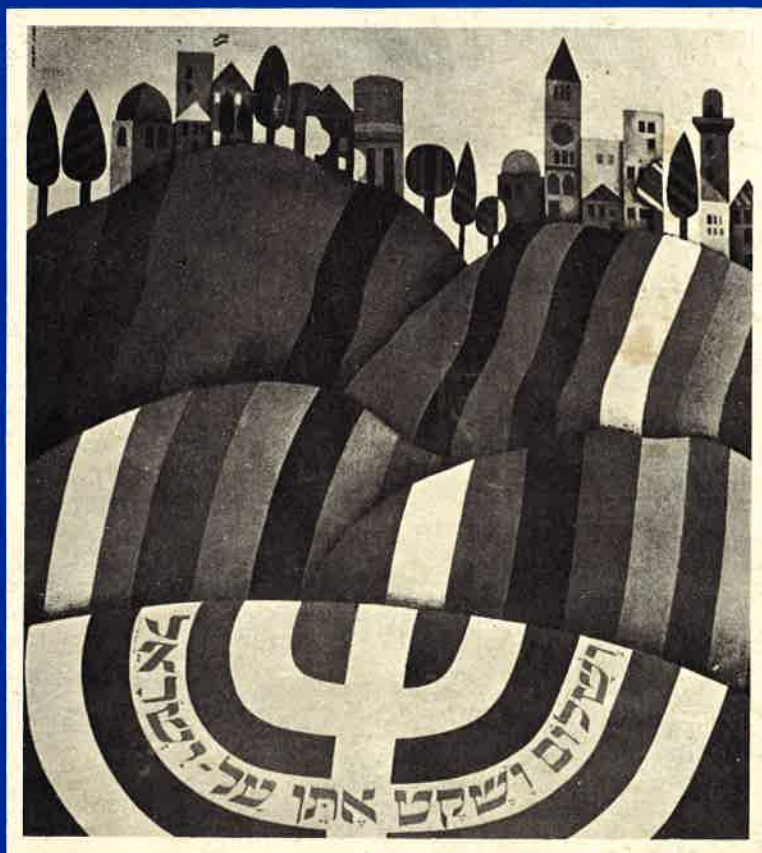




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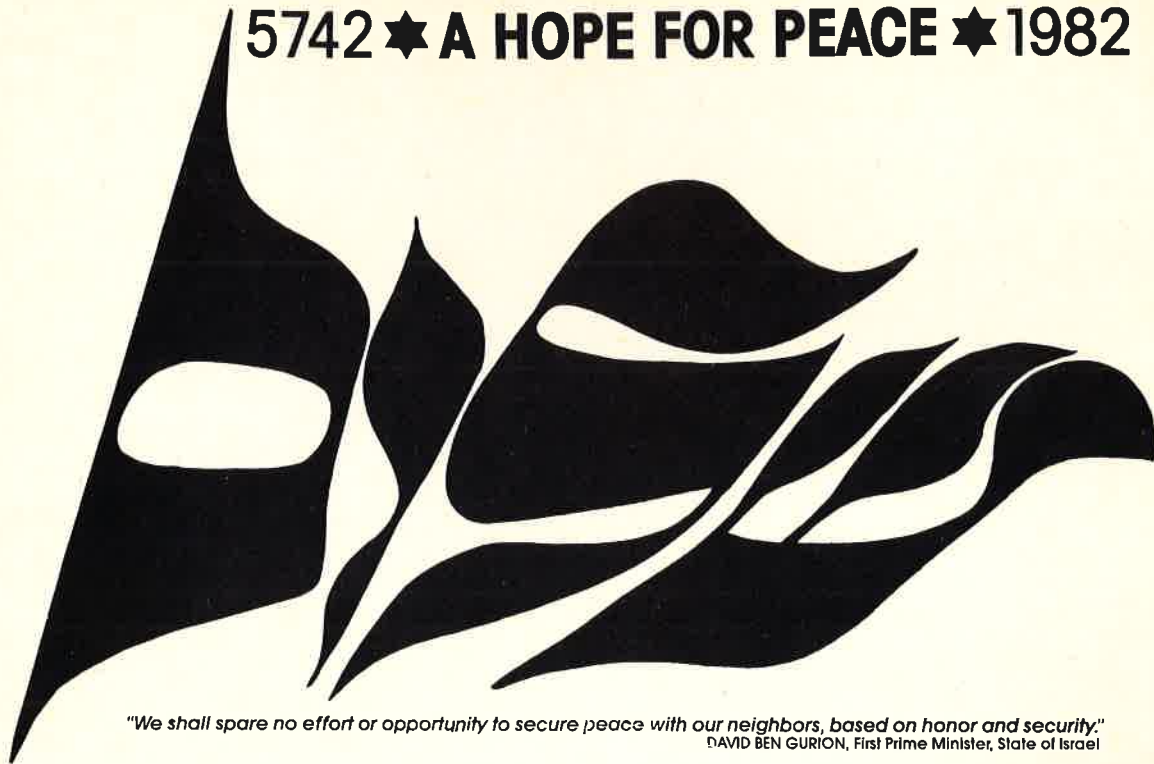
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Editorial



Yom Ha'atzmaut is always special

What makes Yom Ha'atzmaut special? Many things—the celebration of a magnificent event; the realization of a most profound time in history; the emotions that spring from the heart; the return to the land of Zion; the fulfillment of a dream.

This year, of course, the 5th of Iyar falls exactly two days after Israel's withdrawal from Sinai and will especially mark the sacrifices that Israel will make for peace.

On a more personal note, I shall always remember April 28, 1982 as the day when—all the plans of mice and men—fell apart. If the Milo's had an unforgettable experience when they performed in Cape Breton last December, they can now add Halifax to that saga.

Originally scheduled to arrive in Halifax at 4:20, their plane was delayed and delayed and delayed until supposedly 9:30 p.m.

With a concert planned for 8:00 p.m., a show had to go on, and I would personally like to thank some extra special people who made it possible. **Ben Prossin** who made some fast phone calls, **Ken Gordon** who helped me assemble a slide show; **Lenore Mencher**, **Denise** and **Natan Nevo** who called the Israeli Dance Group to arrive early, to **Henry Krichker**, **David Korn** and **Bracha Koren** who entertained with songs and music and again to Ben who masterfully M.C.'d the evening. I thank my husband who spent the afternoon and evening going back and forth to the airport and who at 10:30 p.m. delivered the Milos, in the pouring rain, to the stage of the Shaar Shalom.

Detouring through Fredericton, **Rivkah** and **Yossi**, tired but determined, gave a rousing performance to a very special audience who never complained about the "change of program".

I certainly will remember April 28th for many reasons. It was a "special" time with "extra special" people.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

It's a great magazine! Articles are enjoyed by Lauderhill Castle Elementary School Library where I am a volunteer.

We just did a Canada Display in the Library.

Sincerely,
Lillian M. Schoen
Lauderhill, Fla.

P.S. I am Gar Meltzer's sister.

Dear Shirlee,

Just a note of thanks to you and to the "Shalom" staff for keeping me informed about people and events in the Jewish community in the Maritimes.

As a displaced Haligonian, a former young Judaeon and an active camper and counsellor at Kadimah during my growing-up years, I am always interested in the activities of these groups. Reading about them, and finding that fellow Judaeans and Kadimah graduates are now active and leading members of the Maritime Community is pleasant indeed.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Marcia Jacobson Sloven

Dear Mrs. Fox:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me to discuss promotion and recruitment of the Volunteers in Probation program with the Atlantic Jewish community.

Your ideas and interest were very much appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,
Christine Ball
PR Task Force Leader
Volunteers in Probation

Editor's note: If anyone is interested in further information, please call the Atlantic Jewish Council—422-7491.

Thanks Rabbi!

I am not a very good writer and really don't feel that I can always express in words what I really feel. Yet I want to try and thank my Rabbi for the three years he has given to Moncton.

As a person growing up in Moncton I have never felt really close to the Rabbi. Yet when I met Rabbi Lefkowitz I felt a warmth and a respect for me. I consider the Rabbi not only my Rabbi but my friend as well. He has always shown interest in my life, honest interest, and has always told me how he felt about things.

I know the Rabbi likes to be with me. He enjoys my company. I am proud of that. I am also proud when friends of mine who are not Jewish tell me what a great guy my Rabbi is and wish that they had a minister like him. It makes me feel real good when the Rabbi talks to my non-Jewish friends as warmly and with as much respect as he speaks to me. I have heard adults, non-Jewish adults, quoting the Rabbi and agreeing with his statements on issues affecting Moncton and the nation. When he speaks at the High School the kids really like him. He is always able to explain our religion in a way that makes people respect it and feel more comfortable with it.

Most of all, the Rabbi has given me a new feeling of pride in being Jewish. The respect and place he is given among the Ministers of Moncton, the work he does in the community, his intelligence and love for all people has brought him the respect of thousands of people in Moncton. And he looks so Jewish! The Rabbi has proved to me that you can be accepted in the world and help lead society and still be totally Jewish. I believe the Rabbi has done a great deal in his three years to bring new respect to Jews and Judaism in Moncton.

I realize the Rabbi has been given a great opportunity for himself and his family in England. I want to wish him good luck and let him know that there are a lot of people in Moncton who are really sorry to see him leave.

Joel Rinzler
Moncton, N.B.

Lihitroa!

As many of you know by now, the Lefkowitz family is off to England to serve the Whitefield Hebrew Congregation of Manchester. May I as an individual who has sojourned amongst you these past 3 years be allowed to make an observation vis-a-vis Atlantic Jewish Life.

If there is one element missing in Canadian Jewish life in our region, if there is one element that has always been a stumbling block for me as a Rabbi, it has been the sense that Atlantic Jewry is totally unsure of what they mean when they say they are Jewish. For most of Jewish observance in this Region is merely a watering-down of what one's parents observed.

When faced with a crisis—when asked the most horrible question of all, WHY? most Atlantic Jews fall apart at the seams. Their Judaism is a comfortable old pair of shoes. They are so comfortable that most ignore the holes in their soles (or is it souls?). Observance without rhyme nor reason cannot instill in yet another generation a feeling for and a commitment to our Faith and Peoplehood.

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When I am demonstrative about my rights as a Jew in society, when I present the Jewish perspective on a communal issue in public, many of my fellow Jews shudder. And why shouldn't they shudder? Their fossilized Faith, their lifeless observances cannot stand up to the light of modern scrutiny. Coupling this with their abysmal lack of knowledge of anything Jewish, they are most comfortable when left unchallenged and unnoticed.

Brothers and sisters—if you are to survive as Jews, Judaism should present to you a double fold challenge. Firstly—Judaism should challenge you to question, to seek, to learn. Ours is not a comfortable Faith—it is a very demanding one. It confronts the intellect with unusual and stimulating concepts. It confronts our emotions with values and approaches to human needs unique among nations. Secondly—it challenges us to be active. Our Faith is only functional when put into action—passivity is anti-Jewish.

This activity embraces not only our relationship with G-d and our fellow Jew but reaches out to include the entire human community as well. Demanding change, demanding growth, this is the Jewish role in society. Challenging the status-quo, prodding man on to greater accomplishments, this is the Jewish posture in society.

I pray that you consider my observation. G-d bless you all!

Rabbi Philip Lefkowitz
Moncton, N.B.

P.S. If you are ever in Manchester, look us up.

Come Forward and be Counted



by Martin Chernin, President
Atlantic Jewish Council

Having just recently returned from a lengthy and inspiring stay in Israel, I feel compelled to bring to you a strong and compassionate plea for your strongest moral and financial support for the State of Israel on its 34th year of independence. At a time when Israel's friends are being lobbied by its enemies, sometimes successfully and often fiercely, it now needs more than ever, the Jews of the Diaspora to come forward and be counted.

At times like this, when the bonds of unity and life should be at their strongest, I find that we are becoming less committed and more apathetic. Make no mistake, my friends, Israel will have the greatest threat to her survival in the next several months; the evacuation of the Sinai, West Bank turmoil, PLO agitation from Lebanese bases—a loneliness such as Israel never experienced in her statehood.

Antisemitism is becoming more evident all over the world—yes, even in our sacred free democratic western society. With economic times being the worst since the Great Depression, with people and countries searching for answers—searching for escape—well, hopefully I need not put to pen where these times can lead.

While in Israel we visited Or Yehuda, the Atlantic Region's Project Renewal effort. Here we could see the monumental tasks which have to be faced and accomplished, and which can only be accomplished through dedication, hard work, financial and moral support from the Jews in the Diaspora. We have seen what was done in such a short period of time, and what can be done if we do not falter in our dedication and support.

So on this 34th anniversary, let us all, not only pray for Israel, but let us pray that God will give us the strength to make our strongest commitment to Israel, for the future of Judaism and the Jewish people.



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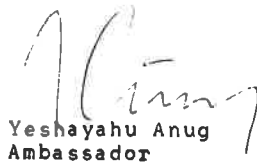
Dear Friends,

As we are entering our 35th year of renewed independence we are anxious to experience the beginning of a new chapter in our relations with Egypt, since all our obligations under the peace treaty are now being carried out by us.

On the other frontiers of Israel there are no signs for a breakthrough. Nevertheless, one should not despair, but work hard for the implementation of the provisions of the Camp David Agreement and establish autonomy for the Palestinian inhabitants of the area.

There is no other prescription for peace and those who have so far put obstacles in the way of autonomy must bear the consequences of the tensions which they have created.

I would like the Jewish Community to take a more direct interest in the daily life of Israel and in its internal problems, economic and social, because behind the headlines that deal with current news there is a process of building and development going on day after day. To be informed about Israel's steady growth in its difficult regional environment is essential for all those who regard it as their Jewish duty to be identified with the reality of the Jewish State. Only those whose identification takes the form of participation can enjoy the unique privilege offered to this generation of ours.


Yeshayahu Anug
Ambassador



by Judge Philip G. Givens
National President
Canadian Zionist Federation

One views our history with irony during this Yom Ha'atzmaut season. We watch with fascination as well as concern what has been transpiring in Israel in recent weeks, having just concluded celebrating the exodus of our People from bondage in Egypt some 3,000 years ago. We are now caught up in a modern traumatic exodus of our People from Yamit and some other small communities in Gaza—this time because the descendants of Moses and Aaron made a deal with the descendants of Pharaoh in a place deceptively called Camp David to make our People go as the price of peace between Israel and Egypt.

We have always thought that 40 years was an awfully long time to wander through the desert to get to the Promised Land and here it is over 3,000 years later and we are still not home at peace.

Assuming the withdrawal is accomplished without some serious form of civil strife or possibly even bloodshed, will that be the last penalty to be extracted from Israel for peace? Hardly likely. We have already been watching the continuing military build-up by Palestinian guerillas in Lebanon which jeopardizes the fragile cease-fire negotiated by Habib last July. It is only a matter of time before this front re-ignites and explodes.

As for Mubarak, who vowed so fervently to carry out the legacy of his predecessor propounded from the most public forum in Jerusalem in 1977, he now chooses to renounce and repudiate his executorship by refusing to visit the site where the offer of peace had its genesis. His excuse is that it may disturb that relative with whom he desires our rapprochement.

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The dilemma for Israel at this moment is excruciating. Moses facing the Red Sea with the Egyptians at his heels could not have been more bewildered as to what to do next.

In the United States, we watched the tragi-comic duet of Haig and Weinberger—both purportedly honorable, powerful and able men, both indispensable to the Administration—scare the world to death with their discordant views on foreign policy, defence and weapons of war. Their amiable and affable boss says they are in perfect harmony, just as he is with his friend and ally "Dear Menachem". This consists of his protestations of unswerving and unflinching support for his dear friend while supplying and re-directing armaments to Israel's mortal enemies. He justifies all this openly and firmly as a well thought-out policy of even-handedness. This policy is driving us all to distraction and is not adding to Reagan's own credibility anywhere in the world.

In Canada, things are much the same. Our government does not have military hardware or surpluses of foreign aid to be evenhanded with, only votes at the UN. So our government votes to condemn Israel's policy towards the administered territories, the eradication of the Iraqi reactor, the bombing of PLO Headquarters in Beirut, the sanctioning of West Bank mayors and the annexation of the Golan Heights. Fortunately, she still falls short of voting for sanction on the expulsion of Israel at the UN and reiterates its support for the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign power. Canada slavishly follows the lead of the United States and will never adopt any more helpful initiatives on her own.

Right now, some of the magic and miracles we proclaim to our families during our celebration of Israel's Independence would be very helpful indeed.

Are we realists to believe that things will be better and we will really have peace? I believe so. Our history teaches us that a Jew must believe in miracles. If a Jew does not believe in miracles, he is not a realist.

As we gather to celebrate the 34th Anniversary, we stand united and firm in our support of Israel. The Jewish State is a testament to the determination of the human will to succeed in spite of numerous adversities—a true inspiration to people around the world!

May you all have a festive Yom Ha'atzmaut.

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Stand Up and Be Counted

by Joe Ain
National President
United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to extend my most cordial greetings on the occasion of Israel's 34th anniversary to all our friends in Atlantic Canada.

In fact, you are more than friends, you are actually Mishpochah, and together, you, and I and Jews everywhere should say a "shehechyanu" that we have lived to see this glorious day. This day, the fifth of Iyar, when Israel celebrates its independence.

It is amazing how little things change over the years. For instance, in 1937 Chaim Weizman said: "Never in 2000 years has the responsibility been so great as now. We have neither the wisdom nor the strength to bear the responsibility. But fate has laid it upon us, and fate does not disclose her secrets. We can only do the possible."

And the Jewish people did the possible, they rose to the challenge, and as a result, The State of Israel was re-born in 1948. Since then we have continued to respond to our Jewish responsibilities.

This year is no different. In the Middle East, in eastern Europe, in Latin America, in western democracies, including Canada, anti-semitism is on the rise. Assaults

on Jewish institution, Jewish homes and Jewish lives are increasing.

Global inflation is steadily eroding the value of our dollars; the energy crisis makes it politically expedient to cater to the oil rich Arab countries; and worst of all, the world seems to have lost its Holocaust conscience.

Suddenly, it seems that all Jews, not only those in Israel, are on the front line. From the left, from the right, from the PLO, from the Arab oil lobby, we are hearing sounds that are all too reminiscent of the 30's. And, in Israel the pressure and the impending danger is comparable only to the years immediately preceding the proclamation of the State.

Once again, it is a testing time for the Jewish people. Once again, we must reiterate that we are "our brother's keeper". Once again, we must show our solidarity as each of us plays our own unique role in the ongoing drama.

You have an opportunity to participate, as do all the Jews in the Diaspora, by generously supporting the 1982 United Jewish Appeal.

