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In This Issue ...



St. John's resident, Barbara Harris, recently returned from her first time visit to Israel. Her eloquent and moving impressions are recaptured in her story on Page 16.



The Innocence of Youth . . . **The Bent Twig**, a short story by **Helen David** on Page 24.

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Editorial Shalom, Shalom



As many of you know, this will be my last editorial for Shalom Magazine. I shall be leaving my position as editor and retiring as Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council at the end of February to pursue an entirely different career.

It has been five years since I have been the guiding light in the publication of Shalom. Being an editor puts one in a vulnerable position; one has to accept the barbs as well as the bouquets. I must admit though, the barbs have been extremely few and, thank goodness, the bouquets have been many. Although I have had a free hand as to content, my thanks to the editorial board for its collective decisions and advice when necessary.

Every new editor brings changes and there were many during my tenure as there are sure to be many more, when the next person occupies this position. I cannot leave Shalom without thanking the many advertisers I contacted over the years and to the "girls" in the office who have typed the reams of copy needed to produce the final version. A special appreciation goes to the many "authors" who graced the pages.

Knowing that Shalom is considered to be one of the top three of its kind in Canada is sweet praise, however I think it is unique.

Shalom once more.

Shirlee Fox

Shirlee Fox
Editor

WITH OUR BEST WISHES

It is with a deep sense of regret that I must officially announce the resignation of Shirlee Fox, our Executive Director. I am sure the Atlantic Jewish Community joins me, along with our Executive and Board of Directors, in wishing Shirlee the best of luck and success in her new career.

Over the past four years, I was fortunate to work closely with Shirlee, and indeed, most fortunate to have had a person of her ability and knowledge "at the helm". For those of you who are not familiar with the many, many activities of the Atlantic Jewish Council, let me tell you they are numerous and varied. Often Shirlee has had to work nights and Sundays to keep things in motion -- publishing Shalom Magazine, handling Camp Kadimah start ups and closures, running programs for all the various communities and committees, handling press and media when Israel was the brunt of reports, replying and arranging for rebuttals whenever anti-semitism and prejudice came on the scene. During her term she established close working relationships and associations with the Human Rights Commissions and the Council of Christians and Jews, to name but a few of the institutions and agencies her endeavors have embraced.

She also directed the programs and activities of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, United Israel Appeal, the Canada-Israel Committee, and many, many more items too numerous to mention at this time, in the Atlantic area.

We are indeed fortunate to have had her services, her dedication and her love for the community. We will surely miss her.

So, Shirlee, once again I thank you on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Martin Chernin
President
Atlantic Jewish Council

Letters To The Editor

Mrs. Shirlee Fox
Executive Director/Editor

Dear Shirlee:

As our stay in Halifax approaches its end, we would like to thank you for all you've done for us upon our arrival and for the warm welcome feeling we received from the Jewish community during our stay here.

In every meeting with families, organizations in the Atlantic region and communities, my wife and I have always enjoyed the warmth and love which made us feel like we were at home.

We hope that our activities in these months were in accordance with your expected hopes. I know we have enjoyed these meetings very much.

We hope to stay in touch and maintain our warm relationship with you. Keep up the important work you and your colleagues in the Atlantic Jewish Council are doing.

Thanks for everything.
Yours sincerely,
Ahmos Rolider

Dear Shirlee:

We all enjoy receiving and reading "Shalom" very much. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Shanna Jacobson,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Shirlee:

I am most pleased to enclose my voluntary subscription to Shalom. It allows me to keep informed of all happenings in the little "shtetlach" of your area. Besides, Shalom is a top quality magazine and I usually read it from cover to cover.

It was a pleasant surprise to read that Norman Lipschutz will be serializing his "memoirs". I'm very much looking forward to that.

Please accept my very best heartfelt wishes for your continued success with Shalom and all Atlantic Jewish Council activities.

With best wishes.
Sincerely,
Usher Z. Piller
Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.

OPINION: Accepting Religious Difference

Brenda Taylor
Atlantic Regional Director,
Canadian Council of
Christians & Jews

Recently, I had the opportunity of appearing before the House of Commons Committee on the Participation of Visible Minorities in Canadian Society. Part of the brief submitted by the Council dealt with Canada's religious minorities, and more specifically, the degree to which they can participate in what is essentially a Christian-oriented society.

The press coverage which followed the presentation of the brief was somewhat astounding. In newspaper articles and editorials, I was accused of advocating the cancellation of Christmas - the abolishment of Nativity plays and the complete banishing of carol singing. No one was more surprised than I when I returned the next day from Ottawa to discover that what was intended as a plea for sensitivity towards Canada's religious diversity, was turned into something sensationalized and untrue. One rather highly uniformed member of the electronic media went so far as to suggest that I wanted people to go to jail for singing Christmas carols.

For weeks afterwards, my mail basket was filled with articles and editorials clipped from newspapers by friends and colleagues. Some would arrive with notes attached which said, "Don't ever try politics - this is an omen". I also received letters from private citizens from as far away as British Columbia, suggesting I should "mend my ways" and "withdraw my statements". The tone of these letters was hostile, expressing an outrage that I found particularly disturbing. "This is a Christian country" was the over-riding theme, and obviously, it was believed that I had a lot of nerve to suggest anything to the contrary.

The very thought of abolishing Christmas is nothing short of utter absurdity. At no time did I, or my colleagues or superiors, either make such a suggestion, or intimate that such action was advisable. Indeed, this is in absolute diametric opposition to the aims of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The Council has an outstanding 37

year record of building bridges of understanding between Canadians of diverse racial, cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds. We recognize the outstanding contributions of the founding Christian religions. Our focus is respect for all religions, and therefore, it is totally incompatible with our purpose and principles that any words of ours would be interpreted in any manner other than one in which complete religious accommodation was the basis.

Canada is a multicultural nation, a religious mosaic within a Christian oriented society. However, where human rights and equality are concerned, the numbers argument is irrelevant. In short, when a particular group constitutes the majority, they do not have the right to ask others to conform.

Our societal orientation to Christianity may have desensitized us to our non-Christian friends and family with whom we share community life. It is not enough to simply voice tolerance for non-Christian Canadians, there must be some tangible accommodation of the differences. Freedom to express one's religion must not be confined to expression which does not effect or conflict with the belief of the majority. The true test of religious freedom is the right to differ with those aspects of tradition which are long established and truly engrained within our society.

One has only to point to Christmas festivities in every Canadian community as an example of how Christian celebrations do not reflect the religious plurality of the country. Since the public education system is one which should ideally reflect the multicultural nature of the country, it can, I believe provide a vivid example of the predominance of the Christian culture, and a seeming lack of sensitivity towards non-Christian beliefs.

It is through schooling that our society makes its most deliberate attempt to shape the behaviour, capabilities and perceptions of our young people. Is it then, acceptable and wise to ask a Muslim or Jewish child to leave the classroom of a public school during Christian religious instruction? If one employs the numbers argument, it is a rare Canadian classroom in which the majority is not Christian. Does this then justify that the public education system will only respond to the needs and the wishes of the majority?

