in recognition of the province's multiculturalism for the upcoming 1984 bicentennial.

Graham Galloway, a resident of Newcastle, and a former colleague of Jacobson's in the old British United Press, told The CJSN that "at a time of great permissiveness in society, Jacobson stood for the old, traditional values in his writing of love, family, home and heritage . . . I have a high opinion of what he left to the literary heritage of our Canada."

Isratech 81 to Display Innovative Technical Products

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Isratech 81, Israel's major exhibition of advanced technology products and systems is scheduled to take place in Jerusalem on November 9-12, 1981. The previous exhibition, held in 1978, attracted hundreds of overseas manufacturers and buyers, and Isratech 81 will, it is expected, attract an even larger number of overseas guests.

Over 200 Israeli manufacturers will take part in the forthcoming Isratech. Many of the products and systems shown will be the result of in-house development programs and the increasing emphasis on applied research at Israel's academic and research institutions.

against our recorded commitment to the human condition everywhere in this world."

Roland Comptois M.P. (Lib. Terrebonne, Que.) reported that many Members of Parliament have initiated protests on behalf of individual prisoners of conscience and refuseniks. "The Soviet Union must understand that we will never keep silent so long as people are denied their rights," he said.

Mr. Ken Taylor, who was introduced by Alan Rose as a "folk-hero", received a standing ovation from the delegates. Mr. Taylor said he was distressed at the pessimistic outlook and tone of the delegates. "But how much I admire the commitment of the people here. With no promise of a short-term reward, they have embarked on a long-term program," he said.

Among other speakers at the two-day conference were former refusenik, scientist and author Mark Azbel, who so eloquently spoke on the plight of his fellow activists; and Kevin Klose, former *Washington Post* Moscow Bureau Chief, who informed delegates of his meeting with Viktor Brailovsky and other noted prisoners of conscience.

Mrs. Genya Intrator, Chairperson, Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, announced new plans concerning a series of telephone calls and telegrams for

Soviet Jewry to the Canadian Mission at the United Nations in New York while the Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Hon. Mark MacGuinane was in attendance.

A petition signed by 100,000 persons would be delivered to the Soviet authorities within three months.

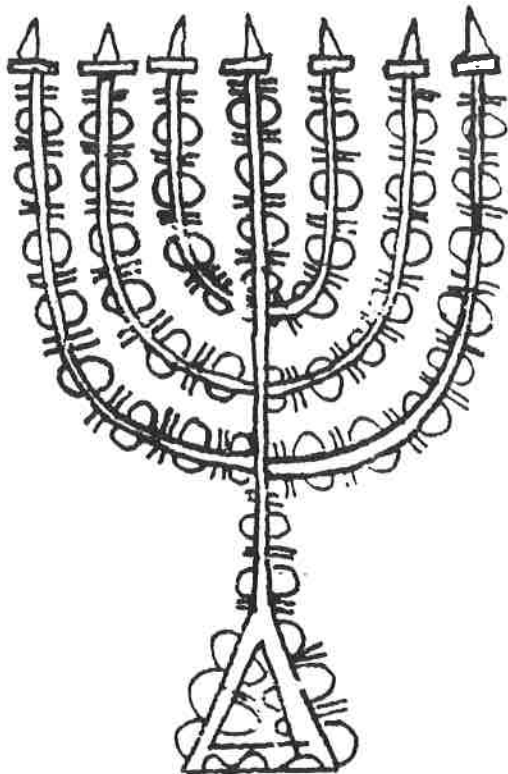
Mrs. Intrator also mentioned the convocation of a national Jewish leadership meeting to be held in Ottawa with the participation of Members of Parliament and Government. "This will be an

emergency meeting where the leadership of the Canadian Jewish community will finalize specific programs," said Mrs. Intrator.

At the conclusion of the conference, both Mr. T.R. Mann and Mr. Alan Rose emphasized the importance of keeping the issue alive so that Jews in the U.S.S.R. would know that they are not forgotten, and also to keep the spotlight on Soviet leaders who might otherwise believe that inattention by the rest of the world meant indifference to their repressive policies.