I know you will, as always, assume your rightful role and make a whole hearted and meaningful contribution to this Annual Campaign which is the main fundraising arm of the Jewish people.

Do stand up and be counted. Take your rightful place in the Canadian Jewish community. Give until it feels good!



Survival Is Not Automatic

by Max Goody
Acting President
Zionist Organization of Canada

It is true that of all the nations of antiquity, many of whom were mighty and dominant in their time, the Jew alone has retained his original identity. The laws which Moses taught the Israelites 3200 years ago are the same ones which we teach our children today. The world has not only not created a better code of ethics than that enunciated in our Torah it is yet far from having risen to that standard.

It would not be too difficult to reason that a certain sense of destiny surrounds Jewish existence and that our very

destiny guarantees our survival. Nothing could be further from the truth. Survival is not automatic, it requires a conscious effort. In the early rebellious years following the exodus only the intercession of Moses prevented the destruction of the people. There is no Moses to save us today. The fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham does not have to satisfy our human interpretation. It could be in God's good time.

It is true that throughout the centuries of dispersion we have digressed and transgressed but as a people we have kept faith with the Torah. Abraham, it is said, was tested ten times—we have been

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tested ten thousand times. And we have survived. And we have remained loyal to the land. During all the torturous centuries of persecution we not only prayed for Jerusalem, we died for it. Now, with the re-birth of Israel we are once again rebuilding the glory of our ancient capital. Yes, we are a deserving generation sufficiently worthy to have witnessed the redemption of our land.

But we have only acquired our land not secured it. The struggle is against both internal and external forces. Internally, we need to develop a sense of mutual respect and tolerance for no one idea is so right that it dare exclude all others. But the most serious mistake is to think that assimilation can solve Jewish problems. The attempt to assimilate simply leaves the Jew in a spiritual no-man's land isolated from the community that he has abandoned and rejected by the one that can not absorb him.

The Haskalah of Moses Mendelsohn (1729-86) released the Jews from the confines of the ghetto; it let the Jew out but it also let the rest of the world in. The inevitable anti-semitism that followed ultimately made it clear that the only hope for a dignified Jewish existence was a return to their ancient homeland. And so began the parade of the progenitors of Zionism—Leon Pinsker, Moses Hess, Ahad Ha'am, Rabbis Guttmacher and Alkali etc. and finally Theodore Herzl.

The re-establishment of the State of Israel is more than a return to our land, it is an act which has totally transformed the image of the Jew. A full century before Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire at the Synod of Nicea in 325 CE there were already twice as many Jews living outside Palestine as in it. This event also marked the point at which Christianity began to reject the acknowledgment of its Jewish roots. Throughout the Middle Ages the Jews lived as minorities in increasingly hostile Christian environments. And because of this minority status they were rarely able to defend themselves against attack. It was, therefore, natural that there would develop the image of the Jew as servile and subservient, the butt of everyone's frustrations, failures and shortcomings.

It was, as a result, logical that when on May 14, 1948 the third Jewish Commonwealth came into existence that the gentile world should react with scepticism and disbelief. And with the lightning victory of June 1967 the world was confronted with a Jewish people not only willing and prepared but able to defend itself against attack. The world has had some difficulty in coming to terms with this new image.

There is now no going back to the Middle Ages. It is true that we are not a warring people . . . we do not have a god

of war like the Roman Mars, the Greek Aries or the Scandinavian Odin. For Judaism militarism is an act of remedy not an act of purpose. Nowhere does Judaism teach that we must submit to persecution or yield to injustice or discrimination. Our history is full of stories about the

Maccabees, Bar Kochba, Massada martyrs and Warsaw ghetto defenders.

The struggle with this new Jewish image remains. But the image also remains . . . determined that never again will there be another Auschwitz, Bergen Belsen or Dachau.



Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada



On February 20th, 1982, **Mrs. Mirial Small**, National President of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, brought greetings to a distinguished assembly of medical experts at an international symposium in Jerusalem, Israel. The next day, and continuing for three further days, a medical first in Israel—eleven Down's Syndrome children underwent facial plastic surgery in order to alter their distinctive physical appearance which causes society to utterly reject them.

The story of these events and the significant implications to improve the future of Down's Syndrome children everywhere fills members of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada with pride. It is their support of **Prof. Reuven Feuerstein** and the Hadassah-WIZO of Canada Research Institute which he directs, that has led to what Mrs. Small rightfully terms "a significant breakthrough in the care and treatment of Down's Syndrome children and adolescents."

The story begins over ten years ago at the Hadassah-WIZO of Canada Research Institute which annually provides diagnostic and remedial treatment to hundreds of children, including Down's Syndrome victims who have been referred to the Institute as infants, as adolescents and even as young adults. Dr. Feuerstein noted that contrary to the widely held views that once a Down's Syndrome, always a dependent and disabled retardate, his clinical evidence proved a potential for a capacity to learn and to adapt to life. However, their physical appearance, a protruding tongue, hanging lower lip, slanting eyes, flat cheeks, distinctive nose with a sunken bridge—presents a very powerful barrier to their acceptance into "normal" society. Dr. Feuerstein embarked on a decade-long search to "normalize" their appearance.

In Germany, plastic surgeon **Professor Gottfried Lempeler**, has achieved impressive results in 250 operations on Down's Syndrome children. Dr. Feuerstein organized an International Symposium in Jerusalem so that Dr. Lempeler could explain his techniques which include reducing the protruding tongue, thus making speech more intelligible; raising the nose bridge and hanging lower lip, and altering the eye lids. The Symposium was co-sponsored by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and Hadassah.

The surgery on the Israeli youngsters was done at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre by **Dr. Menahem Wexler**, Head of the Department of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery. Hadassah-WIZO of Canada Research Institute staff members accompanied the children

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As we complete our 80th year, Jewish National Fund, with the help of Canadian Jewry, will continue to work to develop and strengthen the land of Israel. Galil-Canada, our challenging project for the 80's will bring new life to the highly-strategic northern region of Israel where 14 new villages have already been established. Through the work of JNF, in conjunction with the Government of Israel and the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, roads are being built, thousands of dunam of land are being reclaimed and infrastructures are being built to pave the way for settlements,

agriculture, recreation and industry. In Canada Park, halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 5,000,000 trees have been planted and a National Parkland has been developed to not only preserve the land, but to provide recreational needs for the people of Israel.

We pledge to continue and increase our work in Israel, and we hope that in this 35th year or Israel's Independence, we will see peace become a reality throughout the Middle East.

Alexander Mayers
President
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Neil W. Franklin
Vice President
Atlantic Region JNF

Good Wishes on the 34th Anniversary of the State of Israel

by Rabbi Marvin Pritzker
Dr. Jason Greenblatt, President
Beth Israel Synagogue,
Halifax

The Baron de Hirsch Congregation sends the State of Israel its good wishes and expressions of warmest support on the occasion of the 34th Anniversary of the rebirth of Israel.

The history of this small country since its establishment has been so packed with events of historic impact, on a world wide as well as Jewish scale, that each and every one of its previous 33 years of existence could be described as momentous. However the coming year opens with an event that could have very great significance, the final adjustments to the Peace between Israel and Egypt.

In concluding the terms of the Camp David accord between Israel and Egypt, Israel is taking a risk for peace, Shalom, the goal that it and Diaspora Jews have yearned and sought since the formation of the state. May the coming year see this risk rewarded, and true peace between the two countries continue so that Israel may turn the energies expended in the defence of her western frontiers to bettering the lives of her citizens.

Hadassah-WIZO continued

and their parents to the hospital, and remained with them during the hospitalization, providing valuable support and encouragement.

Dr. Feuerstein reports that "the children, themselves reflected the work we had invested in them, responding co-operating in a way far beyond what hospital staff had envisioned." The children receive help on a direct, personalized basis to develop their level of functioning. The success of the operations are now an accepted fact. In August, in Toronto, at an International Conference on Mental Retardation, Dr. Feuerstein will present the follow-up of his work with the "formerly" Down's Syndrome children.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO takes great pride in its involvement in this project which promises to bring help to Down's Syndrome children everywhere. This is just one more example of the extraordinary achievements emanating from Israel which stands at the very forefront of contemporary technological development in many fields—medicine, science, agriculture, engineering, electronics, and more. We are pleased to celebrate Israel's 34th anniversary. Israel continues to radiate sunshine into Jewish life everywhere, and the light it casts cannot help but inspire people of good heart and goodwill everywhere.

In Remembrance

by Ann David

Yom Hashoa . . . the Holocaust. A whole new generation has grown into adulthood not having known of the Holocaust from first-hand experience. For too many, it is merely a part of history. It is for this generation and future generations that this tragedy must never be erased from our minds, never be repeated.

In remembrance to those who perished in the Holocaust, a Special Remembrance

Day Service was held at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, in Halifax, corresponding to the 27th. day of Nisan. Members of the Halifax Jewish community along with civil and church officials came together to commemorate their loss with Jews around the world.

This commemorative service was held under the auspices of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the Canadian Jewish Congress.



Among those present at the service were left to right: James M. Hayes, Archbishop of Halifax; Ben Prossin, Deputy President, Canadian Zionist Federation; Vice-President Canadian Jewish Congress; Mayor Ron Wallace; Herman Newman, Chairman-

Atlantic Jewish Council Holocaust Remembrance Committee and A.M. (Sandy) Cameron, Leader of the Opposition. Seated is the Hon. Gerald Lawrence, representing the Province of Nova Scotia.

A Challenge to Re-Organize

by Rabbi Gershon Freidlin
Shaar Shalom Synagogue-Halifax

For us, the Jewish people, Israel has opened up a whole new ball game. There is a range of activities that suddenly, so we think, become Jewish just because they are performed in Hebrew on Jewish soil—like Jewish art, Jewish sport, Jewish crime, or Jewish wars.

Even if we are only remotely aware of Israel in our daily lives, this whole new opening of what it means to be Jewish affects us deeply. We have gone way beyond a simplistically religious interpretation of Judaism.

This is "good" and "bad". Good, because we have more opportunities; bad, because we have a harder time organizing our opportunities into a Jewish way of life. A challenge to re-organize our daily lives is what Israel gives us on her 34th Birthday. We must never sit back and bask in her glory. Israel is vital only so long as we are vital! She is a centre of our lives so long as we centralize our lives and work to make a Judaism for today.



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Mr. Rubin Zimmerman, President of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., is pleased to announce that **Martin Chernin** has been elected to the National Board of Directors of the Corporation at their Meeting held on April 30, 1982.

Mr. Chernin has been involved in all phases of activity in the Atlantic Jewish Community for an appreciable period and his election is in recognition of dedicated service to the Community. He is currently the President of the Atlantic Jewish Council and has served in this capacity since 1980. He is also a National Officer of Canadian Jewish Congress—Atlantic Region and Vice-Chairman, United Israel Appeal, Atlantic Region.

For a number of years he has been actively engaged in the Israel Bond Campaigns and served as Campaign Chairman for the Sydney area in 1979 and 1980.

Born in Sydney, N.S., Mr. Chernin studied Commerce at St. Francis Xavier University and Dalhousie University.

In 1967, he joined the Chernin Group of Companies and moved to Cornerbrook, Nfld. as General Manager of the Newfoundland operations. In 1973, he returned to the Cape Breton Head Office of the Corporation.

Until Mr. Chernin's resignation in 1979, he was a Vice-President and Director of both L.H. Chernin & Sons Ltd. and Chernin's (Newfoundland) Ltd. He is presently Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Pearl Realty Company Ltd.

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Halifax Masada Club Activities

For those of you who have not attended a Masada Club event and have been curious about its activities, the following story will give you an insight. Contact Edgar Miller, President, at 454-6930, or any member to be part of the group's programming.

Oneg Shabbat at Northwood Centre

Members, Guests and Residents enjoying a delightful meal.



Succoth Program at the Beth Israel

Holiday Program and Songs with Cantor George Lieberman



Masada Executive "in The Kitchen" at the Miller's House with Perry Sable, Group Advisor.

Sunday Afternoon Meetings at the Shaar Shalom and Beth Israwl Synagogues.



*Father Tobin of St. Mary's University
and other clergy joined with
members and guests in the celebration.*





"Trained hands means Productivity, Security, Dignity"

In Halifax

by Sandy Gordon

Across the Canadian ORT Network, chapters celebrated ORT Day during the month of May. Like the students of the technical and trade schools that ORT supports, we as members must educate ourselves on the work that ORT accomplishes all over the world. This year, ORT Day was celebrated on May 19th, 1982 at the home of **Mrs. Molly Rechnitzer**, when members enjoyed a Coffee and Dessert Evening. During the evening, the Installation of New Officers took place and special awards were presented. The meeting was the last function of the year. 1982/1983 Executive Officers: President—**Linda Raskin**; 1st Vice-President—**Carol Ginsberg**; 2nd Vice-President—**Judy Abraham**; Recording Secretary—**Vicki Lipkus**; Corresponding Secretary—**Karen Sadofsky**; Treasurer—**Miriam Kohler**; Financial Secretary—**Yael Wollach**; National Board Member—**Carol Ginsberg**; Past President—**Cathy Jacobson**.

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Halifax Mirium Lief Chapter of Mizrachi Women

by Rose Pritzker

At a Purim meeting, held at the home of **Mrs. B. Zemel**, a report was given of the monies collected by the Halifax chapter for the Women's Mizrachi campaign.

A moment of silence was observed for the late **Mrs. Sadie Fineberg**. Mazeltov wishes were extended to **Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldfarb** on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

Mrs. B. Zemel is in charge of sending out the various Mizrachi cards.

Henceforth, a phone committee will notify all members of the meeting dates.

Mrs. Ella Morris introduced the guest speaker, **Mrs. Hedda Medjuck**, who spoke on her family's 'almost-nine-month' stay in Israel, and of their experiences. She described their daily life, their children's adjustment to school,

which worked out beautifully thanks to the dedication of their teachers. She recounted how they all spent their time, especially celebrating the festivals starting with the High holidays, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, and later on the holidays of Purim and Pesach. Each of the holidays brought special significance and meaning to their being in the Holy Land and realizing the import of our religious observances. Hedda had her audience enthralled by her insights and observations who thoroughly enjoyed her talk.

Hedda's mother, **Mrs. Dorothy Mark** of Moncton, joined us for this meeting.

Halifax Mirium Lief chapter of Mizrachi extends its best wishes to Israel on its 34th anniversary. May it go from STRENGTH to STRENGTH!

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Host Family Concept

An exciting new project, the **Host Family Program**, is being initiated in the Metro community. The aim of this program is to introduce to each other incoming International students attending local universities and families living in the Metro area.

The Host Family program arises from the concern that the large International student body in this area—close to 1500 at this time—is not having sufficient or meaningful enough contact with the Canadian Community and vice versa. Students often tend to be isolated on campus from the life of the general community, and may leave Halifax at the completion of their formal education without ever having been invited into a Canadian home. On the other hand, local families are deprived of the rich and varied cultural experiences that could be available to them. A real loss for both the student and the family!

Initiated by a member of the Halifax Jewish Community, the Host Family committee is composed of representatives from the universities, the student communities and the public. Although not a new concept in Canada, a Host Family program has not functioned in Halifax-Dartmouth before on a continuous, on-going basis. Therefore, a pilot program is being planned to begin this Fall semester with a limited number of new incoming students. The students will be 18 years of age and over, will have a good basic grasp of English, and will come from a wide variety of countries. An attempt will be made to match up families and students on the basis of interests and various other experiences.

Each family may help its new student learn about Canadian life and the Halifax community, help the students locate agencies or shops to meet specific needs and will, especially, be a friend. Students will not live with their host family, but will visit with them at their mutual convenience. The students and the host family will learn from each other by sharing their cultural backgrounds, enjoying social and community events and celebrating each other's holidays and festivals. Both families and students should mutually benefit from this interaction.

The Committee is presently inviting people to participate as Host Families, both in this initial pilot phase and/or for the future program. If you, a single, a couple or a family, are interested in this new exciting program, or if you want more information, please contact:

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The spirit of brotherhood is manifested in many forms. Let this be an opportunity to reflect the words of our lovely song, "Hine Ma Tov Uma Naim, Shevet Achim Gam Yachad", "... How Good and how Pleasant it is, the Dwelling of Brothers Together".

An Important Event In Winnipeg

by Alan J. Stern

On February 26, 1982 I flew to Winnipeg as the Shaar Shalom delegate to the Organizational meeting of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism (CCCJ). There has never been a separate Canadian organization of Conservative Synagogues although most conservative synagogues in Canada are affiliated with the United Synagogues of America which has its main office in New York and regional offices in several Canadian cities.

At eight a.m. on a typical cold Winnipeg morning I received a call from four delegates from Montreal and Toronto who knew that a delegate from Atlantic Canada had come for the conference. We all attended services that morning at the Rosh Pina Synagogue which has approximately one thousand families. The service was very similar to our own services and included participation from a pre-bar mitzvah boy as well as two older teenage boys. The officials of the synagogue were kind enough to provide honours to all four visitors and we felt very much at home during the morning.

One unique feature of the service occurred during the procession returning the Torah to the Ark. The Congregants all offered their hands and exchanged Sabbath greetings and as a result I met

several congregants as I was walking in the procession.

On Saturday afternoon **Philip Simon** (son of Ron and Helen of Halifax) insisted on taking me on a guided tour of Winnipeg and I was therefore fortunate enough to see several parts of the city in a short period of time, including the imposing Legislative building which has a breathtaking interior.

On Saturday night the Rosh Pina Congregation hosted a reception for the visiting delegates at the International Inn and we all had an opportunity to exchange information and views, and of course I was asked about many people in the Maritimes.

On Sunday morning most of the delegates attended the service at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue which has about the same membership as the Rosh Pina. During the weekend the United Synagogue Youth hosted an enclave which was a gathering of young people. I learned that Winnipeg enjoys a North-South relationship for such activities rather than an East-West relationship. In other words because Winnipeg is so far from the Canadian Centres and relatively close to the United States border (about sixty miles) activities are coordinated with such states as North Dakota and Minnesota.

On this particular weekend 120 children between the ages of thirteen and sixteen were bussed in from North Dakota to join a similar number of teenagers from Winnipeg. On Sunday morning all of the children attended the service. Of course I felt envious for my children because they have never seen this number of Jewish children at one time. Two young girls and one boy led the service under the guidance of the Rabbi and the two girls ably chanted most of the prayers in unison.

After breakfast the meeting of the delegates, which included several rabbis commenced.

