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## Editorial



All in a Day's Work as the  
Executive Director

or

How the Warmth of Glace Bay Drove  
the Chills Away

or

Congregation Sons of Israel  
80th Anniversary

It was a snowy, blowy, miserable morning when my husband, **Max**, and I set out for Cape Breton. The forecasts were heavy snow—just the weather I abhor! However, we were determined to make this trip. **Phil Simon** of Glace Bay really wanted us to experience the Glace Bay community's warmth and spirit, just as much as we wanted to find out about this oft-spoken quality.

After Stewiacke, the weather and the roads cleared. Making record time, we checked into the local hotel, met **Rivka Peled** and **Yossi Milo** (the evening's entertainment) for a few minutes, exchanged a few words, took a drive around the town, and returned to prepare for the evening ahead.

Phil very graciously picked us up, making sure I didn't slip on all the ice, and we arrived at the synagogue and Talmud Torah. Inside the Synagogue, Max and I started to feel the love and pride that Phil and the community have for this institution: we started to feel the memories that were being recounted to us. When we walked into the Cheder, there was at once a feeling of welcome and excitement.

Some of the gathering I knew personally but many I only knew by name. That didn't matter, before long I think we had been introduced to most people, and we began to feel we were at home and part of a great, big, noisy, friendly family.

Rivka and Yossi in testing out the piano, discovered only certain keys worked—not to worry, **Sylvia Allen** knew of a portable electric piano! It came in a hurry but that too, didn't work—not to worry—the superintendent overheard

the problem, he knew of an organ. Sure enough, delivered to the stage, one pipe organ. Unfortunately, it was not suitable for Rivka's voice—it was tuned too high. Rivka kept smiling, Yossi kept playing and the audience kept applauding. Max had told Rivka to think positive, all would turn out O.K. It did, when Yossi decided to manually pick up the keys that wouldn't work on the original Schul piano. The concert and singsong that followed can only be described as terrific.

Listening to head table speeches can sometimes be a bore. Not that evening! Phil and Ellie should be a team—they had the audience rolling in the aisles. We were beginning to feel that mystical warmth, to understand the life that had been and is a part of Glace Bay and the Cape Breton area.

Dinner prepared by the ladies, served by the sons and daughters, again showed the closeness of family and community commitment.

Hospitality and conversation at Phil and Ruth's home ended what we thought was one of the most enjoyable celebrations we had attended. Not so—

The Milo's and the Fox's returned to the hotel to find it locked. After much ringing, a gentleman let us in. Tired and ready to sleep we found that was not going to be the case. Where was this famous Cape Breton hospitality? Our rooms were freezing! No heat and nothing it seems could be done to remedy the situation. Three hours later, the Milo's and the Fox's were still sitting in coats trying to keep warm and hoping those ice-cold radiators would suddenly glow with heat. NO WAY!! Finally at 5 a.m., we had coffee at an all night restaurant, checked in to a motel that offers "no surprises". Room for the night we asked, the desk clerk said "What night?" "Right now," we replied.

After three hours sleep, we awoke to a snow storm. All our morning plans were put aside, and we thought of heading home immediately. Road condition reports put that idea aside. Rivka, Yossi, Max and I sat the whole morning drinking coffee and rehashing the evening before. It had been great. Cold as we had been all night, we were warmed by the celebration we had experienced. Warmed by that "special quality" that was Glace Bay (not to forget Sydney and New Waterford).

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## Letters To The Editor

I received your lovely magazine and I was, as usual, very, very happy to receive it and read all the news of my Jewish friends and relations in Atlantic Canada, or better known, at least by me, as the Maritime Provinces.

All the stories were delightful to read. I however do not agree with **Rabbi Lefkowitz** of Moncton that Maritime Jewry is dying. There is no doubt, many Jewish people have moved away from Maritime Canada, and many have died. However, Maritime provinces Jewry is vibrant and active and traditional.

Best regards and wishes to all my relatives and friends in the Maritimes.

Archibald Medjuck  
Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.A.

## APJSF Holds Oneg Shabbat

by Ann David

The Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation (APJSF) recently hosted an Oneg Shabbat for its members at the Beth Israel Synagogue as its premier event for 1982. The evening began with Friday night services, led by **Jeff Wolman**, followed by a delicious Shabbat meal and dessert.

Special thanks go to the ASJSF's executive members—**Kenny Gordon**, **Ronnie Cuperfain**, **Perla Arditti**, and **Jeff Wolman**; and to **Mrs. Shirley Wolman**, **Mrs. Ginger Sadofsky**, **Mrs. Doreen Gordon**, and **Clara Dankner** for preparing the meal. Thanks also to the forty-five students who attended, making the APJSF dinner a tremendous success.

## Social Page

Commencing with the March/April edition, we will devote one page to social notices, e.g., engagements, weddings, Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah. We will accept these notices only from the family involved. Black and white photos please—coloured pictures will be printed with no responsibility as to the reproduction quality.

# Halifax Hadassah-Wizo



(Wamboldt-Waterfield)

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo held their opening meeting recently. Guest speaker was Tzvi Levy, head of Hadassim in Israel, an educational institute supported by Hadassah. Photographed, left to right Myrna

Yazer, chairman of the evening; Sylvia Rockman, who was honoured for her years of service as gift card chairperson; Tzvi Levy, Bette Ross, president; and Sheila Zive, past president.

by Bette Ross

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo members have been working steadily since last summer. In September, we held our opening meeting in Beth Israel Synagogue. Our guest speaker for the evening was *Zvi Levi*, Director of Hadassim in Israel, and he reported to us on the progress of our school. The Guest of Honour for the evening was *Sylvia Rockman* who is, and has been for many years, an outstanding Gift Card Chairman, continuously going above and beyond the call of duty. Much money was raised that night in her honour for Hadassim which was a lovely way to honour such a lovely lady. Also that evening *Sophie Forman*, a Past Council President, installed the new council officers as follows: President, *Bette Ross*; First Vice-President, *Lenore Schelew*; Second Vice-President, *Myrna Yazer*; Treasurer, *Barbara Rafuse*; Corresponding Secretary, *Leah Epstein*; Recording Secretary, *Tamara McIvor*; Financial Secretary, *Maxine Cordon*. All in all, it was a successful evening, made possible by the unlimited efforts of Myrna Yazer and her Committee.

In October, after all the Yom Tovim, we held our Fall Mini Bazaar which was a great success. Many thanks to all those ladies and husbands, who helped at this, and in particular to *Peter Claman* for the use of his premises and to the family of the late *Michael Baig* who so generously

donated so much of our merchandise. In November, nine of us went to Ottawa for the 29th Biennial Convention. They were *Evette Bowman*, *Wendy Franklin*, *Leona Freeman*, *Ida Marcus*, *Barbara Paton*, *Barbara Rafuse*, *Bette Ross*, *Myrna Yazer* and *Sheila Zive*. All nine experienced a unique few days when emotions ran from extreme low as we listened to facts of gloom and doom, to great heights as we heard and viewed, with great pride, our own achievements. Now we are planning and trying to pass along the enthusiasm resulting from this experience.

In December, some of our members, lead by *Miriam Jacobson* and *Beatrice Zemel*, held a Pre-Bazaar Sale of winter wear and a bake sale. In addition, the Barbara Goldberg Chapter did their annual gift wrapping service in a shopping centre. This followed their very successful bread-making demonstration held in early November at the Lord Nelson Hotel and convened by *Myrna Yazer* and *Wendy Franklin*.

Now, as winter moves to its height and we begin to think of Spring, so Bazaar begins to emerge from hibernation. Bazaar '82, still in its infancy is a very real fact. This year there is no single, tired, harrassed convenor. Bazaar '82 will be run by a Bazaar Brigade consisting of *Shirlee Medjuck*, *Barbara Paton*,

*Dorothy Riteman*, *Bette Ross*, *Lenore Schelew* and *Sheila Zive*. The chapters are organized as follows: AVIVA: Groceries & Drugs—*Annalee Cohen*; New Merchandise—*Barbara Rafuse*; Jeweler—*Mindy Jacobson*. ORAH: Candy—*Doris Stone*, *Barbara Fiering*; White Elephant—*Clara Dankner*; Books & Records—*Anne Peterson*. TIKVAH: Electrical Goods—*Gertrude Shane*; Leather Goods—*Reva Spatz* and *Ina Kohler*; Treasures—*Leah Epstein*, *Lil Newman* and *Freda Perlin*; Used Clothing; Handicrafts—*Miriam Jacobson* and *Beatrice Zemel*. BARBARA GOLDBERG CHAPTER: Will be available for all kinds of help as they are busy fund raising prior to Bazaar. More details of this project will follow soon. Town Clock—*Leona Freeman* and *Barbara Newman*; Baking—*Myrna Yazer*; Baking Donations—*Beatrice Zemel*; Publicity—*Sheila Zive*. Date—May 18, 1982, Place—Civic Arena.

Also, along with spring, comes Youth Aliyah, and *Ruth Goldbloom* and her committee have an exciting opening function planned for February 13, 1982.

As we can see, Hadassah-Wizo is in perpetual motion. We are even hoping to form a new chapter of young ladies who are not yet affiliated. That is growth and growth is achievement.

# Halifax Mirium Lief Chapter of Mizrachi

by Rose Pritzker

A Chanukah meeting was held at the home of *Mrs. David Fiering*. A report was given regarding the annual campaign. Thanks go to all those who helped and to the community for their generous support.

A highlight of the meeting was the original charter, which was incorporated on the 15th day of March, 1950. It was called the "Mirium Lifshitz Chapter" now called, the "Mirium Lief Chapter". It was signed by *Mrs. Marion Bessin*, National President and by *Miriam Lief*, Executive Vice President. A copy of the charter will be given to the Jewish Historical Society.

The program given by *Mrs. Ella Morris*, was a discussion of the article "Halifax Jews" from the "Halifax Magazine."

## Dry Bones



### 10th ANNIVERSARY BARBARA GOLDBERG CHAPTER OF HALIFAX HADASSAH-WIZO

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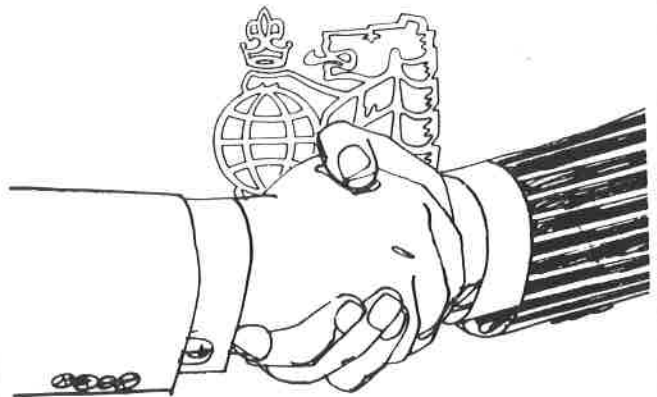


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Beit Alfa		157						157
Beit El				267				267
Beit Sha'an	372	294	907					1,573
Benyamina		378						378
Bnei-Brak			326	75				401
Eilat						255		255
Ein Harod		230						230
Evron		126						126
Gan Yavneh			288					288
Givatayim		1,614					594	2,208
Haifa		908		371		1,233		2,512
Hazor	134	116	502					752
Herzlia		696						696
Hof Hasharon	205	464						669
Holon		1,893		312				2,205
Issafia		269						269
Jerusalem		2,112		500		483	821	3,916
East Jerusalem	2,316	373					91	2,780
Julis				257		64		321
Kfar Habad			450					450
Kfar Saba	693	871					51	1,615
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Kiryat Gat				59		373		432
Kiryat Motzkin		990						990
Kiryat Tiv'on	685	360						1,045
Lod		839		317				1,156
Miron			115					115
Natanya		1,925					354	2,279
Nazareth		502						502
Pardes-Hana			73					73
Ramat Gan		2,834					85	2,919
Ramat Hasharon				131				131
Rehovot		811					106	917
Sasa		76						76
Sdeh Eliyahu			89					89
Sha'ar Hanegev				114				114
Shafir			668					668
Tel Aviv		2,100		1,073	20,359*	525	2,376	26,433
Tel Hashomer				133				133
Tel Nof				387				387
Yavneh				227				227
Zrifin I & II				366				366
TOTAL	6,149	25,996	3,418	4,846	20,359	3,347	5,057	69,172

\* 20,359 adults are registered in Tel Aviv but they study in different schools all over the country.

## Library Presentation

An extensive variety of books on Israel and Zionism was presented on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region to the Halifax City Regional Library during November. In making the presentation to the Board of the Library, **Mrs. Barbara Paton**, Executive Member of the Atlantic Jewish Council said it was hoped that these books would further help serve the needs of students, researchers and interested readers. During the reception that followed Mrs. Paton along with **Ben Prossin**, Deputy President of Canadian Zionist Federation and Atlantic Region Chairman and **Shirlee Fox**, Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council had the opportunity to speak with individual members of the Board on Israel, Zionism and the role of the Canadian Zionist Federation.



**Barbara Paton**, Associate Treasurer, Atlantic Jewish Council is shown during the presentation of books to **Mrs. Nina Graham**, Chairman of the Board, Halifax City Regional Library.

## Masada Club

by Doris Stone

Regular meetings and gatherings have taken place over the past few months. Exciting plans for the future are well underway. Under the Presidency of **Edgar Miller**, activities have expanded and an increase in attendance has been noted.

Alternate meetings are now taking place at Northwood Centre to enable residents to participate. Programs have included a Chanukah party at which time **Sadie Jacobson** entertained with Jewish songs along with the Shaar Shalom Hebrew School students.

Bringing Chanukah to Northwood Centre, a second celebration was held later in the month. The Latke Party was convened by **Ella Morris**, **Doris Stone** and **Betty Miller**.

**Mrs. Sara Weiner** has proposed the following change in status; that Masada be known as the "Masada Over 40 Club"! She feels this will encourage new members to join.

January programming included a private showing of "Fiddler on the Roof" and a traditional Shabbat Dinner at Northwood Centre.

ATTEND THE NEXT  
MEETING—YOU'LL ENJOY IT!



### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please note the following change to announcement of last issue.

Any member, who recruits fifteen new members, will be eligible to win a FREE Trip to the O.R.T. 1982 National Convention to be held in October at the Inn On The Park, Toronto.

## Newly Appointed Spiritual Leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax.



**Rabbi Gershon Freidlin** has recently been appointed Spiritual Leader of the Shaar Shalom Congregation, the Conservative Synagogue in Halifax.

**Rabbi Freidlin**, formerly of New York City, has been active in preparing Yiddish and Hebrew manuscripts for publication in English. These include, "Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto" by Ber Mark, "World of Our Fathers" by Irving Howe, and "Mottel, the Cantor's Son" by Shalom Aleichem.

A graduate of New York's Gur Aryeh Talmudic Institute and Brooklyn College, **Rabbi Freidlin** has visited Israel on numerous occasions. For approximately six months, he was actively involved with the youth of Ma'alot, scene of the May 1974 terrorist massacre. In developing theater workshops in that community, he attempted to bring a greater degree of cultural activity to this northern border town. He has studied with Old World scholars in Jerusalem and United States and has been trained in music from opera and Gregorian chant to rock.

**Rabbi Freidlin** is married to **Olivia Hibel**, and they have a young son, **Benjamin**.

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# Halifax Jewish Historical Society

by Marcia Aronson  
Lon Dubinsky

In 1976, the Halifax Jewish Historical Society disbanded and placed its collection in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. The Canadian Jewish Historical Society met in Halifax in June 1981, and the Halifax society was reactivated. Meetings are held on a regular basis at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and the collection continues to be housed there.

The primary concerns of the society, at present, are the collection of material and educating the community to the importance of preserving our records. To pursue these goals the society has formed four committees: oral history, photographs, organizations and special projects.

Our oral historians have begun to interview the elders of the community. The photographs group has been culling the collection of the Atlantic Jewish Council for community photographs of interest. They will also be approaching members of the community. Family photographs provide an insight into family as well as community life. Members of the organizations committee are meeting with community groups with the hope that their records will either be loaned to the society for microfilming or donated to the society. Once again, the elders will be interviewed with regard to organizations which no longer exist.

The current special project is business. Hopefully, the committee will be able to gather information from the earliest days of settlement to life in today's urban centres—from the travelling peddler to today's large entrepreneurs. If you had an old business or remember one, please take the time to write a few paragraphs and send it to us—what was the business? who owned it? where was it? when was it?

The end result of all this collecting will

be displays and articles. Of course, the most important result is that our heritage will be preserved. Future generations will be able to view the past life of our community. A sense of personal and community history goes hand in hand with a sense of belonging.

The following is a list of the Executive: **Marcia Aronson**, President; **Lon Dubinsky**, Vice-President; **Sara Yablon**, Secretary; **Lawrence Ferguson**, Treasurer and Membership; **Gertrude Shane**, Advisor; **Peter Herschorn**, Advisor.

Dues are \$5.00 per year. As cassette tapes and photographic reproductions are costly, we would appreciate donations from members of the community. They may be sent to Lawrence Ferguson, 27 Covington Way, Halifax, N.S., B3M 3H1.

Remember paper does deteriorate in an improper environment and precious records are too often discarded by accident. Before you throw away your personal archives—old letters, documents, photographs, ledgers, scrapbooks, etc.—think again. These documents are important. If you have material to donate or have written your family, group or business history, or, if you are interested in helping us, please contact someone on the Executive.

**The following marriage account appeared in the Acadian Recorder June 17, 1874, p. 2. It is possibly the first Jewish ceremony described to the general Halifax community.**

## A Hebrew marriage.

A string upholding a bridal wreath, an old and a new German, a Nova Scotian, and a British flag, was stretched across Upper Water Street from the store of Messrs. Levy & Michaels in honor of the nuptials of Miss Jennie Cohn and Mr.