I would submit that not only is it unwise and unacceptable to accommodate only the majority, it is one more example of the practices within our society which supports the alienation of those who, for one reason or another, constitute the minority.

The intent of such actions is probably never malicious. At best the effect is that Christian children won't be afforded every opportunity to be exposed to the religion and culture of their schoolmates. At worst, the student majority will begin to perceive their non-Christian colleagues as "unholy" and "different" because they do not partake of religious instruction.

Another vivid example of the way in which the public school system may overlook the needs of the minority is the school celebrations to prepare for Christmas. For weeks on end, students are involved in choir practice, play rehearsal, and making gifts and Christmas crafts to give to friends and family - all to the ultimate end of one of the most celebrated days in the school calendar - the Christmas concert.

Is it fair to ask the Christian children, for whom these activities mean so much, to forego Christmas preparations and celebrations in order that their non-Christian schoolmates would not be excluded or made to feel different? Very clearly, it is just as inappropriate to ask Christian children to relinquish Christmas celebrations as it is to ask non-Christian children to participate in a festivity which has no relevance within their respective religious contexts.

How then can the interests of the various faith communities be accommodated?

In making our plea for religious tolerance to the House of Commons Committee, we used the example of the public education system and Christmas celebrations.

Most of the world's religions have holy days which correspond in intent or season to Christian holy days. Any effort to encourage participation by several religious groups in, for example, a Christmas concert in a public school setting, would surely enhance cross-cultural and inter-faith understanding.

One example of how non-Christians might be included in a Christmas celebration would be to have the non-Christian children discuss the festivities which take place in their homes and places of worship to celebrate the birth of the spiritual leader, or founder of their faith community. A Hindu child could discuss Janmashtami when Hindus honour the birth of the Lord Krishna. A Japanese Buddhist could tell his or her classmates about the birthday of Shinran-Shonin, the founder of the Japanese Buddhist Jodo-Shin-Sho group. A Muslim child could share information about Milad-ul-Nabi, the bir-

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thday of the Prophet Mohammed. A Sikh student could inform his or her classmates about Guru Govind Singh's birthday when Sikhs celebrate the birth of the founder of Sikhism, who gave the Sikhs the five symbols, Keshas (hair), Kanga (comb), Kirpan (sword), Kara (bracelet), and Kachhara (shorts).

At Thanksgiving time a classroom discussion could appropriately include how other faith communities celebrate and give thanks for the harvest. On Onam, Hindus (particularly those from Southern India) celebrate what was originally a harvest festival. Succoth, or the Festival of the Tabernacles, which falls five days after Yom Kippur, is a time of Thanksgiving in the Jewish community. On the eighth day following Succoth, a solemn assembly takes place in the synagogue where the Rabbi blesses the Etrog (citron) and the Lulav (palm branch).

Concepts which young people develop of themselves and of others, and indeed their subsequent behaviour, are in part derived from their school experience. When we neglect to consider the multireligious nature of our country, we dispare implicitly, rather than explicitly, the significance of non-Christians in our society. It is incumbent upon us to convey images of others which are positive - we must not build barriers between our children and their understanding of another culture.

If we incorporate into school programs those things which are of the greatest importance, we must ensure that the multicultural, multiracial and multireligious nature of our country is adequately reflected in all school activities and programs. Ethnocentrism will not enhance understanding and acceptance. When one but considers the strife which exists in the world today because of religious differences, we have a great deal for which we may truly be grateful.

OPINION:

Wake Up Before It's Too Late

Dear Editor, Madam:

The Holy Books teach us that God has given man dominion over this earth: to cherish, to populate, to spread civilization, justice and humanity; to create works of art. Man has done all these things, but also, with

ever increasing fury, he has chosen to destroy, to pillage, to rape and to murder. In the process, man has concentrated in inventing instruments of death that in our own age are threatening to consume us all, and erase from the face of the globe everything that has been created throughout the centuries.

We go about our daily business -- you and I -- no matter what our occupation. But in our deeper consciousness there must arise grave doubts if our efforts are not all in vain ... We must ask ourselves if our children -- yours and mine -- have any kind of a future in an age of nuclear proliferation and the horrific nuclear arms-race; when satanic missiles can reach our cities and towns world-wide with the speed of lightning.

"Wise men" among the populace will attempt to soothe our fears by assuring us that never will man descend to such lunacy. But students of history, and recent history at that, will testify that two cities have already been incinerated by nuclear weapons; and an entire people -- two peoples in fact, and millions of men, women and children were slaughtered in Nazi concentration camps as a result. This was the original "Holocaust". Now mankind is facing a "Nuclear Holocaust". We better take it seriously ... or else all our hard work, the strenuous effort spent in raising a family, will be for naught.

Our "enlightened" media will inform us that gas-warfare is a thing of the past; that gas was only used in the trenches in World War One. But those who are truly familiar with the facts will testify that millions of innocent civilians had their lives choked out of them in "civilized" Europe, in the most brutal fashion, in Nazi gas-chambers. So much for "civilized" mankind...

And how did our own Western Democracies respond in the face of such disaster? Well, by now it should be quite clear that they shut the door but tight, in the face of those fleeing in terror from the Nazi hell. Equally, we can form no illusions as to what the masters are capable of in the Kremlin.



Acting Director, Atlantic Jewish Council.

We have been witness to their atrocities over the years.

We must thus come to the conclusion that both East and West are indeed capable of the worst, especially when provoked. A nuclear holocaust may also occur through sheer accident; on that axiom most experts agree. Imagine a scenario when jittery fingers on the nuclear button have a mere few minutes to retaliate a presumed attack -- forewarned by a faulty computer.

Ladies and gentlemen: you and I enjoy absolutely no security, in the face of such folly. Armageddon is staring us in the face but daily. In fact, every minute of the day or night we are exposed to the nightmare of a nuclear confrontation in which there will be no victor. We shall all perish in the ensuing catastrophe, and those that will survive, will envy the dead...

Perhaps we no longer care about our own safety. But we have an obligation to our children and to generations yet unborn! We have a duty and a responsibility also towards the Lord and Master of the Universe who has given us this beautiful earth and proclaimed mankind as custodian of His masterpiece.

At this late hour, one is tempted to give up in resignation. Though the hour may indeed be late, there is still a good chance, that should we all unite in a mighty outcry, the leaders of the earth might be influenced to take heed! Our battle-cry should be sanity and reconciliation! We cannot accept war-mongering and hatred emanating from whichever side.

We have the capability of joining a world-wide movement so powerful in its impact, so overpowering in emotion, that those evil forces bent upon destroying us, will have no choice but to retreat in utter disarray.

Let us join hands in a mighty effort to save planet earth and all that inhabit it from extinction!

Norman Lipschutz
Glance Bay, N.S.