During the course of the day the topics discussed included the purposes for the organization such as exchange of ideas and information within Canada. A substantial portion of the meeting dealt with the manner in which our constituent congregations would officially affiliate with the Zionist Federation of Canada. The Conservative Congregations in Canada have always supported the Zionist movement but there has not been an official relationship with C.Z.F. up to the present time.

During the course of the meeting the first executive was elected and I had the honour of being selected as the Atlantic Representative (there being no other delegates present from Atlantic Canada). We agreed to convene several meetings a year and Marvin Miller of the Beth Tzedec in Toronto was elected as president. The activities of the organization



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From Antigonish . . .

What, Who and Where is "Acha"

by Murray Schwartz

ACHA is not exactly on everyone's lips, but it is an important organization for the Jewish community in and around Antigonish, Nova Scotia, a small town about 150 miles from Halifax. ACHA is the acronym for the Antigonish Cultural and Hebrew Association and it came into being this past year through the efforts of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region, Canadian Jewish Congress and five families in Antigonish and one in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia. The purpose was to provide a Hebrew Sunday School for the children to learn Hebrew, culture and religion. Of equal importance was the strong feeling by all to provide for the children and for ourselves a sense of community.

The focus and mainstay of the organization is the Sunday afternoon children's Hebrew class, taught by local resident, **Paul Mandell**. The class consists of eight children ranging in age from nine to 13 years. This does not include a few younger "unofficial students," (age six and under) who remain for part or all of the class depending on their attention span that week.

Concurrent with the children's class, the parents also meet to learn Hebrew, History and Torah. The adult class is taught unofficially (it has to be unofficial since we don't pay him) by **Michael Steinitz** with helpful and capable comments by **Heidi Steinitz**.

The Steinitz's also provide a series of excellent travelogues of Israel, with Michael providing the commentary for Heidi's superb slides from the length and breadth of Israel.

To accomplish our goal of a "feeling of community," we have organized special events about once a month. During these events, we are often joined by a number of other Jewish residents in the area, who, cannot for one reason or the other, regularly attend our school. The numbers are occasionally augmented by visiting relatives.

In the fall, we built a Sukkah and, according to tradition, dined under the boughs which comprised the roof. It was our first festive event. For many of the adults, it was the first Sukkah they had entered in over two decades. For several of the children, it was their first time ever.

Later in the fall, we had the pleasure of a visit by **Rabbi G. Freidlin** from Halifax, and the small community gathered to celebrate Havdallah services. As the calendar year drew to a close, we celebrated with a Chanukah party which included traditional songs and games as well as some new variations.

This term we added a Purim party which owed at least part of its success to **Gail Rubinstein's** creative talents. Perhaps the highlight of the year to date was the second night of Passover where 40 of our community, which extended that night from Port Hawkesbury to Canso to Antigonish came together for a seder. The seder began with the chanting of the Kiddish by **Mel Weisbart's** father, who was visiting from Toronto. Later, the frantic search for the afikomen by about a dozen children was hectic, but a delight to witness.

Most recently, the community had the good fortune to be paid a visit by **Herman Newman**, chairman of the Holocaust Committee of the Atlantic Jewish Council who captivated us with his charm and passion as he painfully recalled, in the first person singular, the horrors of the time of the Holocaust. Herman's story and message was articulately

Editor's note: All pictures recording the events in Antigonish were taken by budding photographer, Joel Schwartz.

and eloquently narrated. It was done with such skill that the younger members of the audience could relate to what he was saying as easily as the adults. This time of the year will certainly have deeper meaning for many of us when we recall Herman's visit, coming as it did shortly after Passover and between Yom Hashoa and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Finally, I must acknowledge the assistance given us by **Rabbi P. Lefkowitz** of Moncton, New Brunswick, chairman of the Education Committee, Atlantic Jewish Council and to the Atlantic Jewish Council. Rabbi Lefkowitz and his family visited Antigonish about a year ago when we were just at the talking stages and urged us to get started and offered his assistance.

Shirlee Fox, Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council has consistently offered help and encouragement in so many ways that I could easily double the length of this column were I to elaborate.

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The regulars from the Hebrew class include (front row) Sari Schwartz, Will Rubinstein, Arlo Klahr (back row) Jeremy Pencer, Cindy Weisbart, Michael Weisbart, teacher Paul Mandell. Missing from picture is photographer Joel Schwartz and Katy Alpert.



The youngest Alpert makes sure that papa Marty's kippa is straight.



The smallest Weisbart finishes at least one cup of wine (or juice) as sister Cindy studies the Hagadah.



From right to left: Suzi Steinitz, Alice Frost, Paul Mandell, David, Arlo and Susan Klahr, enjoying the seder.



Cindy Weisbart makes a few last minute preparations for the class.



Jeremy Pencer gets instruction from teacher Paul.



Some of the 40 persons who attended the community seder in Antigonish.



Sari Schwartz sings Ma Nish-Tanta.



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because it is the people of Israel who must carry the enormous challenges of nation building, while maintaining the country's security year after year

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because I care for the maintenance of Jewish tradition and the continued growth of Jewish culture and education, to ensure the existence of Israel and the Jewishness of my children, so that they may stand tall, proud of their heritage and conscious of their place among nations

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because my Jewish conscience, dictates that I must fulfill my commitment and do my share, in the name of Israel and my fellow Jews

Cape Breton News



Le-Chaim to Israel's 34th Anniversary

by Rabbi Eli Lagnado
Temple Sons of Israel
Sydney, N.S.

We in the Diaspora dare not slacken—indeed we must accelerate our aid to strengthen and establish an independent well populated Israel, possessed of a robust nationalism, but always conscience of spiritual values and a world burden. We must ensure that its doors will be kept wide open to receive those who come from lands of sorrow, frustration and hateful reminder. But we must not neglect Judaism and Jewish institutions in our midst. Our spiritual and moral stature in our local, religious communal and civic identifications must develop to be commensurate with what is no less than a Divine purpose.

On behalf of Temple Sons Of Israel, Sydney, Nova Scotia, we all drink Le-Chaim to Israel's 34th Anniversary.

by Miriam Pavey

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will be coordinated through the new office in Toronto.

From the point of view of the Atlantic Provinces we now have direct contact with the other conservative congregations in Canada. In most of the population centres of Canada, unlike the Atlantic Provinces, membership in conservative congregations is larger than in any other branch of Judaism. We must therefore maintain a close relationship with these Synagogues in order to remain a part of the mainstream of Jewish life in Canada.

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Eric and Barbara Swetsky have returned to Toronto, Ont., after visiting their parents, Lou and Gladys Swetsky. Mark Jacobson and son have returned to Ottawa, Ont. after visiting his parents, Oscar and Polly Jacobson. Jeremy and Esther Shapiro and son have returned to London, Ont., after visiting her parents, Harry and Amelia Goldman. Nathan and Sarah Greenberg have returned to Ottawa, Ont., after visiting their daughter, Gertie and son-in-law, Sam Budovitch.

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Saint John Happenings



by Miriam Pavey

Inclement weather is not guaranteed to dampen the spirits of Shaarie Zedek members. A good sized congregation was present at the Synagogue for the Bat Mitzvah of **Katie**, daughter of **Anne** and **Danny Elman**. A very lively time was had by all as Katie was welcomed into the community as a new adult.

Purim was its usual riotous self with a competition between the children of the chedar as to who could make the most noise! Fancy dress costumes were to be seen and mouthwatering Hamantaschen was provided by Sisterhood members.

Hadassah—Wizo/Sisterhood

With Purim barely over it was time for Hadassah-Wizo to have its monthly meeting. This was held at the home of **Miriam Pavey** and, as the date was March 17 it seemed appropriate to explore the history and origins of Irish Jewry. This meeting was well attended and much useful business was discussed. Sisterhood also held a meeting at this time and outlined exciting plans for the future—more of that in later issues. And suddenly everyone was thinking Pesach!

Our President, **Norman Hamburg**, arranged for supplies to be brought into the Synagogue. These supplies, together with the supplies from our town's Union Deli, run by **Ron** and **Sandra Levine**, have ensured a happy and Kosher Pesach for Saint John's Jewish community.

A model seder was held at the Synagogue. This was conducted by **Rabbi Pavey** assisted by every member of the Chedar. The hall was festively decorated and a delicious meal was organized and prepared by **Janet Holtzman**, Youth

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A lively meeting of the Shomer Club received a taste of history—their own. Or more specifically the history of the Saint John Jewish Community. Speaker for this occasion was **Marcia Koven** who is making this the subject of her thesis for University.

Our study group continues to meet and many lively topics are discussed.

Rabbi Pavey is in demand for committee work in the town and has currently been co-opted onto the committees for Interfaith/bi-centennial, the Cancer Society and a new committee to aid

refugees coming to Saint John from Poland.

The Synagogue still continues to be a source of interest for non-Jews and recently welcomed a party of Baptist youth who toured it and heard about Synagogue life. Rabbi Pavey was the guest of **Rev. Lloyd Lake** on his "Religious Reflections" program on Cable T.V. He spoke about family life.

Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Aaron** and **Betty Brody**—37 years; **David** and **Edie Besner**—14 years; **Robert** and **Roz Brown**—17 years; **Arnold** and **Judy Budovitch**—13 years; **Seymour** and **Marilyn Kaufman**—8 years; **Harry** and **Sarah Lang**—26 years; **Weldon** and **Joan Levine**—16 years; **Irving** and **Sylvia Meyers**—30 years; **Dave** and **Bea Sherman**—38 years; **Lou** and **Gladys Swetsky**—34 years; **Harold** and **Audrey Velensky**—27 years.

Mazol Tov to the following: **Aaron** and **Betty Brody** on the birth of their grandson, **Adam Arie**. Proud parents are **Dr. Leonard** and **Bella Brody**, Toronto, Ont. **Irving** and **Sylvia Meyers** and **Ben** and **Esther Dorchik**, Calgary, Alta, on the birth of their grandson, **Lonnie Brandon**. Great grandson for **Sam** and **Jennie Brown**. Proud parents are **Stephanie** and **Michael Dorchik**, Calgary, Alta.

Eric and **Barbara Swetsky** have returned to Toronto, Ont., after visiting their parents, **Lou** and **Gladys Swetsky**. **Mark Jacobson** and son have returned to Ottawa, Ont. after visiting his parents, **Oscar** and **Polly Jacobson**. **Jeremy** and **Esther Shapiro** and son have returned to London, Ont., after visiting her parents, **Harry** and **Amelia Goldman**. **Nathan** and **Sarah Greenberg** have returned to Ottawa, Ont., after visiting their daughter, **Gertie** and son-in-law, **Sam Budovitch**.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Joel Berk has returned to Toronto, Ont., after visiting his parents, **Meyer** and **Eta Berk**.

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Bella Green has returned to Saint John, N.B., after visiting her daughter, **Miriam**, son-in-law, **Warren Cohen** and family.

Bernie and **Helen Pinsler** have returned to Montreal, Que., after visiting their son, **Peter**, daughter-in-law, **Sharon** and family.

Speedy recoveries to **Lou Swetsky**; **Rae Selby**; **Bea Sherman**; **Betty Levine** and **Goldie Budovitch**.

Condolences to **Rae Selby**, **Bessie Rose** and **Russa Feldman**, Woodstock, N.B., on the loss of their brother, **Bill Columbus**, Saint John, N.B. May the mourners be spared of further sorrow.

Kosher Chinese Cooking Demonstration

A community program sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region was held March 28, featuring a demonstration of Kosher Chinese Cooking by **Dick Chen** of Montreal. All those who attended were impressed, and enjoyed sampling the different delicacies.

Hadassah-Wizo

The annual campaign for Youth Aliyah, sponsored by the Lillian Freiman Chapter Hadassah-Wizo, featuring a "Dessert Fantasy" was held Sunday, April 25, in the Vestry of the Sgoelai Israel Synagogue. Guest speaker was **Yitzhak Mayer**, Consul General of Israel, Montreal, P.Q.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Honoring the 34th Anniversary of Israel Independence, **Shoshana Ron**, Israeli singer and accompanist, **Rami Bar'Niv**, presented a concert in the Vestry of the Synagogue on April 27. The performance was sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region in co-operation with B'nai Brith—Fredericton Lodge.

News from Moncton

Seder at Dorchester

On Chol HaMoed **Rabbi Lefkowitz**, assisted by **Ryan Jacobson** and **Joel Rinzler**, conducted a Seder for the Jewish inmates of Dorchester Federal Penitentiary. As a result of a massive shake-up in the Federal system, there are now approximately 10-15 Jews at Dorchester. **Rabbi Lefkowitz** has volunteered his time to serve these inmates as the Government has not appointed a Jewish Chaplain at the Penitentiary. During his counselling sessions with a number of inmates, it was found that many wanted to celebrate Passover. The Rabbi, with the support of his Congregation, provided a complete Seder—a Seder which was attended by five of the inmates as well as staff and Chaplains at the Institution.

Most of the Jewish inmates are from the West Coast and consequently have no visitors. For some of them the Rabbi is their only contact with the outside world.

Mazel Tov

To **Hilton Attis** on the opening of his new store. To **Roz** and **Sandy Attis** on the birth of their daughter, **Merissa Jennifer**. To **Mrs. Sarah Rubin** on the birth of a granddaughter.

Condolences are Extended To

The Family of **Rhea Bassen**. The family of **Ethel Freeman**. The family of **Sarah Stein**. The family of **Helen Savage**. The family of **Esther Goorevitch**. To the family of **Jake Rubin**. To the family of **Hyman Brumer**. To **Leonard Margolian** on the passing of his brother.

Bar Mitzvahs

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jacobson** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Michael**, held Saturday, May 22nd, Parshas Badidbar.

Congratulations to **Professor & Mrs. Francis Weil** on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Olivier**, to be held Saturday, June 26th, Parshas Korach, and to the grandparents, **Mr. & Mrs. Sam Lipton**.

Sharon, Lois and Bram

Sisterhoods' major project for the year—the sponsoring of a childrens' concert at MacNaughton High School on June 6, 1982, starring **Sharon, Lois, and Bram** is fast approaching. Sharon, Lois and Bram are Canada's leading children's entertainment group. Their innovative and unique style has brought them acclaim from many corners of Canadian society. Chairpersons for this event are **Gail Zuckerman** and **Margaret Attis**.

Tiferes Israel Preschool—Moncton

The Moncton Preschool class has been operating for almost 2 years with between 10 and 12 children enrolled. As with all new ventures there have been both discouragements and successes, but generally there has been a spirit of optimism surrounding the progress of the school. Many individuals and organizations have contributed labour, equipment and finances which have all helped develop the school considerably—the Atlantic Jewish Council being one of these generous donors.

The basic kindergarten and pre-kindergarten curriculum is integrated with the religious program which emphasizes the Jewish festivals and related activities. Two enjoyable activities (especially for parents and grandparents) were the Hanukkah and Purim concerts in December and March. Nothing is more heart warming then little children singing their hearts out on stage, while beaming parents look on.

Highlights of the past year include trips to a dairy farm, library, bakery, police station, sleigh ride and tobogganing and a monthly swim and gym program at the University of Moncton.

In June we are anticipating with great pride our FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONIES as 6 children receive their diplomas. Congratulations are extended to **Yona Attis**, **Levi Lefkowitz**, **Mya Rinzler**, **Gabrielle Rubin**, **Randy Coleman** and **Mathieu Mazerolle** on this momentous occasion in their lives.

We look forward with anticipation to another year of challenge and progress.

Reception: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Chairman: A. Lloyd Goldsmith

Jewish National Fund
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In Honour Of
Bernard Freedman
Sunday, June 13, 1982
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Greetings: Richard Hatfield
Premier of New Brunswick

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Bob Kaplan, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Solicitor General of Canada

Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

Tickets: Norman Hotzman 693-6333

What's Happening in St. John's



Reprint: The B'nai B'rith Covenant—March 1981

Jewish community holds memorial service

Six candles — each representing a million Jews — were lit by children Sunday night at the Beth-El synagogue at a memorial service for the 6,000,000 Jews killed in German concentration

camp during the Second World War. The children (l-r), are: Ricky Rouah, 12; Jody Lipkus, 11; David Rouah, 11; Dov Smilestein, 11; Brian Mendoza, 9 and Paul Fine, 9.

by Linda Berman

On Sunday morning, April 4, 1982, the children of our Hebrew School, led by **Rabbi Berman** and assisted by the ladies of the sisterhood, participated in a model Seder. The major aspects of the Haggadah were explained and all of the traditional foods eaten. It was the culmination of a month's study on Passover, its preparation and rituals. This helped our children prepare for the seders in their own homes.

Yom Hashoa Service

On Sunday, April 18, 1982, the Hebrew Congregation of Newfoundland, under the direction of **Mr. Louis Ferman** with the assistance of **Mrs. Barbara Fine**, presented the annual Yom Hashoa program. The evening began with an invocation by Rabbi Berman and the lighting of six candles by children from our Hebrew School; each candle representing one million of our people who died in the Holocaust. A number of poems and short prose selections were read by members and friends of the congregation. **Mr. Moshe Kantorowitz** spoke of his experiences as an inmate of Auschwitz and of his participation at the Gathering of Holocaust survivors which took place in Jerusalem last year. The guest speaker for the evening was **Dr. Leslie Harris**, President of Memorial University, who spoke most eloquently about how such an atrocity as the Holocaust could have occurred and why it seems almost unbelievable even to those who were present at the time. The

evening's program, which was filmed and shown on CBC's "Here and Now" the following Tuesday, was most moving and meaningful.

On Saturday evening, May 1, 1982, the Esther Wilansky Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo of Canada hosted the Israeli vocalist **Rivka Peled** and her accompanist **Yossi Milo** at their annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. Once again the "Special Birthday" cake was baked and donated by **Helen Nathanson**. As has become tradition, the candles which decorated this beautiful confection were sold. The Program was sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region

Canadian Zionist Federation—Atlantic Region.

Congratulations to **Ruth** and **John Noel** on the birth of their daughter, **Miriam**.

We were very happy to see a number of former members and residents and many children of members who came home to celebrate Passover with us in St. John's. We were joined by **Dorothy** and **Philip Riteman**, **Larry Riteman**, **Wayne Nathanson**, **Barry Nathanson**, **Greta Nathanson**, **Dara Nathanson**, **Mrs. Dora**, **Kenny** and **Lisa Kantorowitz**, **Frank Smilestein**, **Ditza Auerbach** and everyone's favourite grandmother, **Jenny Smilestein**.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Linda Pereira-Mendoza on the sudden passing of her mother, Lilly Soskin, in London, England.

More St. John's News by Linda Pereira Mendoza

International Spring Swing

Monday, 26th April, the Hebrew Congregation of Newfoundland were invited to join the Multicultural and Folk Arts Council for their International Spring Swing.

