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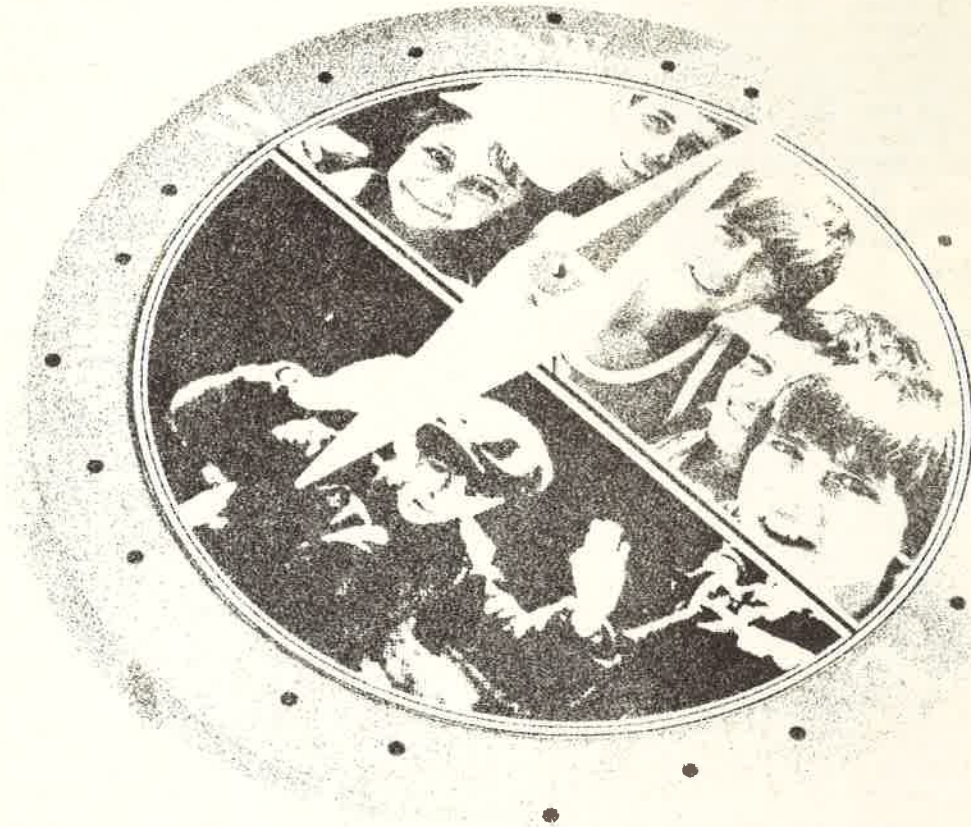


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EDITORIAL



As this is the last issue of the current season for **Shalom**, it's a good time to re-view purpose and past. This issue culminates eight volumes of the present **Shalom**. In the preceding years, the publication has reflected individual views and happenings of the region as well as those on the national and international scenes.

A letter to the Editor, from **Joyce Attis**, was prompted by her attendance at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary and reflects her views of our region.

Some of you may shrug your shoulders and say, so what, but she has hit upon a concern expressed by many of us. When the Executive and Board of the Atlantic Jewish Council sit down to long days of deliberations, it is with the deep rooted convictions of members to work for Israel and Atlantic Jewry. Decisions are not taken lightly as they affect each and every one of us in some way, large or small.

Once you have read Joyce Attis' letter and thought about your commitment, the Atlantic Jewish Council can offer you a place to direct your energies. Here is a partial list - Community Relations, Soviet Jewry, Holocaust Remembrance, Jews of Arab Lands, Programming, (educational, cultural & social), Youth, Senior, United Jewish Appeal, Conferences, Yiddish, Public Affairs, Media - Radio, T.V., Shalom, Small Communities and so on.

Summer is here. Perhaps while sitting in the sun, a little time reflecting on your commitment, past, present and future, would be well spent. Shalom Magazine is a good starting point, delve into the back issues, appreciate where we have been and where we can go — together.

The Annual Atlantic Jewish Council Conference will take place this fall. Let this be the beginning of your involvement.

Have a happy summer.

Shalom from Shalom

Shirlee Fox

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

One of the essential weaknesses of a democratic society is the ability of its members to express odious ideas far and wide in the hope of gaining support. Opposition is permitted and often encouraged but never-the-less this system of ideological free-for-all is wide open to abuse.

Mr. Charboneau, the head of the Quebec Federation of Teachers is presently exercising and abusing his right of free speech by disseminating leaflets and propaganda attacking the State of Israel. This, he claims, is being done to protest the visit of Ariel Sharon to Canada. One of the posters shows Gen. Sharon in a Nazi uniform with "Butcher of Beirut" underneath, if this isn't anti-Semitism then I don't know what it is. The fact that these leaflets and posters are being sent to his fellow teachers is rather frightening, these people are teaching the next generation. What are they teaching them?

He has not exceeded his legal rights, but he abuses the moral principals they embrace. No doubt with the encouragement of his friends and connections he is behaving in a manner that not only satisfies his own perverted instincts but those of his Middle East friends, PLO included.

Yours sincerely,
Aaron Kfir

St. John's, Newfoundland

Dear Shirlee:

I was proud to be representing the Atlantic Area at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary in Montreal. Each and every person who attended from that region is involved, committed and active. I remained an observer for most of the time but nevertheless, I was honored to have been among this particular group of people.

The Plenary covered a wide range of topics. Any Jewish person (from youth to senior citizens) could find many areas of interest. One could discuss, debate, learn and broaden one's knowledge in all aspects of Jewish life.

For those who've never had the opportunity or desire to participate in Congress at a national level, let alone a regional level, I have listed just a few of the topics dealt with at this Plenary - Complexities of Small Community Life; Yiddish; Holocaust Remembrance; The

Jewish Poor in Canada; The Elderly; The Jewish Disabled; Status of Women; Ethiopian Jewry - Our Responsibility; Soviet Jewry - The Continuing Struggle; Community Relations.

After attending this Plenary, my interest in the Atlantic Jewish Community has intensified. Are the Atlantic Jews - Jews in small communities - or, are most of them just small Jews?

Where were they from May 12 - 15, 1983, while some very dedicated people gave of their time to be in Montreal to represent the area? With little or no support from some centres, the representation was quite imbalanced.

The Plenary was both a learning experience as well as a great disappointment to me concerning the Atlantic area.

Passiveness cannot help. The Atlantic Jewish Community must DO and PARTICIPATE both individually and collectively. Verbal complaints are useless and wasted if that is all one can contribute toward helping Jewry in the Atlantic Area.

—We *hurt* when newspapers publish articles antisemitic in nature.

—We *whisper* in anger over events like the Keegstra affair.

—We *fret* about assimilation

—We *worry* about the education of our children

But, how many of us actually DO something about any of these so called "problems" . . . We *talk* among ourselves.

For several years, I have been an inactive member of the Jewish community in Toronto. Sadly, it's a very easy way to live in a large city where one does not feel the sense of urgency in individual identity as a Jewish person. This is what happens to large numbers of people in larger cities. And that's why those people don't understand the complexities of problems faced by the smaller communities. They've never needed to retain an identity separate from, but together with, their neighbors.

It's my contention that if the smaller communities do not show their interest by having a larger vocal representation wherever and whenever possible then, in fact, apathy abounds. Apathy on the part of the smaller areas as well as by those from the larger centres. If the Atlantic Jews do not even attempt to show an interest in problems of their own, how can they expect understanding, interest and support from the larger centres?

S. Joyce Attis
Toronto, Ont.

TEAM ISRAEL FETED AT HALIFAX RECEPTION



The Israeli Mens Wheelchair Basketball Team plans its strategy.

The Jewish Community of Halifax turned out in great numbers to honour the Israeli Mens Wheelchair Basketball team at a reception tendered by the Halifax Citadel Lodge of B'nai Brith.

An overflow crowd filled the ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel to welcome and show its appreciation for the Israelis

excellent performance in the Gold Cup Tournament.

Mr. Neil Franklin, a Gold Cup Committee Member, extended greetings and offered congratulations to the athletes on their fine showing and their display of superb sportsmanship. **Mr. Ed Miller**, President of Citadel Lodge,

presented greetings from B'nai Brith and awarded Nova Scotian mementos to each member of the team.

Mr. Reuven Heller, Technical Director of the Ilan Sports Center spoke of the team's deep appreciation for the support shown by the Halifax community. He presented a number of awards to various members of the community for their support and assistance throughout the tournament.

The formal portion of the evening's program included a documentary film on the Ilan Sports Center for the Disabled. The audio visual presentation explained how the Center has become one of the world's leading institutions for rehabilitation of the disabled through sports.

Mr. Moishe Rashkes, Director of the Ilan Sports Center, appealed to the audience for their support in the essential rehabilitational programs being carried out by people at Ramat Gan.

The evening concluded with coffee and dessert prepared and served by the wives and friends of B'nai Brith members. For more information on how you can "help others to help themselves", contact either Vicki Lipkus - 443-6126 or Neil Franklin - 479-1230.

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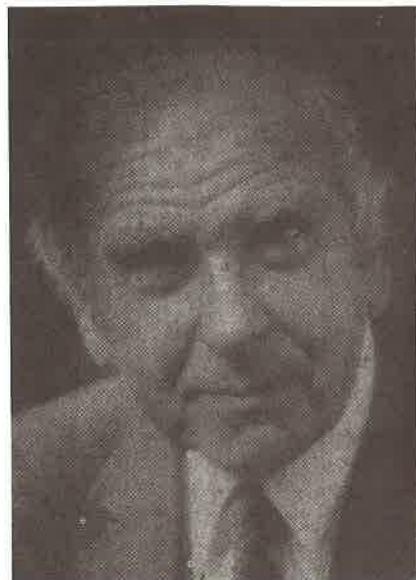
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Distinguished Atlantic Canadians Honoured During May Convocations



Dr. Anita Dubinsky



Dr. H. Reuben Cohen

Honourary doctorate degrees were conferred upon **Anita Dubinsky** of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and **Reuben Cohen** of Moncton, New Brunswick.

Dr. Dubinsky, a native of Glace Bay, received the Honourary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount Saint Vincent University. Dr. Dubinsky is an executive member of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, United Way of Halifax (the only

woman to have served as president of that organization) and is actively involved in the Nova Scotia School Board Association, the Sisterhood of Beth Israel Synagogue, and the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia. She is also Vice-Chairperson of the Halifax Commission on City Government.

Always deeply involved in human rights activities, she participates in women's concerns such as pensions and health, and serves on the YWCA long-

range planning committee and the Halifax Schoolboard.

In 1979 she was chairperson on an inquiry appointed by the government of New Brunswick to deal with human rights issues.

She has had the distinction of being the only Jewish woman in Canada to address a Roman Catholic Retreat (at St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay).

A lifetime supporter of the State of Israel, she developed a successful campaign in Halifax for scholarships for students in Israel where high school education requires tuition. She served as overall Chairperson of the State of Israel Bond Campaign in Halifax-Dartmouth and is a past president of Tikvah Chapter and Golda Meir Chapter of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo.

Dr. Reuben Cohen received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Laws from Acadia University. A native of Moncton, he left there briefly in 1938 to attend Dalhousie University. Dr. Cohen earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in 1942, and an LL.B. degree in 1944. He began his law practice in his home town in 1945 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1968.

Mr. Cohen sits on the board of eight major companies including Central Trust Company, Maritime Life Assurance Company, Inter-City Gas Corporation and the Mortgage Insurance Company of Canada. He also serves the board of Dalhousie University and is a member of the advisory council of Canada World Youth.

The entire Atlantic Jewish community extends its congratulations to Drs. Anita Dubinsky and Reuben Cohen upon receiving these most distinguished awards.

B'nai Brith Halifax Citadel Lodge Holds Installation Brunch



The annual installation brunch of the Halifax Citadel Lodge of B'nai Brith was held in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on Sunday May 15, 1983. The Lodge was honoured to have as its guest speaker **Mr. Morley Wolfe**, Q.C., President of B'nai Brith Canada in attendance to serve as both guest speaker and installing officer. Mr. Wolfe who was introduced by Past Citadel Lodge President, **Dr. Lowell Shore** spoke on the duties of the B'nai Brith membership to continue to play an important and visible part in helping the community through worthwhile projects. In his comments, Mr. Wolfe said "It is imperative that the community realize that B'nai Brith assists all---regardless of race, religion, or color, and that our organization is an international organization in 41 countries of the world."

Presentations Made

In recognition for their contribution to human rights, B'nai Brith President **Morley Wolfe** presented honorary plaques to both **Brother Henry Webber** and **Brother Lawrence Ferguson**.

Before turning the President's Gavel over to in-coming President, **Ed Miller**, **Mr. Paul Lipkus**, outgoing President, reviewed the events and graciously thanked both the executive and general membership for their efforts and cooperation for the past twelve months. In special recognition for the fine work performed by **Steven Zatzman** as Chairman of the Program Committee and **Ralph Garson** as Publicity Chairman, out-going President Lipkus presented both with plaques for their dedicated service to B'nai Brith.

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B'nai Brith Halifax Citadel Lodge President Ed Miller (left) pictured above holding the "President's Gavel". With Ed Miller are Morley Wolfe, Q.C., B'nai Brith National President and Paul Lipkus, Immediate Past President of Halifax Citadel Lodge.