Acting Director

Mr. Martin Chernin, President, Atlantic Jewish Council, wishes to announce that Mr. Guillermo (Gijay) Levinton will assume the position of Acting Director, Atlantic Jewish Council effective March 1, 1984. Along with his position of Acting Director, Mr. Levinton will continue as Shaliach and will direct all youth activities for the Atlantic Region.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo

By Leona Freeman, President

The 30th Biennial Convention took place November 20-23, 1983, at the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel in Toronto. It was a most stimulating, productive convention. The Chairman of the formal opening event was Mirial Small, outgoing National President, who, with dignity, poise and sincerity, set the tone of the Convention. Halifax delegates were **Barbara Paton**, **Shirlee Medjuck**, **Sheila Zive**, **Miriam Jacobson**, **Myrna Yazer**, **Evette Bowman**, **Wendy Franklin** and **Leona Freeman**.

The theme of the Convention was "Redream the Dream" and the Chairmen were **Cecily Peters** and **Irene Fine** of Toronto, who along with their many committee members, should feel a deep sense of pride and fulfillment for a job well done.

The new National President is **Cecily Peters** of Toronto. **Shirlee Medjuck** is now a National Officer serving as one of the six Vice-Presidents from across the country. Congratulations, **Shirlee**. **Edith Lecker** of Sydney has been appointed Regional Chairman for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and **Sheila Zive** of Halifax is Regional Vice-Chairman.

A joint chapter meeting featuring convention delegates was held in December at the Beth Israel Synagogue at which time an excellent, informative Convention report was given by **Barbara Paton**, **Sheila Zive** and **Myrna Yazer**.

The **Barbara Goldberg** Chapter reports a busy productive season to date. Its President, **Wendy Franklin**, reports that their meetings are well attended and reveal new members have

joined them this year. They had a most successful fund-raising event in their Annual Christmas gift wrapping week at the Bayers Road Shopping Centre, under the convenorship of **Wendy**. The Chapter is busy making plans once again to feature the children's entertainers, "Jim and Rosalie". You are all so well motivated, girls. Keep up the good work!

Miriam Jacobson, of the **Tikvah** Chapter, is already thinking "Bazaar 1984" and has people that will sew fifty aprons. We need to supply them with the material. So if you have any material or would like to contribute money towards the purchase of material, please contact **Miriam**.

Avivah and **Orah** Chapters held their meetings in January and fund-raising projects were discussed.

The Annual Youth Aliyah Campaign got underway this year with a canvassers meeting held at the home of **Carol Lee Loebenberg** on Wednesday, January 4. The Youth Aliyah Committee for 1984 is: Chairman - **Myra Freeman**; Canvas Chairman - **Leah Epstein**; Treasurer - **Marlene Sable**; Programme - **Shirlee Medjuck** and **Barbara Paton**; Publicity and Public Relations - **Myrna Yazer** and **Wendy Franklin**; Special Names - **Evette Bowman**, **Shirlee Medjuck**, **Barbara Paton**, **Leona Freeman**, **Anita Dubinsky**, **Ruth Goldbloom**, **Sheila Zive** and **Dorothy Zive**; Chapter Chairmen - **Tikvah** - **Miriam Jacobson**, **Orah** - **Doris Stone**, **Avivah** - **Betty Ross**, **Barbara Goldberg** - **Harriette Laing**.

The Campaign will culminate with a very special evening to celebrate the

50th year of Youth Aliyah. We are privileged to have as our distinguished guest speaker, **Dr. Reuven Feuerstein** of the Hadassah-Wizo Research Institution in Jerusalem. This event will take place on Thursday, February 23. **Myrna Yazer** and **Wendy Franklin** have arranged for **Halifax Hadassah-Wizo** and the **Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded** (Nova Scotia Division) to co-sponsor professional workshops in the I.W.K. Hospital Auditorium for physicians, psychologists, sociologists and special education persons. **Dr. Feuerstein's** workshops at the Child Guidance and Research Institute in Jerusalem are being studied and implemented around the world. There are at least six projects being undertaken here in Canada as a direct result of his work. As members of **Halifax Hadassah-Wizo**, we are proud to be able to arrange these workshops and to share **Dr. Feuerstein** with his professional colleagues in the **Halifax-Dartmouth** community.



Edith Lecker, Sydney, Regional Chairman of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and **Barbara Rafuse**, Halifax, Convention Delegate.



At the 30th Biennial Convention of Hadassah-Wizo, November 20-23, Toronto, shown here are **Barbara Paton**, Halifax, Past Regional Chairman of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and **Shirley Dubinsky**, Sydney, Honourary National Vice-President.

Board of Governors elected Beth Israel Synagogue

The annual meeting of Beth Israel Synagogue was held on Sunday, January 22, 1984. Board of Governors elected for 1984 is as follows:

Mr. Frank Medjuck - President, **Mr. Phil Alberstat** and **Mr. Paul Lipkus** - Vice President, **Mr. Joel Jacobson** - Secretary, **Mrs. Mindy Jacobson** - Finance Secretary, **Mr. Gerry Blustein** - Treasurer, **Dr. J.H. Greenblatt** - Past President, **Dr. Ray Ginsberg**, **Mr. Darrel Pink**, **Mrs. Lois Block**, **Mr. Sheldon Lipkis**, **Mr. Ed Rubin**, **Dr. Charles Miller**, and **Mr. Michael Zatzman** - Board Members.

Stern to make orchestral debut



Halifax's own award-winning pianist, 15-year-old Adam Stern makes his orchestral debut at a gala concert at Shaar Shalom Synagogue on March 25, 1984, at 2:30 p.m. In the past few years the young artist has successfully competed in the Kiwanis Music Festival and in the summer of 1983 tied for first place in his class in the prestigious Canadian Music Competitions in Montreal. Picking up a music scholarship as a result of his performance at the Expo Theatre, he was soon invited to perform in the inaugural concert at the deCoste Arts Centre in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Adam is the son of Mr and Mrs Alan Stern.

The concert at the Shaar Shalom will feature the nationally acclaimed Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra in a programme largely of Jewish music and music by Jewish composers or on a Jewish theme. Included in the programme will be "Eli, Eli", "Exodus", "West Side Story", "Stars and Stripes", "Hatikvah" and a medley of sing-along Jewish folk songs. Adam

Stern will be featured as soloist in the "Warsaw Concerto".

The conductor of the 70 piece orchestra is Professor Robert Raines of the Acadia University School of Music. Consisting of young musicians from Cape Breton to Yarmouth, the NSYO has achieved a national reputation as one of the leading youth orchestras in the country. It has performed to great acclaim at the Banff Centre of Fine Arts and attracted large and enthusiastic audiences at the first Rainbow Ridge Music Festival last summer in Wolfville, N.S.

The March 25th concert is being held by Shaar Shalom as a result of the enthusiasm generated from the concert held at the synagogue last June with conductor Boris Brott and a 40 piece orchestra of symphony musicians. Once again patrons and regular tickets will be available to all members of the Jewish community and to the public by telephoning the Shaar Shalom Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 422-2580.

Winners Announced!

Mrs Rita Pink, Halifax and Mrs Sophie Stern, Halifax were first and second prize winners on the drawing of two oil paintings donated to Camp Kadimah by artist, Maggie Schmidt.