Seven members of the community attended and were treated to a corbon bleu meal prepared by the Chinese, French and Italian Societies. An entertaining speaker spoke to us about our taxes and everyone was expecting to be bored to tears but were proved wrong as the speaker kept everyone's attention for a lively ten minutes.

Following the formal portion of the evening we were finished with the 'Swing'—a lively dance to a variety of music from many of the cultural groups around St. John's.

All in all the evening was charming and a most delightful way to promote multiculturalism.

Thrift Shop

Come one—come all. There was no need to bother shouting this off the rooftops. Once the St. John's regulars heard that Beth-El Sisterhood were holding their bi-annual thrift shop they were lining up around the block.

Thank you sisterhood members and everyone else whom together helped to organize a super successful fund raising event.

Thanks especially to Nardy Nathanson who allowed us to use his premises for the Thrift Shop Sale.

Good luck to Nardy too as he plans to open his new store in these premises in the very near future.

Pokerthon

Our community has had a shot in the arm.

We recently held our 4th Pokerthon. 'Pokerthon' you say, 'what's that?' I have to tell you that if you want details we'll send you one of our 'pokerthon' experts. Meanwhile let me just say that this has been one of the most successful fund raisers ever to reach North America and most certainly the salvation of the Beth-El Synagogue in St. John's. Basically it is legal 'non-gambling' gambling—poker with funny money and a play off with a prize at the end of the evening. Not only is it successful but it is relatively easy to organize.

Do you want to know more? We'll share our secret for a small fee!!!

CAMP HADIMAH

"OUR STAFF"

1982

CAMP DIRECTOR: Sheldon Cohen
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 KOCHOT SECTION HEAD: Morris Green
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 DOCTORS: Michael Bow, Allan Cohen

COUNSELLING STAFF

Female:

Shelley Flam, Mimi Penciner, Heidi Forman, Andrea Chernin, Debbie Boniuk, Lisa Brown, Marla Jacobson, Andrea Besnos, Michelle Cohn, Reena Lazar, Alyssa Novick, Rachel Sadofsky, Andrea Lis, Beth Habelow, Lisa Hans

Male

Lyon Hamburg, Bryan Gaum, Stephen Flomen, Mark Simon, Peter Nathanson, Bill H. Chernin, Frank Smilestein, Ken Ross, Michael Collins, Lewis Chernin
 AUXILIARY STAFF: Mark Alberstat

CAMP DATES: Monday, July 5 - Monday, August 16, 1982

VISITING DAY: SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1982



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1982 Jewish Song Writing Contest



The Samuel Jacobson Foundation for Jewish Culture, of Canada, has announced that \$2,000.00 in prizes will be awarded for four best songs in the third annual international Koomkoom Jewish Songwriting Contest. First prize will be \$1,000.00

The songs will be performed live, accompanied by an orchestra, directed by the celebrated Eli Rubinstein, at a gala concert. A panel of distinguished judges will choose the winners.

Songwriters are invited to submit original, unpublished songs by August 31st, 1982, to Koomkoom Songwriting Contest c/o Peter Smolash, 5025 Plamondon, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3W 1E9. Telephone (514) 342-0441.

Songs may be submitted in either one of five languages: English, French, Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino, on a Jewish theme.

Entries must include:

- 1—written lyrics, melody line, and chords.
- 2—cassette taping.

Material cannot be returned.

The latest developments in the field of medical technology will be unveiled at Medax '82, Israel's second international medical exhibition, May 23-26 in Jerusalem. Some 300 local and foreign manufacturers and distributors of medical apparatus, aids and drugs will display their most recent innovations.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
That the plowman shall overtake the
reaper,
And the treader of grapes him that
soweth seed;
And the mountains shall drop sweet
wine,
And all the hills shall melt.
And I will turn the captivity of My
people Israel,
And they shall build the waste cities,
and inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and
drink the wine thereof;
They shall also make gardens, and eat
the fruit of them.

(Amos 9:13)

And I will give unto thee and unto thy
seed after thee the land wherein thou art
a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an
everlasting possession, and I will be their
God.

(Genesis XVII, 3)

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Jewish War Veterans News

Area Commander **Gar Meltzer** met with a group of the Jewish War Veterans of the Lord Nelson Hotel on April 4, 1982.

Mr. Meltzer told the meeting that membership of all veterans in the Association was most important and that veterans should be encouraged to join. He noted that wives and children of War Veterans are eligible to join as associate members for an annual fee of only \$5.00.

On February 20, 1983 the 3rd World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans will be held in Jerusalem. Any member wishing to join this tour can do so upon application to Mr. Meltzer.

Gar Meltzer had just returned from a seven week trip to the Orient and Australia and he spoke of his trip and meetings with other Veterans in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Australia. He showed photos of the various countries and the people he met.

The meeting expressed their gratitude to **Peter Hershorne** and the Lord Nelson Hotel for providing the space and hospitality for the meeting.

The Challenge for 30th World Zionist Congress

by Kalman Sultanik

The following comments were made to B'nai Brith leaders during a meeting with Mr. Sultanik in Toronto.

In December, 1982, Jews from the four corners of the earth will gather in Jerusalem to attend the 30th World Zionist Congress. The Congress will be a most significant one for Israel, the Jewish people and Zionism. In this time of uncertainty in the Middle East, we must give our full awareness.

As is apparent, it remains popular to attack Israel and Zionism. We who follow closely the efforts to delegitimize our national expression of self-determination, know that our enemies, in attacking us, take refuge under cover of anti-Israelism and anti-Zionism.

Even to the uninformed observer, it must appear ironic that Israel's sacrifices in peace and in war have served to brand her as the culprit. The confrontation between the U.S. Administration over the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia generated anti-Semitic overtones.

The peace that was agreed to by Israel and Egypt is now endangered. And finally a kingdom whose anti-Semitic nature is well known uses the powerful oil lobby on Capitol Hill to intimidate the world's greatest and most powerful democracy.

Fear or hatred of the Jew is a disease that has afflicted mankind from the birth of the Jewish nation.

Today, the popularity of anti-Semitism has been diminished by association with the violent destruction of six million Jews. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, helped to wreck the image of the stereotyped Jew who was the target of anti-Semitism. For some thirty years, we have enjoyed a respite—or so we thought and hoped. However, a new terminology is emerging, it is anti-Zionism. How else are we to understand that Zionism, which is the finest modern example of a nation's self-determination after 2,000 years of statelessness, is regarded as racism?

In the coming months, we shall be engaged in a world-wide census of those adhering to the Zionist movement and we have undertaken to increase by fifty percent the Zionist membership of all those who adhere to the "Jerusalem Program." (The Jerusalem Program is a statement of identification and of recognition of the centrality of the State of Israel in the daily life of the Jewish people.) The task is not simple. The Zionist movement has not necessarily reflected in numbers the many who believe in the destiny and the future of Israel. Our task still remains that of having more Jews endorse the Jerusalem Program—thereby proclaiming the centrality of Israel in Jewish life.

The significance of such an action is due to the fact that forty years since the Holocaust, anti-Semitism is once again surfacing throughout the world. It is being done with as much vehemence as during the 1930's and the 1940's—with but one difference: It has not yet become respectable for a person to openly declare himself an anti-Semite or anti-Jew. Instead, there are now those who claim to be opposed to Zionism. They draw a distinction between Jews and Zionists; Judaism and Israel.

The distinction between Zionism and Judaism is accepted by enlightened individuals and even among some Jews. If we examine this phenomenon we can understand why. In the last Zionist census, conducted in 1977/78, the world-wide membership was little over one million Jews, not counting the collective membership of those Jews affiliated through the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements, the Maccabi World Union and others. As long as three out of every four adult Jews do not declare themselves Zionist, the distinction between Jew and Zionist gains legitimacy.

However, when you say "I am a Zionist" and sign the Jerusalem Program, you declare your belief in the oneness of the Jewish people and falsify the anti-Semitic distinction.

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CAMP KADIMAH BILLETS

Billets needed in Halifax/Dartmouth area for the night of Sunday, July 4, 1982 for those out-of-town campers who need accommodations. All campers will be leaving together from the parking lot of the Halifax Forum Monday morning, July 5, 1982. Please contact Ken Gordon at the Atlantic Jewish Council office—422-7491—if you have space available.

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Due to the significant increase in postal rates, we are unable to notify you by personal mailings, as in the past. We urge you to check your bonds in order to

verify if you have on hand any State of Israel Bonds which come due in 1982.

Please see our ad page 37 re: maturing dates for reinvestment of bonds.





Zionist Organization of Canada

Dear Friends, Shalom:

The Zionist movement is now attempting to register as many members as possible for two reasons. In the first instance, plans are proceeding to hold the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem this coming December. Registration of members will facilitate the technical aspect of choosing delegates from countries around the world. Secondly, and perhaps more important, registering as a member of the Zionist movement is a strong statement of solidarity with the people of Israel at this crucial moment and as Israel enters a period of pressure and crisis following the return of the Sinai.

I urge you to make your personal statement of support and that of your family by registering as a member of the Zionist Organization of Canada. By completing the membership application and returning it with the \$5.00 registration fee, you will have accomplished this act. Anyone 18 years of age and over may register as a member, and I urge you to enroll anyone in your family who meets the age requirements by completing a registration form along with the registration fee for each individual.

This small act of signing the registration form and sending in the registration fee of \$5.00 will symbolize in formal terms your membership in the Zionist Organization of Canada. It will enable you to join the ranks of the Zionist movement through such membership in the Zionist Organization of Canada. It is important the current membership drive be completed as quickly as possible, and I ask you not to ignore this plea but to fill in the application upon receipt of this letter and to return it with the \$5.00 fee within the next few days.

I know that many people ignore or toss away a letter such as this, but this is no ordinary membership you are being asked to undertake. It is, as I have said, a formalization of your support for the

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As we begin formal preparations for the forthcoming Zionist Congress, it is vital that all Zionist federations, organizations and bodies enroll the members of their communities in the Zionist movement during the current Zionist census, so that we may demonstrate to the world at large our firm support of Israel and our own commitment to Zionist and Jewish ideals.

"Effective Community Action" has recently been prepared by the Canada Israel Committee. Copies of this detailed guide are available at 50¢ per booklet. Order directly from Canada-Israel Committee, 60 Bloor Street West, Suite 1003, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3B8.

Zionist Movement and for the State of Israel. Too often our enemies, in recent years, have been able to get away with ridiculous comments concerning the nature of Zionism. Your affirmation of support for this noble cause is essential at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note and once again, I urge you to join up now, in this membership campaign.

Yours very truly,
Ben Prossin
Chairman—Atlantic Region
National Vice-President
Zionist Organization
of Canada

The Jerusalem Program

The aims of Zionism are:

- the UNITY of the Jewish People and the CENTRALITY OF ISRAEL in Jewish life;
- The INGATHERING of the Jewish People in its historic homeland ERETZ YISRAEL through ALIYAH from all countries;
- The STRENGTHENING of the State of ISRAEL which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace;
- The PRESERVATION of the identity of the Jewish People through the fostering of Jewish and Hebrew education and of Jewish spiritual and cultural values;
- The PROTECTION of Jewish rights everywhere.

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I am over 18 years of age and I adhere to the Jerusalem Program.

I hereby wish to register as a member of the Zionist
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ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

Return to:
Zionist Organization of Canada
3rd Floor, 5675 Spring Garden Road
Halifax, N.S. B3J 1H1

Kosher Chinese Cooking with Dick Chen



Dick Chen demonstrated his art of Chinese cooking to the communities of Moncton, Fredericton, Cape Breton and Halifax during the month of March. The Atlantic Jewish Council has had many requests for copies of his recipes. We are happy to oblige—they are as follows.

To those communities who were unable to host Dick Chen, the Atlantic Jewish Council hopes to bring him back sometime in the future. Bon Appetite!

Steamed Rice

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups regular rice
18 oz cold water

Procedure

Wash rice with cold water, rinse three times. Add rice to 18 oz. cold water, cover, bring to boil on high heat. Stir, reduce heat to medium and lift cover a little. Continue to cook on medium heat until water is gone and wet bubble remains. Cover and leave on low heat for 8 minutes. When ready, put aside until needed.

Vegetable Fried Rice

Ingredients

1/2 steamed rice
1/4 cup Green Peas
1/4 cup Mushrooms
1 stalk celery sliced thin or cooked chicken
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 teaspoon salt

Procedure

Heat wok 1/2 minute on high heat, add 2 tablespoons oil, heat oil for 1/2 minute. Add vegetables, cook for 2 minutes, add steamed rice, stir fry for 3 minutes. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon salt, stir for one minute. Serve.

Sweet and Sour Sauce

Ingredients

A.
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup vinegar
3/4 cup water
14 oz. sugar
Juice of 2 lemons
B.
1/4 cup water
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Procedure

Put all of "A" into cold wok, on high heat. Bring to boil stirring. Add "B", stir, bring to boil. Take off heat. Keep aside until ready to serve.

Pineapple Chicken

Ingredients

1 lb. chicken. Filet the breasts and cut into 1" pieces
1 cup all purpose flour
1 cup water
1 heaping teaspoon baking powder
5 cups oil

Procedure

Mix flour and water thoroughly. Just seconds before adding chicken pieces, add baking powder to flour and water mixture. Add oil to wok, heat to 375° 400°, add chicken mixture. Fry 4 minutes until pastry is a delicate light brown. Serve with above sweet and sour sauce, add pineapple.

Fried Greens

Ingredients

1/2 cucumber, peeled, with centre portion removed
1 fresh green pepper
1/2 sweet red pepper
2 stalks celery
2 leaves of Chinese lettuce
1 2" carrot, sliced thin
1 small bunch Broccoli, tough skin from stems removed.
2 green shallots
4 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons oil
3/4 cup chicken stock
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 oz water
1 teaspoon sesame oil

Procedure

Heat wok 1/2 minute, add 2 tablespoons oil, heat oil about 1/2 minute. Place all vegetables in wok. Stir fry 2 1/2 minutes. Add 6 oz. chicken stock, cover and bring to boil. Add cornstarch to 1 oz water and add to wok and bring to boil. Add sesame oil, stir. Ready to serve.

Beef with Broccoli

- A. Cut 1 lb. shoulder steak into 1/4" pieces cut across the grain.
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/2 egg yolk
2 teaspoons cornstarch
B. 1/2 bunch broccoli
6 cups water
C. 1 shallot
3 cloves garlic
D. 2 cups oil
E. 3/4 cup chicken stock
F. 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons wine
G. One heaping teaspoon cornstarch
H. One teaspoon sesame oil

Procedure

Mix beef, wine, soya sauce, egg yolk and mix in cornstarch until gooey mess. Put aside.

Wash broccoli and cut into small flowers and pieces. Make sure to peel stem and cut off bottom of stems. Mash 3 cloves of garlic and chop finely. Bring 6 cups of water to boil in wok, add broccoli, cover and bring to boil again. Remove water and broccoli.

On high heat, bring 2 cups of oil to heat in wok for 2 1/2 minutes. Stir in beef and cook for 2 1/2 minutes. Remove from wok.

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in wok for 1/2 minute. Add green onion and garlic, stir fry 1/2 minute

Add 7 oz. chicken stock, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons wine, cook to boil.

Add broccoli, bring to boil, add cornstarch, stir and add cooked beef, stir and add 1 teaspoon sesame oil before serving.

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Opinion...



The Falkland Islands and Munich Appeasement

by Samuel Jacobson

The present crisis created by the sudden invasion of a powerful military force against a relatively defenceless few thousand peaceful, sheep-raising peasants who migrated from England over 150 years ago is creating consternation in Britain, uneasiness among many peace loving nations, and war hysteria in Argentina itself. In relation to many other tensions and conflict of national aspira-

tions, it may appear to be of minor importance.

Looking at it objectively, however, minor incidents between nations sometimes grow into very major world conflicts. For example, the assassination of the heir to the throne of Austria in a small town in what is now Yugoslavia, exploded into the first World War. One never knows. A fire started by a match or a smoldering wood camp fire can result in damages amounting to millions and the loss of many lives. A fire once started can sometimes be very difficult to stop.

Since time began, people have been migrating around the world and settling in new areas. Sometimes this was done peacefully. Sometimes associated with violence. Regardless of how the migration was accomplished, those who represented the vast majority in the new area had the natural right of determining their own future. They had the right of self-determination. It was therefore an act of aggression and unjust for a foreign power to seize control and conquer an area populated by another people with the purpose of controlling them and depriving them of independence and of their language, religion, culture, economic and physical security.

That is why Imperialism in modern times has been considered an evil. The control of any group of people who compose the vast majority of a population by

JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

SOLDIERS

| | | | |
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| Russia | —500,000 | KILLED | 120,000 |
| America | —555,000 | | 11,000 |
| Poland | —150,000 | | 33,000 |
| France | —80,000 | | |
| Britain | —60,000 | | 1,150 |
| Greece | —8,000 | | |
| Palestine | —26,000 | | |
| Canada | —16,000 | | |
| South Africa | —10,000 | | |
| Australia and New Zealand | —4,222 | | |
| Others | —10,000 | | |

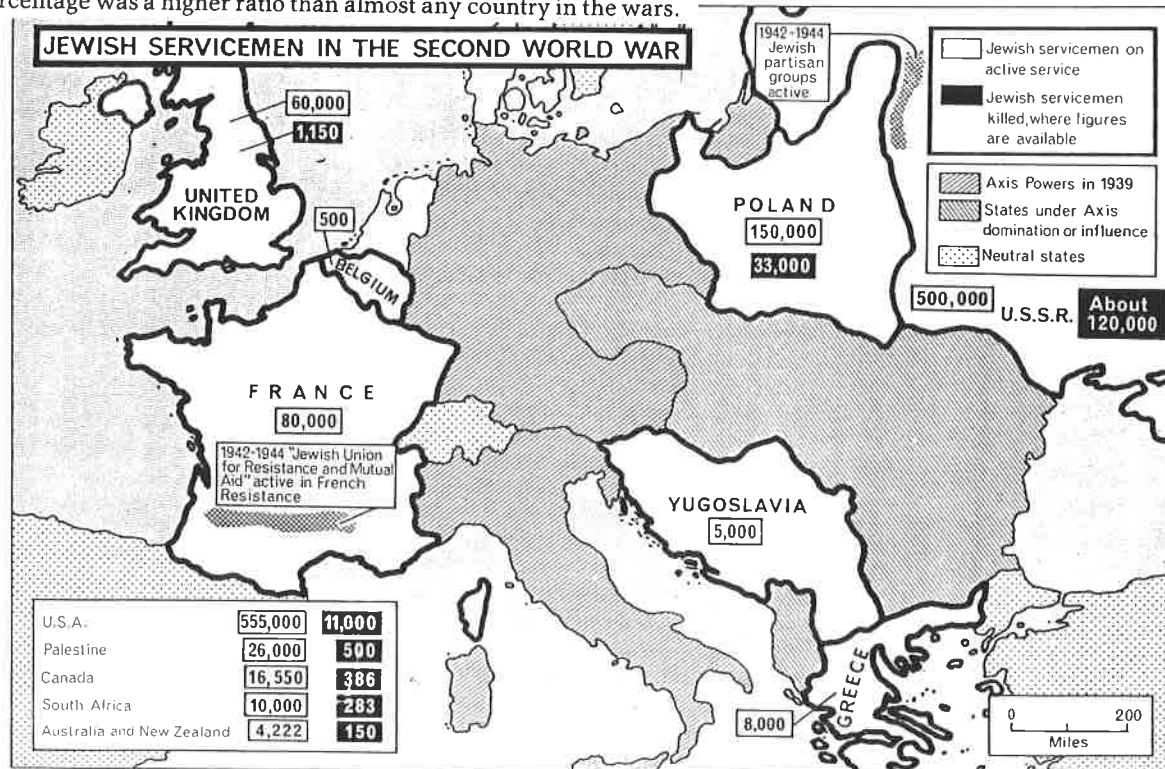
Total 1,500,000 Killed—Over 175,000

Total World Jewish Population 1939 18,000,000

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| The Nazi Holocaust | 6,000,000 | |
| Jews living in Arab Lands | 1,000,000 | |
| Jews living in other neutral countries | 1,000,000 | |
| Jews transported to Siberia | 1,000,000 | 9,000,000 |

THE ARAB NATIONS ALL HAD
PRO NAZI REVOLUTIONS!