Morris Levy, who were united in marriage this afternoon in the hall of Hesslein's new building according to the rites of the Jewish religion. At two o'clock this afternoon, a large number of the friends of the young couple gathered at the appointed place. Rabbi H.C. Dann, who presides over the Beth Abraham Synagogue in Hanover Street, Boston, was present, and celebrated the rites, which were as follows:—The Rev. Rabbi, accompanied by the bride, her father, and a relative of the groom went into an inner room, where the Rabbi covered the bride's head with a veil, and repeated in Hebrew the blessing of Laban to Rebecca—"Thou shalt be blessed; great nations shall spring from thee." They then returned to the hall. Four groomsmen and four bridesmaids then upheld the bridal heaven or canopy. The bride's mother led her under it, and a relative of the groom led him under. The couple were then presented to the Rabbi who said—"Blessed art thou who comest in the name of the Lord—Blessed are ye from the House of the Lord—God is Lord, and it is he who grants us this consecration day." The Rabbi then chanted "Whom that is overpowerful, almighty, holy, just, merciful shall bless this glorious couple." He then took a silver goblet and filled it with wine, said a blessing over it, handed it to the father of the groom who tasted and handed it to the bride, who also touched her lips to it. The groom then took a ring from his hand and placing it on the right forefinger of the bride repeated the following formula:—"Thou art combined into me with this ring according to the Mosaic Law which exists in Israel." The Rabbi then read the marriage contract, (previously prepared in Talmudic Hebrew), said seven blessings over

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the silver cup, which he refilled. The bridegroom broke a glass in commemoration of the Temple being in ruins—a fact that the Hebrew ritual requires to be always remembered on joyous occasions. The Rabbi then gave the Great Benediction—"The Lord bless and preserve thee—the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious with thee—the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen." The company responded *Chasel Tove*—"Great Luck"—and the ceremony ended. Friends and relatives of the happy couple then came forward as in ordinary weddings, and tendered their congratulations. The dresses worn upon the occasion were remarkably rich, tasty, and costly.

## For Victims of Nazi Oppression

The deadline to apply for assistance from the Hardship Fund has been extended from December 3, 1981 to December 31, 1982.

For further information, call or write the United Restitution Office, 279 Sherbrooke Street, West, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 1Y2 (514) 844-2821.

## Happy 45th Birthday to Beth Israel Sisterhood —Halifax, N.S.

by Barbara Alberstat

A festive mini-lunch was held on December 1, 1981 to celebrate 45 years of the Sisterhood of the Beth Israel Synagogue. The meeting was chaired by president, *Mrs. Lenore Schelew*. *Mrs. Beatrice Zemel*, a former president, was in charge of lighting the candles on the birthday cake, leading off the donations which led to many other ladies offering a donation and then lighting the birthday candles. Charter members that were present were *Mrs. Ida Simon*, *Mrs. Joseph Simon* and *Mrs. Morris Weiner*. The past presidents were recognized, and a special welcome was tendered to *Mrs. Ann (Jayson) Greenblatt* who has returned to our community. *Mrs. Phyllis Blustein* introduced the program in which *Mrs. Bracha Koren* and *Mrs. Fruma Glazman* played piano selections and also had the audience participate in the songs. The table-settings were done by *Mrs. Sheila Zive*. *Mrs. Shirley Wolman* decorated the birthday cake and prepared the refreshments. Thanks are expressed to *Mrs. Rose Pritzker* and all the ladies who helped arrange this milestone event of the Sisterhood.

## Beth Israel Chanukah Book and Gift Fair

*Mrs. Bette Ross*, *Lenore Schelew* and *Rose Pritzker* led a group of ladies who helped put together the Sixth Annual Chanukah Book and Gift Fair on December 6, 1981. Special thanks are owed especially to *Mrs. Bea Zemel*, *Anna Lee Cohen* and their baking teams, and *Mrs. Shirley Wolman*, and the husbands who helped with the set-up the night before the Fair.

The Fair has been a successful undertaking for many years and continues to serve the community with all the many things to help make Chanukah a more delightful time. The baking is always a good take-home item to enjoy, and the many books and records are a year-around delight. The decorations help make the homes more beautiful and are a welcome addition to the glow of the Chanukah menorah. Thanks to *Mrs. Ida Simon* for the lovely donation of the hand-knitted carriage cover and booties, which was used as a raffle, and won by *Mrs. V. Rosenberg*. Thanks also to *Mrs. Tanya Webber* and *Mrs. Mindy Jacobson* and especially to all the shoppers!

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# Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Greetings to the following who celebrated anniversaries: **Gerald and Rosalie Budovitch**, 27 years; **Harry and Bessie Brown**, 53 years; **Sam and Gertie Budovitch**, 35 years; **Dave and Lil Graser**, 57 years; **Oscar and Polly Jacobson**, 42 years; **Lou and Sue Levine**, 33 years; **Bob and Gwen Velensky**, 23 years; **Max and Mary Velensky**, 32 years.

Speedy recoveries to **Bessie (Sam) Rose, Betty Levine, Stephen Fransblow, Ben Budovitch, Isaac Ziachik, Joe Tobin** and **Sadie Velensky**.

Mazel Tov to **Betty and Jack Levine**, on the birth of their grandson, **Michael Ian**. Proud parents are **Debbie and Terry Steinberg**, Long Island, New York. Mazel Tov to **Michael and Rosalie Goldenberg**, on the birth of their son, **Jason Daniel**. Proud grandparents are **Evelyn and Abe Budovitch, Bessie Handelman** and great grandmother, **Mrs. Lewis Isbitsky**, Montreal, P.Q.

**Beverly**, daughter of **Sid and Rita Tobin**, has taken up residence in Calgary, Alberta, where she has accepted a position with the Royal Insurance Company.

**Dena Graser** has returned to Montreal, to resume studies at McGill University, after visiting her parents, **Weldon and Toby Graser**.

**Beth Velensky** has returned to Toronto, Ontario, to resume studies at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, after visiting her parents, **Harold and Audrey Velensky**.

**Brenda Budovitch** has returned to Toronto, Ontario, after visiting her parents, **Ben and Goldie Budovitch**.

**Joe Lang** has returned to resume studies at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., after visiting his parents, **Harry and Sarah Lang**.

**Lawrence and Perry Chippin** have returned to resume studies at Dalhousie University, after visiting their parents, **Larry and George Chippin**.

**Barry and Debra Tobin** have returned to London, Ontario, after visiting his parents, **Sid and Rita Tobin**.

**Bertha Schwartz** and son, have returned to Brooklyn, New York, after visiting her parents, **Sam and Rose Satter**.

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

**Alan and Myra Meyers**, have returned to Calgary, Alberta, after visiting their parents, **Irving and Sylvia Meyers**, and **Rose Jacobson**, Halifax, N.S.

**Jeffrey Goldman** has returned to Toronto, Ontario, after visiting his parents, **Harry and Amelia Goldman**.

**Mark Jacobson** and daughter have returned to Ottawa, Ontario, after visiting his parents, **Oscar and Polly Jacobson**.

**Robin Payne** has returned to Boston, Mass., to resume her studies at Brandeis University, after visiting her parents, **Martin and Linda Payne**.

**Nessa Leckie**, past president of the New Brunswick Branch of the Mental Health Association, was presented with a pin by the president of the society, in appreciation for her services for three years as president, and four years on the Provincial Board.

The community was saddened by the passing of **Betty Abrams**. She is survived by her son, **Joe**, daughter-in-law, **Cheryl**, two grandchildren, brothers, **Ben, Abe** and **Joe Budovitch** and two sisters, **Rose Eusler** and **Lillian Budovitch**, Nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

The community was saddened by the passing of **Ida Tobin**. She is survived by her husband, **Joe**, son, **Sid**, daughter-in-law, **Rita**, two daughters, **Betty Levine** and **Elenore Rubins**, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

## Hadassah-Wizo

The October meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held at the home of **Carolyn Budovitch**. The meeting opened with a prayer by the President, **Rhona Ruben**.

An interesting and informative description on Israel was given by **Harriet Lenard**, who has returned with her husband, **Professor Jon Lenard**, after spending six months in Haifa on sabbatical, from the University of New Brunswick. Appreciation was expressed by **Rhona Ruben**. Hostesses for the evening were **Judy Budovitch** and **Harriet Lenard**.

Delegates to the National Hadassah-Wizo Convention in Ottawa, **Lois Levine, Rhona Ruben, Judy Budovitch** and **Marilyn Kaufman** are still sharing ideas and enthusiasm with the chapter.

December brought our annual Crech Night, an evening organized by **Sharon Pinsler** in support of our Atlantic Baby Crech. The affair this year was a dessert party at the home of **Judy Budovitch**.

Plans are now underway for our Youth Aliyah Brunch to be scheduled for late April.

The Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo will be hosting a tri-city Public Affairs Seminar in Fredericton, Sunday,

May 2, 1982. The seminar will provide current information of great interest to all. Arrangements are being finalized. Moncton and Saint John please keep this date open. Information will be sent out to other centres in the Atlantic Region in case you wish to attend.

## The Role of the U.N. Peace Keeping Force in the Middle East

by Marilyn Kaufman  
Public Affairs Chairman

Guest speaker, **Colonel H.B.E. Lake**, presently employed as Chief of Staff at the Combat Training Centre, Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, held the appointment of Deputy Chief of Staff at the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force Headquarters and was Senior Canadian Observer, United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization, during his term with the U.N. in the Middle East.

The information which Col. Lake presented in slide-lecture form, dealt with the operations of the U.N. observer outposts in Syria, Lebanon, and Israel.

He went on to explain that the United Nations Troop Supervisory Organization (UNTSO), was established under the auspices of the United Nations in 1948. Its purpose was to observe and maintain the ceasefire. Because of their observer status, members of this force do not carry weapons. Perhaps this was one reason why the Christian Lebanese forces were able to hi-jack 114 U.N. vehicles within a four-month period in the '70's.

Most observer outposts are manned by two men, each from a different country. If there is a violation of a ceasefire, each man must agree that a violation occurred before taking further steps regarding the infraction. If a war starts and U.N. observers are caught in the middle, they have to rely on themselves for survival.

There is one distinction that must be noted regarding areas of separation and buffer zones. An area of separation—U.N. personnel travel along this designated area as well as civilians but no soldiers from either nation of conflict are permitted within these boundaries. Buffer zone—only the U.N. is permitted in this area. No civilians are allowed. This causes problems when shepherds wish to expand their grazing land in the buffer zone area or when bedouins continue to travel along paths they have travelled in years.

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The cost at the present time for the U.N. Observation Force is fifteen million dollars, equal to the cost of ten Israeli tanks or one fighter plane. As for the future of U.N. peacekeeping—it can stop minor incidents from developing into major confrontations.

### Annual Christmas Visit to Hospital

This year, as we have done in the past, members of our community worked at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital to allow our gentile friends time off from hospital duties to spend Christmas day with their families. Husbands and wives teamed up in the emergency station, as well as covering the wards, admittance, information and gift shop. As a good will gesture, everything that was passed around the hospital on carts and given to the patients, were compliments of Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. The entire day's proceedings were ably directed by *Rabbi Spiro* and *Harry Lang*.

## Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah

by Marilyn Kaufman

The Fredericton Sisterhood sponsored its annual Chanukah party on Sunday, December 20, 1981 at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. *Carol Lifshitz* welcomed children and adults to the concert. Assisted by their moms, the pre-schoolers sang a melodious rendition of "Dreidle, Dreidle". The Chedar group then entertained with "Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah". Following the afternoon's entertainment, refreshments were served. Many thanks to *Joan Levine*, *Carol Lifshitz*, *Cheryl Abrams*, *Judy Budovitch*, *Zena Vigod*, *Lois Levine*, *Miriam Cohen* and *Rabbi Spiro* for their efforts. And thank you to the audience for their support, taking of pictures, their laughter and their presence.

### B'nai B'rith

On Sunday, November 1st, the Fredericton Lodge of B'nai B'rith was addressed by *Dr. James Downey* the President of the University of New Brunswick. For the occasion the Lodge extended invitations to all members of the Jewish community and several prominent citizens of Fredericton who are noted for their voluntary activities and the contributions they have made to the betterment of community relations in the area.

Dr. Downey's address focused on the various roles of modern universities and in particular the role of universities in acting as a critic of society in making certain that unpopular as well as popular views received an airing and in protecting democratic rights and freedoms.

*Dr. I. Unger* introduced Dr. Downey as well as the other guests and *Irwin*



*For the Children—Jacki Pinsler, 11, a Grade 6 student at the Connaught Street School donated a gingerbread house to the children in the pediatrics section of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Accepting on behalf of other sick children was Troy Godin, 7, son of Yvette Godin, Aberdeen Street. (Ian Brown Photo)*

*Rosenzweig* thanked the speaker on behalf of the Lodge. As a memento of the occasion the Lodge planted a tree in the Canada Forest in Israel in honour of each of the guests. After the meeting wine and cheese was served. Prior to the meeting, *Rabbi Spiro* showed the Synagogue sanctuary to the guests.

## Chanukah

by Jonathan Pinsler—Age 8-1/2

I like Chanukah because I get lots of gifts and it is a very special holiday to all the Jewish children around the world. We went to a friend's house for Chanukah dinner and had good latkes. I learned the song Yemeyta Chanukah at Hebrew School. I played "My Dreidel" on the piano. I do the brochas every night at Chanukah. I hope all the Jewish children enjoy Chanukah like my sister Jacki and my family.

## The Gingerbread House

by Jackie Pinsler—Age 11-1/2

At school I won something nice,  
A gingerbread house to be exact,  
Except the animals looked like mice,  
and that is a fact!

The hospital I donated to,  
To wish them a grand 1982.  
I've done my good deed,  
Remember me when you read.

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*\*The most famous American company dealing in Kosher wine sells more to non-Jews than to Jews. Manischewitz Wine Company sells only 10 percent of its product to Jews—and actually sells more wine at Christmas time than at Passover.*



## United Jewish Appeal

### You Are Making It Work

## Update 1—Dramatic Change Underway in Project Project Renewal Or Yehuda

Reprint: Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and  
Review

by Dr. Harvey Lithwick

For the past six months, I have had the privilege of serving as one of Ottawa's representatives on the Ontario (and Maritimes) Regional Committee of Project Renewal. I must confess to having begun with substantial skepticism about the whole effort. It is with particular pleasure, therefore, that I can report to the community that after a number of frustrating episodes, the project is now well under way and I shall, periodically, use this space to provide detailed accounts of our progress.

I would like, in this first report, to present, not my views, but those of Mr. Leo Strub of Hamilton who is **not** on the Committee and who might therefore be more objective than me. It appeared first in the Hamilton Federation News and is reproduced here with Isabel Strub's kind permission.

"Or Yehuda. The name brings back instant images. One year ago Isabel and I were there, talking and walking with the

social worker involved with the project.

"What did we see? The images are almost tangible. Bedding being aired out of every apartment window. Cracks running up the walls and plaster flaking off. Open spaces filled with broken glass and dusty weeds and children playing there. The atmosphere heavy, dull, almost lethargic.

"On the optimistic side, talks of social and physical changes in the community. Our social worker-guide describing her goals of training para-professionals living in the area. Establishing committees amongst the residents to obtain feedback on their needs and desires. Getting everyone involved to make decisions concerning his own community.

"One year later! The visible changes are dramatic. New playgrounds with exciting equipment. Plans on the drawing boards for parks to relax and play in, for adults, seniors and children alike. Landscaping blueprints. A school for adult

classes, refurbished and renovated with the help of a criminal rehabilitation program. Apartments being enlarged and repaired. (The bedding is still being aired but somehow has a brighter, livelier appearance). A shopping plaza being repaired and cleaned up. New apartments going up. A swimming pool completed.

"A feeling of activity and optimism in the air. Best of all, being able to meet and talk with the same social worker; her goals are being realized; the para-professionals have been trained and are working; the local committees have been established and are communicating.

"Why didn't I notice how close the orange groves were before? Everything smells of that heady orange perfume.

"In short, Project Renewal is working. **You** are making it work with your special Project Renewal dollars.

"Let us all smell those beautiful orange blossoms when we visit again."

## Update 2—Project Renewal Or Yehuda

(Update 2)

Project Renewal has posed a serious problem for North American Jews. It is addressed to a legitimate and serious situation in Israel. At the same time, it has created a credibility problem. The scale and cost of the proposed effort was not matched by the kind of detailed planning and organizational capability necessary to ensure its success. To most of us, then, it looked like just another gimmicky attempt at fundraising.

Not surprisingly, many North American communities have had difficulty coming up with a workable approach. Ottawa has been fortunate in being associated with the Ontario regional committee. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Lou Sklar, the Committee has taken advantage of the lack of a rigid framework to create a mechanism that is well on the way to producing important results in our "twinning" community of Or Yehuda, and in its target neighbourhood, Shechuna Beit.

### Organization

From the outset, the Committee has insisted that our role must be more than fundraising. It has argued that we must be a full partner in planning and implementing our program of assistance.

The result has been the creation of a Project Renewal Steering Committee in Or Yehuda in charge of developing and implementing social and physical rehabilitation in the community. The Steering Committee includes the Major of Or Yehuda as chairman, representatives of relevant Israel Government Ministries, professional staff of the town, a representative of the Jewish Agency, community representatives and a representative of our Ontario committee.

The Project Manager, hired by the Government of Israel, is Mr. Gideon Arbel, a resident of Or Yehuda, who has already proven himself to be an articulate and no-nonsense administrator. In addition, we have hired a very fine aca-

demic, Prof. Amnon Shinar of Ben Gurion University, as an advisory to us as well as the three other Canadian projects.

Finally, it became clear that it would be useful to coordinate our efforts with those of the city of Milwaukee which has responsibility for an adjacent neighbourhood in Or Yehuda. These ties have now been established to ensure coordinated planning, although there will be no merging of funds. Coordination has been achieved in large part by having Dr. Leon Rosky, now resident in Israel, appointed to the Steering Committee, to represent both Milwaukee and ourselves.

### Financial Control

One of the concerns expressed from the outset was the need for financial control over the spending of funds raised here. This view was strongly held by such local community leaders as the late Gilbert Greenberg, as well as by our Chairman, Lou Sklar.

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The result is a very tight system of control that, I believe, can allay any such fears. Only projects that the Ontario Committee has agreed to undertake on the basis of an approved budget will receive our funding. All costs must, in the first instance be covered by the Government of Israel. We will then reimburse the Government only for those activities whose budget we have agreed to support and provided there is acceptable documentation regarding the expenditures made in line with that budget.

In other words, before our funds are allocated, there is to be a dual check: first in terms of a proposed budget and then in terms of ensuring that the work had been

carried out and funds expended as per the budget.

#### Planning Approach

Another concern here has been the need for a systematic attack on the problems. The Committee was unwilling to proceed unless its efforts were part of a comprehensive attack on the problems of Shechuna Beit. Otherwise, it was feared, the prospects for real improvement would be lost in a myriad of small, ineffectual efforts.