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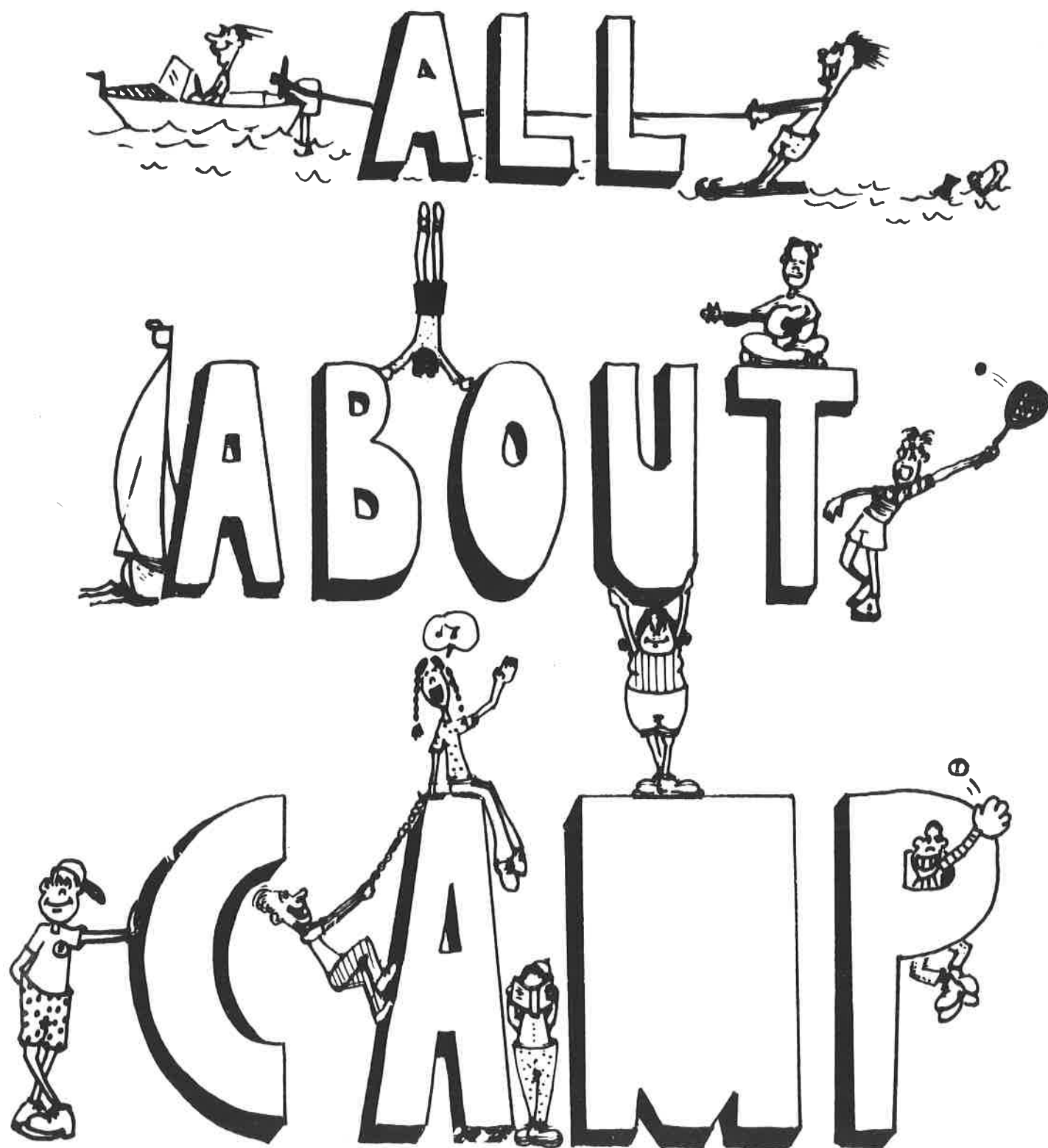


לשנה טובה תבחרו

A HAPPY NEW
YEAR

From





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Life's Just Great!