Jews fighting for democracies numbered at least 1,500,000 or 16.6%.
This percentage was a higher ratio than almost any country in the wars.



a foreign power is frowned upon and to all intents and purposes, has disappeared in the latter half of this century from the face of this earth. It is therefore wrong for the nations of this world, as represented at the United Nations, or through any other body, to support the seizure of the Falkland Islands, by Argentina. Here is a population which has migrated from England; have their own culture, language and society, which has been there for about a hundred and fifty years, and which does not present any danger to the independence or security of the invading nation.

It should be pointed out that there is a definite difference between the desire of Czechoslovakia to retain control of the Sudetenland, in spite of the fact that the majority of the people there were of German descent, and the Falkland Island crisis.

Had Britain and France not abandoned Czechoslovakia to Hitler who wanted Sudetenland as a way to destroy Czechoslovakia completely, the consequences might have been altogether different. Germany would have had a fairly rough time conquering Czechoslovakia at the time and as a result the Second World War might have been avoided.

From Czechoslovakia's point of view, they offered Sudetenland every civic, cultural and economic self-determination. This of course was not enough to satisfy Hitler. He wanted control of the area for his purpose of destroying Czechoslovakia's independence. Therefore, in this case Czechoslovakia, in order to survive, was justified in attempting to retain some control over Sudetenland.

Everyone who lived through that period well remembers how most of us hung our heads in shame that the great democracies of Britain and France had been bullied by Hitler, and that something terrible would result from appeasing that greedy dictator. The Second World War did not come as a complete surprise. There were many previous incidents in which nations were invaded and treaties broken by those who were intoxicated with power. The invasion of Ethiopia by Mussolini, which the old League of Nations failed to deal with; the breaking of all conditions of the Versailles Peace Treaty by Germany; the invasion of the Asian mainland by Japan are merely three incidents that come to mind. These and many others destroyed the old League of Nations.

Are we again going through a similar period where the ideals that founded the United Nations are to be completely ignored again? And will this be the first step of many others that will destroy the United Nations as the old League of Nations was destroyed by the ruthless actions of aggressor nations?

Those who migrated to the Falkland Islands a long time ago have a right to be

masters of their own destinies. If that is not so, then do the Spanish speaking people of Argentina have a right to be where they are? Perhaps they should all be ordered back to Spain from whence they came. Certainly the same principle applies. When squatters settle on a land for twenty or thirty years they have legal right to the area. How much more so does that apply when the "squatters" have been there for at least seven generations?

There can be only one justification for Argentina to seize these Islands. That is, if they can prove that the people of those Islands represent a menace to the security of the invaders.

In the same way, the situation between Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza strip, and as it relates to Israel. Had those areas been occupied with residents who wanted to live at peace with Israel, the problem could readily be solved. However, as it appears now, the vast majority are dedicated to join the PLO movement with the intention of destroying the state of Israel and annihilating all its citizens. The charter of the PLO specifically spells out those very objectives.

And just as Czechoslovakia gave every civil right to the people of Sudetenland, so does Israel today give every civic, linguistic, religious and economic right to the peoples of Judaea and Samaria. They refuse, however, to surrender the right to security or foreign affairs in order to assure their own existence.

And just as surely as Britain and France made a tragic error in abandoning Czechoslovakia, the free world today is making in this nuclear age, a far more tragic error in not supporting Israel's right to its own security and justice for the Arab population around its borders.

The situation in Czechoslovakia in 1938 and the situation in the Middle East today are almost identical.

It should be realized that even a small burning match can start a conflagration that could cover vast areas and destroy many human lives. A war started in the very volatile and strategic area of the Middle East could tragically involve the great powers with unforeseeable consequences. The PLO who preach justification of the war of annihilation, must be excluded and isolated from human society. They represent the "fire", which, if not extinguished, can result in world tragedy.

Israel has paid a horrendous price, which has never before happened in the case of the victorious party in any war and surrendered territory in order to obtain a fragile peace. The surrounding countries of Israel should remember the fact that every living person or nation has the right and obligation to defend itself.

There is a slogan which it is well to remember:

"Beware! This animal is dangerous! It defends itself when attacked!

Is it necessary to make the same mistake again? Let us not forget the old saying, "Those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are condemned to repeat them".

By supporting Israel's plan, peace is assured. By supporting the Arab plan, war with all its destruction of property and terrible destruction of lives, is almost inevitable.

Commentary

Editor's Note: The following "commentary" appeared in the April 30, 1982 issue of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review. It was written by Cynthia Engel, Editor of the Bulletin.

Once upon a time there was a group of loyal Germans who suddenly found out they weren't Germans at all: they were Jews.

There were poets among them, and artists. There were businessmen among them, and educators. There were doctors and dentists, lawyers and musicians, labourers and landowners. There were goodniks and nogoodniks.

They contributed to the culture of their country. And to its coffers. They worked hard and played hard, and could drain a foaming stein with the best of them.

Germany was home, and they wore the appellation "German" with a fierce pride. But when the axe fell they discovered, though they believed themselves to be firmly woven into the tapestry of German society, they weren't Germans at all. They were Jews.

Thirty-nine years later there are Jewish voices raised which would quash the memories of those terrible, terrible years. "Enough", they cry, "it is enough. It will never happen again. The world is civilized. We've made our point. It is over, forget it."

What naivete. What utter nonsense. This world, all of it, is as barbaric as ever it was and, sadly, will probably always be so.

Many Jews privileged to be enjoying life in Canada, live in a cocoon, lulled into a false sense of materialistic security and complacency.

To buy or not to buy a condominium in Florida.

To drive or not to drive a Buick. Or an Olds.

To host or not to host a dinner party. Or shoot the works and throw a bash.

But we kid ourselves if we think anti-semitism has been eradicated. We kid ourselves if we believe the "you people" stigma has worn off.

Yes, the Canadian Jewish Congress and like organizations have made giant inroads for the cause. Yes, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League speaks out, and

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is heard. Yes, our lobbyists and PR people are working overtime, and working well.

But how is it, in this "enlightened" society which we credit with being so sophisticated, so civilized, can an innocent ten-year-old still break his mother's heart—as a ten-year-old did just last week—with the telling observation that "you can't wait for a bus in there, Mom," indicating a building kitty-corner to the Jewish Community Centre, "they beat you up in there if they find out you're Jewish". And his mother, as have so many Jewish parents before her think, "Oh no. Don't know those things yet. Not yet. Not so soon."

We must not forget the Holocaust. Nor can we let the world forget.

At this time of year we mark Yom Hashoa, the Day of Remembrance for those murdered in the Holocaust. And we remember those who gave their lives that Israel might live.

We are a fortunate generation indeed, to be living free lives as Jews in this democratic country of ours. As Canadians we have much to be thankful for. But it was Frederick Charles Blair, a Canadian official, reproaching a Holocaust victim seeking asylum in this very country, who blatantly said, "Why can't you people learn to live with your neighbours."

Let us also remember we are Jews. Because others never forget it.

Cost of Living Increased by 5.1% in March

An average urban family needs 13,000 Shekels (\$750) a month to maintain its standard of living, compared to 3,680 Shekels in 1980, according to figures released last Thursday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The Bureau reported that the cost of living index rose by 5.1 percent during March, the last month of fiscal year 1981-82. The monthly increase brought the total for the fiscal year to 104 percent, a little above Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's hoped-for two digit inflation target.

During the first three months of the calendar year the cost of living index rose by 20.3 percent, for an annual average rate of 112 percent. Manufacturers and trade union representatives signed an agreement for payment of a 16.6 percent increase on monthly salaries for April. The increase in calculated at 80 percent of the cost of living increase.



הקונגרס היהודי הקנדי

Canadian Jewish Congress

World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture

From May 12-17, 1982, Montreal hosted the Third Plenary Assembly of the World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture. Delegates from 17 countries, and many guests from the United States and Canada participated in this five-day event held for the very first time outside Israel.

On Friday, May 15th, the luncheon was addressed by **Gerald Godin**, Minister of Cultural Communities and Immigration and at the Sunday evening banquet by Federal Multiculturalism Minister, **Jim Fleming**.

The World Council on Yiddish and Yiddish Culture came into being after an international Yiddish conference held in Jerusalem in 1976 which attracted hundreds of delegates from around the globe. In the five years of its existence, the Council has been instrumental in initiating many important projects in Israel, and has sparked a greater interest in Yiddish in many countries.

Montreal was chosen as the site for this Plenary Assembly because of its excellent record as a viable Jewish community and for its outstanding Yiddish Committee functioning under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Delegates to the Plenary Assembly gathered in Montreal from Argentina, Brazil, Australia, Mexico, Peru, France, Belgium, South Africa, Roumania, Panama, Israel, England, and a larger delegation from the United States, and, of course, Canada.

These sessions saw a cadre of foremost Yiddish writers and intellectuals such as **Isaac Bashevis Singer**, **Abraham Sutzkever**, **Elie Wiesel**, **Rochel Korn**, **Israel Yonasovitch**, **Dr. Joshua Fishman**, **Dr.**

Mordechai Schecter, **Samuel Pissar**, **Itzhak Korn**, **Dr. S. Frost**, **Nachum Wilchesky**, **Leib Tencer**, and many others.

The five-day sessions dealt with education, youth, press, theatre, co-operation with organized Jewish communities, Yiddish literature, publications, utilization of electronic media, Yiddish in the religious sector and other related topics.

A festive banquet on Sunday, May 16th paid tribute to Canada's model policies on multiculturalism, where the guest speaker was the Minister for Multiculture, the **Honorable Jim Fleming**. Friday's lunch was addressed by the Minister for Cultural Communities and Immigration, Quebec Government, **Gerald Godin**. The popular Yiddish theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Center presented a special performance for delegates and guests on Wednesday, May 12.

Delegates had the opportunity to visit schools where Yiddish is an integral part of the curriculum—the Jewish Peoples and Jewish Peretz Schools, Bialik High School, as well as the Jewish community institutions such as the model Jewish Public Library, the Education Resource Center, Saidye Bronfman Center, Cummings House, and of course, Canadian Jewish Congress.

The National Committee on Yiddish which hosted this unique international gathering at the same time held its own sessions pertaining to the activities of its committees across Canada.

Rabbi Gershon Freidlin, Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax represented the Atlantic Jewish Council. **Rabbi Freidlin** is Chairman of the Yiddish Committee for the Atlantic Region.



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Canadian Jewish Congress

CJC's Alan Rose Among Canadian Liberators

Honoured by U.S. Government

by Wesley Goldstein of Canadian Jewish News

CJC Executive Vice-President **Alan Rose** was among six Canadians recently honoured at the U.S. embassy in Ottawa for their efforts in liberating victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

At a reception arranged by the American government and the U.S. National Holocaust Memorial Council, **Alan Rose, Andrew Armit, Capt. George Blackburn, Norval Lee, Keith McClellan** and **Philip Stuchen** were presented with scrolls bearing the signature and message from **President Ronald Reagan**.

On hand to make the presentations were U.S. Ambassador to Canada **Paul Robinson, Jr.**, and **Miles Lerman**, chairman of the Council's international relations committee.

After expressing the Council's appreciation for the efforts of the liberators, Lerman noted that the idea for the Canadian honours had evolved from last year's International Liberators' Conference in Washington. At that time, he said, representatives from 14 nations with widely varying political philosophies had come together "to share a common bond of humanity".

"The efforts of you and others like you will bring oppressors to their knees," Lerman told the honourees and about 40 other guests at the reception.

The Canadian government was represented by Science Minister **John Roberts**, and a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation, including President **Irwin Cotler, Stan Urman, Edward Wolkove** and **Frank Schlesinger** attended.

Mr. Cotler expressed CJC's appreciation to the American government for having "the wisdom and sensitivity to bring this group together."

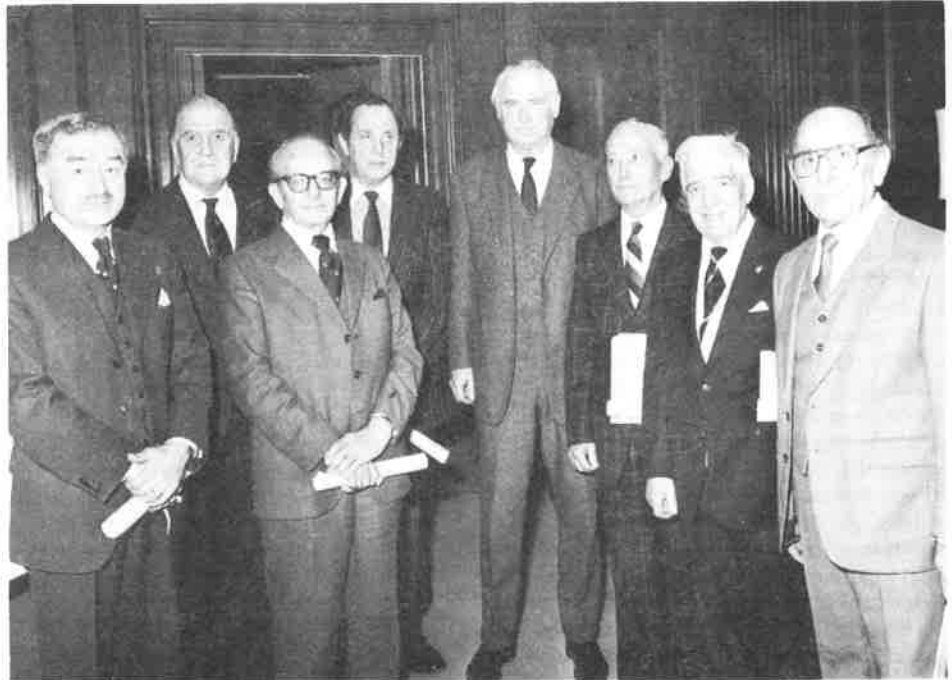
Paraphrasing a quote by Sir Edmund Burke, Mr. Cotler said: "The liberators here prove there are enough good people willing to do something so that evil will not triumph."

The U.S. Memorial Council was unanimously created by the United States Congress in 1980 to memorialize the six

million Jews and other victims who perished in the Holocaust.

As a federal agency, the Council is composed of 60 members, of whom 50 are appointed by the President and 10 by Congress. Its mandate is to sponsor annual days of remembrance and to develop educational programs about Nazi genocide.

The Council is establishing a Holocaust memorial museum in Washington.



Alan Rose (rear centre left), U.S. Ambassador Paul Robinson (rear centre right)

and Miles Lerman (far right) among Canadian delegation of liberators.

150th Anniversary of the Granting of Equal Rights to Jewish Citizens in Lower Canada

Editors' Note: The following short synopsis of this historical event was written by Mr. David Rome, Archivist for Canadian Jewish Congress.

One hundred and fifty years ago the legislature of Lower Canada (now Quebec) quickly and quietly, under the guidance of Louis-Joseph Papineau, passed a law which is one of the cornerstones of Canadian freedoms.

In spite of mischievous efforts of important functionaries to hamper its implementation and to delay it until the imperial parliament in London would be bold enough to do the same—which it was not to do for a quarter of a century—the Lower Canada act received royal assent quickly and a parliamentary commission severely chastised those who would even consider legalistic criticisms, considerations or hesitations as to its

most extreme applications.

The law thus proclaimed in June 1832 was simple and brief. In one sentence it declared Jews in the colony eligible to all offices and privileges open to other citizens.

When we recall the period in question, the circumstance and the consequent legislation to which it opened dams, it becomes clear that Quebec Jews were not the only beneficiaries. Clearly the

measure soon brought relief and dignity to all the groups—the majority Christian—who until then were suffering for not being of the dominating denomination. Within the year Upper Canada (now Ontario) legislated to remove one of the old instruments of oppression, the Christian oaths and the requirements of a prescribed mass. Within the decades the government of embryonic Canada legislated the equality of all religions. The other liberating equalitarian measures flowed from the parliaments of Canada from British Columbia eastward.

The act of 1832 deserves a moment of examination to situate it in the history of our people and of the western world.

But half a century earlier the American Revolution had not yet proclaimed religious equality across the continent, and in France the Revolution had not yet fired the flames of equality, fraternity and freedom. In the Canadas Catholics were yet struggling for the full freedoms for their church in Canada, and their coreligionists in England were more backward in their equality and freedom. Even then the Canada colonies were among the freer areas of the western world. But Presbyterians, Quakers, Methodists were gravely handicapped. Legally Jews could not die, for there was no register to record their demise; many decades after Aaron Hart passed away in 1800 there were problems in transferring the properties he bequeathed to his children; legally the 130-year-old pioneer of Trois-Rivières had not yet died.

More dramatically his son Ezekiel was twice elected by the francophone and anglophone voters of the same borough and was twice expelled from the Assembly because of his faith. He lived long enough to witness the passing of the law a quarter of a century later which opened the doors to Jewish candidates for office.