As a result, we have taken two inter-related steps. The first is an in-depth study of the social and physical problems in the neighbourhood. It has been undertaken by the prestigious Israeli Institute of Applied Social Research and

should be completed shortly.

The Committee has insisted that a comprehensive plan for the area is a prerequisite to major involvement. It has taken some time to identify an acceptable team and to secure Israeli Government support for this step, but we are close to an agreement at this time.

However, the time required to complete such a plan will be over a year. It has become important to begin some modest projects to demonstrate our concern and support to the residents of the neighbourhood, and to deal with particularly severe problems. In my next update, I shall describe those projects, the progress made to date, and the impact already made on the community.

## Update 3—Project Renewal Or Yehuda

### (Update 3)

In this update, I should like to give you a recent analysis of the community of Or Yehuda that was prepared for our committee by our Israeli advisor, Dr. Amnon Shinar. It provides a concise overview of the social, environmental and economic difficulties facing the city, and the particular challenges confronting "our" target area, Shechuna Bet.

#### Background

Or Yehuda is an urban settlement within the metropolitan area of Tel Aviv. It has a population of approximately 20,000 people, in comparison to the metropolitan area's population of one million.

In 1949, groups of immigrants came from Turkey and N. Africa and settled in abandoned Arab houses in the area of what is now Or Yehuda. The place was in very poor condition. Tents and tin huts were constructed to accommodate the newcomers. There was little water, no roads and due to the topographical character of the area, there was much

flooding.

The government intended to disperse the residents throughout other settlements, and there was no effort to encourage the development of Or Yehuda. The plan was to replace the residential area with a reservoir, main roads and other national utilities.

Due to its central location, citizens from other migrant camps came to settle in Or Yehuda. The settlement began to grow, and in 1955, the Ministry of the Interior appointed a municipal council in Or Yehuda. The settlement began to receive services such as electricity, roads, public transportation, etc. The first real buildings were finally constructed. Houses were built with the good intention of providing sound housing for the tent and hut dwellers. They built houses, but they did not build a town.

The government was concerned with helping the citizens to progress and to improve their living conditions. The citizens, however, were not ready to ac-

cept change, and valued tent living and open space. This caused many social problems, in addition to the physical ones already in existence.

For many years, a process of *negative selection* has taken place in Or Yehuda. The more socially and economically fit people left Or Yehuda for other parts of the metropolitan region. At the same time, criminal elements found refuge within this neglected town. The social problems of Or Yehuda today, are to a great extent a result of this negative selection process. Most of the present population is at a low socio-economic level.

The municipality made an effort to reverse Or Yehuda's negative image through an emphasis on the quality of education, the development of youth clubs, the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents and the dispersal of problematic families in the outlying areas of the community. The influence of these efforts has been positive.

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Today Or Yehuda is a long narrow settlement. The neighborhoods at the far end of this banana-shaped settlement are closer to the center of neighboring towns than to the center of Or Yehuda. This situation reinforces the underdeveloped condition of Or Yehuda's commercial center. It seems that a large part of the population's consumer power finds its way to other business districts within the metropolitan region.

Or Yehuda's position as part of a large metropolitan system greatly influences its present situation and its future development:

1) Tel Aviv's entire metropolitan area is available to the workforce of Or Yehuda. The opportunities for finding work are more varied than they would be if Or Yehuda were an isolated town.

2) Or Yehuda is close to many towns and cities with middle and upper-class populations. Therefore, it is relatively easy to recruit highly qualified professionals to fill community service positions in Or Yehuda. The determining factor is that of funds rather than the availability of professionals. The difficulty of finding qualified professionals does not exist here, as in other urban renewal neighborhoods.

3) There is little physical distance between the deprived town of Or Yehuda and more successful towns such as Savyon and Ramat Gan. This causes the people of Or Yehuda to be more sensitive to the poor condition of their town.

#### Community of Or Yehuda

For many years, the majority of the population in Or Yehuda was apathetic towards the problems and conditions of their town. The population consists main-

ly of traditional people that went through the double crisis of transferring from an old country to a new country and from a traditional eastern culture to an achievement oriented western culture.

This cultural crisis often brought about the disintegration of family units and social ties. Within such an unstable social situation, criminal subculture flourished.

Recently, however, there have been signs of social changes. People of Or Yehuda, especially the youngsters are concerned about improving the condition of the town.

#### Shechunah Bet

Shechunah Bet is characterized by many physical problems in housing, environmental neglect, and lack of development of yards and open space.

Neighborhood Bet has a population of six thousand people living in sixteen hundred housing units. The problem in this neighbourhood, like all of Or Yehuda, consists of immigrants from Iraq, Libya, and Turkey. In this neighborhood, there is also a large number of newcomers from Georgia (Russia).

Neighborhood Bet is totally lacking in social cohesion. There is no focal point for social meetings and social activities. Physical planning that provides focal points for social interactions could aid in encouraging a community spirit.

In April, 1980, a pre-program for Shechunah Bet was prepared by a team from the Settlement Study Center in Rehovoth.

#### Problems in Or Yehuda- Shechunah Bet Social Problems

1) Problematic Families—There are many problems within families in Shechunah Bet. The heads of family often lack the ability to carry out their respon-

sibilities as heads of family. Often there are very poor relationships existing between husbands and wives. There is a severe lack of activities in the community for adults and youth which further contributes to the family problems.

2) Idle Youth—There is a severe problem in Or Yehuda concerning the activities of the youth. Due, partially to the lack of activities for them in the afternoons and evenings, there is a lot of vandalism within the community.

3) Health—There are a number of health problems within the community:

A. The mortality rate is very high—24 per 1000 babies die at birth.

B. The fertility rate is also high, especially among the marginal groups within which giving birth is risky (above 45 years of age and under 19 years of age). Age group 15-19—63.59 births per 1000; Age group 45-49—12.08 births per 1000.

C. There is a lack of medical specialists.

D. There is a high incidence of improper use of medication, especially among young women.

E. There is a lack of dental care. There is no dental clinic. There is no dental care for children in kindergarten and elementary school.

F. There are problems with drugs, alcoholism and mental illness.

#### Physical Problems

1) Apartments—All the apartments in Shechunah Bet are smaller than 70 sq. meters (630 sq. ft.).

2) Lack of open space—There is a severe lack of open space in Or Yehuda. The open spaces that do exist are not in satisfactory condition.

3) Condition of town center—The physical appearance of the town center and the conditions of the buildings are very poor.

## Article says it all—The Arabs Need All The Genius Of The Jews

Reprinted from the Miami Herald

by Ron Wiggins

Ever since I ran a column on the moron Bailey Smith's contention that God does not hear the prayers of a Jew, I have been getting a lot of mail—all favorable so far.

I think you'll see why I was particularly taken with this last piece of correspondence from Phil Schloss of Palm Beach, for in it he says:

"Enclosed please find an article that appeared in the Men's Club Bulletin of Temple Ner Tamid of Miami Beach. I thought that you could make a column of it."

Why, thanks Phil, I really appreciate your thinking of me, only I don't see how I can use it for a column unless I just copied it outright and that wouldn't be . .

That is, I can hardly . . . Well, ethically speaking . . . By golly, I'll do it.

My thanks also to pharmacist Meyer M. Trelnkman who wrote it.

"Recently I was listening to the inflammatory Arabian speeches at the United Nations urging and admonishing the Arab world to boycott everything that originated with the Jewish people. It occurred to me, as an old-time pharmacist, to assist them in their boycott endeavor befitting true and devout Moslems.

#### Here is How

Any Arab who has syphilis must not be cured by salvarsan, discovered by a Jew, Dr. Ehrlich. He should not even try to find out whether he has syphilis, because

the Wasserman test is the discovery of a Jew. If an Arab suspects he has gonorrhea, he must not seek diagnosis because he will be using the method of a Jew named Neisser.

"An Arab who has heart disease must not use digitalis, a discovery by a Jew, Ludwig Traube. Should he suffer with a toothache, he must not use cocaine, a discovery of the Jews, Widal and Well.

"If an Arab has diabetes, he must not use insulin, the result of research by Minkowsky, a Jew. If an Arab has a headache, he must shun pyramidon and antipyrin, because of the Jews, Spiro and Ellege.

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"Arabs with convulsions must put up with them because it was a Jew, Oscar Lebreich, who proposed the use of chloral hydrate. Arabs must do likewise with their psychiatric ailments because Freud, father of psychoanalysis, was a Jew.

"Should an Arab child get diptheria, he must refrain from the 'schick' reaction, which was invented by the Jew, Bella Shick.

"Arabs should be ready to die in greater numbers and must not permit treatment by the method of Nobel Prize winner, Robert Baram, whose method of treating ear and brain damage has saved millions. They should continue to die or remain crippled by infantile paralysis because the discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine is a Jew, Jonas Salk.

"Arabs must refuse to use streptomycin and continue to die of tuberculosis because a Jew, Zalman Waxman, invented the wonder drug against this killing disease. Arab doctors must discard all discoveries and improvements by dermatologist, Judas Sehn Benedict, the lung specialist, Frawnkel, and by many other world-renowned Jewish scientists and medical experts.

"In short, a good and loyal Arab fittingly and properly is obligated to remain afflicted with syphilis, gonorrhea, heart disease, headaches, typhus, diabetes, mental disorders, polio, convulsions and tuberculosis and be proud to obey Islamic boycott."



#### "CORRECTION":

The above photo which appeared in the September/October issue of Shalom was incorrectly captioned. It should have read "Mr. & Mrs. Moses Kantorowitz are shown in the J.N.F. Memorial Grove, Israel where a grove of trees was planted by them in memory of Moses' parents, Isaac and Esther Kantorowitz who were victims of the Holocaust at Auschwitz.



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The following represent outlines for our programmes for the summer of 1982.

#### HIGH SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMMES

##### Kibbutz Encounter (Adventure in Kibbutz)

A special kibbutz/touring combination. Features 4 weeks working and living on kibbutz and 17 exciting days of travel. On kibbutz participants are 'adopted' by kibbutzniks in the same age range, which enables strong friendships to develop between the Canadian and Israeli groups. Extensive touring includes \*Jerusalem\* Tel Aviv\* a Field School experience\* Galil\* Eilat\* and more. \*Departure: June 28, 1982, \*Cost: \$1,875.00, Ages: 16-17 1/2.

##### Israel Summer Happening

An in-depth and varied touring programme. Features 32 days of comprehensive travel including tours of Eilat, Galil, Negev and Arava, Tel Aviv and the Central Region, Haifa, a Field School experience, and 5 challenging Gadna days. Also offers an optional weekend in the home of an Israeli family. Participants discover the diversity of Israel in a dynamic group atmosphere. \*Departure: July 27, 1982, \*Cost: \$2,175.00, Ages: 15-17 1/2.

##### Israel Dimension

A unique programme designed especially for youth aged 17 (Grade 11 graduates) combining 20 days on kibbutz with 20 days of extensive touring, including \*Jerusalem\* Field School \*Eilat\* Galil\* a Field School\* Eilat\* and more. \*Departure: June 30, 1982, \*Cost: \$1,950.00, Ages: 17-18.

##### Maccabi Sports Programme in Israel

A new programme enabling those with a strong interest in sports to develop their skills, compete with Israeli youth, tour and become acquainted with Israel. Participants concentrate on basketball, tennis or soccer while engaging in other sports at the Kfar Maccabiah Sports Centre. Plus 22 days of extensive touring, including \*Jerusalem\* Galil\* a Field School\* Eilat\* and more. \*Departure: July 5, 1982, \*Cost: \$2,075.00, Ages: 15-17 1/2.

#### COLLEGE AGE PROGRAMMES

##### Student Summer Tour

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# Anti-Semitism . . .

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following is an overview of countries surveyed along with background information prepared by the Anti-Defamation League.

West European Jews are the targets of international terrorism, according to a report which examined the situation in Austria, Belgium, England, France, Italy and West Germany.

The report revealed that Jews and Jewish institutions "face very real threats—including threats to their physical safety—because of bombings, assassinations, attempted assassinations, assaults and vandalism."

The perpetrators of these acts are well-organized international networks of terrorists and extremists, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, other Arab terrorists, neo-Nazis and far left extremists. Terrorist factions on the right and the left cooperate with each other in attacks on Jews, Israelis and Zionist groups. P.L.O. terrorists train West European right wing paramilitary groups, and Libya funds ultra-leftists, who provide support for P.L.O. and other Arab terrorists in Europe.

Not only are Jewish lives threatened, but Jews are victims of many other types of anti-Semitic acts carried out by neo-Nazi and other right wing extremists and paramilitary groups. These include harassment and intimidation through militant rallies and marches designed to provoke violence and attract headlines, acts of vandalism such as cemetery desecrations, intimidating letters and threatening phone calls, and the widespread distribution of "vicious" anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda materials through newspapers and handbills.

The threat may grow even greater in the future with unemployment and economic uncertainty contributing to the impact of anti-Semitic acts and propaganda.

**AUSTRIA:** Vienna was the scene last August of the most serious anti-Jewish outrage in Western Europe thus far this year: the bombing of a synagogue in Vienna in which two persons died. Although Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky absolved the P.L.O. of responsibility, there is substantial evidence that the three arrested suspects were, in fact, P.L.O. terrorists. The principal threat to the Jewish community in Austria is posed by the P.L.O., which has attained diplomatic recognition from the Austrian government. In the past, P.L.O. terrorists were able to attack Soviet Jews in Austria en route to Israel and elsewhere. From

the right, the chief organized activity is represented by the Kameradschaft IV, a neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic group of World War II veterans of SS units. The group glorifies the "heroism" of the former German army and works for the release of Nazi war criminals. Kameradschaft maintains close links with other right wing organizations in Austria, as well as in Germany.

**BELGIUM:** Jews in Belgium have been the victims of terrorism and intimidation perpetrated by neo-Nazis and Arab groups. A 15-year-old Jewish boy was killed last year in Antwerp when a hand grenade was tossed at a bus carrying Jewish youths. The assailant carried a Moroccan passport. In another incident, members of a Zionist youth group were set upon by Arabs in Brussels. Also last year in Brussels, a Jewish school received threatening phone calls and letters, and a young Jew was severely beaten while distributing handbills protesting the revival of anti-Semitism. From the extreme right came a public threat to the Jewish community, issued by the leaders of the paramilitary, neo-Nazi organization Flemish Vlaamse Militanten Orde (VNO), which is the largest of Belgium's right wing, nationalistic groups.

**FRANCE:** The organized neo-Nazi movement in France consists in its entirety of an organization known as the Federation d'Action Nationale of Europe (FANE). Declared illegal in 1980, FANE changed its name to FAN. It has distributed blatantly anti-Semitic propaganda, including the fraudulent "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and such books as "Auschwitz Deception" and "Crime of the Jewish Ritual." FANE was investigated in connection with the Rue Copernic synagogue bombing a year ago, although no conclusive evidence has emerged as to the main perpetrators. In addition to Rue Copernic, there have been other acts of terrorist violence and intimidation directed against Jews and Jewish property. The French Jewish community is also disturbed about nationalistic, "new right" elements which include intellectuals with strong anti-Semitic leanings. French Jewry faces other threats from the presence of P.L.O. operatives in Paris and other French cities.

**GREAT BRITAIN:** The largest number of young, active neo-Nazis and right wing extremists is found in Great Britain. Their chief targets are minority groups, particularly "colored" immigrants and the Jewish community. The largest of the extremist groups is the National Front, which has been rebuffed at recent elec-

tions and has sought to establish a "respectable" image. But because of its diminishing impact, the NF recently has become increasingly militant. British neo-Nazis have close links with similar groups on the continent of Europe. In addition to attempts to foment violence, they disseminate propaganda directed not only against recent immigrants and Jews, but against Israel and the "Zionist" menace. Their extremist ideology dovetails with that of ultra-leftists—communists, Trotskyists and left wing socialists. One of the most prominent in the latter category is the Trotskyist Workers Revolutionary Party, one of whose leaders is actress Vanessa Redgrave. The WRP is reportedly funded by Libya.

**ITALY:** The vulnerability of Jews in Italy demonstrated early last month when terrorists bombed two Jewish targets, injuring six persons. In one, a powerful explosive device was detonated in a busy square west of Rome where thousands of Soviet Jews live, awaiting visas to other nations. In the other, a bomb exploded at an office of Israel's El Al airline. It is not clear whether the perpetrators were P.L.O., Arab, ultra-leftist or neo-Nazi terrorists. These attacks took place in a climate of hostility to Jews, Israel and Zionism expounded by right wing elements such as the Terza Posizione (Third Position), an Italian extremist organization that tries to subvert the economic and social order in Italy. The group scapegoats Jews and Zionists as those responsible for Europe's problems and cooperates with extremist organizations throughout the world, including the P.L.O.

**WEST GERMANY:** Although the scale of anti-Jewish incidents has dropped off sharply since the peak period of anti-Semitism in West Germany around 1960, hundreds of incidents are still recorded annually. Most of them involve anti-Semitic acts, including vandalism of Jewish gravesites and bombings, as well as distribution of anti-Semitic propaganda materials. The National Democratic Party (NDP), while no longer significant politically, still has an estimated 10,000 members, mainly older Germans. Its younger adherents have fragmented into conspiratorial, militant organizations, such as the now-banned Wehrsport Gruppe Hoffman, led by Karl-Heinz Hoffman, who is in prison for terrorist activities and who also faces charges arising out of the May 1981 murder of Shlomo Levin, a West German Jewish businessman. The Hoffman group has received military training from the P.L.O. in Lebanon. Neo-Nazis

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# Soviet Jewry in Crisis



by **Gerry Mendleson**  
Interim Chairman  
Soviet Jewry Committee  
of Atlantic Canada

Jews in the Soviet Union are being placed in a state of crisis by the direct and intentional actions of the Government of the Soviet Union. Jews in the Soviet Union are no longer being allowed to leave that Country. In addition, the Soviets are stepping up their campaign of harassment against those Jews who have applied for Exit Visas.