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Director's Message

by Sheldon Cohen,
Camp Director 1981

The summer of '81 has come to pass. The memories however will live on. Many friendships were renewed, others made. After a twenty-two year absence from Kadimah, it was most satisfying to return. The spirit that has made Kadimah/Machar the great camp that it is, is still quite prevalent.

We are attracting more campers from across Canada and the United States. We were pleased to welcome five campers from London, England. The atmosphere was friendly and warm and all partook in a well run, varied programme. Who can forget our night manoeuvres, record breaking day, carnival day, overnight hikes, and the successful Fiddler On The Roof. Maccabia was fun despite the bad weather and sickness. More campers and staff got up on the waterskiis this summer

and enjoyed our waterfront programme.

I want to thank two special people whose work on behalf of the camp was invaluable. To **Mark**, my right hand, whose support and assistance was greatly appreciated. To **Kenny**, for a great job and especially the long hours spent in the city prior to camp opening. To all members of head staff, and counsellors, many thanks for your co-operation and fine efforts throughout the summer. A word of thanks to **Steven Pink**, Camp Chairman, committee members and parents in general for your assistance and support.

My wife and family were very well received, and we all felt that certain warmth and closeness at Kadimah/Machar. We wish one and all much success in your studies and lots of luck with your future plans.

Masada

Masada symbolizes not a physical fortress engraved in barren Judean, desert rock, but a spiritual survival throughout Jewish history despite incredible oppression. Masada symbolizes the Jewish pride and identity and a will to fight and defeat all persecuting factors.

Throughout Jewish history, the Jews have encountered obstacles to their survival. These obstacles express themselves through wars, inquisitions and nations and span from the most ancient to the most recent of times. The Jews, always the persecuted minority have had to fight for their identity and though many have perished in the last two thousand years including the six million of the Holocaust, the Jewish nation has not yet succumbed to assimilation or destruction. Often, many Jews died actively during brave rebellions and self sacrificing revolutions. The revolts may be seen as early as the Greek occupation of Israel. Many Jews refused to accept the Hellenization and as a result died in their adamant refusals. Chava and her seven sons is a classic example of this determination and fight for the Jewish heritage and identity. They refused to eat the pork forced on them by

the Greeks and consequently died. However, a death like this may never be considered a defeat, rather a victory, because it maintains the continuity of the Jewish tradition.

During the Roman occupation of Israel, the Jews were oppressed immeasurably, especially during Herod's reign. This persecution culminated in a Jewish war and the attack of Masada by Menahem son of Judah and his band of zealots. Eleazor, the son of Jair escaped to Masada with 960 men and women and took refuge there till it's defeat in 72 CE by the Roman governor Flavius Silva. The fact that Masada stood for so long is quite remarkable and most remarkable and most probable due to the tenacious grip of these zealots on their identity and life. The fact that they committed suicide just before they penetrated their stronghold reinforces our belief in their great belief. The pride in their heritage was beyond death, so far superior that it was in another dimension. Their determination has been echoed throughout the ages and will continue to do so as long as the Jewish spirit continues.

Dear Camp Kadimah/ Machar,

by Heidi Brown

For a long time now I've wanted to let you know how much you mean to me. You have given me six of the best summers of my life, and thoughts and memories that will be stored in my mind forever. The friendships with which you have provided me with have been unique and special. You have been my home away from home, and you probably know me better than my best of friends.

Camp Kadimah, you have taught and showed me what it feels like to love, hate, laugh and cry. I have felt so many emotions and met so many people inside your gates. I LOVE YOU KADIMAH, I LOVE YOU for the person you have helped me try to become, and the fun and the good times you have given me. I hope and plan to return to you in a few years and complete my circle as a counsellor.

At this time I'd like to thank all campers, counsellors, headstaff and all my friends for making my years at Kadimah so terrific. Without all of you, the weeks would have been worthless.

In closing, I'd just like to add that I have given my all for you, Kadimah/Machar. Even during the ten months when I'm not with you, you are always with me in spirit; in my thoughts, a topic of conversation. I can never seem to stop talking about you at home. It will hurt to say goodbye for a couple of years, but you know it is only temporary separation. I'll be back, because Kadimah; YOUR WORTH IT!!!!