(Photo by Gerry Mendleson)

New Executive Installed

Special guest speaker and National President Morley Wolfe was then called upon to discharge the past years Executive and Officers and to install the new Executive and Trustees which he did in a most impressive and sometimes

humorous manner. After installing incoming President, Ed Miller, Paul Lipkus then handed the President's Gavel over to the new President of Citadel Lodge. As his first function as President, Ed Miller then presented the Past President's pin to out-going President Paul Lipkus and also thanked the retiring Executive for their past efforts. In addition out-going President, Paul Lipkus received a plaque with gold-plated gavel on it presented to him by Morley Wolfe as a reminder of his days as a Lodge President. The new Executive and Officers and Trustees of Citadel Lodge B'nai Brith are as follows: President, Edgar Miller; 1st Vice-President, Henry "Hank" Webber; 2nd Vice President, Steve Zatzman; 3rd Vice President, Jack Novac; Recording Secretary, Lee Cohen; Corresponding Secretary, Irwin Mendleson; Financial Secretary, Reuben David; Treasurer, Ray Ginsberg. Trustees: Mark Rosen, Terry Israel, Barry Gordon, Danny

Jacobson, Mike Laing, Lawrence Ferguson, Lester Pink, Jeff Webber, Tom Webber, Borace Jacobson, Bill Mosher, Ralph Garson, Gerry Mendleson.

United Jewish Appeal



United Israel Appeal Update 1983

On behalf of **Hedda Medjuck**, Chairperson, Women's Division; **Michael Zatzman**, Canvass Chairman and **Lester Pink**, treasurer, Men's Division, I am pleased to give you an update on where we stand as far as our objective of \$300,000. As of June 13, 1983 on a combined effort of Men's and Women's Divisions, we have reached \$151,017. Our thanks to the continued efforts of our canvassers and the continued support of our community. We hope to reach our objective by the end of June, and a full report will be included in the September/October 1983 edition of Shalom.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Goldbloom
Chairperson

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has come to our attention that members of the community have consented to address groups on various subjects. May we request that any member of the community who is approached to address a school, church or service group, please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council office.

As these services are offered through the Atlantic Jewish Council Speaker's Bureau, notification of requests will enable us to co-ordinate schedules, to provide wherever possible, background information and media coverage. As a record of these engagements are kept on file, your co-operation would be appreciated.



The installation of the Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT took place on the evening of May 25 at the home of Mrs. Doreen Gordon.

The new 1983-84 Executive are from the left Treasurer, Miriam Kohler; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Sadofsky; 2nd Vice-President, Ardith Offman; President, Doreen Gordon; and 3rd Vice-President in Charge of Membership, Vicki Lipkus; special guest speaker, National ORT President, Mrs. Genya Intrator; and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Miriam Zatzman.

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THE ATLANTIC CHAPTER
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is proud to announce that

MR. MURRAY B. KOFFLER
National Chairman of the Board, Canadian Society
will be guest speaker at the Chapter's



GALA DINNER
celebrating the 50th anniversary of the
WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Sunday, October 30, 1983
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Murray B. Koffler, O.C., National Chairman of the Board of Canadian Society and the Deputy Chairman of the International Board of Governors will be guest speaker. Mr. Koffler, who is Chairman of the Board of Shoppers Drug Mart Limited, is a distinguished Canadian who has devoted himself to Jewish and non-sectarian activities. He holds an Honorary Doctorate and is the recipient of many awards in recognition of his community service.

Founded nearly a half century ago (originally as the Sieff Institute) by *Dr. Chaim Weizmann*, a pre-eminent scientist and Israel's first president, the Weizmann Institute of Science today is recognized throughout the world as a centre of scientific excellence.

From the outset, Dr. Weizmann rejected chauvinism and provincialism; the scientists and facilities at the Institute, he insisted, must be judged by the standards of the best international universities and institutions. He foresaw the need for a first-rate research organization to speed Israel's development in agriculture and industry and to train its youth in advanced technology. Survival would depend in large measure upon the qualitative superiority of her scientists and technicians.

Brilliant and established scholars, as well as young and gifted graduates were attracted to Rehovot. Dr. Weizmann organized his fledgling Institute as a unique experiment in scientific pioneering: while pure science would be an important element in its program, its focus would be on the practical problems arising from the long neglected Land of Palestine.

On the Rehovot campus today, some 600 research projects are being pursued. Those affecting the human condition and well being, range from the search for increased yields of food to the study of diseases, their early detection, prevention causes and therapies. Cancer, multiple sclerosis, heart disease and stroke, and afflictions of childhood have had a high priority with encouraging results.

Agreement in principle to set up cooperative activity between Dalhousie University medical research capabilities and similar ones at the Weizmann Institute has resulted from earlier tentative initiatives. The Atlantic Chapter looks forward to having cooperative projects underway linking both institutions. Gifts to the Atlantic Chapter can be designated to support this activity which will benefit Dalhousie and the Atlantic area as well as the Weizmann Institute and Israel.

In 1984, the 50th anniversary of the Weizmann Institute of Science will be celebrated world-wide, with the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Society launching these celebrations at a gala dinner Sunday, October 30, 1983, in Halifax.

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Saint John Happenings

By Anne Elman

MAZELTOV

We offer Mazeltov to **Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Milrod** on the arrival of their third grandson **Jacob Lionel**. Happy parents are **Edward and Wendy Sassaman**. To **Jack Cohen** who recently celebrated his 96th birthday. Congratulations to a fine and distinguished gentleman.

Bon Voyage

Happy journey to **Rebecca Jacobson** and **Pauline Sarah Babineau** who recently flew to Israel to visit **Jon** and **Marie Everett** and daughters **Tamara** and **Samara**, new immigrants in Israel since September, 1982.

To **Connie** and **Eli Davis** who will shortly take up residence in Toronto. Saint John will miss Dr. and Mrs. Davis.

To **Mel** and **Marlene Cohen** and the twins who will take up residence in Montreal.

Condolences to **Dr. Samuel Milrod** in the passing of his father **Mr. Max Milrod**.

YOM HASHOAH (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

A special service was held on Saturday evening, April 9th, to honor the memory of the Six Million victims of the Holocaust. **Rabbi Pavey** spoke movingly of the suffering and courage of those who died and those who survived the hell of the Nazi Camps. Members of the congregation lighted six candles, each candle representing one million souls lost in the Holocaust.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Under the auspices of the *Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Zionist Federation*, Atlantic Region, the community was assisted in celebrating Israel's Independence day by **Shabby Katzir**, an accomplished singer and guitarist from Israel. Shabby entertained for over an hour with songs of the Sabeas, songs of love and songs of lonely Israeli soldiers longing for peace and home. Shabby had all present clapping and singing along with many of his songs. Memories of Israel were revived for those who have visited Israel and special requests were sung by our artist.

GAVRIEL STRASMAN

The Saint John community was pleased to welcome **Mr. Gavriel Strasman**, assistant to the Editor-in-Chief of Ma'ariv, largest circulation newspaper in Israel. A member of the Israel Bar Association, columnist on current affairs pertaining to legal, constitutional, political and social issues, Mr. Strasman addressed a large audience in the Vestry of the Synagogue on the treatment of Israel by the world mass media during the past year. He also spoke at a press conference attended by representatives of CBC, ATV and local newspapers. Mr. Strasman was interviewed on the CHSJ-TV morning news programme and the afternoon ATV news special, as well as being heard on CBC's Information Morning.

Mr. Strasman was an outstanding speaker and we were very interested in hearing his message. Mr. Strasman's visit to Saint John, New Brunswick is part of the ongoing, educational and cultural programming of the *Atlantic Jewish Council*, the *Canadian Zionist Federation* and Hadassah-Wizo Public Affairs Department.

SAINT JOHN B'NAI BRITH

Dr. Harold Troper, co-author of **None is Too Many** spoke to a public meeting held at the Synagogue on Monday, May 2. Attendance was excellent and several non-Jewish persons were in the audience. The community was most impressed by Dr. Troper and following his lecture many members expressed their appreciation to him on his valuable contribution to Canadian Jewry. Dr. Troper was interviewed on the CBC radio programme "The Afternoon Show" and answered many well put questions frankly and easily. Rabbi Pavey interviewed Dr. Troper on a special TV programme on Channel 6 which was given public viewing twice during the week of May 2 to May 8. Dr. Troper's visit was sponsored by B'nai Brith of Canada.

HADASSAH-WIZO 50th

A gala dinner was held on Sunday, May 8th in the Vestry of the Synagogue sponsored by the Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo of Canada. The community was honored to hear and meet the guest of honor **Mrs. Mirial**

Small, National President of the Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada. Mrs. Small spoke on Youth Aliyah and its wonderful work in the rehabilitation and education of Jewish youth, providing direction for 17,000 disadvantaged adolescents and children of immigrant families, including those from Russia, Iran and Ethiopia. Mrs. Small spoke of the work of **Dr. Reuven Feuerstein** who seeks out and provides help and guidance to children who seem hopeless. From these seemingly lost children Dr. Feuerstein creates small miracles of inspiration for all. Mrs. Small impressed all who heard her, with her depth of sincerity and dedication, her strength and warmth.

Seated at the head table were: Youth Aliyah Chairman, **Mrs. Lewis H. Freedman**; Canvas Chairmen, **Mrs. Garfield Meltzer**, **Mrs. Edgar R. Cohen**, **Mrs. Simon Levine**; Treasurer, **Mrs. William Bentley**, President, Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo; Dinner Chairmen, **Mrs. Ellis Levine**, and **Mrs. Norman Holtzman**. Dinner Ticket Chairman, **Mrs. Joseph Arditti**. Chairman of decorations, **Mrs. Sandra Levine**. Special Guest Speaker, **Mrs. Mirial Small** and **Rabbi Roger Pavey**. During the Youth Aliyah Dinner a special presentation was made by **Mrs. Simon Levine** on behalf of Youth Aliyah to **Mrs. Aida Lieberman**. Mrs. Lieberman founded the Saint John branch of Youth Aliyah many years ago when she was serving as president of the Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo. Mrs. Lieberman received an attractive certificate framed and inscribed. Congratulations to Mrs. Lewis H. Freedman and her ladies for an outstanding and memorable evening for the Saint John community. Special thanks to Mrs. Mirial Small for honoring us by her visit to Saint John.

KOOM AHAIM 1984

Plans for the July 1984 "Koom Ahaim" are well under way. **Dan Elman** has programmed a very long mailing list for his computer print-out and soon friends and relatives all over North America will be receiving "Koom Ahaim" letters, brochures, etc.

A MESSAGE

FROM MARCIA KOVEN:

"I am looking for old pictures, memorabilia, etc., re the Saint John community. The pictures can be on "loan" (I will return them after copying). I hope to be able to present a slide presentation for the "Koom Ahaim" weekend during July 1984. If anyone has anything to give or lend please contact me at: 887 Anderson Drive, Saint John West, N.B., E2M 4G2."

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Saint John Happenings

The Saint John community is happy to welcome **Mr. Nathan Cummings** of New York and **Mr. Max Cummings** of Montreal. Both gentlemen are former residents of Saint John and we are pleased that they have decided to visit Saint John after many years.

SISTERHOOD/HADASSAH-WIZO
The Torah Fund Supper and closing

meeting of Sisterhood and Hadassah-Wizo for 1982-1983 will be held in June. The date to be announced.

SHOMER CLUB

The Shomer Club held an interesting meeting on Sunday, April 24 and held a programme of music on Sunday, May 15. Shomer Club meetings are well attended and enjoyed by all members.

News from Moncton by Rabbi M. Wolff

The months of April and May have been extraordinarily busy months in Moncton. The Jewish community enjoyed many interesting programs and events.

PESACH

Immediately after Pesach on Sunday, April 10, the Congregation Tiferes Israel Pre-School sponsored two premiere showings of the movie **The Chosen** in Moncton. The proceeds of the movie were donated to the Pre-School for school supplies for the coming year. Many thanks to **David Attis** for organizing the showing of **The Chosen**.

YOM HOSHUA

That same Sunday evening, **Andrew Gann**, the Sackville Chapter President of Amnesty International, addressed the Jewish community of Moncton, as part of a special Holocaust Memorial Day Service. In addition, the local B'nai Brith Men's Association volunteered members to deliver special readings. It was a somber occasion.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL, CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION-ATLANTIC REGION AND B'NAI BRITH SPONSOR PROGRAMS OF WIDE INTEREST IN MONCTON

During the week of April 10, Moncton hosted two guest speakers: **Maxine Blendis**, the Director of the National B'nai Brith Soviet Jewry Action Committee, and **Gavriel Strasman**, assistant Editor-in-Chief of the Maariv newspaper in Israel. Both speakers enlightened us on current situations in the Soviet Union and in Lebanon. Mr. Strasman was also interviewed by the local media.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, celebrations, under the auspices of the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation-Atlantic Region, and in conjunction with the Moncton community were held on April 16. **Shaby Karzir**, an Israeli entertainer studying in New York, gave a special

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concert. Thanks are due to **Anne Jochelman**, **Ann Gorber** and **Audrey Lampert** for providing the hospitality and refreshments.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL & CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS - ATLANTIC REGION HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

Holocaust Remembrance Committee Chairman, **Herman Newman**, of Halifax was in Moncton on April 20 to address four high schools about his experiences during the Holocaust. Mr. Newman was also interviewed on radio and by the **Moncton Time & Transcript**. Mr. Newman also addressed our Sisterhood chapter. David Attis deserves a commendation for organizing Mr. Newman's visit.

MONCTON B'NAI BRITH

On May 3, **Dr. Harold Troper**, co-author of the book **None is Too Many**, lectured on Canada's shameful lack of involvement in saving Jewish European refugees from the Nazi Holocaust. Over 50 people, both Jews and non-Jews heard Mr. Troper present historical evidence of Canadian disinterest in the state of World Jewry. The memory of Mr. Troper's presentation will stay with us for a long time to come. Mr. Troper's address was followed by a showing of the movie **Genocide** on Wednesday night May 4th. Copies of the book **None is Too Many** were donated by the synagogue to four high schools in the Moncton area.

SISTERHOOD

The Jewish community of Moncton would like to thank the Sisterhood of Congregation Tiferes Israel for sponsoring a children's concert by **Jim & Rosalie** in Moncton. **Gail Zuckerman**, **Margie Attis**, **Audrey Lampert**, **Sharon Rubin**, **Lorma Gorber** and **Diane Wanderer** and some of our other members made the concert possible. The concert was excellent and it was unfortunate

that it was not a financial success. Jim & Rosalie did two shows, two hospital shows plus three media interviews.

MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations are due to **Mrs. Bertha Brumer** on the birth of a granddaughter; to **Mr. & Mrs. Ben Selick** on the Bar Mitzvahs of two grandsons; to **Mr. Oscar Coleman** on receiving an award for thirty years meritorious service from the Boy Scouts of Canada; to **Dr. Gerard Etienne** on the publications of a book of French poetry; and to **David Takiff** on receiving a Summer Scholarship to the University of Moncton.

50th Anniversary— Youth Aliyah Cape Breton

Tracing the past 50 years of Youth Aliyah, **Shirley Dubinsky**, National Vice-President of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo was the honored guest speaker at a Gala Luncheon presented by The Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo.

The Cape Breton Council is composed of Hadassah-Wizo Chapters of Sydney, Glace Bay and New Waterford. **Elly Friedman**, of Sydney was in charge of the decorations which highlighted Youth Aliyah. Overall chairperson, **Judy Schneiderman** was assisted by **Celia Clae-ner**, New Waterford, **Anne Leviten**, Sydney and **Phyllis Chernin**, Glace Bay.

It's Happening in Prince Edward Island

The Jewish community of the Island, although not large in numbers, has been conducting a Hebrew school for the past few years. Under the direction of local teacher, **Myra Thorkelson**, nine children meet on Sunday mornings. **Mrs. J. Naylor** shares the teaching of the children with Mrs. Thorkelson. The Atlantic Jewish Council provides Jewish Holiday Kits as does the Small Communities Department of Canadian Jewish Congress. Wherever possible the Council tries to provide other material and information.

The community gathers together on a regular basis to celebrate Jewish holidays and an adult discussion group is now beginning.

What's Happening in St. John's

By Linda Berman

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

In honor of Israel's Independence Day, the ladies of Hadassah-Wizo prepared a delicious buffet supper to which all the members of the community were invited. Thirty-six candles were sold to raise money for Israel (35 for each year of Israel's independence and one for good luck) and a delicious cake baked by our Rebbitzin in the shape of the Israeli flag were sold. Everyone had a good time and the rebirth of our homeland was remembered.

YOM HOSHUA

On Sunday evening, April 24, 1983, the St. John's community remembered the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis. The annual Holocaust Memorial Program which was co-ordinated by **Lewis Ferman** and moderated by **Barbara Fine** commenced with an inspiring invocation by our Rabbi, and the lighting of six candles by six children from our Hebrew School in memory of the six million Jews who were killed. A number of people from the congregation read poetry and prose about the tragedy and **Dr. A. Fine** gave a speech about Nazi War Criminals still alive today. The guest lecturer was **Dr. Aldrich**, Dean of Graduate Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland who gave a most inspiring and enlightening speech which obviously came from the heart. The program, which was attended by Jews and non-Jews alike, was so well attended that there was standing room only way before the program began. After the conclusion of the program, Mr. and Mrs. Ferman tended a reception at their home for those who participated in the program.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL SHALIACH VISIT

During the weekend of May 1, the St. John's community was pleased to host the Israeli Shaliach for the Atlantic Region, **Mr. Guillermo Levinton**. On Saturday evening, Mr. Levinton showed a number of slides on modern Israel and gave a detailed commentary. He spent much of the weekend meeting people who are planning to make Aliyah and to those who would like to find out more about our homeland.

LAG B'OMER

On Sunday afternoon, May 1, in honour of Lag B'Omer, the children of our Hebrew school as well as other Jewish children in the community participated in a day of fun. After a short lecture in which the children were told the significance of the day, they ran relay races and played other outdoor games. They were then treated to a bar-b-que lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings. The afternoon concluded with the toasting of marshmallows.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FOND FAREWELL

On Sunday afternoon, May 8, 1983, **Mr. & Mrs. Ruby Smilestein** hosted the annual Mother's Day luncheon at their home. The luncheon, to which several women of the community brought main dishes and desserts, was well attended by the community. It was a beautiful afternoon, however, the event was bittersweet since at the same time the St. John's community bid farewell to **Dr. & Mrs. Fine** and family who will be moving to Winnipeg in August. In recognition of their service to the St. John's community, they were presented with a beautiful silverplated Havdalah set.

The Fines have been very active members of the synagogue from the time that they moved here five years ago. They were not afraid to accept responsibility and helped wherever they were needed. Dr. Fine is presently the secretary/treasurer of the Congregation and Mrs. Fine is the president of the Sisterhood. Their children, **Paul** and **Michelle**, attend Hebrew School and synagogue services regularly. The entire family has made an impression upon the St. John's community which will not soon be forgotten.

GRADUATE HONOURED

On Sunday evening, May 29, the Smilesteins tended a party at their home in honour of the graduation of **Yossie Berman** from Memorial University of Newfoundland School of Business. We wish him much success in obtaining a position and in all of his future endeavors. Also present at the party were **Mr. & Mrs. Phil Riteman** who were visiting from Halifax and **Mrs. Berman** (Yossie's mother) who came to St. John's to attend her son's graduation all the way from Israel. We were pleased to see them and everyone had a very nice time.

SISTERHOOD

During the week of May 2, Sisterhood

had its semi-annual Thrift Shop. It was as always, a success and raised much money for the synagogue.

GOOD WISHES

We were pleased to see **Ditza Auerbach** who was visiting her family in St. John's before going to Vancouver for the summer.

Congratulations to **Shalom** who obtained a new position with his company.

We are pleased to welcome back to our community **Ella** and **Ralph Levitz** from their trip to Europe and their stay in Florida.

We wish a pleasant trip to **Naomi Skoll** who is in England visiting the Mendozas who are on sabbatical. We look forward to Mrs. Skoll's return in June and the Mendoza's return this summer.

Congratulations to **Selig Wilansky**, **Frank Smilestein** and **Sammy Toytman** who celebrated birthdays in May and June. Also to **Randy Mauskopf** who turned seventeen on May 12 and to **Chava Berman** who turned six on the first day of Shavuot.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Mauskopf** who celebrated their 20th anniversary on April 28.

Mazel Tov to **Lorraine** and **Larry Nathanson** on the engagement of their daughter **Greta** to **Alan Reiss**. An August wedding is planned in Toronto.

We would like to wish a pleasant and safe trip to **Mr. & Mrs. Otto Sidel** who have gone to Montreal to visit their children and grandchildren.

We would like to wish a safe and pleasant and safe trip to **Rose Toytman** and her children, **Paula** and **Sammy** who will be visiting Israel in June.

We are pleased to welcome back to St. John's **David Berger**, after a four month stay in Israel where he was working and touring. He is a regular at services and was greatly missed.

A happy birthday across the seas to **Brian Mendoza** who celebrated his 11th birthday at the end of May.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Nardy Nathanson** on the graduations of **Dara** and **Wayne** from the University of Toronto. Dara is receiving her post-graduate degree. Their parents plan to attend the graduations in June.

Mazel Tov to **Mr. & Mrs. Philip Auerbach** on the graduation of their daughter, **Ditza**, from the University of Toronto. She plans to continue her studies in the fall. Her parents are planning to attend the graduation in June.

Congratulations to **Neil** and **Linda Tock** on the birth of their daughter, **Ashley**. Congratulations to the grandparents, **Aaron** and **Doris Tock**.

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The Extermination of Jews 1941-1945

Excluding Britain, of the ten million Jews who lived in all the countries of Europe and in every area west of the Ural Mountains, it is estimated that nearly two million were transported by Russia before the Nazi extermination. Of the remaining eight million, it is estimated that at least one and one-half million died of starvation outside the extermination camps.

The vast majority of the remaining six and one-half million (4,565,000 or over

75%) were annihilated in Poland. An estimated three million were exterminated in Auschwitz.

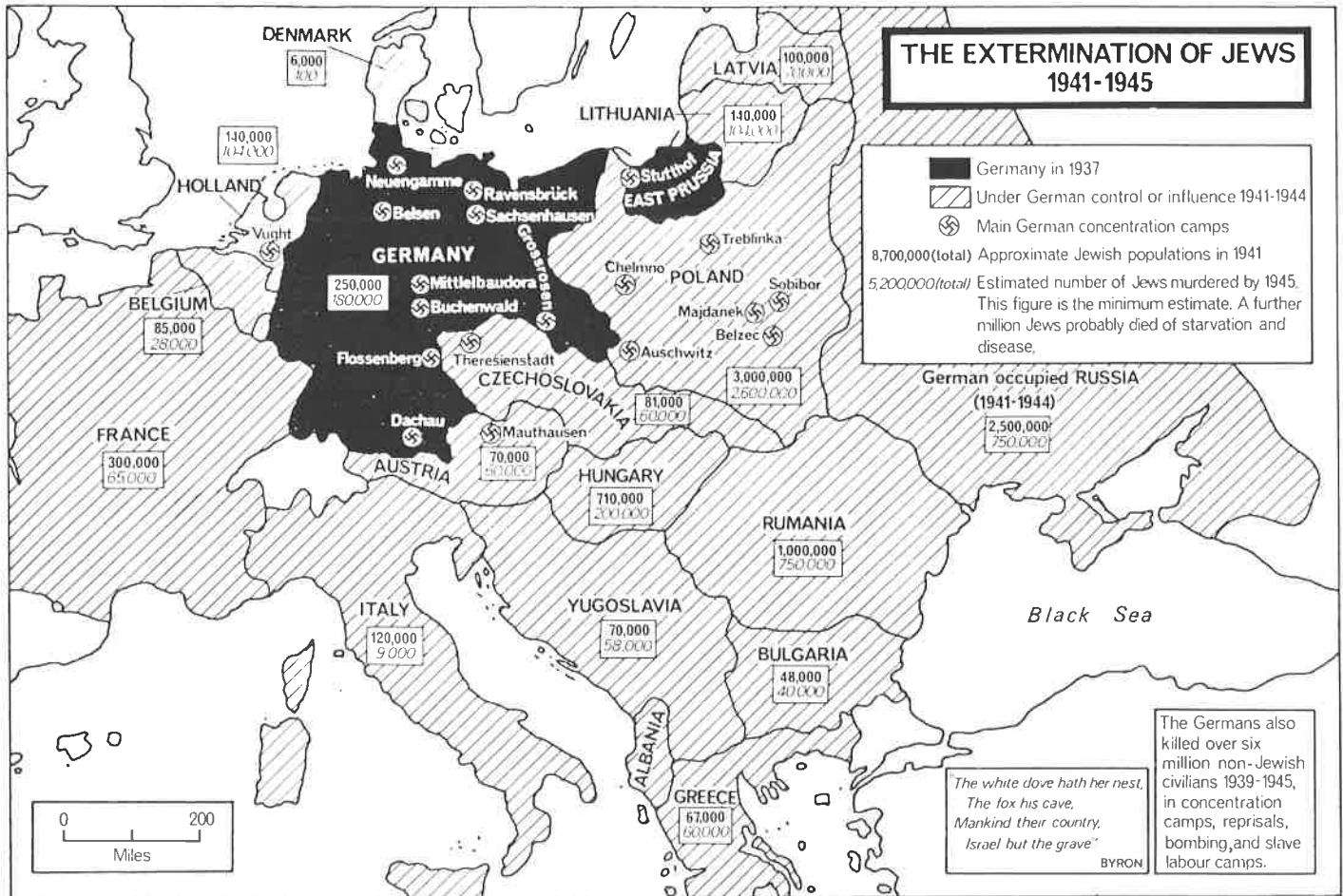
Of the six and one-half million, six million did not survive the German pogrom of annihilating European Jewry. Ninety percent of the Jews whom Hitler reached were destroyed.

At the time of Hitler's widest expansion, both east and west, he controlled immense areas of Russia, the Ukraine and

those vast areas bordering the Black Sea and had under his control at least five hundred million non-Jewish European inhabitants. Five million non-Jews were exterminated.

Hitler therefore destroyed 1% of the non-Jewish population while destroying over 90% of the Jewish population.

**Annotations By
Samuel Jacobson**



JEWISH HISTORY ATLAS — BY MARTIN GILBERT

("OPINION" from page 18)

The oil industries are skating on thin ice by influencing their governments in the wrong direction. If Israel is destroyed, the great oil industry of the Free World will disappear. If America forces Israel to give up the Golan Heights, all of Galilee will be within the firing range of improved artillery as it was over twenty years when Syria controlled that area. If American forces Israel to turn Judea and Samaria over to Jordan or a PLO controlled Palestinian state, it will mean that half of the population of Israel will be facing a loaded gun: a gun in the hands of those who will pull the trigger at the first opportunity. The distance between that area and the Mediterranean is the distance between Halifax and Bedford, or the distance between 10th Street and 42nd Street in New York City. It is a distance of eight miles. Within that range, Israel could be cut in two in a matter of hours: within that area live at least one half of Israel's population.

If Israel, which is being accused of "Racism" allows hundreds of

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thousands of Moslems and Christians of every denomination to live as equal free citizens, enjoying cultural and religious independence, economic equality and free admission to its universities and hospitals, why can't hundreds of thousands of Jews live in Judea and Samaria regardless of its final political status? If America in its treaty to surrender the Panama Canal included the conditions that it will not surrender the area for twenty-five years and that it retains the right to use the canal in case of war, why shouldn't Israel also insist upon twenty-five years of peaceful co-existence with the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria and allow Jews to peacefully settle there? After such a period that area could become a Swiss-style Canton with at least one-third of the population being Jews and with a customs union with Israel. The area is much more economically dependent on Israel than it is upon Jordan in spite of the machinations of the American State Department and the oil lobby that controls its policies.

"Cherchez La Femme", Let's get at the root of the Problem.