Mr Martin Chernin, President of Atlantic Jewish Council drew the winning tickets at the offices of the Council.

Classifieds

Would the person who borrowed the Smofsky family book from Doris Stone, please contact her at 422-7142.

Thank you. Mrs Max (Ida) Marcus of Halifax wishes to thank all her friends in Cape Breton and Halifax for remembering her during her illness at the Victoria General Hospital.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD — HALIFAX

Book Fair

A very successful Chanukah Book Fair was held at the Synagogue. The delicious baked goods were prepared by the bake team of Shirley Burnstein, Anna Lee Cohen, Barbara Gaum and Shirley Wolman. Genevieve Lipkus, new treasurer, and Louise Wolfson, who handled the publicity and staffing for the first time, were welcomed additions to the volunteers who worked hard to arrange this successful event.

Gift Shop

The gift shop is well stocked with books, gift items and cook books and the sales staff of Betty Roza, chairman, and Bette Ross, Anna Newman and new staff member, Vicki Lipkus are ready to serve and advise you on your selections.

Chanukah Tea

During this occasion, members and guests enjoyed the performance of pianist Fruma Glazman who, in addition to playing the piano, sang many favorite numbers. Refreshments were provided by Shirley Wolman, Genevieve Lipkus, Bessie Rinzler and Clara Dankner.

Sisterhood Library

Many new adult and children's books are on the shelves. Naomi Fishman and Linda Coleman have welcomed new assistants, Joyce Barak and Nadya Queija to the Sunday morning Talmud Torah Library for children.

Halifax Citadel Lodge — B'nai B'rith

by Ed Miller
In Rehearsal

"Thanks for the Memories" is in rehearsal. The Halifax Citadel Lodge No. 3099, B'nai B'rith playhouse has begun rehearsals for another musical. Success in the last two shows has spurred efforts to make this show the most outstanding. The total cast will number close to one hundred singers, actors and speciality persons.

The general show committee, under chairman Paul Lipkus has been meeting on a regular basis. Activity chairmen are active in the logistics involved - the rental of the Queen Elizabeth High School auditorium for shows on May 8, 9 and 10; the tickets, the advertising, the program, the stage set, the costumes, the props, the etc. etc. All the minor and not so minor details appear well in hand.

All members of the Lodge have been urged to become active in this, the major activity of the year. In fact, all members of the community are urged to become involved - from singers, dancers, actors, in the business end and in the back stage area where a tremendous amount of work is required by the often unsung heroes.

Lodge Programs

The ongoing Lodge activities include the regular Friday night Sabbath dinners for the seniors in and out of Northwood Centre. There are seven Jewish residents in Northwood, who along with other seniors in the community who live alone are given the opportunity of partaking in this program under the chairmanship of Irwin Mendleson and Jack Novac. The dinners are catered by a group of community-minded ladies including Mrs Doris Stone, Miss Claire Danker, Mrs Mollie Whitzman, Mrs Betty Miller, Mrs A. Novac, Mrs Vicki Lipkus, Mrs Karen Sadofsky, and Mrs Mendleson. Our heartfelt thanks go to these ladies who prepare a delicious and wholesome typical Friday night repast, roast chicken.

Community Service

The children from the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children are taken to the Nova Scotia Voyageurs professional hockey games on a regular basis by Ben Briths. Everyone enjoys the games, including the members. This program is under the chairmanship of Terry Israel.

Future Activities

As this is going to press, the Lodge is preparing for two events. One is the husband-wife Wine and Cheese party to be held in the Lord Nelson Hotel on January 28 and the annual Smoker also scheduled for the Lord Nelson on February 15.

It may have been a relatively slack fall and winter but a well-stocked spring program is in the works.

Passover 1984 — Nisan 5744

The Atlantic Jewish Council wishes to compile a list of Halifax/Dartmouth families who would host out-of-town students or visitors during Passover. Please call or write the Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park Street, No. 304, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2L2, 422-7491 indicating first or second Seder availability.

Students and out-of-town visitors, please contact either the Atlantic Jewish Council or Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation to request home hospitality. Write or phone Lawrence Chippin, 1676 Larch Street, No. 19, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3X2, 423-7437 or the Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park Street, No. 304, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2L2, 422-7491.

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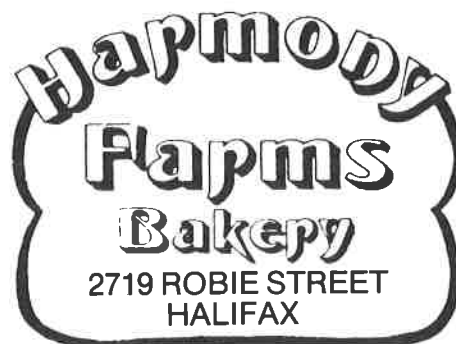
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Halifax Women's O.R.T.

by Cathy Jacobson

National Women's ORT put the call out: "More funds are needed as the demand the cost of our schools keep rising." This plea was heard here in Halifax. Doreen Gordon and her workers have been working diligently to raise these badly needed funds.

The Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT is meeting this need through its various projects. In December, under the guidance of Karen Sadofsky, a group of ORT members wrapped holiday gifts in Simpson's Mall for a small fee. Many thanks to Karen and her committee for a smoothly run and successful project.

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In the medical field, two kinds of artificial kidney machines are being developed. The hospital model is a major improvement on the one currently in use, being completely computerized with new kinds of pump and air filter made from plastics developed in Israel. It cuts treatment time down from two hours to 30 minutes. The other machine is portable, briefcase size, for

personal use.

Long among the leaders in agricultural technology, Israel's latest development is a computerized fruit selector which grades fruit by weight. Now used in the packaging of citrus fruit, it has been found to be the most effective selector machine on the market.

All sectors of this fast developing technology industry have called and will continue to call on ORT Israel to provide sophisticated technicians highly skilled at all levels and in a wide range of branches. ORT Israel will continue to meet this challenge through its expertise, its flexibility and ability to provide the kind of training required.