A Story

by **Natasha Roffe**

Once upon a time there was a boy. One day in the summer he was at a camp in Canada. The camp was called Kadimah. When he got there, he started to cry he wanted to go home. So the counsellors said he would be going home in six weeks. By the next day he was happy. With lots of things to do. The six weeks went like six days go. When it was time to go he started to cry I want to stay. So after that he came back until he was a counsellor.

What I Like About Camp

by **David Gordon**

I like Bama, Mel Yad, boating, sports of course, swimming, showers sometimes A.C.P.s and last but not least supper.

GIBORIM

Camp

by **Amy Block**

Camp is pretty,
Camp is nice,
Camp is fun,
Camp is not dumb,
There's Maccabia,
Carnival day and
Haganah night too.
The activities are
Swimming, Mel Yad, sports
Shrikud too
and other things too.
I like the hikes
you probably would too.
Those are the things
In Camp we do.
THE END

Keeping it all in the Family Tradition



Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Eisner



Mrs. and Mrs. Douglas Beck

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Eisner and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beck join in the festivities at the closing banquet 1981—Camp Kadimah.

GOSHRIM

Camp Kadimah

by Robin Glube and Stacey Cohen

1. Kadimah is fun,
For mostly everyone
It is never a bore
You could never ask for more.
2. With Sheldon Cohen as our Director,
There could never be anybody who
Could do better.
His cabin number is 26 for his
Children love to play with sticks.
3. Every rest period we write letters
To parents and people, since we were
at Camp because if we didn't they'd
think We kept damp.
For Camp Kadimah is one of the best,
We beat all the rest.
4. We love our activities so very much,
In our cabin everyone has a huch.
The food is delicious though you
Would be suspicious.



Visiting Day

by Lisa Gerard

It all started when we woke up and had breakfast. We had Mifkud and everyone was anxious and cars started coming in. Once you found your parents the fun started. We got our candy and junk and ate lunch and had fun with our parents. Then we had a Shirkud presentation. When our parents left tears were rolling down our eyes. Then we ate our junk. Got sick but had fun.

Camp Kadimah

by Robin Offman

This is my first year of camp. I think it's fun here. The weeks go by so quickly. I don't have any time to be homesick. Visiting Day is really fun. I like all the periods, chugim and Super Skills. I try to work good in inspection. Hafta'ah is always pretty boring. I like the Socials. I think I'll like the banquet a lot. I never go cabin-hopping because I'm always so tired. I was so tired one night I ran into a pole. The water is mostly always warm. We have barbeques once in a while, their fun. I think camp is really fun. We have good counsellors. I love it here.



FOREVER

by Hollis Pass

Speak not lightly of me,
For what is on the outside
is not always what you see.

I am the sadness

that can kill a soul
in a single second.
But no one sees my tears
I am the joy
harboured in paradise
But no one sees my smile

MACHAR

I am the anger
bordering on an insanity
that all humanity
fears.
Yet no one looks through my eyes.

Look at me with those blank eyes
and tell me what I feared
you might say
Walk away
Don't look behind
Don't listen to
the anguished cries
of a soul that dies
for the love of a man
For no matter what you see in me
I am
and will be
Forever . . .



KOCHOT

Camp Kadimah

by Scott Gerard

Camp Kadimah has been a great experience for me. I have learned alot of new hebrew, met alot of friends, and have enjoyed many new activities. Also I have learned to live my own life, make my own decisions, and to care for others. Life in a bunk with six other bunkmates has been fun. We have learned to help each other when necessary, and also to experience alot of great times. I also like camp for the special days such as: Record breaking day, Maccabia, Hityashvut, and carnival day. The counsellors that I have and the others ones in the camp are very nice to me. This has been a great camp seasons!