AN OPEN LETTER TO JEWISH PARENTS

When Your Children Want to Make Aliyah

By Dvora Waysman

You're doing a terrible thing to your parents!' Do the words sound familiar? Maybe you've even used them yourself if your children have come to you saying that they want to go on 'aliyah' — to come home to Eretz Israel. Several young people contacted me after reading my book: "To Any Jewish Teenager," in which I explained the centrality of Israel and Zionism to Jews, and offered 'aliyah' as a challenging adventure, and the most worthwhile thing a young Jew could do with his life. The response from all the young people was identical: "The hardest part of coming on 'aliyah' is persuading your parents to let you do it."

Afraid of Aliyah

Why are so many parents afraid of the word 'aliyah'? The word simply means going up — a spiritual ascent when a Jew comes to Eretz Israel. Many of you think of yourselves as strong supporters of Israel. You donate money; work for Israeli causes; use your political pressure in Israel's interests; visit frequently as tourists; and send your children to summer camp, on kibbutz working holidays, or even for a year of study in a Yeshivah or for college credits. But when your son or daughter wants to make a real commitment, then you panic and use all kinds of emotional blackmail to get them to change their minds.

Of course, it is understandable. 'Aliyah' is not possible for all parents — you may have businesses or jobs that can't be left; other children who are married, at school or simply satisfied to stay put; even elderly parents to care for. You feel that you are too old to learn a new language and a new lifestyle; to trade in the financial and emotional security you now have for a big step into the unknown. These are all valid arguments and you may of course be of help to Israel from your home in the Diaspora.

What Do They Find?

But your children . . . that is something else. You cannot understand why they

would want to leave a loving home with every material comfort, for a new life so far from the family circle, where young men and women will also have to share the military burden. The whole thing frightens you, and although you can come to terms with the idea of them going away to college, or even of having their own apartment, 'aliyah' is a terrifying concept.

Most young people who want to come on 'aliyah' have already spent some time in Israel. This is what they found. First, they were no longer a minority in a gentile society. The whole of Israel was their extended family . . . supportive and caring when they needed them. It is a magnificent feeling to feel solidarity with everyone else — you celebrate the Jewish festivals and the national holidays together with the whole of Israel — a Jew in a Jewish land. It is not a matter of being religious. It is a matter of identity — of knowing who you are; what you believe in; what you stand for. It is a matter of sharing a common destiny with everyone — a year of peace for one will be a year of peace for all; and it is a thrill to hear everyone in Israel greet each other and say goodbye to each other with the word "Shalom" — peace.

More Meaningful

Next it is an adventure and a challenge. There is nothing your son or daughter can do with his or her life more meaningful than using it to help build a new country, a homeland. Everything that happens in Israel he will be involved with — from the opening of a new road to the discovery of a new breed of tomato. When you're here, you bask in the reflected glory of every good thing that happens; just as you grieve communally for the bad. But you are part of it — of everything that happens — in a way you never could be anywhere else. It is your country, your people.

No work that your children undertake in Israel is considered menial. In fact there is an admiration and respect for the people who work the land on moshavim and kibbutzim like the early pioneers when it was still Palestine. After all, the Jews were once an agricultural people and in Israel many

are finding fulfillment in this way. Of course, there is also the academic life and universities of world stature; as well as vibrant technology, industry and the arts. You are needed here, your contribution is valued, as nowhere in the world.

A Stake in the Future

And you as parents . . . you will gain, not lose. For one thing, you can almost stop worrying about intermarriage — it is so rare in Israel as to be negligible. Not only will your children stay Jewish, you will have Jewish grandchildren and great-grandchildren to perpetuate your name and your traditions, generation after generation.

Certainly your children will have to do their share in the defense of their country, but you can be proud of this fact. The boys and girls that serve in the IDF finish their term of duty as mature and disciplined adults, able to cope superbly in society and with values and ethics of the highest degree. You will be proud of them!

When you visit Israel — and it's no longer such a difficult thing to do — you won't be mere tourists. You will be coming to your own land and you will have a big stake in its future. Not just a piece of real estate — but the biggest gift you can give to Eretz Israel. There is a saying: "When you love something, let it go free." Let your children take this step. Give them your blessing. It is the greatest 'mitzvah' you can do — and you will go on being rewarded every day of your life!

Dvora Waysman settled (reluctantly at first) with her family in Israel from her native Australia. As she became more connected to Israel in general and Jerusalem in particular, her writing concentrated around these and other Jewish themes, movingly expressed in journalism, poetry, a book on Judaism for teenagers, and a novel. She won a Jerusalem Prize for her writing on the city.

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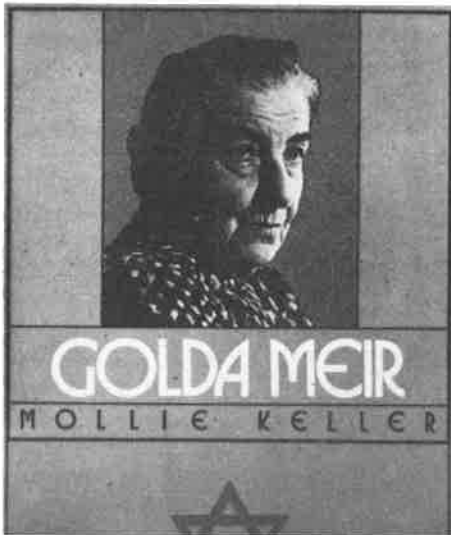
Books of Interest

CHESBON HANEFESH (Accounting of the Soul)

J.B. Salsberg, on reading Chesbon Hanefesh (Accounting of the Soul), commented that it is "a beautiful volume of Yiddish poetry" (an) "impressive collection of Nechemia Lipschutz' poetic work."

In this volume, Nechemia's son, Norman, has collected ninety poems of such diverse subjects as love, adventure, the four seasons, the Holocaust, the meaning of life, philosophical insight as well as Jewish holidays. This book available by writing to the Lipschutz Book Committee, c/o Usher Piller, Executive Secretary, 1453 East-10th Street, Brooklyn, New York, N.Y. 11230, U.S.A. Price: \$10.00 (Copies may also be purchased from the Atlantic Jewish Council Office, Halifax).

Golda Meir. By Mollie Keller. Franklin Watts Inc., 387 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016. Impact Biography Series. 1983. 119 pp. \$8.90.



Mollie Keller's biography of Golda Meir is personal and Jewish in outlook and tone. Beginning with the impression left upon Golda, the young child, by a pogrom in her native Russia; and continuing to her girlhood in America, where her talent for organization and speech-making was discovered; through to the socialistic influence of her sister Sheyna and Golda's certain realization that she must be a factor in the establishment of a homeland for her people, the book sparkles. *Al-Shalom*, May/June, 1983

though written simply, the drama of the times through which Golda lived and to which she reacted were such that one reads each page with excitement. A realistic portrait is given about Golda's doubts and hesitations, about her worth or lack of it as a proper wife and mother; and her warring with her own nature.

This biography conveys better than any history could the yearnings of the Jewish people for Zion. As in the other books in this series a list "For Further Reading" is given, and there is an index.

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Jonathan

To explain what it means to be Jewish in Quebec - that's the purpose of *Jonathan*, the province's first French language Jewish magazine.

The glossy magazine runs about 25 pages with a bold layout, and is aimed at academia, the media and government in the age group of between 25 and 50.

The name *Jonathan* has three derivations: the friendship between the biblical David and Jonathan told in the Book of Samuel; the name of the Israeli officer in charge of the Entebbe raid; and the book *Jonathan Livingstone Seagull*.

Editor **Victor Teboul** who wants to offer a positive journalistic view of Israel, plans to make interviews with Israeli politicians, artists, scientists and labour leaders a regular feature. Quebecers who have been to Israel are encouraged to submit pieces on their experiences.

The magazine is currently published eight times a year, with plans to go monthly eventually. The annual subscription rate of \$6 is soon to be raised to \$9.

**AN ANTI-SEMITIC BEST SELLER,
NUMBER 1 FOR 10 WEEKS**

By Helen David

The Little Drummer Girl
John Le Carre
Knopf, 430 pp., \$10.95

As you can see by the above, this book costs \$10.95. When it comes out in soft-cover at \$5.95, sales will soar yet higher.

Are you determined to read Le Carre's latest? Then why not borrow it from a library? If you buy it, you'll be putting

your money in the pocket of an influential author who has, in the *Little Drummer Girl*, portrayed Jews as evil and inhuman. Out of the many Jews described in the book, only three are not corrupt. These are Professor and Mrs. Minkel, gentle and earnest "doves", and Ellie Kurtz, a hausfrauian yenta.

The story centres on the Israeli-Palestinian issue, with the main objective being the killing of the Palestinian leader, Khalil. To achieve the objective, the Israelis double-deal, kidnap, torture and murder.

The *Little Drummer Girl* is Charmain, nicknamed Charlie. She is a young English actress, and when we first meet her, she is with her actor-lover, Al. Her face is black and blue from his love-taps, but she doesn't seem to mind.

Kurtz, the Israeli Secret Service team-leader, snatches Charlie to be recruited into his team. Charlie has always been completely pro-Palestinian, but she agrees to join the team. Why? Ah! True love has entered her life. Goodbye, Al. Hello, Gadi.

Gadi is sanitanically handsome, and a great Israeli hero, worshipped throughout the land, and revered by all. We are not told exactly what he did, but it happened behind Syrian lines during the '67 war. Charlie is promised riches, security and Gadi, when her mission is completed. She is then infiltrated into Palestinian terrorist groups, and into the Palestinian camps to find Khalil, the leader.

Charlie, who struck me as being severely emotionally absent-minded, is happy among the Palestinians. Their fighters are young boys, teenagers, pure in heart, motivated by high ideals. The older Palestinians are either poetic or pathetic. Charlie is now the classic non-Jewish decoy for the sinister Israelis.

The story ends in the morning, after a night of sexual activity between Charlie and Khalil, as Gadi bursts into the room, killing the Palestinian leader. Charlie and Gadi are reunited to fade into the sunset. It will not be an Israeli sunset, as Gadi rejects his country, implying that it is a dictatorship.

It seems to me, that according to this book, the Israeli government wants to eliminate all Palestinians, and that all Israeli leaders are ruthless, sneaky, and hate-filled. Actually, the writing in *The Little Drummer Girl* is often incoherent, as though Le Carre has lost control of his emotions. Perhaps he should have stayed with his superb spy stories, but, in that case, we should not have known his true feelings. Buyer, beware.



הקונגרס היהודי הקנדי

Canadian Jewish Congress

From March 15 to March 17 this past year, Jerusalem was the site of the Third World Conference on Soviet Jewry. As Jews we all attend many and various conferences throughout the year all of which I am sure are very important towards meeting certain needs and objectives. However, this conference was different. You may ask yourself a very well known question asked by the Jews around that particular time of the year - why is this Conference different from all other conferences?

To answer that question one would have to appreciate the urgency and magnitude of the problem being faced by Jews in the Soviet Union. There are presently about 3 million Jews living in the Soviet Union. This represents the second largest Jewish population in the world. Thus, when I talk of the magnitude of the problem I am suggesting that these 3 million Jews are facing a cultural annihilation. When I speak of the urgency of the problem I speak of the beginnings of the same type of harassment, intimidation, and brutality experienced by Jews as the Nazis came to power in Germany in the 1940's.

While I chose the phrase "Why was this Conference different from all others?" I do so deliberately, so that the readers of this article will reflect upon the Passover Season and will recall the exodus of Jews from the bondage of Egypt. After thousands of years of struggle, and in these modern times with the second largest Jewish population on earth suffering under the thumb of oppression, our people once more could use a Moses to help lead them to the Promised Land.

THE CONFERENCE

Over 2,000 persons from around the world crammed into the Binyanei Ha'uma Convention Centre. Of these people approximately half were delegates and half were observers. As this was called a World Conference on Soviet Jewry indeed delegates came from all continents and from many countries. They came from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, South Africa, England, France, Ireland, Italy and of course the United States, Canada and Israel. Numerous other countries and organizations both Jewish and Christian sent delegates to this Conference. The Canadian Delegation consisted of approx-

imately 50 delegates made up of persons from all over Canada, coast to coast. Leading the Canadian Delegation was Mrs. Genya Intrator, the Chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry. Also, included in the Canadian Delegation was Professor Irwin Cotler, President of Canadian Jewish Congress and a person who has been in the forefront of the fight for release of Jews from Soviet prisons. In addition representatives from the Parliament of Canada were also in the Canadian Delegation, notably David Smith representing the Government of Canada and John Bosley representing the Official Opposition.

The opening of the Conference was indeed very impressive. The flags of participating nations were held up by young Israelis who proudly marched on stage. The Delegates were then entertained by a very special group of people all of whom were former Refuseniks. The group called "Anahnu Kan" translated "We Are Here" was first established in Vilna, Russia, 26 years ago and re-established in Israel by the Russian immigrants in 1971. This highly talented group of musicians and singers thrilled the delegates with their performance. They ended their performance with a strong and emotional singing of Hatikvah, such as I have never heard before. If I might add a personal note, I would have to say that every Jew should once in his or her life experience the singing of Hatikvah in the land of Israel. That in itself is an overwhelming experience.

PODIUM GUESTS

After the "We are Here" choir left the stage, members of the Presidium or the Presidents of the major Jewish organizations from around the world took their place on stage including Professor Irwin Cotler representing the Canadian Jewish Congress. As each of the Presidents were introduced they of course received a very polite applause from the delegates; however, as Simon Wiesenthal was introduced the famous Nazi-hunter, the delegates responded with an over-whelming standing ovation for this great individual. The head-table guests were then introduced led by Arye Dulzin, Chairman of the Conference who is also the President of the World Zionist Organization. Other notable head-table participants were Ms. Simone Veil, a former President of the

European Parliament and a former Cabinet Minister in the French Government, who acted as Chairman of the Opening Session; the Hon. Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Mayor Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem; Yosef Mendelevich a Former Prisoner of Zion now living in Israel; Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres, Leader of Israel's Labor Party; Rhodes Boyson representing British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Yitzhak Navon President of the State of Israel. However, the delegates were delightfully surprised when Prime Minister Menachem Begin made an unexpected appearance at the Conference Opening. Prime Minister Begin was greeted with a loud and thunderous standing ovation.