The situation has become so serious that a NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONFERENCE ON THE CRITICAL STATUS OF SOVIET JEWRY was held in Ottawa on December 9th. The Conference was organized by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry whose participating groups include: the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and B'nai Brith Canada. Representing the Atlantic Jewish Council at the Conference; was **Shirlee Fox** (Executive Director of Atlantic Jewish Council) and myself. The organizers of this emergency conference were extremely pleased at the turn out of Jews from all across Canada showing their support for the cause of Soviet Jewry. The number of delegates attending the Conference far exceeded all expectations with over 500 persons jamming the meeting halls of the Skyline Hotel. This standing-room-only crowd listened intently as speaker after speaker told of this new crisis developing in the Soviet Union.

Our group was told that in the past couple of years the Soviets have responded to pressure from the West in permitting Exit Visas for those Jewish citizens wishing to leave the Soviet Union. In 1979, Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union reached an all-time high of over 50,000 persons. However, the following year this figure was cut

drastically to only 21,000 persons in 1980. Again in 1981, the Soviets cut this figure in half as only 9,000 Jews were permitted to leave the Soviet Union. In total there are over 3-million Jews in the Soviet Union; many of whom have applied to leave but are not permitted to do so . . . many of whom would like to apply for Exit Visas, but who are afraid to do so for fear of reprisal from the Soviet Authorities.

For those who have applied for Exit Visas (known as "refuseniks"), they have faced an increased campaign of harassment in the last several months by the Soviet Authorities. Refuseniks who have applied for Exit Visas are usually fired from their jobs immediately. They are then constantly being followed by members of the KGB (The Soviet Secret Police). It is not unusual for the KGB to come to a Refuseniks' apartment in the middle of the night demanding to search the apartment. Many Jews who have expressed their desire to emigrate to Israel have been accused by the Soviets of engaging in "anti-Soviet activities". These persons are often sent to labour camps and exist under the cruelest conditions. The Soviets, of course, attempt to break the spirit of the Refuseniks by having one Refusenik testify against another. If the Refusenik testifies, he or she is promised an Exit Visa. . . . If the Refusenik will not testify, he or she is threatened with imminent imprisonment and a quick death.

It must be remembered that the situation just described in the paragraph above is a *new* situation. Not since the days of Stalin has such an active and forceful anti-Semitic campaign been undertaken by the Soviets. Information coming out of the Soviet Union indicates that the Jews there are living in day-to-day fear. This is a complete change from the situation of only several months ago. Articles appearing in Soviet papers say it is time to put an end to Zionist activity in Russia. Other anti-Semitic propaganda is aimed directly against *Jews* rather than against agents of Israel or Zionists. A great fear amongst experts close to the situation is that the anti-Semitic campaign against Soviet Jews is all too reminiscent of the propaganda in Europe in the 1930's.

## MOSCOW—CENTRE OF WORLD ANTI-SEMITISM

There can be no question that the Soviets are increasing harassment and intimidation against Jews. It is more than a coincidence that Jews living in Poland are presently at the brunt end of a vicious anti-Semitic propaganda campaign. It is well known in the West that the Soviet Union is manipulating affairs in Poland during the present upheaval taking place



*CJC Executive Vice-President Alan Rose addresses parliamentary luncheon.*

in that country. The majority of Jews remaining in Poland include only a handful of elderly people who have absolutely little or no influence on the affairs in the country. Yet Jews in Poland are being accused of attempting to destroy the Polish economy and make Poland dependent on Western aid. Jews have been accused of buying-up everything from the Polish markets, hoarding goods and food, and collaborating with International Zionism. As a result of that anti-Semitic propaganda, the Jewish population in Poland is also being harassed and intimidated; and, being turned away from food lines. One cannot help but see the parallel with respect to the increased harassment of Jews in the Soviet Union and the Jews in Poland considering Moscow's influence in strife-torn Poland.

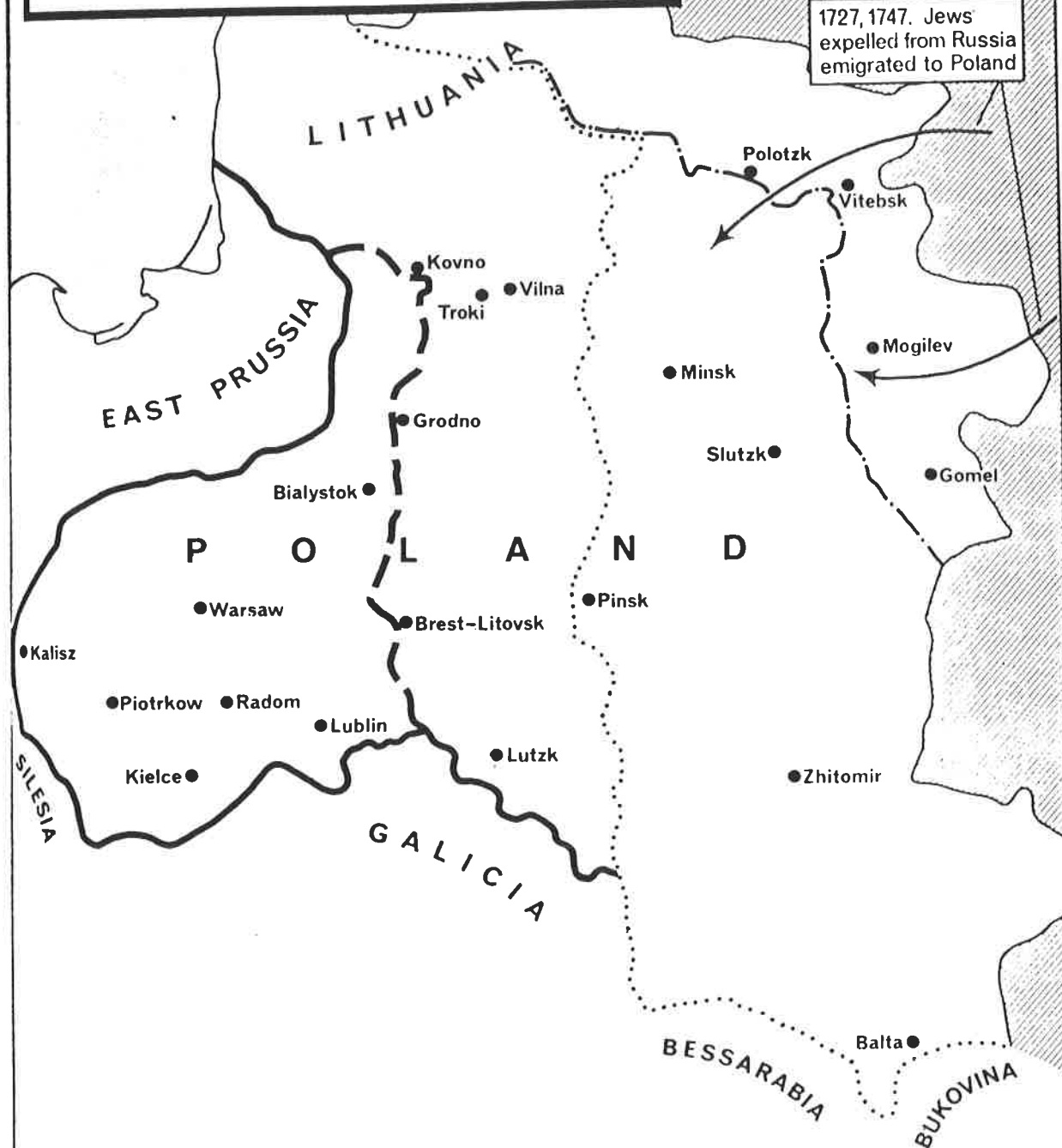
What can we do? At the Emergency Conference we were told that the worst thing we could do was to remain silent. If we do not speak out and protest, this outright violation against human rights will continue. In the past number of years, when Jews were being let out of the Soviet Union the voices of protest became subdued. To the Russians this silence signalled an apathy on the part of the Jewish people for the cause of Soviet Jewry. It is for this reason the Soviets feel that they can harass and intimidate the Jew and get away with it. We must not let this happen. Jews living in Russia feel that Western support is most important. The Voice of the West bolsters their spirits and aids them in their struggle. Each and every one of us can indeed help.

As a result of the Emergency Meeting held in Ottawa, action committees are being formed right across Canada which hopefully will draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews. Such a group is being formed right here in the Atlantic Provinces whose membership hopefully will include representatives of all Jewish groups and organizations throughout the Region. When such a group has been formed, and undertakes activities in your community I urge you to get involved and support that group to the fullest. Your support will indeed go a long way in the struggle for human rights.

# THE JEWS AND THE WESTWARD EXPANSION OF RUSSIA 1772-1815

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1727, 1747. Jews expelled from Russia emigrated to Poland



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- Towns with large Jewish communities
- Western frontier of Russia in 1772 following first partition of Poland
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- Western frontier of Russia in 1815 following the defeat of Napoleon

# Upcoming Events

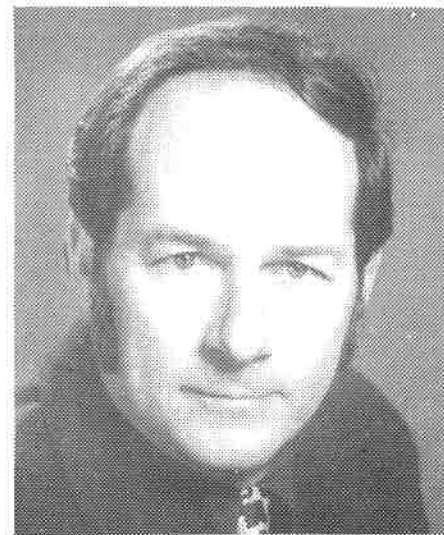


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*February 15, 1982—Saint John, N.B.  
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February 17, 1982—Moncton, N.B.  
February 18, 1982—Halifax, N.S.*



*Shoshana Ron—Israeli International Singer  
April 26, 1982—Cape Breton  
April 27, 1982—Moncton, N.B.*



*Gavy Strasman—Chief News editor of "Ma'ariv", Israel.  
February 25, 1982—St. John's, Newfoundland*

## Fran Avni In Concert



*Fran Avni is shown on stage during the Chanukah celebrations held in Halifax December '81.*



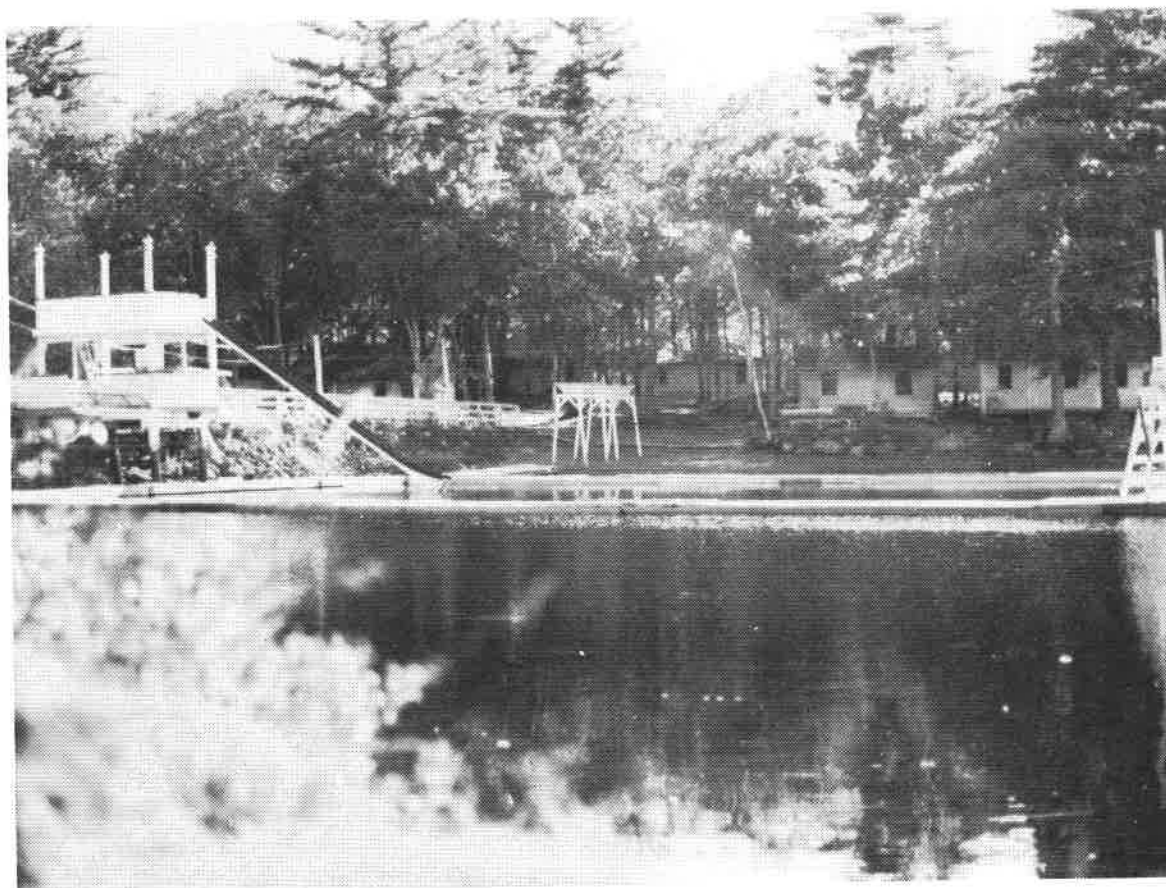
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*Lenore Schelew, Shirlee Fox and Evelyn Luner getting into the "Act" during the concert.*

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## Happenings and Events

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**Yitshak Ben-Sira**, Aliyah Department, Canadian Zionist Federation, spent a full day interviewing those interested in Aliyah. For those persons, who were unable to meet with **Yitshak Ben-Sira**, information may be obtained by telephoning the Halifax office (902) 422-7491.



**Alan Rose**, Executive Vice-President of Canadian Jewish Congress recently addressed the community of Moncton, New Brunswick. While there he met with members of the media, was key note speaker at a Rotary Club Luncheon and appeared on radio and T.V.

### Yiddish Classes



**Dr. Ray Epstein** and **Lloyd Newman** are shown participating in the conversational Yiddish classes conducted through the auspices of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region.



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**Michael Blumenthal** watching the pennies pile up at the spin of the dreidl. **Adam Stern** and **Mark Earhard** are intently making ice cream while **Sammy Fried** supervises the operation!

# Canadians Join Students, Young Adults at Network Convention in California

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Delegates from the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation included *Ken Gordon, President; Ian Zatzman; Anne David and Perla Arditti.*

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by Wendy Senor

Los Angeles—Over 400 Jewish students and young adults, including 100 Canadians, attended the North American Jewish Students' Network biennial convention here from Dec. 23 to 27.

Government officials, experts on Jewish life, and media personalities joined the participants in sessions and workshops on such topics as Zionism and aliya, threatened Jewish communities, and counteracting Arab propaganda.

New leaders were elected and resolutions on fostering Jewish identity, combating intermarriage, activating previously unaffiliated Jewish students groups, such as the Sephardim, and continuing national programming for oppressed Jewry, were adopted.

In line with a resolution from a previous convention, there was a signer for the hearing impaired and other facilities for the handicapped.

Moshe Ronen, who was re-elected Canadian chairman, said fighting Arab propaganda will be one of the top priorities of the organization.

At the opening session, Irwin Cotler, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, spotlighted some of the key problems in Judaism—assimilation, discrimination, and demands of all threatened Jewry and the security of Israel.

Stating that Jewish students spend too much time talking to each other, Cotler called on each student to make 10 Gentiles aware of the Jewish cause during the next year.

Cotler said that "acceptance of and surrender to the present condition is not only denial of the past, but betrayal of the future."

Many often say that had there been no Holocaust, there would be no State of Israel, but Cotler argued that had there been a State of Israel earlier, there would not have been a Holocaust.

William Cox, who won a court case last year against a member of a neo-Nazi Party, who had claimed the Holocaust never took place, spoke about Holocaust Revisionism and Nazism.

Cox, a non-Jewish lawyer, said that because mankind is inherently evil, the next Holocaust will be "indescribably gruesome . . . There are bad times now," he said, "and it is easy to rely on

scapegoating and easy to forget our history lessons."

The topic of threatened Jewish communities was discussed. Nachum Ben Yoseph, who escaped recently from Ethiopia, spoke about the plight of Ethiopian Jews and the torture they face. "People are dying in a second Holocaust," he said, "and American Jews must be educated about this."

At the opening session, Dror Zeigerman, a member of Knesset, was questioned about Israel's actions on behalf of the Ethiopian Jews. Zeigerman, a Liberal member of the Likud, assured the audience that Israel was helping in many ways, but he was unable to mention details, because all actions are being taken in confidence.

The issue of Israel's involvement in saving Ethiopian Jews was a contentious issue throughout the convention.

The conference also heard from Josif Mendelevich, the former Soviet dissident, who was allowed to move to Israel last February, after 11 years in prison. Mendelevich spoke of his fight for aliya.

And the participants dug deep into their pockets for the Jewish community in Syria. They raised \$2,000 for Syrian Jews, and the money will go to the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab countries.

Elana Novak, chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Task Force, talked about the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of 100,000 Jews during the Holocaust. Wallenberg is believed to be in prison in the USSR.

Novak expressed the necessity of spreading the knowledge of his deeds and of creating worldwide public pressure for his release from the Soviet Union. During the convention, it was resolved that Jan. 18, the 37th anniversary of his captivity, would be Wallenberg Day on campuses and in cities throughout North America.

David Lehrer, from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, spoke about Arab methods of propaganda and a representative from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee led a workshop on political organizing and building of coalitions on campus in response to Israel detractors.

Speaking in a workshop on the disabled, Martin Krossel of Toronto emphasized the importance of recognizing the potential the Jewish handicapped can reach.

And at another session, Rabbi M. Robins spoke about the danger of cult activity on campus and the necessity for organization of task forces for protection from cults.

Taking advantage of their proximity to the stars, the conference participants had the opportunity to listen to actor Elliot Gould speak about Jews in the performing arts.

Several Chabad rabbis and their families came to the convention to spend Shabbat and lead workshops in areas such as Jewish symbolism, women's role in Judaism, and mysticism.

Significant dates for upcoming events in Network include Feb. 24, when marches will be planned in Ottawa and Washington for Soviet Solidarity Day; March 10, for Israel Solidarity Day; and the week of March 22 for National Oppressed Jewry Week.