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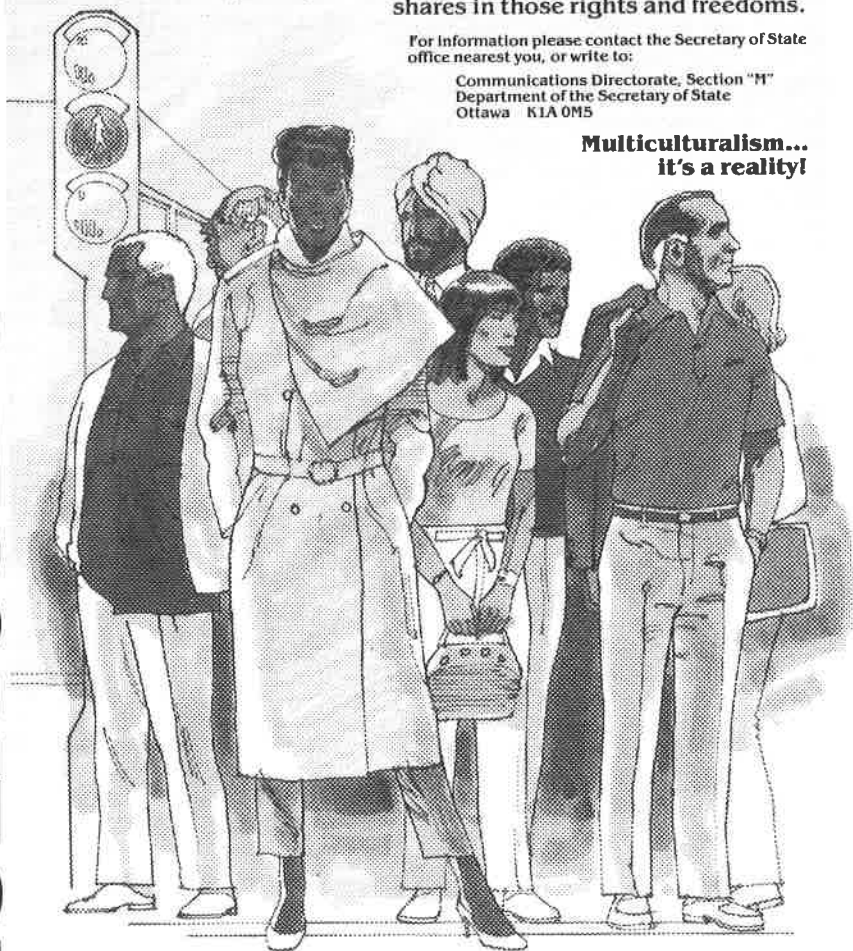
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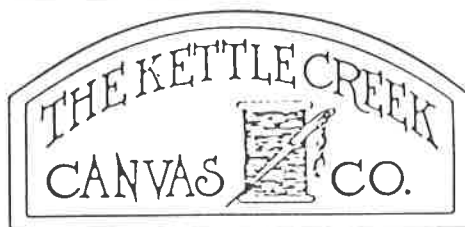


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Sunday, March 4 - Time TBA
Tentative - Moncton Youth
Dinner/Program

Saturday - Sunday, March 10-11
Tentative - Alpine Ski Trip

Sunday, March 18 - Time TBA
Deli Night/Purim Party

Beth Israel Synagogue
Sunday, March 25 - 11:00 a.m.
Brunch/Election of New Officers

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Fredericton News

by Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following:

Harry and Bessie Brown - 55 years, Gerald and Rosalie Budovitch - 29 years, Sam and Gertie Budovitch - 37 years, Oscar and Polly Jacobson - 44 years, Lou and Sue Levine - 35 years, Max and Mary Velensky - 34 years.

Mazel Tov

Harry and Amelia Goldman on the birth of their granddaughter, Nessie Rachel, great granddaughter for Mrs P.M. Levine, also granddaughter for Jacob and Ninette Perez, Toronto. Proud parents are Barry and Debby Goldman, Toronto.

Here and There

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

Sam and Gertie Budovitch have returned from Montreal after visiting their children, Ruth Lynn, Myrna, Stephen and Phillip Harrison.

Debbie Steinberg and son, Michael have returned to Long Island, N.Y. after visiting her parents, Jack and Betty Levine, also Richard Levine returned to Toronto, after visiting his parents.

Natalie Chippin has returned to Toronto after visiting her parents, Bernard and Valerie Chippin.

Simone Rosenzweig has returned to Boston, Massachusetts to resume studies at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and brother, Shawn returned to Toronto after visiting their parents, Irwin and Betty Rosenzweig.

Iaan Brown has returned to Toronto to resume studies at York University after visiting his parents, Alfred and Leona Brown.

Carol and Simmy Airst have returned to Toronto after visiting her parents, Joe and Jennie Chippin.

Dena Graser has returned to Mon-

treau to resume studies at McGill University after visiting her parents, Weldon and Toby Graser.

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

Mrs Gertie Goldberg and Mrs Minnie Samis have returned to Montreal after visiting Mrs Goldberg's daughter, Carol Lifshitz, son-in-law Larry and family.

Marven and Lois Block and family have returned to Halifax after visiting Joe and Cheryl Abrams and family, also Irving and Shirley Mauer and family from Montreal.

Heidi Bernstein and son have returned to Fort Meyers, Florida, after visiting her sister Cheryl Abrams, brother-in-law Joe and family.

Cary and Sydelle Grobe have returned from West Orange, New Jersey, after visiting her parents, Sam and Edyth Nebb.

Bella Rose has returned from Moncton after visiting her father, Morris Gorber.

Ethel Shepherd has returned to Toronto after visiting Leona and Alfred Brown and family, Sylvia and Irving Meyers and Bob and Roz Brown and family.

Milton and Sandra Levine have returned from Washington, D.C. after visiting son, Mark Gurtenberg, daughter-in-law, Marla and grandson, Mathew Owen.

Richard Brown, son of Dr. Murray and Dorothy Brown, Saint John, has returned home after visiting his grandparents, Sam and Jennie Brown.

Welcome

Dr and Mrs Ezra Dunkelblum and family have taken up residence in our community. Dr. Dunkelblum, an Organic Chemist, is on sabbatical from Israel and is affiliated with the Research and Productivity Council of Fredericton.

Sara Jacobson, formerly of Minto, N.B. has taken up residence in our community.

Get Well Wishes

Speedy recovery to Lou Aranoff and Rhona Ruben.

Condolences

To Gertie and Sam Budovitch upon the demise of her father, Nathan Greenberg, Ottawa, survived by wife, Sara, son Irving, daughter-in-law, Evelyn, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

To Professor Alan Selby and sister Channah, upon the demise of their mother, Rae Selby. Survived by two sisters, Bessie Rose and Ruth Feldman, Woodstock, several nieces and nephews. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

To Ezra and Bella Rose upon the demise of his brother Leo Rose. Survived by his wife Sylvia Rose, Woodstock, sons, Dr. Malcolm Rose, Ottawa and Sheldon Rose, Halifax, Fred Rose, sister-in-law Rhoda, Milton Rose, Hartford, Conn. and Esther Marcus and brother-in-law, Sidney. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

Synagogue Events

The Yiddish Class which meets every Monday night with Rabbi David Spiro is considered beneficial to those that attend. More is being learned of our heritage and especially our vocabulary in Yiddish.

On December 5, our Community was treated to a social evening and the showing of Chaim Potok's "The Chosen" which was held in the Synagogue to an enthusiastic audience. In this show, the friendship between two young men struggling to find their place in life is lovingly explored. This movie was a program of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Zionist Federation - Atlantic Region.

The annual Chanukah party sponsored by the Sisterhood was held December 4. The children sang songs, played games, which was a delight to the parents and grandparents. Refreshments were served which included the traditional potato latkes. Thanks to Joan Levine, President of



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the Sisterhood, Carolyn Budovitch and Valerie Chippin.