The delegates were welcomed to Jerusalem by Mayor Teddy Kollek. He was followed by an address to the Conference by Ms. Simone Veil, who chaired the Opening Session. Ms. Veil as a young girl spent time in a Nazi concentration camp. Ms. Veil lauded Israel's democracy alluding to the establishment of a Commission to investigate the Sabra and Chatilla massacres. This example of democracy, "she said was quite unprecedented around the world." She went on by praising Israel's moral values and calling on trade unions, political leaders, and other groups to "persevere in the fight for Soviet Jewry." The delegates then heard a moving plea from the Refuseniks themselves read in Hebrew by Yosef Mendelovich who himself spent nine years in Soviet prisons because of his desire to move to Israel. (Yosef Mendelevich appeared last year at the emergency Conference on Soviet Jewry held in Ottawa.) Mendelevich read messages from Jews living in the Soviet Union asking Israel and Jews in general for their help. He told the audience of some messages that were slipped into the hands of tourists visiting Russia, but, messages that were unsigned. In dramatizing the situation, Mendelevich said "That never happened in our time - we weren't afraid to sign," adding that it must signal increased crackdowns on Jews living in the Soviet Union today. Next Mr. Rhodes Boyson Deputy Minister in the Education Department of Great Britain read out a message from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher calling for an end of Soviet persecution of its Jews.

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ON SOVIET JEWRY JERUSALEM

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Israeli President Yitzhak Navon then told the Conference Delegates they were carrying out the injunction that "all Jews are responsible for one another." He also commended the many non-Jews in attendance for coming out of conviction. Navon said that Soviet President Yuri Andropov should have known that he is dealing with a very stubborn people." In direct reference to the Jews of the Soviet Union Navon said "We will be with you. We will not cease struggling until the gates are open and you will be able to come to help build our homeland."

Delegates, however, waited very patiently to hear the words spoken by Jeane Kirkpatrick the US Ambassador to the United Nations. The delegates were not disappointed when Ambassador Kirkpatrick in a very spirited address told the delegates that the denial of rights to Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel and to preserve their cultural and religious heritage while still in Russia was a clear violation of international law and agreements signed by the USSR.

Naming Prisoners of Zion, Anatoly Shchransky, Kim Friedmam, Yosef Begun Victor Brailovsky and others; Kirkpatrick said "These are among the heroes of the Soviet Jewry struggle. Their cause is our cause. Their ideals our ideals. They shall not be forgotten. They are not alone."

"The struggle for Jewish immigration," she added "poses a moral challenge to a system of totalitarianism that cannot tolerate the independent existence of any group, especially one with a clear identity and a long and noble history of resistance against persecution."

Ambassador Kirkpatrick also brought greetings and an important message to the Conference from President Ronald Reagan. In Reagan's message as read by Ambassador Kirkpatrick the US President stated that "The United States will firmly support the just cause of Soviet Jews who should know that we will not forget them." He went on to say that "The durable progress in east-west relations cannot be achieved without concurrent progress in human rights." "The United States," Reagan said "will continue to investigate cases of visa denials, harassment and family reunification and the plight of Soviet Jews will remain a key issue at major international forums. I can assure you that the United States will help lead this effort," said the President.

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The Conference continued over the next two days with smaller group session workshops which discussed many aspects of the problems of Soviet Jewry including the legal aspects, their present situation,



Pictured above are the two representatives from the Atlantic Provinces who attended the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, held in Jerusalem in March. Gerry Mendleson (right), Chairman of the Atlantic Provinces Soviet Jewry Committee and Jack Novack (left), both of Halifax are shown above while attending the Torch Light Demonstration held at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, to protest the treatment of Jews living in the Soviet Union.

actions that we can take to help in the current situation, and, of course we at the Conference heard from delegates who recently visited the Soviet Union and described their experiences. A fuller discussion of this will be contained in the next edition of "Shalom". One of the highlights of the Conference was a torch-light parade held at the Western Wall. This was a particularly moving experience as Delegates stood arm in arm, singing and dancing. They chanted the Conference slogan "Shelach et Ami"--"Let My People Go."

CANADIAN DELEGATION

The Canadian Delegation met in Caucus towards the end of the Conference to discuss the Conference in general and action that could be taken when we all arrived back in Canada. In addition, members from each region of Canada as well as members representing the major Jewish organizations in Canada who attended the Conference also attended a dinner meeting with Canada's Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Vernon G. Turner. The Ambassador spoke to our group commending us on the action we are taking

and told us how important it is for us not to let the issue of Soviet Jewry die. In addition both Jack Novak and myself had the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador's Assistant, Donald Sinclair, who told us that he was born in Sydney, N.S., and used to live in Halifax. We had a very interesting discussion with the Ambassador's Assistant discussing many of the political implications of the problems of Soviet Jewry.

The feelings most people had at the end of the Conference certainly was that the situation in the Soviet Union is getting worse and the urgency is increasing on a day to day basis. The Jerusalem Post perhaps underlined the significance and importance of this Conference by saying in an article that "The remarkable thing about the Third World Conference on Soviet Jewry is that nearly everyone present is there because he wishes to be and not because he has to."

In the next edition of "Shalom" a presentation outlining many of the discussions that took place at the Conference will be featured. Also a history of Jews living in the Soviet Union will also be contained in the next edition

EDITORS NOTE:
The following article was brought to the attention of Shalom by Mr. Ralph Medjuck. It is reprinted from the April 22, 1983 edition of "The South China Morning Post".

WHO in the world was Max Leibovich?

People who knew him say he was a refugee from Poland. Some say he came from Russia.

He was a Jew — that's certain.

And on his tombstone in the Jewish cemetery on Shan Kwong Road in Happy Valley are written the words: "Max Leibovich, Died Shanghai on 3-1-1982. The Last Jew in Shanghai."

His body was flown here for burial by the Hongkong Jewish community.

The inscription evokes an inescapable melancholy — an epitaph to loneliness, to persecution, to wandering.

Max Leibovich arrived in Shanghai with his mother just before World War II, part of a European exodus that swelled the city's small Jewish population to about 20,000.

They lived together in a small house in the French Concession (on Xiang Yang Man Road), and when his mother died in the early 1950s, Max, then a helpless victim of Parkinson's disease, was nursed by two Chinese servants.

It is said there was a third domestic, and that she became his wife — but nobody really knows.

Final debts have been paid by the Jewish community in Hongkong.

The history of Jews in the Orient is rapidly disappearing.

In Shanghai it vanished with Max Leibovich — and in Hongkong an important section will pass away when the synagogue on Robinson Road is pulled down later this year.

Now, when it is almost too late, people are starting to talk about a historical salvage job.

From the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, experts have been dispatched to gather documentary evidence.

They are busy photographing the threatened synagogue, built in 1902 with a donation from Sir Jacob Sassoon and dedicated to his mother Leah, to use as part of an exhibition on Jews of the Far East.

It depends on their resources, but they would be hard-pressed to get a better shot of the building than the one in the hands of Hongkong Land.

The local property giant that will develop the 79,000 sq ft site (which houses the synagogue and the Jewish Recreation Club) featured it on the glossy cover of its 1981 Annual Report.

An aerial view, it shows a weathered, hispanic-style building set in a garden of flowers and shrubbery. Screens of bamboo and plain trees separate it from the outside world.

It is ageing, cracking under its own weight, and tropical damp has turned its whitewashed stuccoed walls to grey.

Rabbi David Hirshberg is still happy to welcome visitors to the old building.

He is from Israel and has been spiritual head of Hongkong's 600 or so Jews for five years. His last appointment was in Norway where for 11 years he looked after a tiny Jewish community in Trondheim.

His home, where he lives with his wife, Levana, is connected to the synagogue by a narrow, hedge-lined path that runs below the Recreation Club's tennis court.

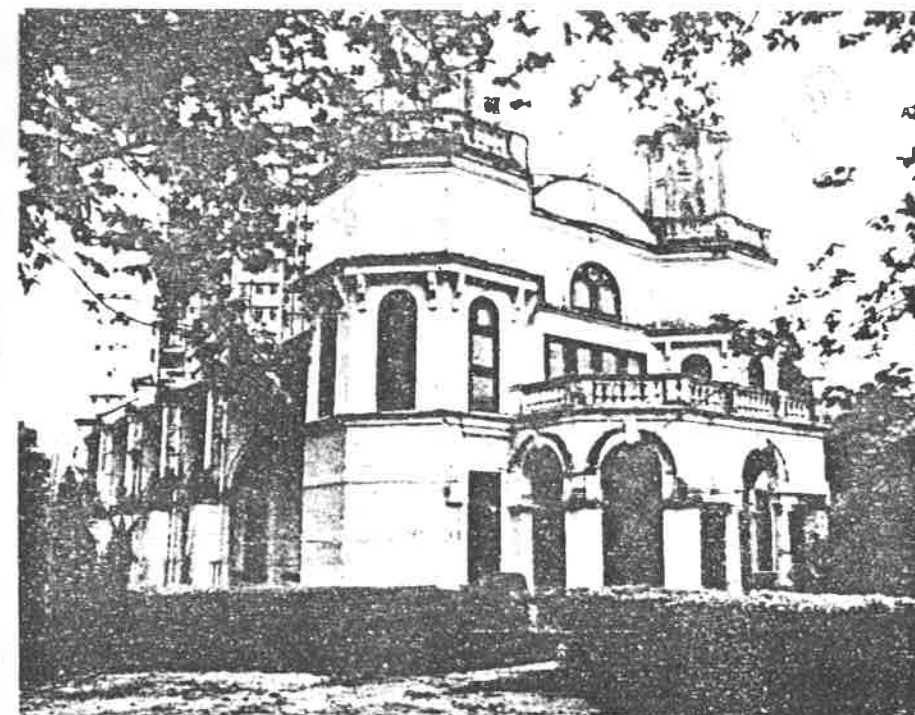
"Shalom!" he calls to us in greeting.

And standing by the synagogue's main door under the shelter of the west portico, shouts loudly for the caretaker to open up.

From somewhere (almost, one imagines, from under a hedge or pile of leaves) an old



Rabbi Hirshberg: "People, not the building, are the most important thing."



The Robinson Road synagogue: One of the finest buildings of its day.

Shalom to the past

The wreckers are poised to move in on yet another slice of old Hongkong history, this time the Robinson Road synagogue. Here, ANDY BROWNE looks at the 1901 building's past, and discovers a surprisingly bitter controversy surrounding its beginnings.

man grudgingly emerges. He is shrivelled, craggy, red as a boiled ham, and very unhappy to be called out at the uncivilised hour of 10.30 am.

Puffing and swearing he opens the door to let us in.

Inside, the building smells slightly of damp. It feels empty, and the antique brass lamps cast a pale glow that hangs in the air like breath on a cold day.

The synagogue, Rabbi Hirshberg had explained earlier, was built in the Sephardic style for an Orthodox Jewish community that originated mainly in Baghdad, the Kadoories and the Sassoons being two of the leading families.

They had arrived in China by way of Bombay and Calcutta, were fiercely pro-British, and became wealthy through trade.

We walk through the synagogue's entrance porch, past doors that on one side give access to a flight of stairs and the women's gallery, and on the other to a general store room.

We pass between the two polished, Aberdeen red granite columns that support the gallery, cross the black and white marble-tiled floor and stand in front of the curtained ark at the synagogue's east end.

From there, each Saturday, Shabat, Rabbi Hirshberg carries out the Torah (the five books of Moses) which he reads in Hebrew from the central stage — the manuscript being chosen from one of about 20, all identical, all housed in richly decorated Oriental boxes, and all labelled with a brass plaque inscribed with the donor's name.

Then, standing in the ark's gloomy interior, Rabbi Hirshberg, suddenly serious and

earnest says: "People, not the building, are the most important thing — you must understand that."

"It doesn't matter if they knock the synagogue down. Afterwards, they will build a new, a much more beautiful one."

He takes us into the main hall and we look at some of the names, typed on to white cards and fixed to the backs of the carved, teak pews — Weiss, Friedman, Solomon, Be'aha, Bloch — and he adds: "But of course, whatever you write, everything must point to Israel. We are a very small community in Hong Kong, we are here only as guests — temporarily. Our home is in Israel."

"Why do we teach the children to read Hebrew? We hope they will go to Israel as tourists, and one day to emigrate and live there."

"We are a nation, we are in Israel." The Robinson Road synagogue "Ohel Leah" (Tent of Leah) was one of the finest buildings of its day.

Old-time Shanghai residents will tell you that it has a sister building in Shanghai which was built in 1922 on Seymour Road and was dedicated to Sir Jacob Sassoon's wife, Rachael.

Original plans for Ohel Leah, drawn up by

the architectural firm Leigh and Orange (designers of the Salisbury Road YMCA, the modern Shatin racecourse grandstand, and the Oceanarium in Ocean Park) have been lost.

But records do exist — some in the form of newspaper reports which described the stone laying ceremony that took place in May 1901.

Mr A.J. Raymond (Sir Jacob's manager) did the honours. And the Hongkong Weekly Press recorded the details:

The synagogue — that would cost \$26,000 — was a gift of Sir Jacob and was to be built on a 64,000 square foot site bought by his brothers, Edward and Meyer.

Inside, it would measure 80 feet by 36 feet, seat 250 in the main hall and 90 in the gallery. And outside, winged buttresses would support a roof of red tiles.

(Original plans called for red brick walls, but they were eventually covered in the present whitewashed stucco.)

The ceremony over, records the Weekly Press: "An adjournment was made to a matched adjoining where refreshments of every description could be obtained."

Perhaps our man-at-the-scene was not told, but the matched adjoining was the existing synagogue.



The foundation stone at the synagogue.

And the cause of that unhappy situation was alluded to in a speech Mr A.J. Raymond which he reported in full.