David Makovsky from New York was elected president of Network for North America; Danny Eisen from Toronto was elected Central Canada representative; Kenny Gordon from Halifax was elected as Eastern Canada representative; and Robbie Philipp from Vancouver was elected as Western Canada representative.

## JEWISH SINGLES IN THE ATLANTIC REGION

The Atlantic Jewish Council at its last annual meeting, adopted a resolution that there be a committee established for single activities, soliciting representation from the various constituent communities. This committee shall co-ordinate social events for Jewish singles in Atlantic Canada. Seed money would be available to get this project underway.

The Atlantic Jewish Council wishes to hear from anyone who would like to serve on this committee. Initially, dependent upon the response, a meeting will be called with those people who have expressed a desire to serve to plan social events and other programs.

To help this committee in its plans, the Atlantic Jewish Council would also like to know how many people would be interested in participating in these social events, how often, the different age groups to be served and any other suggestions that would be helpful.

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# The Jewish National Fund— 80 Years Young

by Roberta Rebold  
World Zionist Press Service

After planting 150 million trees, draining many swamps and building innumerable roads and settlements, you might think an 80-year old would want a rest. Not the Jewish National Fund (or Keren Kayemeth leYisrael), which this year is diving headfirst into its eighth decade.

Although its activities are diverse, the Keren Kayemeth's philosophy remains unchanged since it was laid down in December 1901 by the Fifth Zionist Congress with the enthusiastic backing of Herzl, in Basle, Switzerland. It resolved that 'the JNF shall be the eternal possession of the Jewish people. Its funds shall not be used except for the purchase of lands in Palestine and Syria'. The Jewish National Fund's founders set their chief task as acquisition of land for Zionist settlement in Palestine. Guided by the principle of national land originating from the Bible, the Congress established two unique premises for the Fund: All land purchased would forever be the property of every Jew and this land could never be sold. The Hebrew 'Keren Kayemeth' comes from a Talmudic dictum on good deeds: 'The fruits of which a man enjoys in this world while the capital abides (Keren Kayemeth) for him in the world to come'. (Pe'ah 1:1).

## Anniversary

Eighty years later, this intention has not been betrayed. As the Fund's Central Region Director Mordechai Ruach puts it, "What I do here is not just a job. We are working for Eretz Israel and the people of Israel throughout the world." For Ruach, this year marks another important anniversary—his 30th year with the Fund. An immigrant from Egypt in 1949, Ruach began his career with the JNF by chance. Like thousands of other Olim who arrived jobless in Israel, he found his first employment with the Keren Kayemeth. Starting as a laborer in 1951, Ruach rose through the ranks. Today he manages the Fund's most populous region, which stretches from Netanya in the north to Kiryat Gat in the south, is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River and spans over 200,000 dunams of forest.

Despite a 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily schedule, which leaves Ruach with "little strength to read a newspaper at night", the forester is impassioned with his work. Gazing out his office window which overlooks eastern Jerusalem's 'Peace Forest', Ruach searches for words

to describe his love for the trees and for their ability to transform the landscape. "It's really simple", says Ruach. "This is work of creation. During the time the Bible was written, there were plenty of trees. Wars, fires, hungry goats and greedy men destroyed the trees," says Ruach. "Now we must give back to Eretz Israel which we lost. We must dress her in green."

## Dress Her in Green

If the Keren Kayemeth's plans are carried out, Jerusalem, if not all of Israel, will be attired in lush green tones. Currently, the capital city's western and southern areas are forested. Under a JNF program, expected to take five to seven years, east and north Jerusalem will be planted as well. This past year alone Jerusalem's hills received 200,000 new trees.

The 'greening' of Israel has been largely financed through the generosity of world Jewry. Traditionally, the Keren Kayemeth received donations in the 'Blue Box', which since 1904 was placed in synagogues and Jewish schools and cemeteries. "The idea of the Blue Box unified Jews", says Zev Spektor, director of publicity for the JNF. "Any small change, any penny or kopek given could make a Jew feel like a partner", says Spektor, adding that proceeds from the Warsaw ghetto and later from such places as Iceland, Japan and the Philippines were received in Jerusalem.

## Symbol

Today the Blue Box is mainly symbolic. Used as an educational tool, the box appears in Jewish schools with audio-visual aids, posters, booklets and maps to explain the JNF's activities. Thus, children have the opportunity to give pennies and feel part of a movement which is turning uninhabitable desert into forests, parks and settlements.

Newer, yet still popular-based donation programs have joined the Blue Box. People may contribute money in the name of a dead loved one, whose name is written in the 'Golden Book', which is to be found in the JNF's central office in Jerusalem. In addition, small plaques appear throughout Israel's forests. These memorials bear the names of Holocaust victims or relatives of Jews worldwide and are erected by the Keren Kayemeth to honor donors or public figures. Of course, funds given towards tree planting are still the Fund's main source of support. These contributions have become especially popular as bar-mitzvah gifts.

"The trees grow with a boy. It's a lovely thing," says Spektor. "He can come see them one day or even plant them with his own hands."

Plain donations also promote the JNF's growth. "People get a feeling of identification because they've done something for Israel," says Spektor, who explained that all money given to the Keren Kayemeth goes directly to developing the country. "We are not exaggerating our expenses, not paying for luxuries or cocktail parties," he says. "We are building and planting Israel."

## Only a Beginning

The Keren Kayemeth is currently concentrating on development of three major areas, the Negev, the Arava and the Galilee. By moving sands, bringing in soil, building roads and restructuring the land, the JNF is making the Negev and Arava desert regions fit for habitation and agriculture. Jewish settlement is the Keren Kayemeth's main goal for the Galilee, where this year 31 new "mitzpim" or outposts were established. Access roads, also built by the JNF, connect these settlements to each other and to the region's cities. The Keren Kayemeth also continues to plant trees, establish parks, reclaim neglected lands and drain swamps throughout Israel. Work is going on too in Judea and Samaria.

Coinsidering the breadth of the JNF's future plans, this year's 80th birthday simply marks a beginning. Says Mordechai Ruach, "When a young man meets an 80 year old man, he sees an old person. But in the Keren Kayemeth, I see a strapping youngster just starting to grow and work".

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"Well, OK," concedes Ruach. "We've done much for Israel in 80 years. But most of our work lies ahead."



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# Opinion. . .



by Samuel Jacobson

## Background to the Golan Heights Crisis

The recent decision of the Israeli Government to legally permanently annex the Golan Heights has created a crisis in America-Israel relations, and a great deal of confusion, both in Israel, among her friends, and violent opposition of her enemies around the world. It is just as well at this time to examine the background to this decision.

Naturally, the enemies of Israel in the Arab world as well as their friends, such as the Communist World, denounced the move in the most vociferous manner possible. That of course was to be expected.

However, for the first time, the only real friend that Israel had in the United Nations and most important of all, in the security Council, (which is almost comparable to the executive branch or the cabinet) supported a resolution which not only denounced Israel but required her to withdraw the decision by January 5th.

This is an historic event that should not be minimized unless some change in the relationship between America and Israel moderates for the better in the near future.

That there is some indication that America continues to be very interested in the military muscle of Israel can be seen by a statement made within a few days of the U.N. resolution and the American decision to suspend temporarily the military cooperation agreement. The Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, outlined America's position by stating very clearly that America is interested in the security of Israel not only because of former friendly relations but because of very practical strategic military interests. In other words, a strong Israel is an asset to America.

No wonder! The Pentagon has estimated that Israel could muster up to 700,000 armed, trained troops if necessary. America would have to place an equal number of her own soldiers in

the area to protect her interests! Actually the agreement of cooperation signed specifically stated that its purpose was to help Israel in case of aggression by Russia or any power supported by Russia. It did not mention the fact that the nations that had attacked Israel in every war with the possible exception of 1948, were armed and probably encouraged to attack by Moscow. If the agreement specifically mentioned aggression by Soviet or Soviet armed troops, did it therefore mean that if the attack came from other sources, perhaps by Jordan or Syria, or Saudi Arabia, that the agreement of military cooperation did not apply? The answer to that I would leave to political experts in the field.

To examine some of the events leading up to the Israeli decision, it might be just as well to review what has gone on before.

Item 1. Syria is probably the most dedicated nation of all, the most extreme of all the rejectionist states facing Israel in her determination to utterly destroy the country.

Item 2. In the 1973 war, Syria killed by shooting in the back of the head, every Israeli soldier who had surrendered and who should have been held as a prisoner of war. Israel did not retaliate in the same manner as she would have been justified under international law.

Item 3. One Syrian soldier influenced by the violent Anti-Israel propaganda, chopped an Israeli soldier to pieces with an axe. He was rewarded by being given a hero's medal!

Item 4. Kadaffi, who is labelled as the greatest danger to the democratic world by America, has signed an agreement to form a common front or a united government, with Syria. Therefore is not Syria also as great a danger to America as the Libyan fanatical supporter of terrorists globally?

Item 5. The world should be reminded that for 25 years, Syrian artillery situated on the Golan Heights overlooking the Jordan Valley, has been shelling the farms and villages and colonies incessantly. The defenceless men, women and children were very often compelled to sleep in underground bunkers not knowing when the shelling would start.

Item 6. Those who control the Golan Heights control the source of the Jordan River. If that source is diverted, all of Israel would become a desert.

Item 7. Judging by Syria's actions in the past and her pledges and promises and oaths about the future, not one Jew would be left alive, nor would one square foot of land be returned if Syria had been victorious in any of her four wars of aggression. If any doubt this statement, I challenge any investigating reporters to interview the head of that country. So why should Israel put a rope around its own neck?

Item 8. In spite of the powerful press constantly presenting the pro-Arab point of view, it is finally being revealed that both former President Ford and Nixon advised Israel **not** to give up her control of the Golan!

In all the four wars the Arabs were guilty of aggression. In none did the "Impartial Referee", the United Nations, take any action: That is, not until the invaders began to lose! While Israel was losing, no one moved!

When any other nation loses a war, and especially when guilty of aggression, it is punished. Germany in the first World War lost all her colonies, surrendered areas west of the Rhine and paid dearly in reparation. In the second World War it lost vast areas to Poland, restored Austria to separate sovereignty and lost other areas.

In all wars of aggression the United Nations, with full support of the great (greedy) world powers, has pressured and almost always succeeded in compelling Israel to return areas conquered at the price of many lives. No wonder the enemy continues to wage war! They have nothing to lose! Heads I win tails **you** lose!

### One Law for Israel, another for her enemies?

It therefore appears that both America and Israel acted very hastily. America acted hastily in joining both America's and Israel's enemies in supporting the resolution not only of denunciation but demanding the withdrawal of the Knesset Resolution by January 5th. Israel acted hastily in the first place by passing a law, legally making the Golan part of her territory. It had already been under Israel control since 1967. So why create a situation favorable to her enemies? Following that, Mr. Begin's reaction, while understandable under the circumstances, (and possibly to build up the morale of Israel) might have been couched in more diplomatic language.

However, in view of America's public denunciation after the Israeli attack on the headquarters of the PLO, which compelled Arafat to beg for a ceasefire (in spite of the fact that the PLO purposely hid inside a concentration of civilian population) and also the denunciation by America, of the bombing of the atomic bomb factory in Iraq, which that country openly claimed was for the purpose of destroying Israel, no one can blame Begin for his reaction.

Now that we have reviewed one aspect of this situation, let us look at it from another point of view. Is there anything that can be done in order to remedy this situation, in order to improve the relations between America and Israel? In order to improve Israeli relations with the world at large?

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are a number of things that can be done.

Why didn't Israel explain its needs to control the Golan either before or when the decision was made? That is a crime of omission I will never understand or forgive! It might have made the resolution of the Security Council less harsh. It might have resulted in America, Canada, and perhaps others to at least abstain and use their influence in defence of Israel.

Public opinion is as powerful a factor today as military might. Germany probably lost the first world war because Britain outwitted her in that field. Antisemitic propaganda by the Nazis made it possible for the world to accept (if not conceal) the most dastardly annihilation of 90% of European Jewry. And now for the third time in this century Arab propaganda, financed by Petro dollars, helped by Moscow and encouraged by the multinational oil companies, are convincing the world that Israel should be destroyed.

And yet Israel almost completely ignores this most important tool in world affairs!

First of all, it should be realized that the *real* reason America is so sensitive about anything happening in the Middle East, is because of her actual weakness, of her dependence upon Persian Gulf oil. The reason for her dependence on foreign oil, which denies this most powerful nation in the world from realistic freedom of action, is her wasteful use of energy.

Denise Hayes of the prestigious World-watch Institute of Washington points out in paper No. 4 how very efficient Western Europe and Japan are in the use of energy. Their homes, factories and commercial buildings, are much better insulated. They use much less energy in industry, in the production of steel, aluminum and forest products. Their cars and trains use a fraction of what is used in America. Canada is even a worse offender.

If America and Canada reduced their energy use to the level of Switzerland, which is much more industrialized, and has a much higher per capita G.N.P., it would not only be energy independent, it could possibly supply together with Norway, Britain, Mexico and other non-

O.P.E.C. countries, all the industrial world's needs.

The leading democracies must free themselves from enslavement by O.P.E.C. or suffer the consequences. Recycling their own ransom money will not do. America (and Canada) use at least twice as much energy per capita as the countries of Western Europe and Japan, who are even more heavily industrialized than North America. In other words, we are a nation of "oilcoholics". Israel should lead the world in finding ways and means of conserving energy, which it has *not* done. Israel should be at the forefront of discovering alternate sources of energy.

It was a Jew, Dr. Weizman, whose discovery of a new source of gunpowder, helped Britain in her time of need. Jews have been great inventors in the past. Perhaps if there was a concentration of more effort of Jewish scientists in Israel and around the world a more practical method of converting coal to petroleum, might be discovered. Brazil and Australia have been using alcohol more or less successfully in their automobiles. Perhaps a practical method could be found to utilize the combustion of hydrogen (the most common element in the universe) with oxygen. This produces the least polluting product imaginable, pure water! Perhaps an efficient method for harnessing the tides, the waves, the wind, solar energy, geothermal energy or biomass energy—or how about a motor that runs on hydrogen separated from a tankful of water or a car that will give 200 miles to the gallon? Who knows what would be the result if Jewish genius concentrates on the problem?

The world's power greedy O.P.E.C. has an achilles heel. It is vulnerable in at least one front. It is first energy conservation, then oil exploration, and finally alternate sources of energy.

Jews of America should be at the forefront in energy conservation, or even campaigning for rationing that would make America energy independent.

There is already a considerable trend towards energy conservation. However, there is need for an intensification of educating the public at large in this direction.

If America and the Free World became less dependent upon Persian Gulf oil, if it could free itself from the blackmail monopoly of OPEC, the support of Israel would increase immeasurably, not only from the Western World, but even from the developing countries who are suffering very seriously from the high cost of energy.

This is only one half of what might be done. Now how about Israel? What can Israel do? As stated before, Israel should set an example and become the greatest conservator of energy in the world. When the 1975 energy crisis shocked the world at large and especially the Industrial World, Holland set the example which Israel could follow even today. They set aside one driverless day a week. In addition, tens of thousands of bicycles appeared on the streets and highways. In spite of the fact that the energy crisis endangered Israel more than any other country, neither of these methods were used. Israel continued to wastefully use petroleum as though they had the oil of Saudi Arabia. Only now is Israel converting its power plants to coal.

Probably Israel's economic weakness is the greatest of all dangers to her future. In real terms no nation in the world is completely independent today. Even the most powerful nations require the cooperation of others either in exchange of raw materials or of technology and industrial products. These conditions exist even for America, Russia, and even China. The only countries that might consider themselves completely independent are the very primitive societies living on a subsistence standard, who are completely isolated economically from the rest of the world. Certainly Israel does not belong in that category. However, there are different grades of "independence". A country that is continually dependent upon both gift dollars from abroad as well as tremendous foreign government support, is certainly far less independent than a country with a strong economy.

Why does Israel, which so admires the private enterprise economy of America, Germany, Canada and others, still hang on to old outworn socialistic policies? Can

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it not see that it is only the capitalistic countries that are able and willing to help her? Can it not face the fact that not one socialist country, that not even Poland the country where over half of the six million were killed by Hitler, has given one penny of reparation to help those who survived? Do they not see that socialism is bankrupt? That the nations that practice socialism or communism are not even able to feed their populations. Does it not realize that many tens of millions of those under communism would have starved to death if not for the tremendous productivity of capitalistic farmers? How long will it take "clever" Jews to wake up to these facts?

The basis of all wealth is productivity. One cannot have more by producing less, regardless of government manipulations, of control of the printing presses, of interest rates, or any other schemes. The best way to increase productivity is to enable people to benefit from increased productivity, regardless of how that is done.

Socialism has been tried in Israel for close to thirty five years. In spite of its good intentions, the productivity in the country is a fraction of its potential. It is approximately a quarter of what it is in Switzerland. This, in spite of the fact that the country is also small and very poor in natural resources. Because of super protection of the workers and an anti-private enterprise environment, even Canada and to some extent, America, and gradually even Germany, are suffering from a decrease in productivity. Perhaps what is needed is providing an incentive, a motivation for each individual worker, and for business generally to become more productive and efficient and thus more profitable. Perhaps the Israeli government should pass a law making it desirable for every enterprise to install a cost reduction sharing plan for every worker on a voluntary basis, by giving such an enterprise a discount in income tax.

Perhaps even non-profit ventures such as the public sector, should enjoy the benefit of reduced inefficiency, by giving each government employee a share of the reduced costs of their department.

The result would be increased productivity, reduction of inflation and interest rates, increased exports, reduction of flight of capital, increased foreign investments, and a return to a healthy economy.

To summarize, the purpose of this essay is the following:

1. Israel must somehow become much stronger economically in the shortest possible time. When the non-socialist government came to power in 1977 it was rumoured that there were as many as eighty enterprises under government control that would be "denationalized" or privatized. It appears that this has not been done. So far as is known, this program was not even started. Many nations in recent years have turned their back on socialism and are going through a temporary period of adjustment in their aim to get back to a healthy economy. Should not Israel follow that pattern? I have mentioned the "cost sharing" or profit sharing method as being one way to divert employees from endeavouring to get more by producing less. To realize that their main concern should be the productivity of workers in other countries of the world whose products compete with them and their jobs, not only around the world but in Israel itself. Greater productivity would help Israel buy the arms to assure victory in the future and even the lives of their soldiers, wives and children.