Hadassah-Wizo

The October meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo was held at the home of Daisy Budovitch with the President Edye Besner presiding. Meeting opened with a prayer followed by reading of the minutes by Carolyn Budovitch Secretary Rhona Ruben gave a report on the pre-sale of Bazaar tickets. Etta Chernin, Sydney, N.S. was welcomed as a guest. Hostesses for the meeting were Amelia Goldman and Gladys Swetsky.

We are very grateful to Atlantic Jewish Council for providing our Channel 10 T.V. with the program "Candle to Candle", which enlightened us to the meaning of Chanukah and enjoyed by all.

An enjoyable lecture and discussion was held January 15 in the Sgoelai Israel presented by Dr Jacques Kornberg, who is Canadian spokesman for the Israeli Peace Movement. Topic of his lecture was "Why Peace Now". Dr. Kornberg who is a professional historian also gave a lecture to the U.N.B. History Club at Carleton Hall, University of New Brunswick. Topic of his lecture was "Theodore Herzl" the "Austrian Liberal", as Zionist.

Lillian Freiman Chapter Hadassah-Wizo

The December meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah-Wizo being the annual Crech meeting was held at the home of Linda Payne with the President Edye Besner presiding. Following the prayer, a financial report of the Bazaar was given by Jennie Chippin, Marilyn Kaufman, Regional Chairman for New Brunswick, who was our delegate to the Hadassah Convention in Toronto, gave an interesting and informative report. She was thanked by our President. Linda Payne organized the Crech appeal in support of our Atlantic Baby Crech, which is always a financial success. Hostesses for the evening were Sharon Pinsler and Roz Brown.

In honour of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo's 65th anniversary, Marilyn Kaufman, regional Chairman of New Brunswick and Edye Besner, Chapter president, presented a lithograph by Daphne Odjig to Premier Richard Hatfield. The Premier accepted with pleasure on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick. He briefly reminisced on his enjoyable trips to Israel.

Mazel tov to Marilyn Kaufman who was elected Regional Chairman of New Brunswick at the Convention in Toronto.

Holiday Tradition Continues
This year, as we have done in the

past years, members of our community worked at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital to allow our non-Jewish friends time off from hospital duties to spend Christmas day with their families. Husbands and wives teamed up in the emergency station, as well as covering the wards, admittance, information and gift shop. As a goodwill gesture, all treats passed around the hospital on carts and given to the patients were compliments of the Congregation of Sgoelai Israel Synagogue. The entire day's proceedings were ably directed by Rabbi David Spiro and Harry Lang.

Second Annual Teen Jamboree

On Friday, October 28, began the Second Annual Jewish Teen Jamboree which was held in Fredericton. Teenagers from all parts of the Maritimes, Toronto and Montreal participated. In all there were about 54 people attending.

The festivities began at the Shul for Friday night services and dinner. Following that, Shaliach, Guille Levinson introduced speaker, Dr Ahmos Rolider, who spoke on the main theme for the weekend "discrimination". After this, most of the people went over the friends' homes to rekindle camp friendships and to meet new friends.

Shabbat services and luncheon started the second day of the Jamboree. After this, the directors for the weekend, Neil Brown and Jocie Levine prepared a program on Discrimination. Cori Halpern, Evan Zelikovitz and Jeff Feldman assisted in the program. The program was a total success and everyone enjoyed learning about discrimination. Guille then had a short program and the meeting was dismissed for the afternoon, leaving it free for whatever one wanted to do. The evening started with hors d'oeuvres at the home of Rhona Ruben, then adjourned to the home of Joan Levine, for dinner, dessert and dancing. A great time to catch up on camp gossip. At eleven p.m., all were ready to go their separate ways and retire for the night.

On Sunday, everyone gathered for the last time. Brunch was served at the Shul. Lawrence Chippin spoke about discrimination in the Maritimes. Guille then finished the weekend with the game "What part of Israel is it?" Slides were shown about Israel. All went to the station to say good-bye to their friends. It was a sad scene.

A great weekend was shared by all and it was definitely a great learning experience, but it would not have taken place if it wasn't for the enormous work of many people. Deep appreciation to Guille, the Atlantic Jewish Council and Young Judea for their work and perseverance that helped Fredericton to make such a success of

this weekend; and to the ladies of Fredericton who helped make the meals, serve, make desserts and for opening their homes for the billets. To Dr. Rolider for coming this way to be with us and his eloquent speech. To Lawrence Chippin for his presence and speaking to us. To Cori, Evan and Jeff for all your help.

And last, to Neil Brown for all the nights working on programs and for working with me to make this a success. We did it.

Best wishes to all for a Healthy and Happy 1984.

Jocie Levine.

Co-Rosh Ken of Fredericton.

Chanukah

by Kevin Besner, Age 10

Chanukah is a time for joy

A time to remember the Jews so brave

A time to light the eight candles one by one

To remember the eight days the oil lasted

A time to give presents to each other

And thanks to the Lord for all He's done.

ST. JOHNS HAPPENINGS

by Linda Berman

On Saturday, January 21, 1984, the St. John's community witnessed the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Dov Smilestein, youngest son of Marge and Ruby Smilestein. Dov not only read the Haftorah, but read the Maftir, lained some of the weekly portion from the Torah and lead the congregation in the Musaf Service. He also gave a most touching and amusing speech thanking his parents, Rabbi Berman and his friends and family who had helped him and had come to share in his Simcha.

Besides the members of the congregation, on hand for the occasion were Dov's brother, Frank, who led the congregation in the Shachrit Service, and his sister, Gila, who came in especially from Israel, where she attends Shaare Tzedek Nursing School. Also present were Dov's grandmothers, Jenny Smilestein and Mrs. Dakin; great-aunt Celia Jacobs, aunt and uncle Dorothy and Philip Riteman; aunt and uncle Rosalyn and Ben Friedman; aunt Brenda Stone; uncle Harry Bartin; cousins Larry and Robert Riteman also came for the event as well as special friends, Genevieve and Shelly Lipkus, Rosalie and Morty Floman, Marty Yaeger and Ronald Elkin.

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In addition to the actual Bar Mitzvah service on Saturday morning, the entire weekend was most enjoyable. Friday evening a superb supper was prepared for the immediate family and out of town guests by **Judy Wilansky** and **Dorothy Riteman**, at the Wilansky home. On Saturday afternoon, a delicious luncheon was given at the synagogue for all members, friends and family, and on Saturday night a lovely cocktail party was held at the home of **Marge** and **Ruby Smilestein**. On Sunday afternoon, **Helen Nathanson** and **Doris Tock** hosted a brunch at the Nathanson home for the out of town guests and family members. It capped a beautiful weekend of happiness for the history records of the St. John's community.

Here & There

Welcome back to St. John's to **Kayla Glynn**, who has spent a year in Israel.

We wish a pleasant trip to **Ruth** and **Moish Kantorowitz** and **Tova** and **Philip Auerbach** who are spending some time in Israel and to **Grunia** and **Lewis Ferman**, who are spending some time in Florida.