Directions For How To Clean Cabin 32

by Cindy Pink

- 1— Make your bed
- 2— Pick everything off the floor
- 3— Find a broom
- 4— Listen to your wonderful counsellors
- 5— Sweep
- 6— Pick off the papers that our grounds are filled with
- 7— Maybe do the clothesline (only when you get a trip to the Dairy Cone)
- 8— Mop
- 9— After that you might have a clean cabin 32

(A note from her counsellor, Shelley Flam, if Cindy had followed these rules ONCE this summer I would hire her out as a maid!)

Summer Camps

by Stefanie Green

Yippee!!! My school year's over.
I can't believe it's true.
I'll have so much fun this summer.
For a summer camp I'll go to.

In my camp we have activities.
All day we play under the sun.
We swim, play sports and even sing.
Boy, am I having fun!

We always clean our cabins
And although it's not always done
We seem to get away with it anyway.
Boy, am I having fun!

At night we ALWAYS cabinhop
We yell and scream and run
On the odd occasion we do get caught.
Boy, am I having fun!

But soon the summer's over
It's sad to see it done
But am I having fun?!!!!!!



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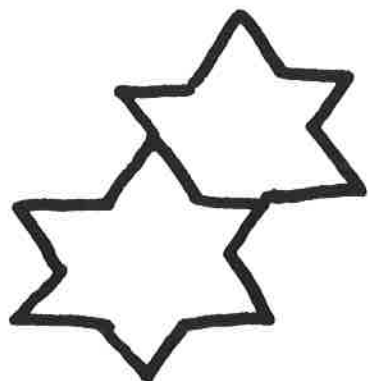
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Creative Writing

Maccabia 1981

by **Barbie Payne and Barb Friedman**

Maccabia 1981 all began when camp Kadimah was at Havdalah service. We were standing around in a circle just as the service was ending. We heard on the loud speaker, an announcement for Lynn (the camp nurse) to go to the dining hall immediately. Most people thought it was an emergency. People then realized that head staff had black t-shirts on. A few minutes later we heard an ambulance. It then came through the gate. The driver got out and opened the doors of the ambulance and brought out a stretcher. On the stretcher was a goat (machar's mascot) and Perry Sable.

Kenny Gordon then took the sheet off of them. Around each of the goat's legs was a red, WHITE, blue and yellow ribbon. Then they brought out the banners. Ian Zatzman read out the teams and people on it.

This year I am on WHITE team, Path of Endurance, Hatmada Likium.

Maccabia 1981 is excellent.

Love your pal Cindy Pink.

An Article

by **Adam Stern**

As it says in our Yellow team marching song, Jews have been persecuted for many years, for almost no reason at all. What happened at Masada should never have happened at all. But it shows a good example of what Jews have had to perceive for thousands and thousands of years.

Just imagine what would have happened if the Jews on Masada would have won their battle. Just imagine . . .

It was last and final days for the Jews upon Mount Masada. They realized that if they didn't fight back, they would all be killed by the ruthless, Flavius Silva, the leader of the Roman troops based at the bottom of the mountain. As they were pondering the questions, thousands of Roman soldiers began to climb the mountain. Jewish soldiers were alerted and began to battle with the Romans.

Many days later the Roman army was defeated! A loud cry of triumph arose from the top of Masada. Men and women ran down the path into the Roman camp, and tasted the wine of victory.

Using the Roman equipment, the Jewish army became one of the most powerful on earth.

What if this had happened? Would this have stopped all else the Jews have had to deal with? I guess the rest is up to you.

Maccabia

Maccabia is working together as one, with ruach and spirit our work is sure together with our captains leading the way,
Path of Endurance will never fray, Whether we win or lose,
we still gain chevra and not the blue.

The Path of Endurance

by **David Gordon**

The path of endurance is the name of white team. Maccabia started when an ambulance came with a goat with white, red, blue and yellow strings on him. I found out I was on white team. I went through some races and some other stuff. The tune of our song is America. It sounds interesting. Maccabia is fun and there are lots of things to do in Maccabia. Well this is the end of the Path of Endurance story . . .

The Eternal Promise

by **Laura Tulchinsky**

The Two words, "Eternal Promise" have a special meaning in Maccabia this year. We chose this name because we thought it fit directly to the theme, "Masada shall never fall again." The promise that Masada shall never fall again is eternal and indefeatable, therefore our name is Eternal Promise.