Israel cannot be politically strong if she is economically weak. The one who pays the piper calls the tune!

2. Israel must learn from its past experience as the victim of worldwide propaganda campaigns, the importance of public relations as a powerful tool in international affairs. It would not be wrong if Israel were to divert at least 10% of its military budget towards public relations.

Towards creating a better understanding of its position to the rest of the world.

If Israel had spent the equivalent of what the oil wells she developed in the Sinai Peninsula produce in a week, telling the world that the area *never* belonged to Egypt, and that it had paid in lives for it in overcoming Egypt's aggressive wars, then perhaps the world would have considered Israel very generous if she had given Egypt one half of the area in return for peace. As it is, due to the complete neglect of Israel telling the truth, the world thinks that the Sinai Peninsula

3. The energy crisis. At present O.P.E.C. seems to be all powerful. The whole world needs petroleum. However, it is vulnerable from several points. One, if energy conservation could be developed extensively the amount of oil required would be so drastically reduced the tremendous surplus would result in the drastic reduction in price to more normal levels. Secondly, extensive exploration in the free world, under the ocean bed, and in other areas, would further increase the supply and blunt the blackmail monopoly power of the Persian Gulf.

Thirdly, Israeli scientists around the world should concentrate all their efforts in developing alternate sources of energy, so that the world will be freed from the monopoly of a depletable resource sooner. The supply of petroleum on this little planet will start to dwindle within the lifetime of the vast majority of those living today.

If Israel can contribute towards the slowing of the consumption of petroleum so that the world can develop alternate sources of energy, it will not only assure its own future survival, it will deserve the blessing of all mankind.

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## Video Kibbutz

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In Israel today there are about 250 kibbutzim, and nearly all kibbutz members now have television sets in their homes. In some kibbutzim these sets are connected by means of a cable to a central antenna. The Central Office of the Kibbutz Movement hereby recommends that, where such an antenna be lacking, these antennae be installed, in order to enable each kibbutz to introduce closed-circuit television programs in addition to and sometimes in place of regular TV broadcasts. This arrangement will enable members of the community to take an active part, through use of video equipment, in creating their own programs on the local or regional level.

The Kibbutz Movement has decided to establish a Central Studio, which will provide training and other services to the kibbutzim. This Central Studio will also produce films of more professional standard, including documentaries about problems concerning the whole Kibbutz community. The project is viewed as an experiment which, if successful, will doubtless influence other communities and neighborhoods in Israel.

The national Central Studio shall be established, whose purposes include:

- 1) Professional production of video programs.
- 2) Guidance, servicing and organizing courses for kibbutzim.
- 3) Cooperation with institutions, organizations, broadcasting stations, universities.
- 4) Distribution, sale and leasing of pre-recorded programs.

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# STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

## Record \$432,958,900 in Cash Produced for Israel's Economic Development By Israel Bond Organization in 1981

The Israel Bond Organization produced a total of \$432,958,900 in cash in 1981 for Israel's economic development, marking the seventh consecutive year in which its cash receipts have shown an increase over the previous year, it was announced by Sam Rothberg, General Chairman.

The \$432,958,900 in cash received in the year ending December 31, 1981 was the largest amount in the 30-year history of the Bond Organization with the exception of the year of the Yom Kippur War (1973), he said. Last year's receipts brought to more than \$5.5 billion the funds channeled by Israel Bonds into Israel's Development Budget since 1951. Of this total more than \$2.7 billion has been repaid by the State of Israel. In 1980 the Israel Bond Organization's sales amounted to \$421,961,000.

Mr. Rothberg pointed out that the record results of 1981 were achieved "despite the unusually high interest rates

and the unfavorable economic conditions which prevailed in the United States and other free world countries where Bonds are sold."

A new responsibility assumed by the Israel Bond Organization in 1981 was the inauguration of a special effort to provide the seed money for the construction of a Canal linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea for the purpose of producing hydroelectric power, which would help solve Israel's energy problems and reduce its dependence on imported oil.

"In addition to wide Jewish community support," Mr. Rothberg reported, "the 1981 sales reflected a continuing increase in participation by the general community including key elements in business and labour as a demonstration of confidence in Israel's economic future."

He expressed appreciation "to the many Jewish community leaders whose devoted efforts were chiefly responsible for the encouraging results of 1981."

Mr. Rothberg declared that in the current year Israel Bonds will play a vital role in helping finance the infrastructure

for an expanded program of growth in the Negev which will be Israel's only remaining large area for development after the evacuation of the Sinai is completed in April.

"Proceeds from Israel Bonds will be needed to establish new industries, expand existing urban centers and build new towns in the next four years. Creation of a network of transportation and communication will be required to link new areas of settlement and industrial growth with the rest of the country," Mr. Rothberg said.

Israel Bonds have been a major source of development capital for Israel for the past 30 years and have helped to build every aspect of the nation's economy. Bond proceeds help to finance industrial and agricultural projects, the construction of highways and harbors, the expansion of communications and transport, the building of new towns and the development of new sources of energy.

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## Canadian Jewish Congress

# The New Polish Crisis and Resurgence of Anti-Semitism

### The Helsinki Final Act Seriously Compromised

The Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) was signed in Helsinki on August 1, 1975. The subjects covered by it fall into three main groups, which became known at the Conference as "Baskets". Basket I is concerned with the principles guiding relations between states and military aspects of security; Basket II with cooperation in the fields of economics, science and technology, and the environment; and Basket III with cooperation in humanitarian and other fields.

While all the sections of the Final Act are of equal importance, that known as Basket III was by far the most controversial and the most difficult on which to reach agreement. Its inclusion in the Final Act was the result of a great deal of hard bargaining on the part of the West, and was intended by the latter to ram home the point that détente, if it is to be of full value, cannot simply be limited to an improvement in interstate relations but must bring improvements in the lives of individual citizens all over Europe and facilitate a freer flow of people, information and ideas. Many in the West see the Soviet Union's approach to Basket III as the acid test of the extent of its commitment to détente and as one of the key indicators for estimating the significance of the CSCE as a whole.

Continued repression in Poland, in the form of mass arrests, detentions, forcible transfers and denial of fundamental civil liberties, together with the resurgence of an anti-semitic campaign, may well have seriously compromised the spirit as well as the substance of the Helsinki Final Act.

### Official Polish Anti-Semitism

It is a matter of grave concern to CJC that in these times of crisis, radio and television controlled by the Polish government should present programs charging that Jews and Free Masons had misled the Polish people and that persons of Jewish origin had turned Solidarity into an anti-national body.

The first clear indication that the authorities in Poland would stir up anti-semitism in an effort to divert attention away from their own monumental failures came in March 1981. At the time, numerous leaflets and posters appeared in Warsaw that called upon Poles to raise

up against "Jewish chauvinists" attempting to "usurp power" through Solidarity. The leaflets, either unsigned or signed by a previously unknown organization calling itself Generation Always Faithful to Their Homeland, recalled the "victims" who suffered at the hands of the secret police during the Stalinist years of the early '50s and pointedly lay responsibility upon members of the politburo and security apparatus who were Jewish.

One such leaflet, plastered over a union poster, warned of "a Trotsky-Zionist chauvinist" plot to "intercept power over Poles". This campaign resulted in an openly anti-semitic rally in front of what used to be the public security ministry in Warsaw.

Solidarity's reaction to the campaign was prompt. The union issued a general appeal for people to "stand against this attempt at anti-semitic action". The union termed the campaign untrue, repulsive and reminiscent of Nazi and Czarist propaganda and stated that Solidarity stood "firmly for the principle of equal rights for all".

Such anti-semitism was strong enough that the presidium of the Central Board of the Social and Cultural Association of Jews in Poland issued a resolution attacking it. Numerous Polish intellectuals and organizations such as the Pen Club denounced anti-semitism following the March events. Months prior to this, indeed, many of them had publicly called on the Polish nation to examine "the painful question of anti-semitism" and to make amends to those Jews hounded from public life in 1968. The Gomulka regime had then scapegoated "Zionists" for a Polish crisis, driving some 9,000 from posts in the government, party and, indeed, from the country.

The anti-semitic campaign was greatly intensified with the imposition of martial law in Poland recently. A lengthy anti-semitic program was presented on Tuesday, December 15, on Warsaw radio and television. The broadcasts featured an hour-long interview with a "Professor" Kossecki, taped by Poles in Paris. The interview with the "professor" raised all kinds of obscene charges ranging from Jewish control of 80 percent of Polish industry (in a country where the means of production are socialized, the charge of private industrial control is a prepos-

terous one) to putting the Catholic church and liberal Communist leaders on the wrong road.

The Poles are being punished for the credulity in having trusted people who misled them, declared "Professor" Kossecki, identified on the Warsaw radio and television as a political scientist. He alleged that this was done through collaboration between former Communist Party Secretary Edward Gierek, now detained, and the organization KOR. KOR members, he insisted, were former Stalinists, often of Jewish origin, who "wanted the death of Poland".

Another Kossecki charge aired by Warsaw and taped in Paris was that the Jews and Free Masons were responsible for the Solidarity movement's extreme wing. He declared, too, that the Masons of Poland had for several years been in close contact with a Masonic Copernic Lodge in France. There is no such Masonic Lodge in France, according to the American Jewish Committee's European representative.

In weeks just prior to the imposition of martial law, the notoriously anti-semitic Grunwald Union in Poland was widely circulating two editions of its volume, "The Phantom Invasion," and some individual members of the armed forces were handing out anti-semitic leaflets. The covers of the Grunwald Union editions read: "Concerning the Participation of Chauvinist Jews in Polish Contemporary History—Who Are They, Where Do They Come From, What Do They Want, What Hurts The Poles."

### Profile of a Jewish Community—Poland

There are today but 6,000 Jews in all of Poland, which had the largest Jewish population in Europe before World War II and the Nazi Holocaust, three and a quarter millions. About 2,000 live in Warsaw, 1,000 in Wroclaw (Breslau), some 500 to 600 each in Cracow and Lodz, with handfuls in other cities around the country. Most Polish Jews are aged; the occasional bar-mitzvah or wedding is a rare event. There is no rabbi in Poland. For the High Holy Days, one comes in from another country, often Hungary.

Jewish communal life is organized around two organizations. One is the

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Communist-affiliated Social and Cultural Association. This issues the one Yiddish-language newspaper in Poland, *Folks-szytme*, and operates the Yiddish theatre and a number of cultural clubs. The other is the Mosaic Religious Association, which runs a dozen canteens throughout the country as well as carrying on religious activity. Contacts between the religious and secular organizations are sparse indeed, though their Warsaw headquarters are but a block or so apart. The one other major Jewish organization in the country is the Jewish Historical Institute, which does scholarly research. This houses a museum, library and archives, and publishes a quarterly bulletin and annual report.

The past few years have seen a gradual improvement in the situation of Polish Jews taking a variety of forms. Poland has no diplomatic relations with Israel, but in 1980 a European Congress for Hebrew and Hebrew Culture was held in Warsaw University, with a delegation from Israel. Contact between the Polish Jewish organizations and outside groups like the European Council for Jewish Communal Services and the World Jewish Congress has become more accepted. The Polish authorities have been discussing with outside organizations such as the World Federation of Jewish Fighters the concerns of Jews of Polish origin, and with rabbis and others from abroad the upkeep of Jewish cemeteries in the country. Only a few weeks ago, Polish Minister of Religious Affairs, Jerzy Kuberski met with representatives of the American Joint Distribution Committee in New York concerning welfare work in Poland. Israeli scholars have come to Poland to work on Polish historical material and, only recently, the Jewish

Historical Institute in Poland and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations reached an agreement that will result in making more of the Institute's material available abroad. After many years of promises, work began last summer on restoration of the Warsaw synagogue.

The idea that the small Jewish community can affect events in Poland is a farcical one. However, if past experience is any guide, one certainly cannot rule out the possibility that various elements in the country may nonetheless seek to make Jews the scapegoat for Poland's problems in the current crisis.

Gomulka's anti-semitic campaign of 1968 led to the last of four major Jewish emigration periods from post-war Poland. Immediately after the war, Jews

who survived in Poland and those repatriated from the Soviet Union totalled nearly 250,000. Many simply did not wish to stay; others decided to leave after the Kielce pogrom of 1946. The Jewish population dropped to about 100,000 by 1947. In subsequent years, the doors to emigration were at times closed, at other times open. By the end of the Stalinist era and Gomulka's accession to power in 1956, still another 50,000 had left. So, too, had almost all of a second group of Jews, some 25,000, repatriated from the USSR. The 1968 ousting of Jews from any post of influence as "rootless cosmopolitans," and their subsequent exodus and demographic attrition have left Poland a land of Jewish history and cemeteries, with but a remnant Jewish population barely holding its own.



Alan Rose addresses protestors outside Polish Consul-General in Montreal.

## Canadian Technion Society



### Halifax - Dartmouth Chapter



Dr. Richard Goldbloom, incoming Chairman for Atlantic Provinces



Justice J. L. Dubinsky, incoming President, Halifax - Dartmouth Chapter

The following appointments were recently approved in the Halifax - Dartmouth Region, involving two distinguished leaders in that community:

Dr. Richard Goldbloom, former President of the Halifax - Dartmouth Chapter, has been named as Chairman for the Atlantic Provinces.

Justice J. L. Dubinsky was appointed to guide the Halifax - Dartmouth Chapter, beginning in January 1982.

The Canadian Technion Society is very fortunate to have two such devoted and capable members assisting in all C.T.S. efforts, on behalf of the Technion Institute in Israel.

# The Magen David Adom Story . . .

Continued from  
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**1961**—The new MDA Casualty Station in Jerusalem, the largest at that time, was scheduled to be built to replace a suite of rooms on the first floor of a block of offices at the entrance of the Russian Compound in the city. MDA was forced to contemplate moving since the building was also used as the Jerusalem Police Headquarters who needed additional space. The MDA First Aid Station had become completely inadequate and room, therefore, was urgently needed.

A Special Fund was set up by the Ministry of Health and MDA to cover the cost of transporting sick persons of limited means over long distances.

The Israel Government erected eighteen buildings for the use of MDA as First Aid Stations in settlements for new immigrants.

**1962**—MDA's Radio Inter-communication system was being perfected linking the Ambulance Fleet with each other and their various Stations, thus enabling assistance to be rushed to the scene of an accident or other emergency more quickly than previously.

Twenty-six teachers from Liberia, Nigeria, Nepal, Ethiopia, Tanganyika, Thailand and Sierra Leone attended a special First Aid course organised by MDA while they were in Israel on a year's physical education course.

MDA had one hundred and fifty Beach Rescue Stations.

Lord Louis Mountbatten while in Israel visited MDA and attended a ceremony to dedicate an Ambulance donated by the British Friends in memory of Lady Mountbatten.

**1963**—The cornerstone of the new MDA Headquarters was laid.

**1964**—The annexe to the Jaffa Blood Fractionation Institute was opened.

In January, the late Pope Paul paid a twelve-day visit to Israel. MDA was entrusted with all First Aid and other Medical Emergency arrangements. Temporary First Aid Posts supplied with Ambulances were set up at each of the places where the Papal convoy stopped. Fully equipped vehicles were provided for use as Emergency Posts; fifteen doctors, one hundred and sixty-three MDAsiders and thirty-nine MDA Ambulances were on duty.

Over fifteen thousand received First Aid instruction from MDA during the year.

**1965**—The Friends of MDA in Great Britain sent a fleet of six Ambulances as a memorial to the late Sir Winston Churchill and a special ceremony took place at MDA Headquarters.

**1966**—A First Aid Team went to the Republic of Niger on a three-month mission and instructed some two thousand five hundred persons.

Mrs. Vera Weizmann, first President of MDA, passed away after fourteen years of devoted leadership.

**1967**—MDA celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of its Blood Services.

The Jaffa MDA First Aid School and Station was opened.

In March, a new service was inaugurated by the Israel Post Office in co-operation with MDA. By dialling 990, the caller was automatically connected free of charge with the MDA Emergency Information Service which supplied names of doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies on duty. This new service operated in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Haifa and Ramat Gan.

MDA's first Mobile Clinic came into operation.

During the Six-Day War, MDA rendered splendid service, building up its blood reserves, running Emergency First Aid Courses, setting up Temporary Clearing Stations and Hospitals, arranging wide distribution of its Ambulance Fleet, giving First Aid to both soldiers and civilians, caring for prisoners-of-war, assisting in their repatriation; repatriating Arab children, setting up a special service to assist Arab families, locate and contact missing relatives, supplying Medical Stores for Arab hospitals and assisting refugees at crossings across the Jordan River.

On 21st October, the Israeli destroyer "Eilat" was sunk by Egyptian missiles north-east of Suez. MDA was alerted and immediately went into action by rushing blood supplies from its Central Blood Bank to Beersheba Hospital where the wounded crewmen were being taken. Aware that the Surgical Department of the hospital would not be able to handle all the casualties, MDA made preparations for transporting some of the wounded from Lod Airport to Tel Aviv hospitals by sending five Ambulances to the airport. Soon further vehicles were despatched together with First Aid teams, and within an hour, seventy-two casualties had been taken to hospital, still more men continued to arrive by plane and were taken to hospitals. Throughout the night and early morning, teams of MDAsiders were on call. Finally, it was announced that there had been nineteen



killed, twenty-eight missing and ninety one wounded. In all, one hundred and fifty one crew members were saved. Due to MDA's speedy action, the wounded received treatment without loss of vital time.

Dr. Eliahu Elath became the new President of MDA in Israel.

A three-man Medical Mission was sent by MDA to Biafra where they spent three months in hospitals under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

**1969**—MDA sent a five-man Medical Team to Niger, Togo, Cameroun and the Central African Republic teaching the techniques of First Aid. This project was financed by the Division for International Co-operation of the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs within the framework of Technical Aid to Developing Countries.

**1970**—MDA moved into its new Headquarters building in the Yad Eliyahu district of Tel Aviv.

**1971**—Mr. Mordechai Perin, who had served MDA for thirty-three years, died at the age of sixty-four. He had been the first Director General from 1935 until 1968 and during the years after his retirement from this office he acted as Honorary Assistant Treasurer.

A helicopter was presented to MDA by Friends in French-speaking countries and was MDA's first 'Flying Ambulance'.