It was nice to see **Rhonda Wilansky** who was home for a brief visit.

Speedy Recoveries to:

We wish complete and speedy recoveries To **Mrs. Leah Joseph**, **Miriam Noel** and to **Betty Barban**.

Mazel Tov:

To **David Skoll**, who has won a scholarship from his school for outstanding grades in math and science.

Prince Edward Island News

Adult Hebrew classes are continuing to meet on a weekly basis. These classes are at the beginner's level and everyone is invited to join.

The Adult Study Group meets every second Sunday and **Max Dimont's Jews, God & History** is being used for background reading. Discussion sessions are lively and the examination of the origins of Judaism in the period of the Tanak is presently being studied.

Editor's note: The following "short history" was recounted by **Mr Maurice Block** at the request of interested Prince Edward Island community members. We thank **Joe Naylor** for bringing it to our attention.

History of the P.E.I. Jewish Community

The history of the Block family on Prince Edward Island began around 1900 with the arrival from Riga, Latvia, via New York, of three brothers: **Louis**, **Israel** and **Abie Block**. They soon married **Louis** with **Jennie**, **Abie** with **Ethel** - **Jennie** and **Ethel** were sisters from New York and **Israel** with **Fanny**, who was from Boston. **Israel** and **Fanny** had two daughters and one son; **Abie** and **Ethel** had four daughters and one son, **Maurice Block**, born in 1909.

The Blocks were entrepreneurs who

conducted business under difficult, pioneer circumstances. **Louis** owned the wharf at the foot of Pownal Street, where the Provincial Court House and Hidden Harbour Restaurant now stand. **Israel** occupied a warehouse at the site of what is now the Convention Centre. Only **Abie**, however, remained on the Island. He became well established in the purchasing of cattle and horse hides, fleece wool, and secondary steel and metals throughout the province. He assembled carloads of these materials and marketed them through brokers, dealers and end-users in Ontario and Quebec. **Abie Block** retired in 1942, and **Maurice**, who had worked with his father for eighteen years, took over the business.

About a dozen other Jewish families were temporarily on the Island, operating businesses for various, briefer periods during this time. (There were several travelling purchasers of furs.) **Dr. Leo Frank** who had a fox farm in Southport for a number of years; **Joe Jochelman**, who lived in Kensington, bought and sold livestock; **Sam Levine** lived in O'Learn; **Max Cope** lived in Albany; **Mr Jacobson** was dealer in scrap material; **Phil Carter**, **Max Dalphen** and **Mr Kaufman** ran clothing stores. The number of Jews temporarily increased on the Island during 1939-45 when the Air Training Station was active. About this time, **Dr. Israel Rachmel** and **Dr. Edward Kassner** came to the Island. Most of the families of the present community arrived in the 60's and 70's.



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Israel's pioneering contribution to technological innovations transforming the concept of the Automated Operating Room into reality, was brought to the attention of the international Scientific Community in a special edition of *Scientific American*, published in January 1981.

The *Scientific American* underscored the pioneering role of Laser Industries Limited of Tel Aviv in the development of laser technologies for a wide range of surgical applications; noted that Elscint, a Halifax based company, had made significant advances in the field of medical imaging, capturing 12% of the world market in computerized axial tomography scanners; emphasized the growing role of nuclear medicine as applied to novel diagnostic processes; described the work of Israeli researchers and scientists in developing the world's first digital gamma camera which combines gamma ray detecting equipment and an image processing computer, and discussed the ability of Israeli corporations manufacturing state of the art medical systems to compete successfully with such multinational conglomerates as General Electric, Siemens, Phillips, Toshiba and Hitachi.

Today, Elscint's new "Apex Line" comprised of a family of fully integrated medical processing imagers and Laser Industries Limited's new Sharplan surgical lasers are being routinely used in the United States, Great Britain, West Germany, Japan and many other countries around the

world. Indeed, responding to the growing demand by clinics and individual surgeons, Laser Industries Limited is about to market a smaller unit to be used by doctors in private practice.

Laser Industries' phenomenal growth in the course of the last few years is underscored by its ability to attain a position of worldwide leadership to the R & D, production and sales of carbon dioxide surgical lasers. Elscint, Laser Industries Limited and many other high technology companies in Israel are engaged in a successful export drive making a significant impact on the country's economic development.

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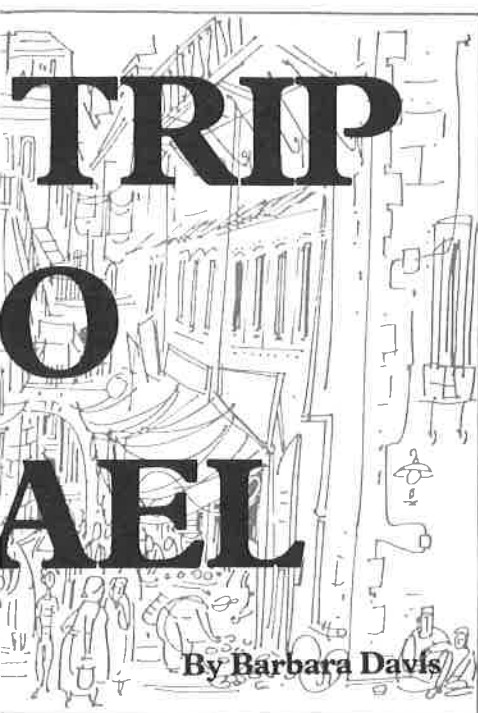
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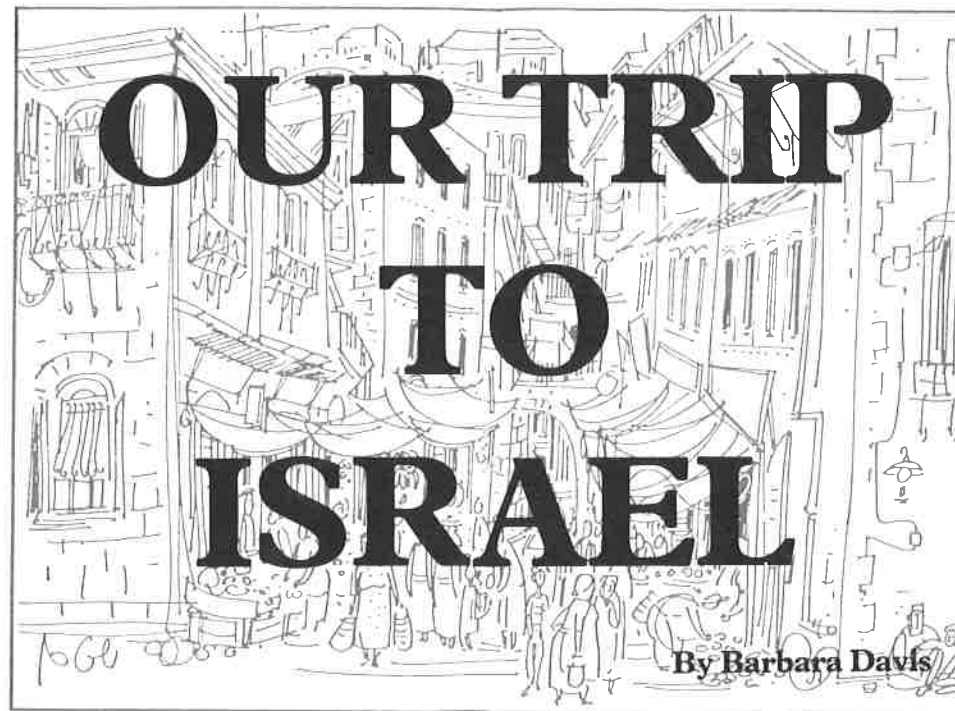
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We drove over the Golan Heights to Metulla, passing a beautiful Druse settlement set into the mountainside. The Golan Heights appeared as a mountainous desolate area, similar in appearance to a burnt-over till in Northern Canada. Incredibly, we found on the Golan Heights relatively new thriving settlements, kibbutzim and moshavim, with flourishing banana, orange or apple groves. It seemed as if man had willed them, so there they were.