Original Song

Maccabia

Had enough of it this week
Really got to get some sleep
Getting tired, gotta cold
Dear sweet Judges, it's just not fair
Rain's pouring down on us
Really had it tough
What's a person to do?
Suffer through
Haven't really had time you know
Wrote the song an hour ago
Give it time to grow, all the lines you know
Singing's fun, can even do a dance or two
And see the soul of Zion shining through
In song and dance
In song and dance
All threw this show.

Marching Song (Marching to Pretoria)

We are striving to survive
In this land that's filled with foes
And we must maintain or drive
As the Jewish ashes blow.

The Romans long ago
Tried to wash away our home
But our children have to know
Our eternal flame will glow.

We're marching to Jerusalem
In Israel, our homeland
We're marching to Jerusalem
To keep our faith alive.

The Arab armies tried to eliminate our
But the Jewish people's pride
Wouldn't let them reach their goals.

So remember if you will
That no matter how we try
Judean blood will spill
And Jews will always cry.

We're marching to Jerusalem
In Israel, our homeland
We're marching to Jerusalem
To keep our faith alive.

A Poem . . .

by **Adam Koven**

When you try and try
you won't die.
You may succeed
your biggest dream.
When you succeed!
you will agree
when you try
you won't die.

Yellow Team Marching Song (Pinball Wizard)

Oppression was great many years ago,
Persecution and hatred throughout the world was known.
Assimilation set in and many Jews had died,
But even few in number our people still survived.

Da da da da
The fallen have arised
Da da da da

Chorus:

We're the yellow team of 1981
We'll show you how maccabia should be done.
How do you think we do it?
We'll tell you. We've the strength and the ruach,
We'll show you.

The Jews of Masada often lived in fear.
They fought for their lives, they always perservered,
They always had to struggle to keep their faith alive.
The spirit of Masada shall never leave our mind.

Da da da da
never leave our mind

Masada

by Joanne Ferstman

Masada will never fall again,
It's the vow we've promised to take.
It will last eternally,
For the Jewish nation is at stake.

The Eternal Promise will strive to help,
For the five days We're united.
We will all join to be as one,
And together we'll try to fight.

The Blue Team of Maccabia '81,
Will work until the very end.
We will struggle and pull through,
For these are the best five days we'll ever spend.

Kadimah

by Cori Halpern

I guess that it all started when I boarded the camp Kadimah bus at Halifax airport. I sat in the back alone, afraid and desperately wanting to go home. I saw everyone being reunited with old friends and rekindling old summer loves, and soon the terrible phobia of remaining friendless swept over me. I knew that Machar was going to be a totally new experience for me, and a certain change from the other Young Judaeon camps that I had been to. For the first couple of days, everything went smoothly, and now, after orienteering,

programs, hityashvut, socials, midnight swims, our play "Fiddler on the Roof", and countless other instances, I have truly found out what a chevra really is. Machar is chaverim that thrive on ruach, and the need of wanting to help and understand each other. This unique feeling, I could not have experienced anywhere else. My first year of Kadimah has been filled with the fondest of memories, the best of times, and the closest of friends.

Even though camp is drawing to an end, in my mind it will live on forever.

Thank you for the memories.

Compulsory Thematic Marching Song

(Over Hill Over Dale)

The Jews of Masada
They lead all the rest
on a journey of
freedom and hope.

We will strive to achieve
fighting danger to be free
and to keep traditions alive.

We will fight, we will fight
just to keep our Jewish rights
determined to uphold our beliefs.
We are Naflu Vekamu
our faith will never die
We can say we are proud
to be Jews.

YELLOW!

Maccabia 1981

by Igal Nevo and Mark Eily

We came to Kadimah this year
To try to have some fun,
Here's Maccabia and there is work
That must be done.

We have a theme to talk about
Within all of our teams,
'Masada Will Never Fall Again'
We'll fight with all our means.

There's Shirkud, Bama, Boating too,
Maccabathon and sports
There are all these and other
Activities of all sorts.

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