A messy court case had recently split Hongkong's tiny, 150-strong Jewish community.

"Not only has he (Sir Jacob) borne all the expenses of this building," said Mr Raymond, "but... with the loftiness of purpose worthy

of himself, defrayed the heavy costs of that unfortunate affair with which the synagogue was so recently connected."

At the centre of the split was a plot of land bought by a Mr E.R. Belilios.

He was a wealthy Jew from Salonika (where the Jewish population arrived as refugees from the Spanish Inquisition) and a colourful local figure.

Owner of Beaconsfield House, he lived on the Peak and is noted as having imported the first camel to Hongkong — ostensibly as a zoological experiment but also to carry him up the steep hill home.

He bought the land on behalf of the Jewish community and it was to be held in trust until the community trustees finalised plans for building a new synagogue.

In dispute at court was whether all the land was earmarked for the building or just a part of it.

A.J. David, D.R. Sassoon, and M.D. Ezekial were the plaintiffs, acting on behalf of the Jewish community, and they claimed the whole site from the defendant, Mr Belilios, who was prepared to part with only a small portion.

After a court case that ran from December 1897 to January 1898 — and which a commentator at the time described as "one of the most interesting legal cases in Hongkong history" — Chief Justice Sir John Carrington gave his decision in favour of Mr Belilios.

Another site, the present one, was eventually found on Robinson Road, but the "unfortunate affair" had set back the building of a new synagogue by several years.

Meanwhile the synagogue moved from its unsuitable premises in Stanton Street (on the site of the old Cosmopolitan Club) and into the matshed.

It's not quite a case of history repeating itself, but there is just a whiff of controversy in the air over current redevelopment plans.

An angry correspondent in the Hongkong Jewish Chronicle writes: "It is time that an open meeting was held on the subject of the Redevelopment... the courtesy of Information and Open Discussion appears to be a minimum requirement."

The writer alludes to a cabal of decision-makers who "are hiding behind the 'veil of ignorance'," and claims that the old building can be restored.

It might be wishful thinking.

The synagogue has no real foundations, and, says Mr Michael Green (an engineer and one of the trustees), it could not withstand the disturbances caused by site development.

Recent repairs to Robinson Road, for instance, necessitated an emergency injection of concrete under the building to keep it standing.

Final negotiations on the site's development are under way between the trustees (represented by James Lang and Wooten) and Hongkong Land.

Broad plans envisage a new synagogue, school, club facilities, and some 270 residential units.

But the finer details of profit-sharing and architecture have yet to be worked out.

"You asked me about Hongkong Jewish history," said Rabbi Hirshberg as we stood in the cemetery looking at the grave of Max Leibovich.

"It's all here."

And with it lies the history of the synagogue, unwritten, and very soon to be forgotten.



IS THIS THE OIL LOBBY'S SCENARIO FOR THE FINAL ISRAEL ANNIHILATION?

By Samuel Jacobson

I believe in getting to the root of things. The French have words for it, "Cherchez La Femme" or find the root evidence of the crime. In this case this has nothing to do with accusing women of any evil.

What is the real reason for all the weeping and wailing for the PLO and the Palestine cause during the Lebanon crisis last summer? The facts are that Israeli bombing was pinpointed **only** against PLO targets and that the vast majority of PLO fighters were saved from any aerial bombings because they were hiding in the many miles of tunnels under Beirut. Scenes and pictures that were described as having been bombed "the previous night" actually had grass growing in the rubble! They were, in fact, areas that had been destroyed during the Lebanon civil war, a war the PLO had imposed years before upon Lebanon. Why did the T.V. crews act in such a premeditated, irresponsible manner?

This same crocodile-tears-crying media, completely closed its eyes to the murder of 100,000 Lebanese between the years of 1976-1979, of whom 75% of those murdered, were Catholic. During this same period, they also ignored the 20,000 Syrians killed by the Syrian army in the city of Homs.

Why was Europe blockaded during Hitler's annihilation of the Jews so that no one could escape, — is not Britain guilty of accessory to the crime? Why did America refuse to sell food or armaments to Israel during the War of Independence despite the fact that President Truman hastily recognized Israel politically because Russia had beat him to it?

Why did America in early 1948 try to torpedo the decision of the United Nations by attempting to destroy the possibility of an independent Jewish state and propose instead, a trusteeship be set under the United Nations replacing the mandate that Britain had forfeited.

At war end, despite the fact that the world was well informed of Hitler's despicable acts of genocide, it was filled with sympathy for the six million annihilated Jews. For four years the controlled press had strictly censored out any reference to the continuing killing of Jews, the numbers of which could be compared to victims of an atomic bomb detonated each week!

In 1,000 air raids over Germany, the British airforce flew directly over the extermination camps and was well aware of their existence. British bombing crews were instructed not to bomb the camps or the railroads leading to them. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, a great admirer of Britain, whose two sons were in the Royal Airforce (one was killed in action) begged Britain to bomb the camps and railroads and was refused. Britain, however, firebombed the defenceless city of Dresden, killing over 75 thousand people. This was in the latter part of the war when Germany was already on the road to defeat.

What is behind this consistent policy over many decades against Israel? Why does it continue to this very day?

For example, if the aggressive wars against Israel from the first day of its independence in 1948 and even when the Palestinian state of Jordan had control of Judea and Samaria had succeeded, Israel would have been destroyed and all its citizens annihilated. If Israel had lost any of these wars against their Soviet-armed enemies, Moscow would have controlled every gallon of oil the Free World needed. Do those who oppose a strong Israel realize the implications of that? How much profit would the great multi-national oil companies (the Seven Sisters) be making under those

circumstances? How much would the shares of these oil companies be worth today? How many dividends would they be paying their shareholders?

This continuing policy, stupid as it is, is supported by the American State Department and of course it uses its influence over the other nations of the Free World.

The Lebanese War and the anti-Israel propaganda is ample evidence of this. While Israel financed the war, sacrificed hundreds of lives to destroy the PLO that had been bombing Northern Israel for years, America went out of its way to capture all the glory and to minimize the importance of that victory and benefit to them. Instead of applauding the great victory which was welcomed by the inhabitants of Lebanon, it denounced and harassed Israel's endeavors. While the Israeli army scrupulously avoided causing any casualties to civilians, the press was full of the very few civilian casualties that are unavoidable in war. When the President of Lebanon instructed the Christian Phalagists to enter the PLO camps of Shatilla and Sabra to take revenge against bombing of the former president, his brother, and twenty-five of his important followers, the media concentrated on the five percent of the women and children killed there. They knowingly hid the fact that the vast majority of those killed were PLO fighting men. As a result, the Israeli leaders were accused by a massive propaganda campaign, of being personally responsible for the invasion. In the latter weeks of the war, the American government and media were heartbroken and weeping over the terrible attacks Israel was committing in a just war against a murdering enemy who only attacks civilians.

America chose to ignore the fact the PLO had been armed by Moscow with a tremendous supply of artillery, tanks, machine guns, etc. The PLO had enough arms to conquer Jordan as well as Israel. If that had happened, Russia would now control the whole Middle East including the Persian Gulf. Instead, Russia's influence in the whole area has been greatly diminished as it has in the Free World and especially to the oil lobby in America.

As a result of the successful invasion of Lebanon in 1982, America has benefitted in three ways. First, it finally has resulted in the possibility of a democratic Lebanon becoming independent again. Prior to the invasion, Lebanon was controlled wholly by two factions; the PLO in the Southern half and the Syrians in the Northern half. Secondly, Russian influence has been tremendously diminished. Thirdly, the most important consequence, was the destruction of Russian-supplied anti-aircraft missiles and airplanes. The Pentagon in Washington had not been able to unravel the method by which the Russian anti-aircraft missiles could be destroyed. Israel without the loss of one plane did so. No one could imagine that the latest planes supplied by Moscow to the Syrians could be utterly destroyed in one day. About 90 Soviet planes were shot out of the skies by the Israeli airforce without the loss of one of its own planes.

These actions have so downgraded the prestige of Russian military equipment and so heightened the prestige of American equipment (improved by Israel) that it was a defeat not only for Syria but for her Russian backers.

Now to get to the root of the situation. Is it the greed for profits by the multi-national oil companies earning hundreds of billions of dollars yearly, the root of this policy against Israel? It has been estimated that were it not for over half million battle-experienced soldiers that Israel can marshal, America would have to spend \$150 billion dollars a year to replace them. America would have to invade the Middle East in order to replace Israel with its own army.

If not for the influence of the oil lobby, America could have easily enforced energy conservation methods or even rationing, which would have resulted in American energy independence; the elimination of any imports from the Middle East and the end of the energy crisis in a matter of weeks.

Do not the great American leaders and even the oil companies realize that the weakening of Israel will result in American losing control over the Middle East and hence, the bankruptcies of the oil companies?

In regard to the Arab refugee camps. They were set up as an hypocritical excuse for an apparent interest in the welfare of their inhabitants. The real reason for the imprisonment of these poor immigrants was to appease Saudi Arabia. The PLO would not exist if these refugee camps had not been permanently established: a phenomenon unlike any war refugee problem through history. Through the United Nations, the American government paid almost all the expenses incurred in maintaining the Arab refugee camps, while Jewish refugees from Europe and Arab lands were absorbed and settled into Israel with the help of contributions from the Jewish world. Therefore, the oil lobby which not only controlled Britain and American foreign policy during and after the Second World War, and which prevented the escape of European Jewry as guilty as Hitler of killing six million Jews.

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Would you convey to Mr. Newman
our heartfelt thanks for his contribution
to my classes at **Cole Harbour District
High School.**

Students were unanimous in ex-
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presence in awarding the award.

Would you convey to our heartfelt thanks for his to my classes at **Cole Harbour High School**. Students were unanimous in expressing their appreciation and their feeling that his presentation was a most valuable learning experience in awareness and knowledge. Rest assured we will want to ask him again! Also, most sincere thanks for the book. It should prove to be a very valuable addition to our library.

Yours truly,
[Signature] Department

Yours truly,
Tom Creighton
Social Studies Department

On behalf of the students and staff of **Riverview High School**, I would like to thank you for the time, effort and knowledge which you shared with us during your visit to our school.

Your discussion of experiences during the Holocaust provided us with a more intense impression of that event than we could ever have achieved from a book. Our appreciation is also extended to the efforts he made to

My appreciation is also extended to Mr. David Attis for the efforts he made to make this event possible.

Sincerely,

G. Greene,
Department Head, Social Studies



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Businessman knows the horror

By Steve Felding
Staff Reporter

Can the massacre of humanity such as what occurred during the Holocaust ever happen again? Businessman Newman, a "baptized" Jew, says years of the Holocaust from Hitler, is one of those horrors of the Holocaust who thinks that no, it can't happen again.

"I feel it cannot happen again because these people will not tolerate doing such a horrendous thing."

Newman was brought to Crecheskaskia, in 1948, and his family prospered.

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'I can't condone those who say the Holocaust is a myth'

Newton knows what it's like to be "dehumanized," what it's like to be ripped from home and time, what it's like to be a marked man on the streets and to be beaten for a marked man on the streets who stand there and laugh. He knows the pain of losing what remains of your humanity in a concentrating camp.

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Holocaust horror
confirmed faith
of a gentle man

By Bev McGee

Mention of the Holocaust conjures up nightmares of evil that few who have not experienced the horror can comprehend. Autobiographies and documentaries tell of mass cremations, grotesque medical experiments and extreme cruelties and humiliations.

Having spent more than a year devouring every book and article I could about this period, it was with some trepidation that I decided to attend Herman Newman's lecture on the Holocaust last week in Port Hawkesbury. Knowing little about him, I had expectations of an hour's talk filled with descriptions of atrocities and inhumanities.

From the moment Newman stepped on the altar at St. Joseph's Church, I realized my error. Here was no bitter, disillusioned lecturer. Here was a gentle, loving teacher.

Herman Newman is a survivor. Born in Czechoslovakia in 1928, he was imprisoned in concentration camps in Poland at 14. He emigrated to Halifax in 1947 where he still resides.

Much of his life has been devoted to meeting groups of people and discussing the Holocaust. Newman spoke briefly of his life before the Holocaust, of the love and tenderness within his home and among his companions, both Christian and Jew. The memories of shared respect for holy days were to become his prayers.

First came the "yellow star of David," the Nazi branding of the Jews. Newman and his family wore the star until even it was taken from them and replaced with Newman's case file number 88137.

His first imprisonment was in Auschwitz. This most infamous of the concentration camps is the subject of hundreds of books, Newman said only, "No dictionary invented could ever describe the difficulty

The narrative of his imprisonment in subsequent camps was equally simple. He spoke of loneliness, suffering and desolation, and of his overwhelming determination to survive. Newman's key to survival was the determination that, regardless of how hard he worked, how little he ate, or what tortures he endured, he would not give in. The thought that he must survive to tell others, keep him alive.

"There are those today who say the Holocaust is a myth," said Newman. "That hurt. I survived the Holocaust. No one can take that survival from me. I have experienced both worlds, I take the better part and cast away the indescribable failures of humanity."

Newman has no burning anger or hatred for the German people. Even when he left the Planet of Hord he held none.

Some people did know. It was an abnormal time, but a time that must not be forgotten.

The children must learn and become witnesses to the Holocaust.

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**Holocaust Victims
Never Be Forgotten**

Must Not

Victims Not Be Forgotten

photo of daily camp life at Dachau
The emaciated bodies of prison-
ers—the work details, and
everywhere death, details, and
But not just death. Not the death
that had known death in various
attacks by cancer. Death by heart
attack.

The death which pervaded Dachau
was another kind of death, a death
which exposed the darkest evils of
humanity.

It was a death not by natural causes
or with some salvation factor outside
of man's control.

A race of death.

People by other human fac-
tors. And as members of that same
species race we are all tainted by it.

Anyone who has walked through the
baracks at Dachau understands any-
one who has stood in the gas chambers
and stared into the now void streets
where thousands died understands.