The act of 1832 was passed in the enveloping atmosphere of western liberalism, science, universalism, industrialization, liberation and tolerance which Louis-Joseph Papineau breathed deeply. But it can be best understood in terms of the domestic history of the Canadian colonies, notably of Lower Canada.

It may be invidious to select one scholar, but the century-old *Études sur l'histoire de la liberté religieuse au Canada* by the wise Catholic judge Siméon Pagnuelo lingers in the mind. This historian of Quebec Roman Catholicism traces the active natural partnership of Catholics and Jews in the expansion of freedoms which eventually resulted, at first in the fullness of rights for Jews, then of other denominations to establish their temples of worship, and to register the birth, marriage and demise.

Liberty seems to beget liberty. It was probably this recognition of their synagogue that spurred the Jewish residents of Trois-Rivières and Montreal to petition for complete political equality. The

remarkable development deriving from these requests is that the legislature, led in the assembly by the nationalist French Canadian militant Louis-Joseph Papineau, quickly passed this legislation; that it was quickly endorsed by the government in London, and accorded royal assent. There had been virtually no debate, no opposition, no interpellation. It was taken completely for granted by Canadian writers, so that it is barely mentioned in the Papineau biographies or in the texts of our history books.

This equality of endowed rights has become part of the air the nation breathes.

As if to highlight this universal acceptance there is the reverse side of this legislative history: several bureaucrats sought—with near success—to subvert the process.

During the legislative proceedings the governor was induced to argue with London that the colonial legislature was acting hastily; such extensions of freedom were best left to Westminster.

After the emancipatory act was passed, these bureaucrats warned the Jewish beneficiaries that they were exposing themselves to great risks if they availed themselves of the privileges thus accorded them. So forceful were they that even the courageous Benjamin Hart and Moses Judah Hays refused appointments as justices of the peace in view of the seeming obscurity of the law.

But in Trois Rivières Samuel Becancour Hart (what a Quebecois Jewish name!) was aggressive. Began a tragic, comic game of cache-cache, a paper hunt for a legal form and a Chinese-style contest of face saving—and the opposite. Samuel Becancour Hart won, but by this time the Assembly realized the contempt in which

the legislature was put and set up a committee of inquiry headed by Dr. R.J. Kimber. Its proceedings, now in print as one of the most colorful dramas in Canadian government documents, raised the entire mess to the surface and the commissioners angrily reaffirmed that the law is overriding all technicalities, and even condemned the Jewish citizen who questioned the law by hesitating to avail themselves of its complete and unreversed intent.

There were probably not half a dozen Jews in Ontario at the time and they were non-existent in political life. Yet the colonial government decided to liberate them from discrimination. But how do you help non-existent Jews? and why?

The second question remains for us to answer if we can.

The legislature answered the first question.

Oaths were not acceptable to Quakers, for instance; some could not in conscience partake of some forms of the Lord's Supper; and Jews could not swear "on the true faith of a Christian." These were instruments invoked for centuries to penalize or to deprive minorities of rights and to magnify the powers of the dominant group.

In 1832, to match Lower Canada, Upper Canada, in one swoop, abolished the prerequisites to public office and rendered any Jews who might come the equal in public opportunity.

A score of years later, the colonies united into the Province of Canada, off handedly, improbably in a Rectories act, declared all religions equal in the eyes of the law, and Canadian religious dignity and freedom were assured for all time. The rest is elaboration and commentary.



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Happenings and Events



Laura Vinegar will be leaving the Region in June. Recently married, she will be returning to Montreal. Her students at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax, as well as the staff and Members of the Board of the Atlantic Jewish Council wish her well and hope that she stays in close contact with us all! Good luck --- Laura!



Dr. Randy D. Gordon graduated at the Spring Convocation of Dalhousie University Medical School. Randy's sister, Dr. Gayle S. Gordon, graduated last May. Randy and Gayle are children of Dr. & Mrs. Alfred Gordon of Halifax and grandchildren of Mrs. F.R. Nathanson of Glace Bay.



Lawrence Chippen was among those who visited the display booth at the Multicultural Teachers and Education Conference in Halifax. Laura Vinegar of the Atlantic Jewish Council prepared material for classroom use. She also disseminated information regarding resources available from the Atlantic Jewish Council. Perry Sable helped to man the booth.

Happenings and Events



Children of the Hebrew School in Yarmouth, N.S. along with their parents enjoying a Seder at the home of Mimi and Roy Mandell.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut—Halifax

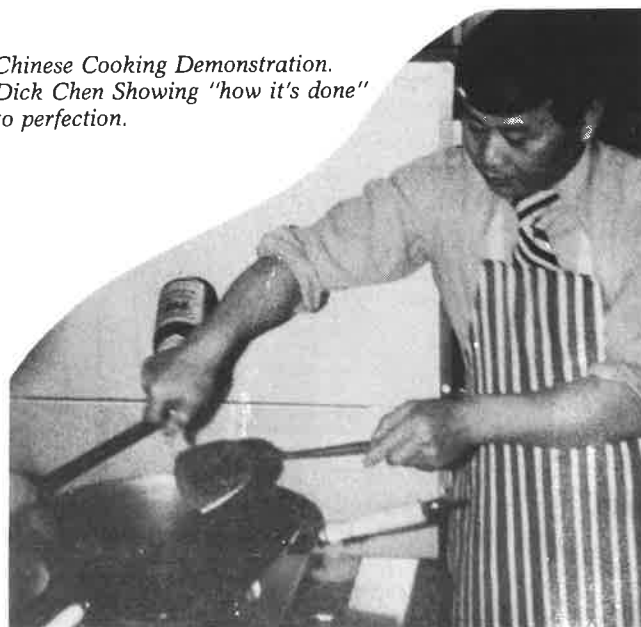


Part of the audience is shown watching a group of happy dancers at the celebrations held in Halifax.



Israeli and International Dance Group rehearsing at Shaar Shalom—April, 1982.

*Chinese Cooking Demonstration.
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Happenings and Events

Canada-Israel Committee Annual Policy Conference And Dinner For Members Of Parliament



Mr. Martin Chernin, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council introduces the Honorable Flora MacDonald, P.C., M.P., Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. Miss MacDonald was among the guest speakers at the recent C.I.C. Conference held in Ottawa. Harold Buchwald, National Chairman, Canada-Israel Committee looks on.



Smiling Atlantic Region delegates to the C.I.C. Conference, left to right: Gerry Mendleson, Halifax; Ellie Marshall, Glace Bay; Martin Chernin, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council; Sam Jacobson, Halifax; the Honorable Flora MacDonald, P.C., M.P., Progressive Conservative Party of Canada; Ben Prossin, Deputy Chairman, Canadian Zionist Federation, and a Vice-President, Canadian Jewish Congress; Shirlee Fox, Executive Director, Atlantic Jewish Council; Dr. Albert Prossin, Sydney; and Dr. Phil Simon, Glace Bay.

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Sinai Withdrawal

by Moshe ben Yosef,
World Zionist Press Service

By April 26th 1982, Israel will complete its withdrawal from Sinai and the Rafiah region under the terms of the Camp David peace treaty with Egypt, which was ratified by the Knesset by 95 votes against 18, with 7 abstentions.

The overall financial cost for Israel of the withdrawal is estimated at 42 billion dollars—17 billion dollars invested in Sinai since 1967 and 25 billion dollars withdrawal costs.

The oil import bill in the wake of the return of the Sinai oil fields comes to 3 billion dollars per year, while military redeployment and the establishment of new settlements costs 25 billion dollars.

At the time of Camp David, 600 families were living in Yamit and another 600 in 12 surrounding settlements. Tourism was thriving on the Red Sea coastline from Eilat to Sharm-el-Sheikh. (Last Passover 100,000 Israelis visited the region).

The greatest cost of peace is in the loss of Israel's strategic depth. Two-thirds of Sinai will be demilitarized. Nevertheless, Egypt will have sovereignty over territory 50 miles from the suburbs of Tel Aviv. Israel has had to build new and sophisticated air bases in the Negev and 47 new installations will include the best equipment that modern technology can offer. Therefore, Israel's strength, along with the demilitarization of Sinai and the Multi-National Force established according to the Camp David agreement, will guard Israel's security.

One of the clauses of the Camp David accords states that: "the signatories shall establish amongst themselves relationships normal to states at peace with one another. To this end they should undertake to provide by all provisions of the UN charter (including) a) full recognition b) abolition of the economic boycott".

Israel and Egypt have exchanged ambassadors, opened consulates, assured freedom of travel between the countries, initiated tourism and established contact in cultural, commercial, technical, medical and agricultural spheres. An agricultural cooperation agreement has already been put into operation. In short, the normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt is proceeding and developing.

Both the government and public opinion in Israel are convinced that though the price is heavy, the peace agreement with Egypt is a historical achievement which marks a watershed in Israeli-Arab relations.

Two New JNF Stamps Depict President and Flag of Israel

The Jewish National Fund Stamp Department in Jerusalem has announced the issue of two new stamps on April 25, 1982.

- 1) A stamp bearing the portrait of the President of Israel, Mr. Yitzhak Navon, with a face value of five shekels, colored green and yellow.
- 2) A stamp depicting the National Flag of the State of Israel, with a face value of three shekels, colored orange, yellow and blue.

The President Navon stamp will be issued in a sheet of seven stamps with three different tabs per sheet. The National Flag stamp will be issued in a sheet of 17 stamps (5 x 3 + 2) with three different tabs per sheet, plus a souvenir sheet of four stamps with no tabs.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of Jewish National Fund stamps. Some 4,200 JNF stamps have been issued since the first stamp appeared in 1902. Known as the "Zion Stamp," it depicted the Shield of David and the word "Zion" and was issued in Basle, Switzerland, as a forerunner of stamps for the independent Jewish State which was envisioned by the Zionist Movement. Since then, JNF stamps have depicted famous personalities and events in Jewish and Zionist history, as well as geographical sites and JNF projects in Palestine and Israel.

On certain occasions before the independence of the State of Israel, JNF stamps were used for postal service in Palestine, including the three-week period in May 1948 between the declaration of independence and the issue of the first Israeli postage stamp. Today, JNF stamps are valued as philatelic items by collectors of Judaica and other topical subjects.

The new issues, as well as older JNF stamps, may be ordered directly from the JNF Stamp Department, P.O. Box 283, Jerusalem.

Israel Flag Stamp Series Philatelic Details

Date of issue: April 25, 1982

Iyar 5742

Subject: The National Flag

Artist: Oswald Adler

Redesign: Gideon Lehrs

Printing: Offset (four-color)

Plates: E. Lewin-Epstein Ltd.

Printer: E. Lewin-Epstein Ltd.

Perforation: The Govt. Printer

Finishing: The Govt. Printer

Details of the Stamp

Size: 40.0 x 30.8 mm.

Colors: Orange, yellow, blue

Face value: three shekels

Details of the Sheet

No. of stamps: 17 (5 x 3 + 2)

No. of tabs: three (different)

Details of the Souvenir Sheet

No. of stamps: four

No. of tabs: none

A flag is one of the most noteworthy expressions of independence for a people that has acquired its own state. Flags developed in a gradual process from identifying marks and symbols used in ancient times, and the term is already found in the Bible, in the description of the children of Israel's journeying through the wilderness (Numbers 2:2). During the period of exile, flags had no place in the communal life of the Jewish people, although a number of cases are known from the late Middle Ages of a pennant being granted to communities or individuals.

With the beginnings of the Zionist Movement towards a renewal of national independence, an urgent need arose for a flag as a symbol. Herzl (in his book "The State of the Jews") proposed a white flag with seven gold stars. Wolffsohn, Herzl's successor in the leadership of the Zionist Movement, also conceived of an idea on the same subject: "We already have a blue and white banner—the Jewish prayer-shawl with which we wrap ourselves during worship; let us spread it out before the world." Then and there a blue and white banner was ordered with a Magen David (Shield of David). The Zionist Congress approved his proposal for a flag for Zionism and the Jewish people as a whole.

With the establishment of the independent States of Israel in 1948, this banner became its official flag and its form and measurements were decided upon: 220 cms. long by 160 cms. wide, consisting of a white field with two 25 cm. light blue horizontal stripes. At a distance of 15 cms. from the edge of the cloth, between the two stripes, is a Shield of David in the same color as the stripes.

President Yitzhak Navon Stamp Philatelic Details

Date of issue: April 25, 1982

Iyar 5742

Subject: Portrait

Designer: Gideon Lehrs

Printing: Offset (four-color)

Plates: E. Lewin-Epstein Ltd.

Printer: E. Lewin-Epstein Ltd.

Perforation: The Govt. Printer

Finishing: The Govt. Printer

Details of the Stamp

Size: 40.0 x 30.8 cm.

Colors: Green, yellow

Face value: five shekels

Details of the Sheet

No. of stamps: 7 (5 + 2)

No. of tabs: three (different)

Yitzhak Navon was born in Jerusalem (Nissan 5681 - April 1921). At age 12 he joined "Beitar," subsequently enlisting in "Etzel" (the Irgun). At 18 he left this organization in the wake of ideological differences and joined the Hagana.

Navon studied Education, Islamic Culture, Arabic Language and Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University. He taught school until 1946, when he became head of the Department of Arab Affairs in the Hagana. At the end of the War of Independence, he served as Second Secretary with the Israeli delegation in Argentina and Uruguay.

In 1951 he was appointed secretary to the Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, and in 1952 became Director of the Prime Minister's Office for the next ten years under David Ben-Gurion. Between 1963-65 he directed the Dept. of Culture of the Ministry of Education and also headed the anti-illiteracy campaign. He joined Ben-Gurion's party in 1965 and was elected to the Knesset where he served for seven years as Deputy Speaker and four years as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. He remained a member of Knesset until his election as President of the State of Israel in 1977.

Yitzhak Navon's literary activity has been prolific. The story *Holech Birkida* won a prize. His story *Six Days and Seven Gates* was published in book form. Navon is also the author and producer of a musical that gained much praise, *Spanish Romance*, a show of sacred and secular songs of Sephardi Jewry. Some time later he wrote a play, *Bustan Sephardi*, that described Sephardi culture and life in Jerusalem. The play has had a long run and has earned him the "Kinor David" Award.

At the 28th Zionist Congress, Yitzhak Navon was elected Chairman of the Actions Committee, a post that he filled for five years. He is fluent in Hebrew, English, Arabic and Spanish. His main hobbies are theatre, folklore, and liturgical music. He is married to Ophira, a psychologist. They have two children, Naama and Erez.

Thus saith the Lord God: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

(Ezekiel 11:17)

Lag Ba'Omer—The Bonfire Day

by Dr. David Geffen
World Zionist, Press Service

As soon as the celebration of Israel's Independence Day is concluded, the wood hoarders go to work throughout all the neighborhoods of Jerusalem. Children of all sizes and from all walks of life can be seen dragging old logs and misshapen planks of wood through the streets. Frequently it is hard to believe that children so small can move objects so large. Squirreling these treasures away in hundreds of hiding places, these wood hoarders are preparing for the Lag ba'Omer bonfires.

Fires of a Festival

Each year I am astonished anew as the collection proceeds. Lag ba'Omer, when I was a lad in the United States, was a day of athletic contests. Here in Jerusalem the night of Lag ba'Omer is aglow with bonfires, which dot the hillsides and the empty lots in the various neighborhoods. The biggest, annually, is usually in Bayit Vegan, where the base is about two storeys high before it is lit. Then the flames literally leap up to the heavens.

In many Jerusalem neighborhoods the Lag ba'Omer bonfire is a time for families to get together and to have a leisurely cookout. The kids plan the menu and do all the cooking—the parents are their guests. Sitting around the medura (campfire), singing fills the air and it's a time to reminisce and to plan, a time to be joyful and wistful. The Lag ba'Omer bonfire provides wonderful opportunity for all these feelings and is a time of togetherness.

Commemorating a Great Leader

The lighting of fires on Lag ba'Omer relates to the tradition that this day marks the anniversary of the death of Rabbi Shimeon Bar Yohai, considered to be the author of the mystical treatise the Zohar. His *yahrzeit* (anniversary) is marked with the "hilule de Rebbe Shimon"—the special hymns in praise of this great rabbinical leader and thinker. To accompany these hymns custom has it that fires are lit as a mass tribute to his memory. Through the years this tradition has grown and become more widespread.

The name Lag ba'Omer refers to the lamed gimmel, the thirty-third day in the counting of the Omer, the seven week period between passover and Shavuot. According to the Talmud this was a very disastrous period during the Roman rule over Eretz Yisrael in the second century of the common era. Many scholars were put to death by the authorities, and plague killed over 24,000 people. On the thirty-third day of the Omer there was a respite from the plague—a break in the suffering.

Because of the sadness linked to the omer season, it has become a period overwrought with restrictions. No weddings or joyous celebrations are to be held throughout the seven weeks. No haircuts are taken, and there are many who let their beards grow as well. All these visible signs of mourning have been incorporated into the prohibitions of the Omer.

However, on Lag ba'Omer all the restrictions are relaxed. Weddings may be held, haircuts are encouraged, beards are eliminated, bonfires are lit and celebrations are the order of the day.

Why Bows and Arrows?

As a reminder of that ancient Roman period, another legend grew up in conjunction with this day. Since the Jews were forbidden, on penalty of death, from studying, they had to develop a subterfuge to throw their overseers off guard. Young men would take their bows and arrows and go out into the fields, supposedly to hunt. Once they were far enough away, so the Roman soldiers could no longer see them, they assembled at a meeting place either in a grove or in a cave. There they would meet the rabbi waiting to teach them. On Lag ba'Omer athletic contests are thus encouraged, symbolically pointing to the fact that words of Torah can also fly like arrows.

Spiritual Flames

As I write this from my Jerusalem abode, even though it is not yet Passover, I can see a few kids who are already planning ahead. They are hiding the boards, which will illuminate their Lag ba'Omer bonfire. As we celebrate the holiday this year, let us hope that it will be a day of illumination for the entire Jewish people, sparking our spiritual flames to even greater intensity.

And the Lord said unto Abram: Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

(Genesis XII, 1)

And say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them on every side and bring them into their own land;

(Ezekiel 37:21)

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The People of the Book

Editors Note: The following is a reprint from a very fine book written by William Ziff. It is in the private collection of Sam Jacobson. Entitled "The Rape of Palestine", the book was published in 1938. This is the first of a three part series.