Following the outbreak of civil war in Jordan, Israel offered medical and hospital care for the wounded. MDA sent Ambulances with First Aiders to the Allenby Bridge upon receipt of a report that wounded were heading that way. Some twenty or more casualties received treatment or were conveyed to hospital.

**1972**—Mr. Elath retired from MDA Presidency.

Lod Airport became the focal point of worldwide concern and sympathy in May when ninety passengers and ten crew of a Sabena Boeing 707 were held hostage by Arab hijackers who asked in exchange for the release of three hundred Arab terrorists held in Israeli prisons. During the negotiations, MDA Ambulances and teams were stationed on the perimeter and two Emergency Clearing Stations were set up. Further MDA reinforcements continued to arrive. Eventually,

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the hostages were freed by an Israeli task force during which a number of passengers were wounded, but MDA were immediately in attendance supplying First Aid and taking the casualties to hospital.

Twenty-two days later, the Lod Airport Massacre took place when many people were injured by terrorists. MDA Headquarters received an emergency call from Lod and within minutes all MDA Branches in the Tel Aviv area were alerted and sent their Ambulances and First Aid Teams. Five minutes after receiving this call, twenty-one Ambulances had converged on the airport. First Aid was administered on the spot and the critically injured rushed to the Sheba Hospital to which MDA's Blood Services hastened supplies of fresh blood.

**1973**—Within two hours of the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, MDA Branches throughout the country were in a state of full emergency readiness. Its Blood Services embarked on a nationwide collection campaign and thousands of volunteer blood-donors came forward from all walks of life. Ambulances were fully geared for the evacuation of the wounded while still carrying on their day-to-day services transporting sick persons and expectant mothers to hospital. More and more volunteers came forward including many who had managed to find flights from England, etc. Soon wounded soldiers were being treated and taken by MDA Ambulances from the airports to hospitals in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias, Safed, Afula, Rehovot, Kfar Saba and Petah Tikvah. In many cases, the wounded reached hospital within an hour after arriving at evacuation posts. Wounded Arab prisoners-of-war were transported by MDA to various hospitals in Israel. Special 'Crash' courses in First Aid were arranged by MDA. Ambulances rushed to help civilians whose homes had been destroyed by missile attacks from across the border. More and more volunteers came forward including hundreds of young people whose ages ranged from seven upwards. In addition, MDA supplied Medical Stores to the Medical Corps of the Israel Defence Forces. In all, as always, MDA rose to the occasion in its usual efficient and heroic fashion.

**1974**—MDA Highway Rescue Units, inaugurated the previous year, consisting of specially equipped Ambulances manned by highly-trained personnel and linked by radio to Control Centre at MDA Headquarters, MDA Stations and regional hospitals, playing a big part in helping to save the lives of many victims of accidents on Israel's busy roads, was extended to cover the whole country.

The terrorist attack in Kiryat Shemona in April and the massacre in Ma'alot in May saw MDA playing its usual important role in rendering First Aid to the

wounded and conveying them to hospitals.

**1975**—MDA's First International Conference was held in Jerusalem from 12th to 19th April to which came representatives from Friends' organisations in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Colombia, France, Great Britain, Mexico, South Africa, United States and West Germany.

**1976**—After many years of negotiations, MDA were at last exempted from paying customs duties, purchase tax and other compulsory levies on certain Medical Stores from abroad. Up to this time, only Ambulances and stretchers had been exempt.

MDA's biggest and most modern Casualty Centre was opened in Tel Aviv in March when the British-sponsored 'Michael Sobell' building was dedicated.

**1977**—Dr. Joseph Kott, who had been associated with MDA since 1933, passed away. For twenty-three years he had been MDA's Chairman of the Executive Committee and in 1937 was appointed MDA President.

MDA opened an Emergency First Aid Post at "The Good Fence" on the Lebanese border at Metulla to care for wounded refugees, etc.

**1978**—MDA's new National Blood Centre planning was begun.

**1979**—In October, MDA sent a team with an official medical delegation to the Cambodian Refugee Camp in Sa Kiao where they set up Emergency/Intensive Care and Regular Treatment Wards, the latter caring for some one hundred

patients a day.

**1980**—Serious financial and administrative difficulties within MDA in Israel were overcome with the assistance of the Israel Ministry of Health together with Friends in America, Great Britain and South Africa. A completely new executive team was elected to re-organize MDA under the Presidency of Professor Ariah Harell.

MDA's Golden Jubilee Year, we hope, heralds in a New Look for our organization and we trust that the future holds nothing but prosperity and the advancement of Magen David Adom in Israel.

Over the years, MDA has regularly sent emergency shipments to many countries experiencing floods, famines, earthquakes and other disasters. These gifts have consisted of blood plasma, blankets, foodstuffs, etc.

In addition, MDA has been 'on the spot' within minutes of receiving news of terrorists attacks, major traffic accidents and any other emergencies, rendering First Aid and conveying the casualties within minutes to either MDA Stations or direct to hospitals.



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## Bora Laskin Legal Competition Winner Announced

The winner of this year's *Bora Laskin Legal Essay Competition* was recently announced by Canadian Jewish Congress. This annual Competition is sponsored to honour the contributions made by Canada's Chief Justice, the Right Honourable Bora Laskin.

*Jonathon Richler* of York University's Osgoode Law School in Toronto was awarded first prize at CJC's National Council Meeting of November 29, 1981 in Toronto. His winning essay "The Prosecution of War Criminals in Canada," is particularly appropriate now, in light of the Canadian government's continuing refusal to prosecute such criminals known to be residing in Canada.

Notices have already been sent to all law schools across Canada announcing the 1982 Competition. For more information contact Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal.



## New National Executive Director Appointed at CJC

The National Officers of Canadian Jewish Congress recently announced the appointment of *Mr. Stan Urman* as National Executive Director.

This appointment coincides with a reorganization of national staff responsibilities which will see *Alan Rose*, Executive Vice-President, devote more time to

public and political affairs, including federal government representations, Canada-Israel affairs, international affairs, links to foreign embassies, national organizations, etc. Mr. Urman has been charged with the responsibility for the ongoing CJC operation across Canada, including supervision of programmes, staff and budget.

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### Gateway to Jerusalem

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The arch was part of a tower which in the 16th century was incorporated into the Damascus gate. The tower, adjacent to a huge Roman garrison hall and hidden staircase, was used as a Jordanian army position during the Six-Day-War.

### Coal Power

The first Hadera power generator will switch from liquid fuel to coal. When all four coal generators are attached to the national power grid, the country will save over 230 million dollars per year in fuel costs, according to electric corporation Managing-Director Eytan Jacobson.

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### Zionism Takes Israel By Storm Interpretive Report by Lisa Gann

Israel's unusually warm, dry winter weather came to an abrupt end in December, when Zionism took the country by storm.

Tel Aviv University's International Conference "100 Years of Zionism", yawningly written off by many Israelis, for whom Zionism is a simple fact of life, became a four-day intense study in the modern implications of a Hundred-Year-Old movement.

Hundreds of Israelis of all ages, interests and professions who convened at the university's "Institute for Zionist Research" to hear some of the eighty overlapping lectures, complained of the simultaneous scheduling which precluded 100 percent attendance and literally came to blows over limited seating arrangements. Herzl would have been delighted at the sight.

Foreign lecturers and participants were first to notice the wave of mass interest, followed by the puzzled Israeli media, which had shown little preliminary interest in lectures on topics like "The Negation of the Galut in Zionist Ideology".

But intense academic study does not always prove a subject dead. Rather than a museum, Zionist study in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other universities provides a laboratory which attests to its ongoing role.

"100 Years of Zionism" disproved the theory that Zionism would end with the establishment of the State of Israel. The younger participants listened with rapt attention as older adversaries from the ideological rift of the early 1930's renewed their debate of labor against revisionist (Herut) Zionism. Many political figures were also spotted at the lectures, studying events of the past century to indicate their future role.

But why did Israelis choose to mark "100 years of Zionism" this year? Although the first Zionist Congress convened only eight-five years ago, masses of Jews returned to Eretz Yisrael before the formal establishment of a Zionist Political movement. In Jewish history, actions have always spoken louder than words. A declaration can be meaningless. The massive settlement efforts of 25,000 Jews who came to Palestine during the first Aliyah, pre-dated the first Zionist Congress. The first Aliyah (1881-1904) began 100 years ago.

Today, Zionism takes varied forms. For most Israelis, it has always been as natural as walking, and just as taken for granted. Conversely, the study of Zionism is more significant to Diaspora Jews "100 Years of Zionism", marking the beginning of worldwide centenary celebrations, also indicated Israeli recognition of the vital role of ongoing Zionist studies.

### Let them eat . . . cotton?

Challah, the classic Jewish bread, and tortillas, the basis of Mexican cookery, are not so traditional anymore. Both now contain flour made from cotton, by a unique Israeli process.

The protein-rich, low-fat flour, developed by the Miluot Company is being added to wheat flour in a 1-4 proportion in two of Israel's largest bakeries as well as by the Hilton Hotel chain. Mexicans will purchase cotton flour to add to cornmeal tortillas and a full 15,000 tons of cotton flour, at 700 dollars per ton, will be exported to Europe this year. Miluot, which is owned by several western Galil Settlements, processes the cotton plant to derive cottonseed oil, chocolate additives and photographic emulsifiers.

## Israel Maharshak Prize Offered



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## Canadian Jewish Congress

The National Committee on Yiddish of the Canadian Jewish Congress is pleased to announce that the Augenfeld family of Montreal is again offering a prize of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a literary or scientific work in the Yiddish language.

The prize will be awarded at the Third National Conference on Yiddish which is taking place from May 12th to 17th, 1982 in Montreal.

The prize will be given in memory of Mrs. Augenfeld's father, the late Israel Maharshak, a well known teacher and school principal of the Yiddish schools in Vilna, Poland

### The regulations are:—

1. Participants must be up to the age of 36 years old and residents of Canada or the United States;
2. The manuscript must be in Yiddish and contain a minimum of 6,000 words;
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constitute only a part of the threat to West Germany's 30,000 member Jewish community. On the extreme left, the Baader Meinhof Gang is still active, despite the decimation of its ranks. The recent assaults on American military installations in West Germany and the social Democratic Party headquarters attest to this. The Gang has also coordinated terrorist actions with the P.L.O.

# The Pride of the Professional Volunteer

by Marilyn K. Smith

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"A Professional Volunteer: What's that?" The question springs forth on an airplane en route to a UJA training session, during chitchat at a cocktail party, and from an inquisitive census-taker. When making a new acquaintance, I used to have fun answering a question with a question: "What do you do?" he or she would ask. "About what?" was my reply. It is downright tiresome to keep justifying the merits and pride of the professional volunteer.

Let's parallel the career woman and the professional volunteer. After initial interest and motivation comes schooling and training. A career person may seek out or be recruited by Air Florida or IBM, just as a volunteer seeks out or is recruited by UJA or Federation. Each accumulates a resume and an impressive list of credentials. It's no different in either world. Career people climb the corporate ladder with salary hikes and prestigious titles. Volunteers climb the organizational ladder with extra bonuses that do not put meat on the table, but do put flesh on the soul.

Don't misunderstand. There's nothing wrong with earning money. The sense of accomplishment and worth that accompanies a gratifying career with attendant money, independence and power is understandable. But hear this: We who choose to volunteer our efforts—a valiant, smaller, not-dead-yet breed—are demanding society's respect. We are at the heart of a civilized world. We wield our own brand of power, influencing future generations. We are needed desperately. We save the government and taxpayers enormous sums of money and time. Erma Bombeck once compared volunteers to yachts: "They could stay moored where it's safe and still justify their being, but they choose to cut through rough waters, ride out storms and take chances . . . If you have to ask how much they cost, you can't afford them." Amen.

It is often said, "But a volunteer doesn't have to be on the job from 9-5." Yes, but most volunteers I know take their responsibilities as seriously as if they were being paid by the hour. It's a matter of credibility and purpose. And, it isn't just what one puts into the job. I am convinced that to be effective in our work we'd better get something significant and meaningful out of it or get out of it. Whatever it is that motivates us, our own personal needs must be satisfied. Most volunteers I know feel they receive far more than they give. True, we do not receive a paycheck, but

we are recipients of an enriching payload. Being a Professional Volunteer is the most exciting and challenging thing since motherhood. It is creative, nurturing, life-saving and life-sustaining. For Jewish women, it is an especially ennobling enterprise; part of a long tradition.

But beware, there is always a price to pay. Frequently, those immeasurable pleasures give way to immense pressures.

Did anyone tell us before we got involved that our privacy would be invaded? That our phones would ring off the wall, especially at meal times? That we would feel the pangs of guilt about not spending enough time with our kids? That we'd hurt and ache about other people's apathy and indifference? That we would be so super-structured and over-scheduled? That we'd have an agonizing conflict between the needs of our loved ones, the needs of the community, and the needs of our own personal self? That our single-minded commitment might fracture oldstanding friendships marching to a different tune?

Which of us has not craved a hard-earned, restful vacation; time away from the usual stress and strain, and our "Jewish Domain?" We book in to some fabulous, exotic spot, and what do we do? Proceed to look up any and every local Jew to discuss you-know-what.

Apropos of the price one pays, I have a confession to make. Though many of the male volunteers are my friends, I used to resent them. I felt abused rather than used, spending many more hours and working far more tirelessly than they did. I've reconsidered, and possess renewed respect for all—both men and women—who earn a living day-by-day and choose to spend their precious extra moments doing worthwhile tasks in the Jewish community. I can only hope that more of our career women will continue to make that extra effort as well. Their talents and intelligence are badly needed in order that we all take our rightful places along side our male colleagues.

There are a vast number of other things I'd love to do; but for me, right now, the action is here as a volunteer. It is my choice, and it is my pleasure. Don't be misled. It's not all altruistic, or payment of "Jewish Dues." Where else can one find the potential for such outstanding personal enhancement; the superb opportunity to risk, to learn and grow; the possibility of sharing unique events with special human beings; the occasion to participate in raising funds and rendering

decisions that impact Jewish life here, in Israel and in the world at large? Where else can one feel so congruent, working in a professional capacity with no monetary compensation for something so positive and important as the perpetuation of the dreams and values of our people?

So someday, somewhere, sometime soon when you're asked, "What do you do? What are you?" Shout it out with a clarion, non-apologetic, dignified rejoinder: "What am I? A Professional Volunteer, that's what!"

## ISRAELINES

### *News Snaps from Israel*

- \* VIRTUALLY BLOODLESS OPERATIONS have been made possible by surgical lasers produced by Tel Aviv's Laser Industries, which is now marketing a version appropriate for use in the family doctor's office.
- \* ISRAEL EXPORTS about \$8,000,000 worth of hatching eggs and chicks annually to countries in Europe, South America, Asia and Africa—including Egypt.
- \* THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES is the only army in the world which has designated a recruit as a full-time magician to entertain its troops.
- \* ISRAEL'S 100,000 CHRISTIAN citizens, residents, diplomats and UN personnel are provided with free Christmas trees each year by the country's forestry services, the Jewish National Fund.
- \* THE CANAANITE DOG, native to Israel's Negev Desert, has a unique kidney system which allows it to endure dry, hot climates better than any other dog in the world.
- \* A BACILLUS STRAIN that is lethal only to mosquitoes was recently discovered in Israel by Ben Gurion University biologists, who are now investigating field application of this potential substitute for chemical pesticides.
- \* THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT of the Technion, in Haifa, Israel, has developed an air-conditioning unit for buses, powered by the vehicle's exhaust system.
- \* A SEED HERD of hardy Beduin black goats has been supplied by Israel to herdsmen in Kenya's desert regions.

# Israeli Arab Women Move Forward With An Eye To The Past

by Rochelle Furstenberg

JERUSALEM—As women fight for their rights throughout the world, a little-known but important segment of the Middle East population—Israeli Arab women—is showing a unique change of consciousness.

"We don't oppose our husbands, but we do use persuasion to bring them over to our points of view," says one young woman reflecting upon the growing confidence and family power of the Israeli Arab woman.

New patterns of behavior are beginning to appear among Israel's Arab citizens—about 15% of Israel's total population. Paradoxically, while some Arab women inside and outside Israel's borders have been affected by Khounism, more and more Arab women in Israel today are working outside the home and having smaller families.

Many experts attribute this trend to higher economic expectations, changing work patterns that are less agricultural, and the influence of television. Others cite contact with the more westernized Israeli Jewish woman, Israel's progressive legislation and a highly developed trade union system.

## Sense of Self

In the past, Israeli Arabs, guarding their cultural autonomy, were reluctant to effect social change for fear of losing their Arab identity. Today, this is less the case. To be sure, a touch of Khounism has appeared in some Israeli Arab villages where, influenced by visits to Mecca and the Islamic revival of religion, some young women have returned to the traditional veil. But this phenomenon seems negligible in the face of the larger social and economic developments that are taking place.

On the whole, the Israeli Arab woman is seeking to adapt to these developments, but within the framework of her religion and without endangering her traditions and sense of self.

"We can't imitate. We have good traditions and we're proud of them. Otherwise, we'll lose our head and our feet," says Enaem Zuabi of Nazareth, a woman from educated, upper-class Moslem circles who has for many years worked for the social and educational advancement of Arab women. Her husband, a Labor Party representative to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, has encouraged her in these activities, which involve organizing classes for women, not only in dress-making and domestic science, but in mathematics and Arabic as well.

"At the beginning of the '50's," Mrs.

Zuabi relates, "I remember going to a village to organize women's classes. The head of the village said that he didn't want his wife to study. He argued that she had a new baby and was nursing."

"I, too, have a new baby," Mrs. Zuabi countered, "and I, too, am nursing. Yet I came here to organize classes for women. If you won't let your wife attend, then I won't accept your hospitality." The head of the village relented.

Mrs. Zuabi attributes her success in advancing women's education to the fact that she is a traditional Moslem. "I practice the religion," she explains. "I observe the fasts. I have proved that one can be religious and still progressive as far as women are concerned. Therefore people will listen to me."

## Legal Backing

In recent years educated Arab women have begun to attain positions in the governments of some of the surrounding Arab countries. But in most respects, the welfare of the Arab woman, and particularly her legal status, is better in Israel than in the Arab states.

Israel is one of only three countries in the region—the other two are Turkey and Tunisia—which prohibit bigamy and, perhaps even more important, where the husband's right of *talaq* has been abolished. This means that it is illegal for a husband to send his wife away or divorce her without her consent; Israeli law demands the consent of both sides in a divorce. The law is important not only in itself, but in the confidence it affords married women who previously lived in fear of rejection.