Revisiting my bleak trip to Germany
a shivering girl I met on the way to
Lewers and like myself she was touring
the concentration camps.

As we toured the camp we all be-
came shocked. But then she finally
broke down and wept. We noticed she
and six relatives in the death camps in
Germany.

All these memories flooded back to
me when cadets of the Institute of
Holocaust Victims Study at the University
of Wisconsin.

Many citizens have the memory
of the Holocaust should be forgotten
to forget such distressing events
and to repeat them.

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Canadian Zionist Federation—

CZF Welcomes Akiva Lewinsky To Canada

Mr. Akiva Lewinsky, Treasurer of the World Zionist Organization Jewish Agency addressed Jewish leadership at the "El Morocco" in Montreal, on May 16, 1983.

Dr. Leon Kronitz, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Zionist Federation, upon introducing Mr. Lewinsky, described him as the ideal Zionist Chalutz. He started out life in Israel by being a Kibbutznik. When European Jewry was threatened by Nazi Germany he was engaged in the organization of youth emigration to Israel. He went from strength to strength until he accepted the post of Treasurer and Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in 1977.

Mr. Lewinsky stressed that when talking about "Defence Budgets" in Israel, these are in fact "Budgets for Peace". He said that Lebanon, which was once known as the Switzerland of Europe, was unfortunately now a very miserable country indeed. There is division amongst the people of that country, and when people think that Israel made a pact with "the Christians", they do not understand the complexity of the society in Lebanon; in addition there are many forceful outside factors at play in that unfortunate country, namely Syria and the P.L.O. and the influence other Arab countries attempt to exert. As far as Israel is concerned, the problem is that Lebanon borders Northern Israel and the only aim is to have secure borders. A vacuum will be created if Israel moves out and other foreign forces remain.

To understand economic problems, one has to understand that the absorption of 170,000 people over the years by Israel would equal to the absorption of say 400,000,000 immigrants by the United States. In Israel the phenomenal result has not only been to make the desert bloom, but for a country of 3 1/2 million people to create their own aircraft industry, scientific discoveries and ongoing research of which much larger nations could be proud..

Mr. Lewinsky reminded his audience that "aid" is not a gift, but "a loan" which has to be repaid, or else to exist without credit. The interest alone on having the two airfields in the Sinai moved to the Green Line equates the entire income of the Jewish Appeal. Israel has a national debt of 24 billion dollars, the interest of which has to be paid, as well as attempting to repay the initial loan. Oil fields were returned for the price of peace; a commodity which now has to be paid for at high world prices. He pointed out that as inflation rises equality amongst people becomes more difficult because inflation hits some sections of society harder than others, because it harms social activities. Such is the case everywhere in the world.

Mr. Lewinsky stressed that the time has come when it will be harmful for Jews in the diaspora to play ostrich since their own Jewishness and Zionist idealism were at a crossroads. Jews outside of Israel would have to undergo a complete psychological change. To be Jewish in Israel was a right, whilst to be Jewish elsewhere was a precarious state, the future of which no one could predict now. When a person is in debt, he said, he has to work to pay this debt. No miracle will ever wipe it out. Equally, when you want peace, you have to make sacrifices for it and even be willing to die for it.

He concluded with his plea that Israel needs Jews to overcome its difficulties.

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Attention: Barry Simon

Songwriters' Contest

A world-wide search is underway by the Samuel Jacobson Foundation for Jewish Culture for the most gifted songwriters of original compositions on Jewish themes. This will be the fourth year that the Foundation is conducting this search for submission to the World Jewish Song Festival.

A total of \$2,000.00 in prizes will be awarded to the successful entries. Entries may be submitted in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French and Ladino.

Ten finalists will be chosen to gather at the Expo Theatre Montreal, Quebec, where their compositions will be performed before a live audience at a gala concert. The best four songs will be selected by audience ballot.

Deadline for submission is August 31, 1983. Information and application forms may be obtained from World Jewish Song Festival, c/o Peter Smolash, 5025 Plamondon Avenue, Montreal, H3W 1E9.

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Israel Briefs

[JNI—Jerusalem]

JERUSALEM: The visiting fourteen parliamentarians from the Council of Europe left Israel in May reportedly impressed by the vision and technological skills applied by Israel in its efforts to diversify its sources of energy.

The European members of the subcommittee on energy policy, hosted by their Knesset subcommittee counterparts, toured the coal-fired power plant at Hadera, visited the Ormat solar pools at the Dead Sea and attended the dedication of a pilot plant in the Negev for the processing of oil shales.

The plant, which crushes, prepares and burns oil shale extracted from nearby deposits, is the latest in a series of innovative Israeli energy projects. The pilot plant is expected to grow into a complex providing thirty percent of Israel's liquid fuel needs by the mid-1990's.

Further development plans for shale oil outline the construction of two demonstration plants over the next five years at a cost of 60 million dollars. One plant would extract synthetic fuel, and the other would burn the shale oil to produce steam, used to generate electricity.

ISRAELI REVELATIONS ON 'LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE'

Ein Kerem - A suspected connection between irrigation employing waste water and the respiratory ailment dubbed "legionnaires" disease when discovered in Philadelphia in 1976, has been revealed by scientists at the Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School at Ain Kerem.

Preliminary findings, presented at the 2nd International Conference on Ecology and Environmental Quality, hypothesized that the disease can be contracted by inhalation of aerosols formed by sprinkler irrigation. The natural bacterium that

causes the disease, legionella is often found in algae-laden water, Hebrew University scientists told some 350 researchers from fourteen countries, including England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Rumania and the U.S.

Tel Aviv - Tel Aviv University has become the first institute outside the United States to be invited to join the prestigious University Space Research Association (USRA). A T.A.U. team of numerical analysis researchers has long been associated with an affiliate of USRA, composed of representatives from over fifty American universities.

Jerusalem - After a six-year stint in Israel, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis now regularly quotes Jewish religious sources when addressing religious gatherings. At a recent dinner for American Mizrahi women, Lewis so impressed the other speaker that Interior Minister, Yosef Burg said: "My friend Sam, you know more about Maimonides and the Talmud than some Knesset Members."

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Share The Joys of Homemaking

By JoAnn Gardner

There's still time to plant a garden. A Jewish garden, of course. What, you ask, is a Jewish garden? Well, can you imagine a Jewish garden that does not grow potatoes for latkes and kugel, celery, onion and carrots for chicken soup, or cabbage for cole slaw and sauerkraut? And what would a Jewish garden be without beets, cucumbers and scallions for borscht? If we could plant sour cream, we'd have everything. Then there's the Jewish herb garden where the stars would be horseradish, garlic dill and parsley. For the more adventurous there's coriander, rosemary, basil and marjoram.

The Passover garden, a necessity for those who prefer freshly picked sprigs of green for the Seder Plate, is an important part of the Jewish herb garden. If you want horseradish for next Passover you must grow the roots carefully all summer in a specially prepared bed so they will be nice and straight and thick. Then, you must grate the freshly dug roots in the fall and preserve them in vinegar to last until next spring. Or you could freeze sliced roots in the fall to use for Maror. In my Passover garden, though, I grow chicory Magdeburgh, the special type used as a coffee additive or substitute. The roots grow thick in loose soil. If you plant them in your garden now and cut them back in the fall they'll sprout tiny bitter leaves for next Passover when you pick them even through the snow. If your Passover-herb garden has a shady spot, sow some chervil in late summer and with some luck and a good snow cover, you'll find it growing next Passover when you can use it for Karpas. Or, you can leave a few parsley plants to winter over. Next Passover the leaves will still be green and you can use them for the spring green of the Seder Plate.

Most of these vegetables and herbs have one thing in common. They're fairly easy to grow in our Maritime climate and soil. They are also the vegetables and herbs of northern,

western and eastern Europe. We might call our Jewish garden the garden of the Diaspora or the Ashken-azi garden. With a little ingenuity, and this is a quality every Jewish gardener must have, you can grow some of the herbs and vegetables better known to the warmer climates where Sephardic and Italian Jews have lived. These would include tomatoes, of course, and peppers, and melons, and eggplant. This last vegetable is considered to be a Jewish vegetable by Italian Jews. It was introduced into the Italian cuisine centuries ago by the Sephardim along with fennel, an herb you can also grow.

Several uncommon vegetables associated with the Jewish cuisine are black radishes and sorrel. You are not likely to find either in the store so if you hanker for Black Radish Salad or Cold Cucumber Schav this summer you must plant black radishes and sorrel in your Jewish garden. The large radishes are stored like a root crop in the fall and the sorrel is a perennial which is indestructible, a very good reason for planting it in your Jewish garden.

Perhaps you've never experienced your green thumb. Maybe you don't even know you have one, but Jewish gardens go back to the time of the Bible when the ancient Israelites were noted for their skill in intensive cultivation, that is, in producing a lot in a small space. Vineyards, in particular, were a specialty of these early gardeners. Some say that Noah planted a vineyard soon after he left the ark. In any case, archeologists have excavated wine presses all over Israel. When the Jews left Palestine the vineyards declined drastically. Now, after a 2,000 year hiatus the Jewish green thumb has re-established itself in the land of its forbears and wine production is again a serious industry. So it is with all aspects of agriculture in Israel. In 1975 when world food production rose by only 1.7%, Israel's food production during the same year rose by 7.5%. And, of course, there has always been a Jewish presence in Palestine farming the land. So you see, gardening is a part of the Jewish tradition.

I should add that you need not live in the country to have a Jewish garden. You can grow vegetables and herbs (and flowers too) all summer long anywhere you can fit a pot, a hanging basket, a small tub, a window box. A Jewish garden thrives in the unlikely places. What other gardeners would have the nerve to successfully grow acres of tomatoes, strawberries, and flowers in the Sinai (and then

have the heart to give them up for the greater good?) Under far less trying circumstances we, too, can overcome the inadequacies of our growing space and of our soil and climate.

The following books will be most helpful for apartment and indoor gardeners and for anyone for whom space is a problem: **The Apartment Gardener**, Florence and Stanly Dworkin; **A Garden in Your House**, E.D. Ballard; **Growing Food and Flowers in Containers**, Ted Flanagan; **Window-Box Gardening**, Henry Teuscher.

For outdoor gardeners there is so much information available it is impossible to choose any one book or reference. Once you start ordering seeds and looking through catalogues and visiting gardening supply stores you may be overwhelmed by information. If in doubt, write to the Department of Agriculture in your area for basic gardening information. The following seed companies will supply you with everything you need in the gardening line: Halifax Seed Company, 5860 Kane St., Halifax (excellent service, low prices, and many gardening supplies as well as a variety of vegetable, herb and flower seeds, and some plants); William Dam Seeds Ltd., P.O. Box 8400 Dundas, Ontario (a Dutch seed house with some European seed varieties not found elsewhere); Stokes Seeds Ltd., 39 James Street, Box 10, St. Catharines, Ontario (a wide range of seeds).

If you grow a Jewish garden, I would like to hear about it. Do you have favorite vegetables associated with Jewish dishes that I have mentioned? Tell me your favorite borscht recipe, a great summer soup. After years of trying many recipes I found a simple one from the back of a bottle of vinegar that is most satisfactory. How about you?

Please keep in mind that this column serves husbands as well as wives, children as well as single men and women. Jewish homemaking involves everyone. Each has something to contribute to the enrichment of Jewish home life, which is what homemaking, after all, is all about. **Barbara Fine** of St. John's, Newfoundland, writes about this column, "... it is a very good idea and hopefully you have started something really worthwhile that will grow." What do you think?

Send your contributions, suggestions and questions to: **Jo Ann Gardner, R.R. # Orangedale**, Nova Scotia, or to the Atlantic Jewish Council, Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2L2.

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Dr. Marcus J. Burnstein, son of **Dr. Mendel** and **Shirley Burnstein**, has been awarded the prestigious Gold Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons. The medal is presented annually for significant research in a surgically related field. He will receive the medal at the next meeting of the Royal College, to be held in Calgary in September.

The research commenced two years ago when he was awarded a Research Fellowship by the Medical Research Council of Canada.

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Dr. Burnstein has recently been appointed Chief Resident in Surgery at the Toronto General Hospital. To quote an Editorial in the Mail Star:

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UNIQUE EXHIBITION TO OPEN

Unique photographs collected from all over the world will be included in a special Beth Hatefutsoth exhibition to be opened in September 1983, describing the Jewish agricultural experience in the Diaspora.

The material for the exhibition was collected in a worldwide campaign carried by Beth Hatefutsoth in the last year and a half. Hundreds of photographs reached the archives of Beth Hatefutsoth - stating the fact that Jewish farmers were to be found everywhere - be it the rural areas of Eastern Europe, the Gaucho's land of Latin America, the wide prairies of the U.S. and Canada or the Vast Spaces of Australia and South Africa.

The opening of the exhibition will be followed by an international symposium on the subject of the Jewish Agriculture. A special tour of Israel, combining attendance at the opening ceremony of the exhibition at the museum and the symposium held the day after, with tours of the country, giving the participants ample chance to enjoy the various sites and have a glimpse of Israel's agricultural achievements, was especially planned by one of Israel's leading Tour Agencies (Ophir Tours) and is now offered to Jews all over the world.

Happenings and Events



Canadian Zionist Federation Chairman of the Executive Board, **Mrs. Neir Bloomfield**, visited Halifax recently to discuss with **Annette Strug**, Chairperson, Kol DeMamah Organizing Committee and **Dr. George Mencher**, Director of the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Clinic plans for a major cultural event to be presented in Halifax either late in 1983 or in the spring of 1984. Mrs. Bloomfield was the guest at a luncheon tendered by Annette Strug for committee members of the Kol Demamah Organizational Committee.



Atlantic Provinces Delegates to the Third World Conference on Soviet Jewry held in Jerusalem are pictured in the lobby of the Jerusalem Hilton meeting with **Dr. Simon Wiesenthal**, the famous Nazi hunter. **Jack Novack** (left) and Atlantic Provinces Soviet Jewry Chairman, **Gerry Mendleson** (centre) both of Halifax have an informal discussion with Dr. Wiesenthal.