BOOK ONE CHAPTER I

The Ancient Land of Israel

The Zionist fabric is not new. It is of a piece with the whole history and tradition of the Hebrew people. It is inextricably a part of that dynamic stream of consciousness which has swept the Hebrew past a long succession of centuries which, by all logic, should have suffocated him. Unconsciously, even the apostate Disraeli acknowledged the great compulsion of the Hebrew past in the life of the living Jew. Cut to the quick by fellow-members in Parliament who taunted him with being a Jew as he made his maiden speech, he cried in reply: "That is all very well—but when your ancestors were chasing each other around trees with stone axes, mine were writing the Talmud."

A short glimpse into the history of this remarkable people will shed a clear light on much of the present Jewish situation which must otherwise remain confused and inexplicable.

For countless generations the world has been content with the paradox which allowed it to affirm with Sir William Jones, that the Hebrew Scriptures "contained more sublimity, more exquisite beauty, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence than could be collected from all other books that were ever composed in any age or any idiom"; and in the same breath to believe that the Hebrews who wrote them were a tribe of wild, illiterate shepherds on a scale of development comparable to that of the modern Bedouin.

Recent archaeological research brings us to the more reasonable conclusion that the people who wrote the Bible were a race who lived in a high state of civilization, not inferior in many of its aspects to that of the present day.

Among the most interesting of these discoveries is the undoubted proof that Abraham actually lived. We have the word of Sir Leonard Woolley and other scholars, that "the fact of Abraham's existence was vouched for by written documents almost, if not quite, contemporary with him". And Prof. J. Garrow Duncan remarks that in Genesis i-xi are whole passages which "describe actual history dating two thousand years before Abraham, and other passages

which are translated from ancient cuneiform records as if the writer had the tablets before him." He describes at Ur, the Jewish patriarchs' birthplace, two-story houses with plastered rooms, together with sewers, pillars and court-yards. "Some of the cuneiform tablets were on the subject of mathematics," from plain sums in addition to methods of extracting cube roots, a knowledge, he avers, Abraham most certainly possessed.

It is now clear that the Jews originated in Mesopotamia, a colonizing offshoot of that ancient Akkadian-Sumerian culture, in which, according to the consensus of modern scholarly opinion, civilization itself was cradled.

The Hebrews entered Palestine as an educated people. That writing was in common use among them even as early as the time of Moses, is shown by the findings at Lachish. Here Sir Charles Marston came upon letters written in ink describing contemporary history, the earliest known use of alphabetical writing.

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Recent excavations confirm completely descriptions in the texts of the Old Testament. At Tell Sbustujeh in Samaria were found exquisite decorations, delicately carved inlays, and various articles of metal craftsmanship, obviously those referred to in Kings 22:39, Amos 3:15 and Psalms 45:8. Here are the palaces of Ahab, and houses built with hewn stone, often of two or three stories, speaking evidence of the rich civilized life which produced them. Excavations elsewhere in Palestine tell exactly the same story. Apparently even the greatest attention was paid to matters of sanitation, and "the great water tunnels at Gezer and Jerusalem show that no amount of trouble was considered superfluous in order to provide uninterrupted access to water."

In the light of these findings, the great prosperity of the Hebrew nation cannot be dismissed as so much oriental braggadocio. It must be accepted as a faithful account of historical fact.

The soil had been the basic source of Palestine's wealth and had been so during all the ages until the hand of a bar-

baric and improvident race fell heavy upon it and robbed it of its fertility. The Song of Solomon describes the luscious beauty of the well-kept and thickly populated country in the springtime; and we have today for reference the remarkable notes of an Egyptian named Sinuhe (about the twentieth century B.C.) who, compelled to reside for a while in the highlands of Palestine, relates tersely: "There were figs and grapes and more wine than water. Its honey was ample and its oil abundant, and all kinds of fruits hung from its trees. There were wheat and barley and all kinds of flocks, without number." About 200 B.C. another articulate traveler, one Aristes, raptly describes the country as an agricultural paradise. Josephus himself never grew tired of praising the fertility of his native land. The Galilee uplands he describes as being so closely cultivated as to resemble "a large garden." Tacitus echoes much of this unbounded adulation; while Polybius declared that the district between Beth Shan and the Lake of Galilee alone could support an army.

Biblical testimony itself was unstinting in its lush description of the region as being a land flowing with milk and honey. Deuteronomy describes it as a beautiful country with "brooks of water and fountains and lakes that spring out of valleys and hills, a land of wheat, barley and vines, and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where one can eat without scarcity, where there is no lack of anything...."

The Jew had been a skilled agriculturist. He knew how to prepare the soil, manure it and clear it of stones and debris. He was accustomed to terrace the hills and knew how to practice irrigation by means of cisterns, wells and canals. The ploughshare itself was made out of iron. The ground had to be turned over at least three times, and the plough followed by the harrow. So highly was agriculture esteemed that even Saul, although he was already anointed king, is seen returning from his day at the plough.

In the hands of this provident people who loved their soil, this whole territory was an eden of rich meadows, numberless fruit trees, vineyards, palms and closely cultivated farms and gardens. Grain crops and vegetables of all kinds grew in profusion both in the valleys and on the hills. The land was so rich in fruits of every kind that they were exported to world markets, where they were famous for their superior quality. All through ancient times the Jordan Valley was noted for its corn, dates, balsam, flax and other products. Here in the last century

Tristram came upon elaborate ruins of sugar mills still surviving. Pliny called Judea as famous for dates as Egypt for spices. Galilee was known throughout the ancient world for its olive oil. Its importance alone is shown by the amount supplied annually to the King of Tyre by Solomon: 160,000 gallons of best quality. Across Jordan the sleek, fat kine of Bashan were proverbial. And Gilead bore perfume and medicine for the whole Eastern world. Hence the proverb, "Is there no balm in Gilead?"

Up to the Fifth Century A.D. the bare hills of Moab were covered with waving corn and closely settled vineyards. Some remnants of the immense forests which once stretched from Kfar Saba and east into Bethlehem still existed as late as 1840, when they too capitulated to the general war of extermination waged by the wandering native population against the woods and soil of this favored country. Writers, even down to the Crusades, described great woods like those of Sharon. As late as Nehemiah's time there was a forester in the Royal Service to control the timber supply around Jerusalem, and from the hieroglyphic papyrus Golénisheff (about 1150 B.C.) we learn that the Egyptians had been importing timber from the Carmel region for generations.

In this eden of prosperous husbandry it is no surprise to see industry and manufacture keeping pace to create a well-rounded base for the wealth of this fortunate nation. Allied with the farmers were innumerable shepherds, cowherds and cattlemen. Dairying was of sufficient importance to make a cheese market necessary in Jerusalem. On the other side of Jordan the Jews dealt in wool, and everywhere raised poultry from the earliest times.

They were equally alert and practiced in handicrafts which were considered a family pride and tradition. At the time of Jesus, Jewish literature mentions no less than forty kinds of craftsmen. Hillel was a woodcutter; R. Yeshoshua ben Hananya a smith; Jesus of Nazareth a carpenter and maker of cattle yokes, and Saul of Tarsus a weaver of tent cloths. An interesting picture of various crafts is given in the Wisdom of Ben Sira (Ecclesiasticus); a book belonging to about 200 B.C. Here the ploughman, the grazier, the carpenter, the engraver, the smith, the potter and the physician are all spoken of.

Excavations at Tell Beit Mirsim (the Biblical Debir) showed that the industrial life of Israel onward to the end of the Exile was well developed. "The evidence of weaving and dyeing, of the pottery industry, and especially engineering, is now greatly strengthened. The evidence of the weaving industry is overwhelming." At Debir, Dr. Albright discovered six dye plants and remnants "showing that there must have been a

loom in nearly every house."

At the south end of Lake Tiberias was one of the first purely manufacturing towns in economic history. Beautiful dyed cloths and dyes were exported as well as phosphorus, asphalt, tar, salt, glass ornaments and perfumes. Pliny tells us that 'Judean pitch' was world famous. Iron mines were found in the Lebanon and near Jerash. Josephus mentions the 'hill of iron' which "extended as far as the land of Moab." Dr. Glueck found in 1934 abandoned workings of rich copper fields in the region north of the Gulf of Aqaba and remarks: "When the Biblical historian asserts 'there was no weighing of the bronze from which he (Solomon) made all these vessels, because it was so much,' one may believe that he was not exaggerating the facts."

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In those days the present industrial relations between East and West were reversed. The Orient was then the great industrial center and exchanged its manufactured products against the raw materials of the less developed Western countries.

Solomon was canny enough to exploit the unique geographical position of his country. He was the originator of the policy of customs and levied on both imports and exports to keep his treasury full. The commerce of the Hebrew State extended in all directions, as far east as China, and as far west as Natal and Zululand where coins dating from the time of the Maccabees have been recently discovered.

On the sea, Rawlinson observes that while the friendly dealings of Hiram with David and Solomon are well known, "the continued alliance between the Phoenicians and the Israelites has attracted less attention." This continued composition of interests between the two neighboring Semitic nations is mentioned by Herodotus and other ancients and is confirmed by modern authorities. Says

Klausner: "Jewish sailors were just as numerous as Jewish donkey-drivers."

Fishermen too were numerous and the catch so plentiful that much of it was salted and sold abroad. Trade both by sea and over the camel routes thrived. Aristes declares fulsomely that "a great mass of spices, precious stones and gold is brought into the district . . . For the country is well adapted for commerce as well as for cultivation, and the city (Jerusalem) is rich in the arts, and lacks none of the merchandise which is brought across the sea."

This was the country which Jehovah had promised to his people Israel "for an everlasting possession"; a veritable beehive of plenty and happiness, tribute to what will happen when a favored land and a gifted people meet in conjunction. The Assyrian Sennacherib leaves a record of its populousness: "I took forty-six of his strong walled cities as well as the small cities in their neighborhood, which were without number." Josephus remarks that "the cities lie here very thick and the very many villages that are here, are everywhere so full of people . . . that the very least of them contained above fifteen thousand inhabitants."

Population estimates vary, curtained by the dust of antiquity, but in every case they were so considerable as to cause the modern observer to gasp. In an age where opportunities for sustaining concentrated industrial populations were largely non-existent, the land certainly maintained a per capita density incomparably larger than that which allegedly overcrowds it today.

Diodorus, Strabo, Tacitus, and Dio Cassius all agree that "the population of the square mile was larger in Palestine than in any other portion of the Roman dominion."

In Exod. 12:37 we are told that there were "about 600,000 on foot that were men, besides women and children" plus "a mixed multitude" that went up from Egypt. Chron. 21:5 asserts that when David numbered the people, including the soldiery, or those who were called into the actual service of the King in due course, month by month throughout the year, "all they of Israel were 1,100,000 that drew sword; and of Judah, 475,000," exclusive of Levi and Benjamin. Josephus estimates the number shut up in Jerusalem during the siege by Titus at 2,700,000. From the figures he gives, Galilee alone must have held fully 3,000,000 people, while the whole of Palestine could be conservatively estimated at at least 12,000,000.

Certainly if one may judge from Roman accounts of the wars with Judea, where figures running into the millions were given for the slain, and the numbers sold into captivity ran into legions, these figures are not incredible.

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Behind the Headlines . . . the Jews of Poland

by Edwin Eytan

Warsaw (JTA). It snowed on the first Passover seder night in Warsaw this year. Thick snow flakes fell over the sad and dismal city as several hundred Jewish families, the remainder of what was once one of the world's largest Jewish communities, were preparing to celebrate the Jewish feast of freedom.

After the excitement but also the anarchy of last year, Warsaw had gone into a slumber on December 13 when the army took over the country's government. The seder was the first occasion for the Jewish community to celebrate. Few wanted to miss it, even those who generally try to conceal their Jewishness and melt into the general population, the "submarines" as they call themselves in derision.

This year, the seder celebrations started early so as to end at 10 p.m. at the latest. At 11, curfew starts and Warsaw turns into a ghost town in which only armed soldiers pace in the streets between the high, dark buildings.

Officially, it is believed that some 5,000 to 6,000 Jews are left in Poland. Unofficially, some 7,000 more live all year round as Poles and only occasionally emerge into the open. On seder night it seemed as if most wanted, for once, to openly assume their Jewishness.

Food Available For Passover

The Joint Distribution Committee had shipped weeks earlier Hungarian baked matzoh and Israeli "Kosher le Pessach" wines. Jewish housewives had also been lining up for days for the traditional carp chicken for the matzoh ball soup, and even for the herring, part of the local Jewish tradition.

For once luck was with them. The Jewish Pessach practically coincided with the Catholic Easter and larger than usual quantities of food were distributed. Competition in the shops was tougher but the official rations were easier to obtain. Even the vodka ration was doubled, from one to two bottles per month.

Warsaw's main seder was celebrated at the community center. Over 50 people gathered into the old, half-run down building at Twarda Ulytza across from the wartime little ghetto, only a short walk away from the Umschlagplatz where the city's Jews were taken by the Germans for their ultimate ride to their final destinations.

Today, the area, with the exception of the community center and the old Nozyk Synagogue, has been rebuilt. The Polish Ministry for Religious Affairs has also started work on the synagogue and plans to modernize the community center next year.

People started arriving at the community center shortly before five p.m. By six, the hall was full: a sad group of old and sick people who had remained when most of their families left years ago, either because of the small pensions they receive or for various family reasons.

"For once we forget our 'tzures,' Shmuel Zylberteinstein said. "This is a yom tov for us." The tables were laden with all the traditional trimmings and even flowers, an expensive luxury in Poland, and yet the atmosphere was somber.

The four questions were asked by "little Natek" who is indeed only five feet tall but is 59 years old. With the exception of a little girl, who seemed lost in the crowd, Nathan Ziviak, "little Natek's" real name, was the youngest member of the congregation.

The Polish government went out of its way to help the seder celebration. The Minister for Religious Affairs, Jerzy Kuberski, not only approved a special distribution of kosher meat but also sent personal greetings and well wishes. Poland's new government headed by Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski is keen to dispel any reports of government tolerated anti-Semitism.

Private homes also obtained special kosher meat if they registered in time with the community, but housewives also tried hard on their own to obtain larger quantities or better qualities of food. Mrs. Adam Czarko, whose husband works as an electrician at the Warsaw Jewish Theater, had been lining up for days.

The family was lucky because it lives right in the center of the city, along Warsaw's main Avenue Marshalewskiego, where most of the larger department stores and food shops are. Mrs. Czarko could go home for a rest after each long wait. She also managed to obtain what she had wanted. Her table, in spite of restrictions and the austerity measures now enforced, was heavily laden with the traditional dishes.

At the Czarkos, like in most Jewish homes that night, the evening started with a radio broadcast. For the first time since the war, Warsaw radio broadcast the seder ceremony, the Haggada, some of the ritual songs and even an explanation in Polish of Passover's significance and symbolic importance.

Anti-Semitism Will Be Punished

The broadcast was part of the Polish government's attempt to deny reports in the Western press that following the military takeover, there has been a renewal of anti-Semitic incidents. Polish officials are adamant in claiming that any anti-Semitic incident which did take place—and they admit that there have been about half a dozen cases—occurred

before the December coup during what they term "the anarchy" of 1981.

The Polish officials, with whom I met, also stress that those who wrote or broadcast anti-Semitic material have now been transferred or have been fired from their previous jobs.

Kuberski told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "anyone guilty of such an offense (anti-Semitism), whatever his political background or official function, will be tried and punished as prescribed by law." Kuberski added: "I make this declaration with the full knowledge and on behalf of General Jaruzelski himself."

Most of the Polish Jews with whom I met during my week-long stay seemed less preoccupied with anti-Semitism or anti-Semitic reports than with food shortages, high prices, long queues and difficulty in obtaining permission to travel abroad.

Since the December 13th military takeover, exit permits are rarely granted and then only to people over 65. Even then, formalities are far more difficult and complicated than before. Most of Poland's remaining Jews have families living abroad, often in Israel. It is this restriction which hit them hardest and standing in the Warsaw snow, after the seder night, and wishing each other "Beshana Haba Be'Yerushalaim" took on added significance. It was not only a customary greeting, it expressed their deepest current preoccupation.

Warsaw still feels like one huge memorial to Jewish suffering and martyrdom. Forty years after the war, the city still bears the traces of Nazi occupation and is covered with the vestiges of what was once one of the world's largest and most dynamic Jewish communities.

The past is seen and felt everywhere. At the foot of a new office building are the remnants of the war-time "little ghetto" and the bus for the new sports stadium leaves from the site of the Umschlagplatz, the assembly ground to which the city's Jews were taken by the Germans before boarding the trains for their final destination.

Anti-Semitism in Poland is still a highly sensitive issue. In the light of the past, the slightest incident takes on alarming proportions. Polish officials say, however, that only a handful of such incidents did take place, especially during the political "anarchy" which marked the last months of 1981, and that the government is determined to do all it can to prevent any possible reoccurrence.

The Polish Minister for Religious Affairs, Jerzy Kuberski, was clear on the issue: "We are determined to fight and stamp out any possible symptom (of anti-

Semitism) whatever its origin. I can say with the full approval and on behalf of (Prime Minister and leader of the military council) General Wojciech Jaruzelski that the government will combat any person or group who engages in such activities."

Anti-Semites Removed From Their Jobs

Kuberski, who as the man in charge of the government's relations with the Catholic church is one of Jaruzelski's closest aides, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the course of a two-hour interview, that all those suspected of having engaged in anti-Semitic activities have been removed from their former jobs.

Western observers in Poland stress that during the last months of 1981 anti-Semitism had become an internal political issue. Nationalistic elements, generally associated with the "Grunwald" group, were trying to turn public opinion against Solidarity by claiming that many of Lech Walesa's closest aides were Jews.

The object of most of these attacks was a Jewish-born history professor, Bronsilaw Geremek. Leaflets distributed during the bitter struggle for power depicted Geremek with accentuated Jewish traits asking a rabbi for advice.

Other incidents during this period include a broadcast made December 15 over Warsaw Radio; several articles in the press, especially in the local Szczecin paper, "Glos Szczecinski"; and the publication of an openly anti-Semitic book, "The Invasion of the Phantoms 1944-47."

Situation During the "Power Vacuum"

Kuberski, like most Polish officials with whom I met, stressed that all these incidents took place during what they called the "power vacuum" of 1981.

Kuberski said that the man who made the broadcast over Warsaw Radio, Prof. Zdzislaw Ciesiolkiencz, as well as the editors of the Szczecin paper, have all been fired from their former jobs. As for "The Invasion of the Phantoms" book, it was published, he said, by an "underground press" without official approval. Kuberski stressed that such incidents can no longer occur.

Observers in Poland say that in the last months of 1981 most political actions vying for power, at one point or another, used some form of nationalistic and anti-Semitic arguments. They say that occasionally even some of the Solidarity militants used this method.