Compulsory education is another factor in extending the options of the Arab woman. When the State of Israel was established in 1948, only 15% of elementary-school-age Israeli Arab girls attended school; statistics in the late '70s indicate that 89% attend elementary school, 97% in the cities. According to a 1975 UNESCO study in the Arab countries, 52% of the girls between the ages of 6 and 11 attended school in Egypt; 24% in Saudi Arabia; 77% in Syria; 85% in Lebanon and 71% in Jordan.

Israel's impressive record in this area does not mean that no problems are encountered in the education of the Israeli Arab girl. The drop-out rate is considerable in junior high school and high school; often, those who leave school come from families where the daughter is needed to help at home or the father feels that he cannot afford to educate his daughters. Recently, girls have also been

discontinuing their studies and going to work in factories in order to help the family financially.

## Need for Guidance

In many ways, the Israeli Arab woman is in a critical stage of transition. No longer protected in her father's home until marriage, and marrying at a later age than she did formerly, she needs moral and psychological direction for a society where men and women mingle freely.

In an attempt to deal with the problems that these young women face, Mrs. Zuabi hosts a thrice-weekly radio program for the family, in which she discusses social issues concerning the Israeli Arab today.

Gynecologist Dr. Marie Haddad, the first Arab woman to become a doctor in Israel, is also concerned with answering the needs of the new Israeli Arab woman. She has recently written a book on adolescence and sexual development, the first of its kind to be written in Israel in Arabic.

Designed for young people and their parents, her book attempts to explain in simplified language the biological processes, sexual diseases and aberrations, and medical and social considerations in using contraceptives. Counselling control of sexual behavior, she also points out the pitfalls of a permissive society and of radically breaking with one's traditions.

The 40-year-old Dr. Haddad, who studied in Israel and did a doctorate in France on medicines to counteract sterility, is a model for young Arab women. A Christian native of the Christian and Druze village of Ramma, which encourages education, she is married with three children.

In her clinic in Nazareth, Dr. Haddad is witness to the whole gamut of phenomena among Arab women, from a high birth rate to an increasing use of contraceptives, particularly among married women in the city who work and want to raise their standard of living.

She has observed the paradoxes of young women from the strictly religious Druze villages who attend classes at night in Kiryat Shemonah, a development town in Israel's north near the Lebanese border, and the small group of Arab women who have gone back to traditional dress but also go to the university and, when married, practice family planning.

It is evident that the old stereotypes are falling away. A monolithic view of the Arab women in Israel is no longer possible.



# TU B'SHEVAT—PROMISE OF ABUNDANCE

## *New Year For Trees—Symbolism and Affirmation*

by Dvora Waysman

The solemnity of the Jewish calendar is leavened every few months with popular celebrations which do not involve special synagogue services or ritual. They provide people with a chance simply to enjoy themselves, and one such occasion is Tu b'Shevat—the New Year for Trees, which falls on the 15th Shevat.

It is mentioned in the Mishnah as one of the four "natural" New Years, the others being "for kings and seasonal feasts" (1st Nisan); "for tithing cattle" (1st Elul); "for husbandry, arboriculture and for reckoning jubilees" (1st Tishrei). Originally it also fell on the 1st of the month, but it was moved by Rabbi Hillel (30 B.C.E.—10 C.E.) to the 15th Shevat when, so it is said, the sap begins to rise with the full moon in Israel's fruit trees.

### Customs and Symbols

From this springs the custom on Tu b'Shevat of eating the fruits that grow in Eretz Israel—each one of which has its own symbolism. In traditional Jewish folklore, the apple stands for God's splendor: "As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved" (Song of Songs 2:3). The nut represents Israel, because there are three kinds of nuts—hard, medium and soft, just as there are three kinds of Jews!

The almond signifies the swiftness of God's punishment to the sinner, both because the almond is the first tree to blossom and also because Aaron's rod sprouted almonds (Numbers 17:8) as a warning to those who tried to usurp the office of High Priest. The carob, also known as "Poor man's bread" is a symbol of humility; and the fig represents peace and prosperity: "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree and none shall make him afraid (Mic. 4:4).

### Blossoming of the Earth

There are other customs to mark Tu b'Shevat in Israel. Many people sit up late on the eve of the holiday reciting passages of the Bible which deal with trees, fruit and fertility of the earth. The Bible is rich with such references: Gen. 1:11-18 tells the story of their creation; Lev. 26:3-18 gives a promise of abundance if we keep God's commandments; Ezek. 17 is the parable of the spreading vine which symbolizes the people of Israel. There are also many beautiful Psalms glorifying the blossoming of the earth in Spring.

Among Sephardi Jews, the custom is to read from their special manual entitled:

"The Fruit of the Goodly Tree". This was first published in Salonica. They chant the lines as each of the fruits referred to in the passage is eaten. The following lines were composed in Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) by Judah Kala'i:

"For our Redeemer do we wait  
All the long night through,  
To bring a dawn as roseate  
As the APPLE's hue.

Sin like a stubborn shell and hard  
Is wrapped around our soul;  
Lord, break the husk, and let the NUT  
Come out whole . . . ."

### Redemption

A lovely Tu b'Shevat custom mentioned in the Talmud is that of planting a cedar for a baby boy and a cypress for a girl. The trees and children grow up together, and when the young people are married, poles from the trees dedicated to them are used to hold up the wedding canopy.

Tree planting festivals, especially by children, have become traditional in Israel on this day. Truly they have great significance in Eretz Israel, where the soil is holy. By planting trees, one symbolizes the revival and redemption of the land by the conquest of the desert; and there is no greater affirmation of God's creation than the sight of a tree standing straight and tall, bedecked with lacy green leaves and silhouetted against the blue skies of Israel.

## Max Leibovich, One of the Last of 20,000 Jews Who Fled to Shanghai to Escape the Holocaust, Dies in China at Age 75.

Reprint: The American Jewish News

NEW YORK—The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) announced the passing in Shanghai, China, of Max Leibovich, one of the last members of a Shanghai Jewish refugee community which once numbered over 20,000.

Leibovich, according to JDC Executive Vice President, Ralph I. Goldman, was 75 years old when he passed away and was living in a one room apartment off one of Shanghai's main avenues. He had been disabled by Parkinson's Disease for many years before his death and had been at-

tended by a former cook of the wartime refugee camp in Shanghai. His care was made possible by the continuing financial aid of the JDC, the overseas relief arm of the American Jewish community, which began helping the Jews of Shanghai in the late 1930's.

A last contribution by JDC will cover the expense of Mr. Leibovich's burial.

In recent years when travel into China was again possible, Mr. Leibovich was visited by a number of JDC leaders, including JDC President Henry Taub and his wife Marilyn as well as, on another occasion, JDC Executive Committee member Elaine Winik and her husband Norman. On both occasions, the JDC leaders noted that the ravages of Parkinson's Disease had left Max Leibovich without the ability to speak clearly, but Max, "who had once spoken and read English, Russian, Yiddish and Chinese," could still hear and "his eyes would light up" whenever a visitor would come to see him.

According to the JDC records, the greatest flow in the stream of Jews to Shanghai took place in the years 1938 and 1939 when more than 17,000 arrived, mostly from Germany and Austria. The records show that in 1943 the Jews were forced by Japanese occupation troops into a ghetto. Among the refugees was former Secretary of the Treasury, W. Michael Blumenthal and his mother as well as the family of Yosef Tekoah, former President of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, Israel, who previously served as Israel Ambassador to the United Nations.

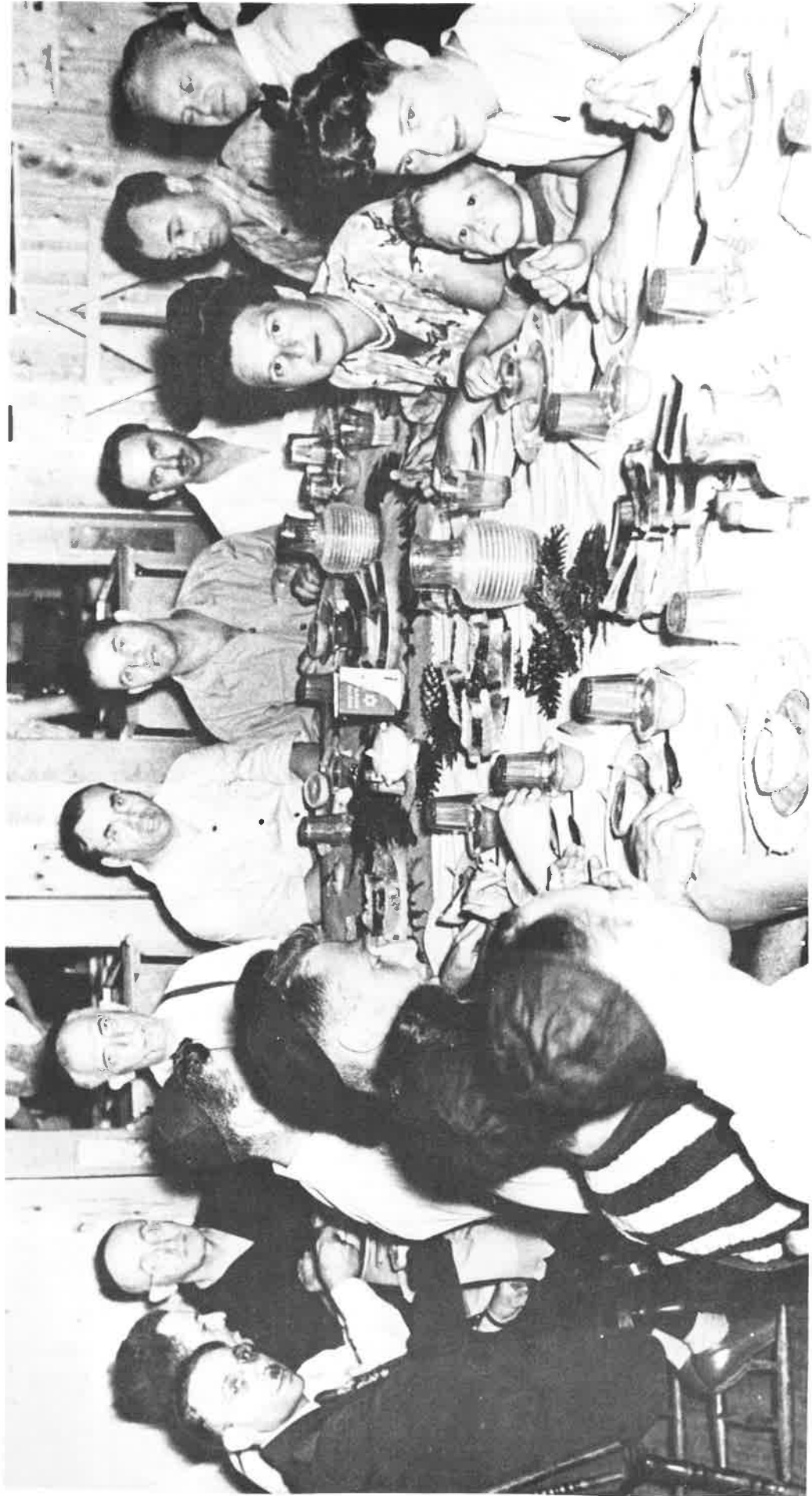
The JDC representative in Shanghai during the critical war years was Laura Margolis Yarblum. Though, at first, she was to succeed in establishing an uneasy truce with the Japanese, arranging to feed and care for half of the twenty thousand refugees, she was later thrown into a Japanese internment camp where she was for ten months before being released in an exchange of prisoners.

The survivors recall that life was not easy in Shanghai. Secretary Blumenthal called it a "cesspool and a den of iniquity". But the JDC records show that despite the poverty, there was a rich cultural life. The community claimed three daily newspapers, a symphony orchestra and many plays were produced. Jewish education continued. There were Talmudei Torah, Yeshivot and youth clubs.

After the war, the community emptied out rapidly. Except for those few who, like Max Leibovich, stayed behind because of family ties or illness.

With the passing of Max Leibovich, the JDC caseload in Shanghai is reduced to three—the last trace of an interesting chapter in Jewish history and another example of that agency's continuing commitment to Jews in need around the world.

## Nostalgia



*Camp Kadimah Early 40's* Ben Katz

# Trees and Legends

## Tender Figs

A king once set out for war at the head of his army. On the way he saw an old man planting fig cuttings.

"How old are you, grandfather?" asked the king.

"One hundred years, your majesty," replied the old man.

"And is it really worth while for an old man like yourself to still be bothered with planting?" asked the King.

"Your majesty," replied the old man. "I am planting; for if I am lucky I may yet eat figs from the trees I have planted, and if not—my sons will eat them, just as I ate from the trees my fathers planted."

The king was away at war three years, and then returned to his city. Passing the way he had come, he was met by an old man who offered him a basket filled with splendid first-ripe figs.

"Your majesty," said the old man, "I am the same old man you saw three years ago planting trees in this very spot; look, the good Lord has granted me the privilege of enjoying their fruit, and even of offering them to my king as a gift."

The king tasted the tender figs and found them delicious. Turning to his servants he said:

"Take the basket and fill it with gold dinars, as a gift to this industrious old man."

When the old man came home with the basket full of dinars, he told his sons what had happened. His words were overheard by his neighbor's wife, who rushed to her husband and said:

"See now, there are some who go out and succeed, while you sit idle at home and do nothing. That old neighbor of ours gave the king a small basket of figs, and the king filled it with dinars. Quickly, fill a big basket with apples, citrons and pomegranates; take it to the king and he will fill it with gold."

"As you say," replied her husband, "I will take a big basket, but I will only fill it with figs. It seems that our king likes figs most of all."

The man took a large fruit-basket full of beautiful, ripe figs, brought it before the king, and bowed low.

"Your majesty," he said, "I have heard it said that you are fond of figs. Here, then, I have brought you these fine, first-ripe specimens."

The king looked hard at the man's face, then at the large basket, and understood the reason for the man's visit. Turning to his servants he said:

"Take this fellow's fruit and throw it in his face!"

The king's servants took the man into the courtyard, threw the figs in his face one by one, and then sent him packing.

The man returned home in a happy mood, and could scarce stop laughing.

"What makes you so merry?" asked his astonished wife.

"My good fortune," replied the man, "that I brought the king figs and did not follow your advice. Imagine my plight if the king's servants had pelted my face with citrons and pomegranates. Not only did the soft ripe figs not hurt, but I even enjoyed the sweet taste of those that hit my mouth!"

(Hebrew legend)

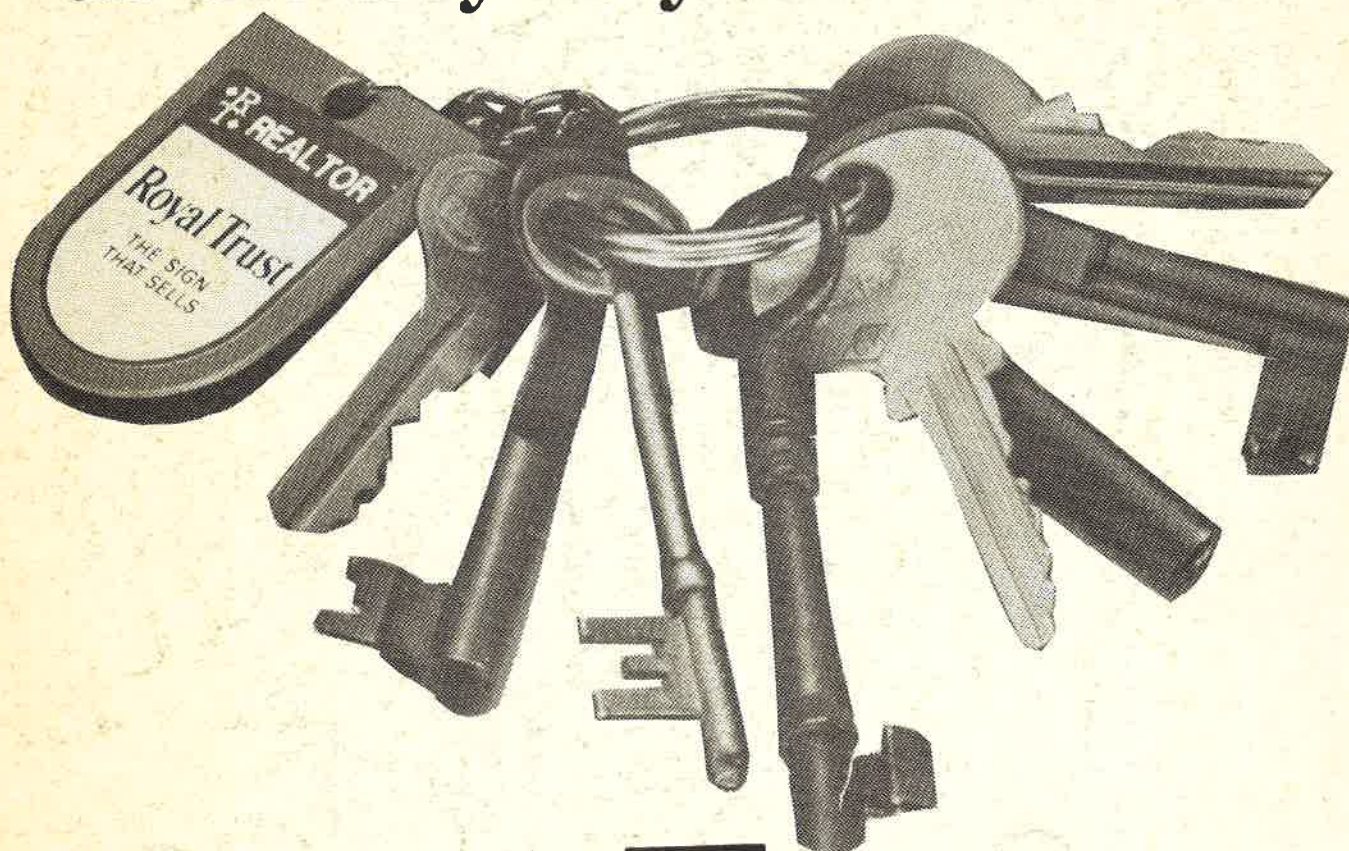






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