Ben Prossin
Vice-President

At the recent 20th Plenary Conference of Canadian Jewish Congress, **Mr. Ben Prossin** of Halifax was re-elected Vice-president and **Mr. Irwin Lampert** of Moncton was elected to the position of Regional Chairman for the Atlantic Region.



Irwin Lampert
Regional Chairman
for the Atlantic Region



Eliakim Badian former member of the Knesset and presently Municipal Councillor of Halifax and Chairman of the Union of Engineers in Israel spent a day in Halifax recently where he was interviewed by the print and electronic media. He was the dinner speaker at Halifax Citadel Lodge of B'nai Brith. His itinerary while in Halifax was organized by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation - Atlantic Region.

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Outstanding addresses by Dr. Harold Troper, co-author of 'None is Too Many' were presented in Halifax, Fredericton, and Moncton. The Halifax program was under the combined sponsorship of B'nai Brith, Atlantic Jewish Council, Halifax Hadassah-Wizo Public Affairs Department and the Beth Israel Synagogue. The B'nai Brith Chapters of Fredericton and Moncton hosted Dr. Troper's visit to New Brunswick. Shown while visiting the Atlantic Jewish Council offices, are Paul Lipkus, President of Halifax Citadel Lodge and Dr. Harold Troper.



National ORT President, **Mrs. Genya Intrator**, while visiting Halifax for the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Halifax Ada Zebberman Chapter of ORT, took time to discuss many important issues relating to vocational training with Nova Scotia Minister of Education **Hon. Terry Donahoe**. ORT is the largest voluntary training organization in the world and provides rehabilitation of individuals through vocational training.

Pictured standing behind Mrs. Intrator and Mr. Donahoe are **Mrs. Vicki Lipkus** (left), ORT Vice-President responsible for membership, and newly installed President of the Halifax Ada Zebberman ORT Chapter, **Mrs. Doreen Gordon** (right). (Photo by N.S. Gov't Information Services)

**Halifax Resident
Betty Miller
Recently Elected
President of
Elderobics Association
of Nova Scotia**



The Elderobics Association of Nova Scotia held an awards dinner recently. Photographed, left to right are: **Betty Miller**, president; **Doug Seely**, past president; **Jean Shaw**, instructor; **Dr. Wayne Mitic**, consultant; and **Patricia Young**, regional director of New Horizons.

Happenings and Events



The new executive for B'nai Brith Citadel Lodge was recently installed at a ceremony held at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax on Sunday, May 15.

Members of the new executive shown above from the left standing are: **Lester Pink**, **Henry Webber**, **Ray Ginsberg**, **Bill Mosher**, newly elected President, Citadel Lodge, **Ed Miller**; Special Guest Speaker and National B'nai Brith President, **Morley Wolfe, Q.C.**; Immediate Past President, Citadel Lodge, **Paul Lipkus**; **Irwin Mendleson**, **Jack Novack**, **Steve Zatsmen** and **Ralph Garson**. Kneeling Front Row (left): **Danny Jacobson**, **Barry Gordon**, **Terry Israel**, **Boris Jacobson** and **Lawrence Ferguson**.

United Jewish Appeal Canvasser Breakfast in Halifax. Shown left to right are **Hedda Medjuck**, Chairperson, Women's Division, **Michael Zatzman**, Canvasser Chairman, **Col. Meir Rottem**, Israeli Emissary, United Jewish Appeal, **Ruth Goldbloom**, Halifax/Dartmouth Chairperson, **Martin Chernin**, Regional Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, President of Atlantic Jewish Council and **Lester Pink**, Treasurer. Mrs. Goldbloom is shown discussing campaign goals and objectives to an enthusiastic audience of canvassers.



Happenings and Events



Halifax Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations were highlighted by guest speaker, Alan Rose, National Executive Vice-President of Canadian Jewish Congress. Mr. Rose is shown with Shirlee Fox, Executive Director of Atlantic Jewish Council and Regional Director, Canadian Jewish Congress. This yearly event is sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation, Atlantic Region.



Israel and Judaica Display, prepared by Shaliach, Guillermo Levinton with help from Young Judaea and Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation members, was mounted for display during Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations.



Israeli singer, **Yitzhak Argaman**, special guest entertainer in Yarmouth, Sydney and Halifax during Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities. Along with **Shabby Katzir** who performed in Moncton and Saint John, these very special performers delighted audiences and were sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and Canadian Zionist Federation, Atlantic Region.



Mrs. Maxine Blendis (centre) National Director of Soviet Jewry Program, B'nai Brith, chats with **Paul Lipkus**, Citadel Lodge and **Belarie Hymna Zatzman**, Atlantic Jewish Council Yom Hoshua Program Chairperson. A special service and presentation "Art of the Holocaust" were part of the Halifax program.

The Plight of Syrian Jewry

By Guillermo Levinton

Hypocrisy and cynicism seem to know no limits. While Israel is being censored for combatting terrorism, in many other countries thousands of innocent people are mercilessly slaughtered.

I wish to express my indignation when the media and other "humanitarian" groups, who are fully aware of the human suffering throughout the world, spent an inordinate amount of time discussing the far-from grave situation of the "Palestinians" while systematically ignoring some of the most flagrant violations of human rights; the ruthless persecution of the Kurds, the Baha'is in Iran, the mass executions in Cambodia, Afkanistan and Pakistan etc.

However, I would like to direct your attention to an issue which is often given too little attention but deeply concerns us.

I would like to point out the lamentable plight of the Jewish community in Syria. In recent months because of the growing tension between Israel and Syria, the fate of the Jewish community, has dramatically deteriorated to a point which is causing alarm and concern for its future.

The Syrian Jewish community is systematically being harassed, persecuted and denied human rights.

The tales of horror list the harsh supervision, the economic restraints, the restriction of living in medieval-type ghettos, the discrimination, the arrests without reason or trial. Syrian Jews are banned from leaving the country.

Before 1948, the Jewish population was approximately 40 thousand, today there remain between 4-5 thousand. These 4 or 5 thousand Syrian Jews are dispersed among three cities, Damascus with approximately 3,500; Aleppo 1,300 and Kamishli whose 300 Jews represent the least known and isolated.

Syrian Jewry, as a whole, is isolated from diaspora Jewry, Israel and each other.

Since the Ba'ath party took over power in Damascus in March 1963, the situation of the Jews in Syria has become even graver.

The intention, on the part of the authorities, is apparently to take revenge on the local Jews because of the existence of the State of Israel.

Traditional and religious feelings of hostility have turned into a wave of hatred for Jews.

Only the identification cards of the Jews are marked in blue letters with the word "Mousawi" which means simple "Jew".

The government has proclaimed a number of anti-Jewish laws, including the prohibition on the sale of Jewish property and the freezing of Jewish bank accounts.

Many Jews have their property confiscated by the authorities and Palestinian refugees are now housed in the vacated dwellings in the Jewish ghettos of Damascus and Aleppo. These dwellings humiliate their Jewish neighbors.

Moslem directors are appointed by the government to supervise the Jewish school in Damascus.

The remaining Jewish school was ordered to accept a large number of Palestinian students, who intimidate the Jewish students.

Under these terrifying conditions, Jews risk their lives to escape from Syria and in most cases, leave their close families to suffer imprisonment and torture without trial.

The situation of the Jews of Syria is desperate. In order to prevent the ultimate destruction of the remnants of Syrian Jewry, there must be a call for public action.

The plight of Syrian Jewry must be the concern of every rational and sensitive person in the Free World. It is up to us to bring these facts and necessary action before the public eye.



Her hands and feet were tied with wire, then she was strapped inside a big truck tyre with her head pointing downwards. She was given electric shocks every five or ten minutes. Gradually the intervals increased but so did the charge. She was treated like that for thirty-six hours before she gave in and was allowed to go home. For nights afterwards she would wake up shrieking.

I saw her within 48 hours of her leaving prison and again later in the week. Her hands and legs were swollen and there were marks on her wrists where they had been bound by wires. Her face looked as if it had been struck. On my first visit she was unable to speak...

(Observer, London, 21 April 1974)

These are the words of a young Jewess who recently escaped from Syria to Israel and who reported what happened when the Syrian Military Intelligence interrogated a member of her family. They had wanted to learn names of those who helped young Jews escape.

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mo-ab-DON LIE-la
bab-LET
OH-peh-rab
kon-TSERT
mu-zay-ON le-ob-ma-NOOT
ree-koo-DAY ahm

ah-NEE rob-TSEH kar-tee-SEEM le...

ma-TIE mat-hee-LA ha-ba-tsa-GAH

ma-TIE zeh-nig-MAHR?

eh-FOH ef-SHAR leer-KOHD

אני רוצה כרטיסים ל...

זמי מחילה הקצנה?

כמי זה נגמר?

איפה אפשר לרקוד?

Parts of the Body

face
eyes
ears
mouth
head
hair
neck
arms, hands
body
legs, feet
nails

What a pretty girl!

What a good-looking man!

What a figure!

pa-NEEM
ay-NA-yim
oz-NA-yim
peh
rosh
sab-ab-ROHT
tza-VAHR
ya-DA-yim
goof
rag-LA-yim
tsee-por-NA-yim

EH-zo ba-hoo-RAH ya-FAH!

EH-zeb ba-IHOOR ya-FEH!

EH-zeb goof!

פנים

עיניים

אזניים

פה

ראש

סערות

צוואר

ידיים

גוף

רגליים

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איזה בחורה יפה!

איזה בחור יפה!

איזה גוף!

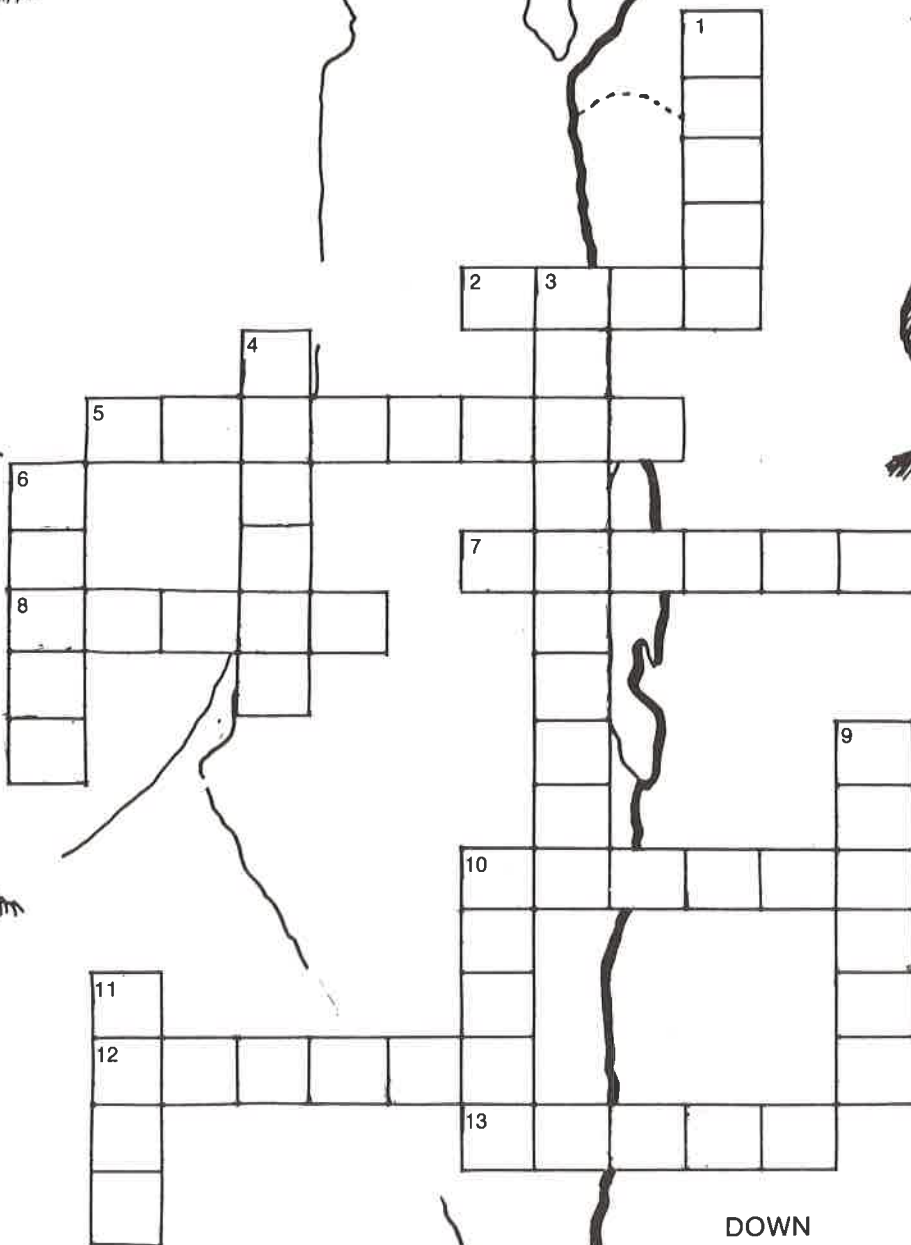
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7. Israel's second president- (Surname).
8. An Israeli army Chief of Staff who was also Prime Minister (Surname).
10. **Present** Israeli Foreign Minister
12. Third Prime Minister of Israel.
13. First Defence Minister who served for the Likud Party (Surname).

DOWN

1. Prime Minister who signed Peace Treaty with Egypt (Surname).
3. Hebrew language pioneer of Israel (Surname).
4. Hebrew poet and editor (Chaim Nachan----).
6. Founder of Modern Zionism. (Surname).
9. Israeli First Prime Minister (Last Surname).
10. Founder of Hadassah (Surname).
11. First woman Prime Minister of Israel (Surname).

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