The worst such incident occurred in November, 1981, about a month before the military take-over, when one of Solidarity's leaders, Marian Jurczyk, head of the Szczecin trade union, said in a speech in the industrial city of Trzebatow that "the government is filled with Jews who have changed their names to conceal their real identities." Jurczyk, now in-

terned with the other solidarity leaders concluded: "This is one of the reasons why the government must be changed."

The paradox is that in this country in which less than 10,000 Jews at the most still live, Jews are still on all senior levels both within the opposition and the government. There even is a Jewish minister, Jerzy Urban, in charge of information in Jaruzelski's current administration.

Efforts To Improve Relations With Jews

Kuberski stressed in his interview with JTA that the government does not only want to stamp out any manifestation of anti-Semitism but also wants, in a more positive way, to try and improve Poland's relations with the Jewish people.

"We have in common a thousand years of joint history and culture. Poland would not be what it is without the Jewish contribution," Kuberski said. As a first step, the minister hopes to obtain a resident rabbi for the city's community.

He said he had discussed the subject with an American rabbinical delegation earlier this year and is waiting for suitable candidates to conclude the necessary administrative procedure. "Should we obtain no candidates," Kuberski said, "We will probably send some of our own young people to the Budapest Rabbinical Seminary."

There are currently four Polish Jews who attend courses at Warsaw University's Department of Hebrew Studies. Kuberski said that some of these have expressed an interest to follow rabbinical training but added that this would take several years and his department would like to obtain a foreign, though Polish-speaking rabbi, to serve the community in the meantime.

The minister said that an exhibition dealing with the 1,000-year history of Jews in Poland, which is currently touring the United States, will open in Warsaw this summer and next year will tour most of Poland's large cities.

Hopes To Improve Ties With Israel

Kuberski, who visited Israel last year where he attended a session of the Kordziak Committee, said he hoped to visit Israel again next year. He stressed, "When I go to Israel, I do so with the Polish government's knowledge and approval. It is in our behalf, a sign of friendship."

Poland wants to improve relations with Israel, but as Urban told JTA: "Such an improvement cannot be effected at the cost of changes in our overall foreign policy and our political alliances."

Urban, like most other Polish officials, clearly implied that such an improvement can be best accomplished in economic and cultural matters.

Most Polish officials stressed that the actual resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries "depends on Arab-Israeli ties," indicating that Warsaw will resume the diplomatic relations broken after the Six-Day War in 1967 only after Israel signs peace agreements with all its Arab neighbors.

"This," officials said, "should not preclude, however, an improvement of Polish-Israel relations in other fields." The officials say Poland is prepared to cooperate with Israel in historic and cultural research and undertake joint cultural projects such as exchanges of students and academics. Poland also plans to give an international dimension to next year's 40th commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

In spite of Poland's somber economic situation, the government has voted special credits to help rebuild the Warsaw's old synagogue and the Jewish cemetery, one of Europe's oldest. The Poles also want to renew their ties with the Jewish world and hope that Jewish delegations from abroad will come to see for themselves that the Polish government's intentions are serious and sincere.

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Jerusalem—The Very Heart of the Jewish State

by Marie Syrkin
World Zionist Press Service

Any discussion about Jerusalem must begin with one plain fact: the division of Jerusalem was the direct result of Arab aggression. Except for the 19 years between 1948 and 1967 Jerusalem had always been united. The artificial partition of the city took place in 1948 when Jordan seized East Jerusalem. Israel's victory in 1967 reunited the city. Today it is again a unified city whose redivision appears plausible only to those in the Arab camp whose strategy calls for the piecemeal cannibalization of Israel. These are the 'moderates'. The rejectionist Arab states and their supporters want no less than all of Jerusalem, so that now the issue is sovereignty—Israeli, Arab, or international.

Few need to be reminded how thoroughly Jerusalem has permeated Jewish consciousness since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Jerusalem has informed Jewish liturgy and ceremony up to the present. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem" still remains the psalmist's most fervent lyric. Even a contemporary secular Jew who mechanically repeats "Next year in Jerusalem" at the conclusion of the annual Passover feast, cannot escape the proddings of historic memory. Jerusalem is Zion; the words are interchangeable.

A grandiose adventurer like Napoleon, dreaming of extending his empire, invited the Jews "to reestablish Jerusalem as of old". For friend or foe, whether in celebration or abuse, Jerusalem for centuries has been the synonym for Jewry. No bond of like intensity attached any other people or religion to the city.

Holy But Different

Jerusalem is holy to three religions—but with a difference. Christians revere the site of the Crucifixion, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and other sanctuaries; for them Jerusalem is not so much a holy city as a city of Holy Places to which they come for worship from all parts of the world and which they devoutly guard. It is not a dwelling place fraught with national meaning. For Islam, Jerusalem ranks third in the hierarchy of sacred cities, after Mecca and Medina. No huge Muslim pilgrimages, such as have made Mecca and Medina famous, make their way to Jerusalem. A pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina is a religious obligation; a haj to Jerusalem is a voluntary act of piety. Jews too have holy cities other than Jerusalem; for instance, Hebron, the site of the burial cave of the biblical patriarchs. But only Jerusalem, the city itself, the capital of David, not a particular shrine or site, has remained the focus of national and religious longing in Jewish history. And

no other people, while ruling Jerusalem, chose the city for its capital.

Even under the most adverse circumstances Jews obstinately have maintained a continuous, if often minuscule, presence in Jerusalem. The city was never judenrein. During the 500 years of Roman rule, when Jews were prohibited from entering Jerusalem, they succeeded in penetrating the city in disguise to pray at the Temple Mount. After the Arab conquest in 638, small Jewish communities existed in Jerusalem. During the crusader massacres the population dwindled; in the 12th century, Benjamin of Tudela, the medieval traveller, reported that he found only 4 Jews at the Citadel. But in the succeeding centuries, despite government edicts and the attendant dangers, Jewish pilgrims kept arriving and settling, sometimes reaching a total of several thousand.

By 1700 a thousand Jews lived in Jerusalem in acute economic distress. These unimpressive figures must, of course, be considered in the context of the entire population of Jerusalem in the given periods. Scholars estimate that until the 19th century the total population of Jerusalem varied from 5,000 to 10,000. Rapid growth began in the 19th century simultaneously with the rise in Jewish immigration.

Jewish Majority

For the last 150 years Jews have constituted the majority of Jerusalem's population. Census data available since 1844 indicates the exact proportions. In an article in the New York Daily Tribune on April 15, 1854, Karl Marx saw fit to comment on the preponderance of Jews:

The sedentary population of Jerusalem numbers about 15,500 souls of whom 4,000 are Mussulmans and 8,000 are Jews. The Mussulmans forming about a fourth of the whole, and consisting of Turks, Arabs and Moors, are, of course, the masters in every respect.

Not that Jerusalem had much to recommend it except nostalgia. Customary adjectives of travelers describing the Holy Land, beginning with the classic 1785 account of the French scholar Constantin Volney, 'Voyage en Syrie et en Egypte,' were "ruined" and "desolate". Mark Twain's shock at the ravages he describes in *Innocents Abroad* (1869) is typical: "Renowned Jerusalem has lost all its ancient grandeur and become a pauper village". After bluntly characterizing "rags, wretchedness, poverty and dirt" as the unfailing signs that "indicate the presence of Moslem rule", Twain concludes: "Jerusalem is mournful, and dreary and lifeless. I would not desire to live here." Theodor Herzl, after his first

disillusioning view of the "reeking alleys" (Diary, October 31, 1898) proceeded to dream:

I would begin by cleaning it up. I would clear out everything that is not sacred, set up workers' houses beyond the city, empty and tear down the filthy ratholes, burn all non-sacred ruins, and put the bazaars elsewhere. Then, retaining as much of the old architectural style as possible, I would build an airy, comfortable, properly sewered, brand new city around the Holy Places.

Until the 1860s Jerusalem consisted of the area enclosed within the Old City walls. The expansion of Jerusalem beyond the city walls began with the initiative of Anglo-Jewish philanthropist Sir Moses Montefiore, who sought to lure Jews out of the crowded, impoverished Jewish quarter. Later, stimulated by Jewish example, increasing numbers of Christians and Muslim Arabs began to build homes and institutions beyond the narrow confines of the Old City. The city's development attracted both Jewish and Arab immigrants so that by 1912 the total population counted 70,000, of whom 45,000 were Jews.

Statistical data leaves no doubt that a major factor in the growth and prosperity of Jerusalem, as of all Palestine, was the impetus given by Jewish immigration, which in turn stimulated Arab immigration from neighboring lands. By the time the United Nations Partition Resolution was adopted in November 1947, the population of Jerusalem consisted of approximately 100,000 Jews and 65,000 Arabs. A clause of the resolution called for the establishment of Jerusalem as a *Corpus Separatum* to be administered by the United Nations.

At Last—A United Jerusalem

Despite its sacredness Jerusalem was unremittably bombarded in 1948 by the Arab Legion. Abba Eban warned the Security Council of the imminent destruction of Jerusalem, including the sanctuaries of the Old City, and reminded the Council that Israel "did yield Jerusalem to the International Community upon which now devolves the responsibility of protecting that city". The appeal went unanswered. The New City held out; the Old City with its beleaguered orthodox Jews, mostly old men, women and children, fell to the Arab legion, as did some suburbs to the north and south of the Old City.

The Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement, signed in Rhodes on April 3, 1949, implemented the partition of the city. Israel kept most of the New City while Jordan held East Jerusalem, including the

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Israel Briefs

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Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

(Tel Aviv) The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra leaves for a tour of three continents during which it will perform 25 concerts in 20 cities with its two most devoted and revered conductors. Leonard Bernstein will conduct the first half of the 36-day tour and the IPO's Musical Director, Zubin Mehta will finish the trip. The orchestra will perform in Germany, Mexico, the U.S. and Canada, to be highlighted by a joint performance with the New York Philharmonic.

Bernstein, a veteran IPO conductor of 35 years, since first rehearsing the Palestine Symphony Orchestra a year before the birth of the State of Israel, completed a concert tour of Israel before the trip.

An Emotional Tribute

(Haifa) A tribute to Israel was made by a most unusual source—a former British civil servant who left this country on the eve of Israel's Independence just 34 years ago.

Dr. John Thompson, 82, was the first Director of the Government (RAMBAM) Hospital in Haifa. As he left on the last ship out of the country, he tearfully recalled his thoughts: "I said, Oh dear, what's going to happen to you people? Now that I've seen Israel, I see you have made a resounding success of it, beyond belief. I am impressed and overwhelmed."

Thompson was on a nine-day visit with his wife, who was a nurse at RAMBAM, and their Haifa-born son, who is a General Practitioner in New York.

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Old City. Mount Scopus, site of the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital, was to be an international enclave within Jordanian territory. Jews were to have access to their sanctuaries within the Old City and to the great cultural and philanthropic institutions they had built on Mount Scopus amid world acclaim. These terms were grossly flouted. For 19 years Jews could not pray at the Western Wall and the university and hospital stood neglected and unused. This was the position until the city was taken by the Israeli army in 1967, with its subsequent unification as the indivisible capital of Israel.

Establish Centre to Combat Anti-Semitism

(Jerusalem) To help combat the new world-wide wave of anti-semitism, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will establish a center for the study of anti-semitism. According to Professor Yehuda Bauer, designated Chairman of the new center, the Institute itself will not be politically active, but will serve as the academic backup for political action to combat anti-semitism. The center will research the roots and history of anti-semitism, and also conduct comparative studies of contemporary anti-semitism with the aim of pointing where the greatest dangers lie. Bauer, a member of Kibbutz Shuval in the Negev, is a world authority on the subject.

Proposes a "New Yamit"

(Jerusalem) A proposal to build "A New Yamit" in the Besor region near the international border has been submitted to the inter Ministerial Committee on settlement by Ra'annan Weitz, Chairman of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. Weitz also proposed the development of a port in the Katif Region of the Gaza Strip, and tourism facilities such as those planned for Yamit. Some twenty agricultural settlements are planned for the Northwestern Resor Region, also called "Pitchat Shalom" (Entry to Peace).

Palestinian Myths

by Moshe Decter
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Who are the Palestinians? What is their identity? Are they a people?

A people is a body of persons united by a sense of kinship based on a common ethnic origin whose group consciousness has been molded by a common history, culture and tradition, by a common language and common institutions—all of which are distinctive from others among whom, or next to whom, it lives—and who are associated with a particular territory.

In these terms, the Palestinian Arabs never had a specific socio-political or cultural identification within the area. Indeed, even as late as the outbreak of World War I, or as of the moment of the Balfour Declaration of 1917, or of the distribution of the territories of the defeated Ottoman Empire—the Arabs of Palestine did not constitute a distinctive national group.

No such distinctive entity existed, or recognized itself, or was recognized as such by other Arabs or by the rest of the world. They thought of themselves as Syrians—or as inhabitants of towns and villages of southern Syria.

The Arab Homeland

The homeland of the Arabs is Arabia. With the birth of Islam in the 7th century, they emerged from the desert and created an empire that within a century extended over three continents, from the Atlantic Ocean to China. Throughout the subjugated territories, within which Palestine was and remained a cultural backwater, they made Arabic the dominant language and Islam the predominant religion. But:

"The invaders from the desert," writes Prof. Philip Hitti, the leading modern Arab historian, "brought with them no tradition of learning, no heritage of culture."

When the Crusaders came to Palestine after 460 years of Arab and non-Arab Muslim rule, they found an Arabic-speaking populace composed of a dozen races. For centuries thereafter, the land continued to be devastated by inter-tribal warfare, civil strife, Bedouin depredations. In the 19th century, masses of Egyptians and Syrians moved in or through Palestine. And during the British Mandate period, some 300,000 Arabs migrated to Palestine, drawn by the high standards of life, health, work and education created by the Jews who were rebuilding the ancient Jewish land.

The absence of a Palestinian Arab national consciousness is explained by the lack of a specific Arab historical culture in the land, and by the brevity of time that most Arabs had lived there, and helps account for the ease and swiftness with which half a million Arabs abandoned their homes in 1948-49—for a deeply rooted peasantry does not readily give up its land.

On March 3, 1977, the head of the PLO military operations department, Zuhair Muhsin, told the Dutch paper, *Trouw*:

"... there are no differences between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese... We are one people. Only for political reasons do we carefully underline our Palestinian identity. For it is of national interest for the Arabs to encourage the existence of the Palestinians against Zionism. Yes, the existence of a separate Palestinian identity is there only for tactical reasons. The establishment of a Palestinian state is a new expedient to continue the fight against Zionism and for Arab unity."

No more truthful evaluation has ever been made of the notion of a Palestinian Arab national identity. No more succinct expression has ever been given to the basic strategic doctrine of eradicating the Jewish state, and of exploiting the tactical device of a synthetic Palestinian national identity toward that end.

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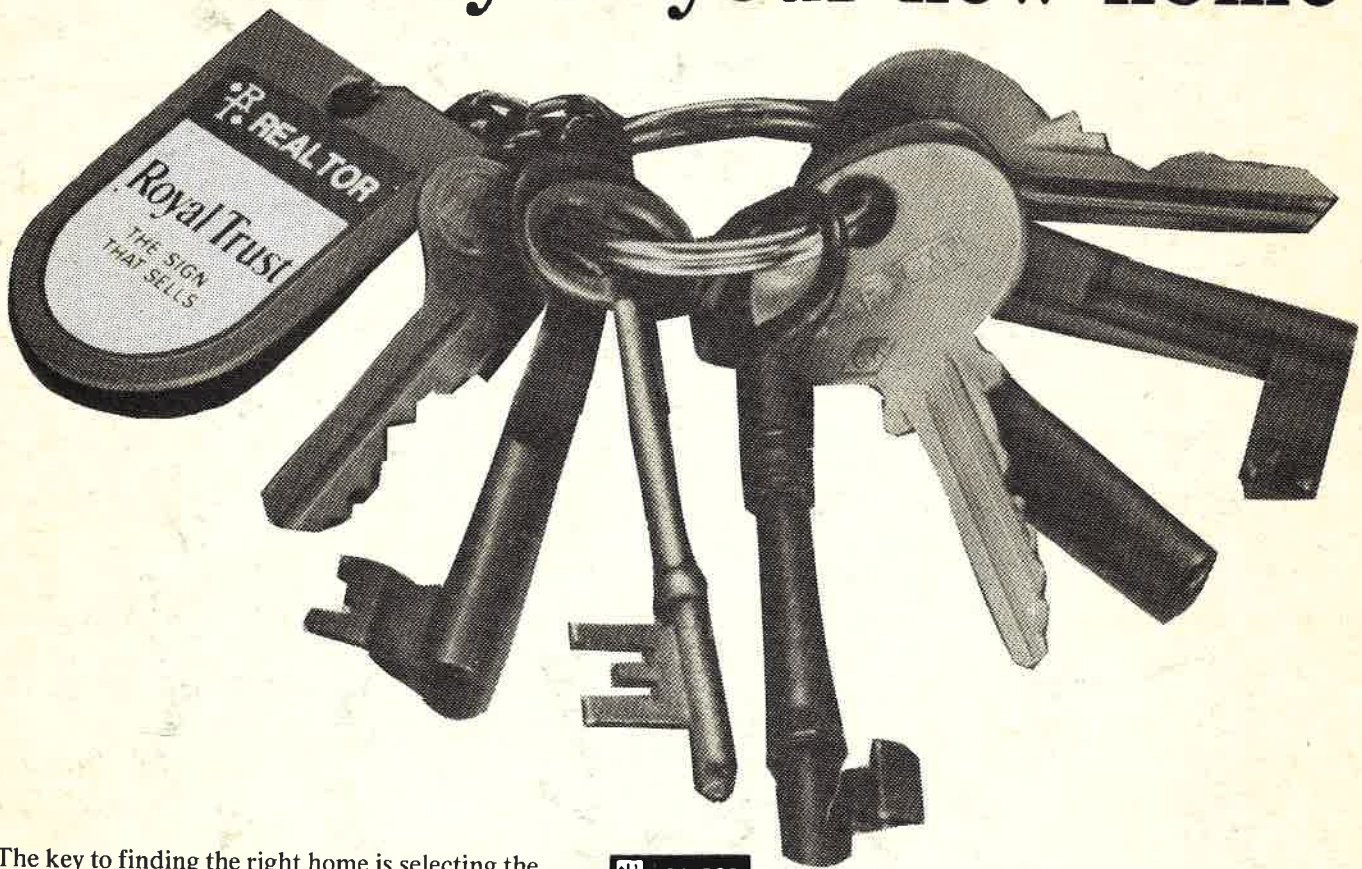
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