We visited the Good Fence on the Lebanese border. We were told that some of the women in this part of Lebanon come into Israel to have their babies as the medical facilities are better on the Israeli side. Of course, they walk across the border as vehicles do not travel into Israel from Lebanon for security reasons. Yet, a man with his tractor and a line of little cars filled with beautiful green apples came across the border while we were there.

I noticed that Yuval, our guide, who is a paratrooper and in the army at least two months each year, was constantly alert. He gave the impression that he could handle almost any situation. Yuval spent 8-12 hours every day, except the Shabbat, with us. He was an arrogant, self-assured, married young man with 3¾ children. Yuval was raised on a kibbutz, but is now living on a moshav. His parents were refugees from Europe. He made the decisions for our group and quickly became the recognized leader. That was a feat in itself as we were all pretty strong-willed individuals. I should hate to have a whole army of Yuvals as my enemy.

Our guide's English was excellent. He appeared tolerant and impartial. He knew so much about his country's history and the major world religions that I felt ashamed of my ignorance. Nothing seemed to be chore for him. While on tour, his life seemed to be his work. He was good at his job. Everywhere we went he met men he knew. He had friends everywhere. The shopkeepers all knew him or maybe we only met shopkeepers he knew. He ap-

peared objective about everything except Israel, his homeland. At times, because of his commitment, I felt brainwashed. He certainly was convinced, and I believe convinced us, that Israel has to defend its borders (those that they have now) because there is no other choice. The common goal of the military, which appears to be the whole Hebrew nation under the age of 40, is to do that at any cost.

We saw so much in such a short time, that experiences and sights tend to blur and blend together. Israel is such a small country, not as big as Newfoundland and Labrador, with eight times the population and miles of wasteland, so that settlements appear to be overpopulated. The whole country appeared white, grey and beige, except for the gold shadings of Jerusalem's walls, the pink hue of Bethlehem at dusk, and the green of the Jordan River banks and small desert oasis. Wherever man has irrigated, the white grey-beige becomes startling green with banana groves, apple orchards, orange, olive and date groves, tomato plants and any vegetable you could mention, flourishing. It was so startling at times, like blood on a white rug.

We came from a rocky island but were flabbergasted by the amount of rocks we saw in Israel. The grass appeared dry and sparse. There were rolling sand dunes and you couldn't tell where sand ended and rock began.

The abandoned Arab refugee camps appeared to have been horrible places to live, but they were substantial buildings. Some had been reinhabited by Bedouins who had moved in from the desert to work in nearby settlements.

The food appeared bland in the hotels where we stayed. It was tastier in kibbutz restaurants. The fresh fruits and vegetables were excellent.

I realize that in ten days you really cannot get to know a family, so that my impressions of Israel are more than likely only surface impressions. I am more a people person than a place person. This was how I found the people.

I admired their ingenuity and determination in providing themselves with food and jobs. Even the fish were ingenious. At one fish farm in the desert, we saw fish swimming to a wire and hitting the wire which released food from a fish-food silo. I saw very little waste. History shows the people's ingenuity and determination. Imagine building a swimming pool on the top of a mountain in the middle of a desert. Then again the determination needed to fill that pool with water! The only ac-

cess to that mountain was one winding steep, rocky foot path. With the example of Masada before you as a young person, how could you possibly concede that all things are not possible? It is little wonder that young people in the military have to climb to the top of this mountain for a night. The lesson to be learned there has got to change one's whole view on life.

I felt uneasy around the religious men dressed in black. I felt they were censoring me. I found the men aggressive and aloof. The women appeared to be taking a supportive role, working very hard but not being considered very significant. It was contagious.

The overall impression I had of the Hebrew people was one of independence and self-reliance. When we arrived in Israel we could get 64 shekels for an American dollar; eleven days later we could get 82. That's inflation! We heard of people finding ways to adapt by buying goods instead of saving money. I did not hear anyone say we must cut down on military spending, however. Israel spends as big a percentage on the military as Canada does on health.

There was an air of justifiable pride in the people's own accomplishments. I also sensed an attitude of, "Look what we are doing! No thanks to you! We are the people under fire. Until you live as we live, strive as we strive, butt out! This is our Nation. You can join us on our terms or you can mind your own business, leave us alone and allow us to get on with our lives and our Nation."

One of our group told me that someone had remarked that her trip to Israel had changed her. I think maybe it has changed us all a little. I came back feeling very humble and very glad I live in Canada.

While in Israel I saw no real signs of hunger, but I saw very few obese people. We do not live with wars in our backyards or live in possible battlefields to get cheaper housing. Iron bars do not cover our home windows. We are surrounded by friendly neighbors. We have plenty of clean drinking water. Our land is rich in natural resources.

Our trip forced me to count our blessings and to wonder, "Are Canadians lacking a common goal?" Does a nation need something to fight against before its people can work together to prosper?

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BONN (JTA) - Half of all West Germans still harbor anti-Semitic feelings of varying intensity, according to a study by Cologne University based on a sampling of 2,000 adults. The study showed that only 24 percent of the population fully rejects anti-Semitism.

The implication of the study is that very few Germans have changed their minds about Jews despite the widespread publicity given the massacre of Jews during the Nazi era, including the American-made Holocaust television here several years

ago.

The Cologne inquiry found that persons of low income and little education are more anti-Semitic than academics and office holders. Anti-Semitic feelings are more intense among older Germans, those who lived during the Nazi era. Anti-Semitic sentiments were found in up to 88 percent of people living in small towns and villages, compared to 48 percent in large urban areas. There are, at present, about 30,000 Jews in the Federal Republic.



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The Joys of Homemaking

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THE NOT SO HUMBLE BEET

If you raised a Jewish garden last summer, you must have plenty of beets on hand. Even if you didn't plant a garden, chances are that beet dishes are an important part of your cuisine, for beets are to Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe what potatoes are to the Scots. But whereas the Scots usually like their potatoes in one form -- boiled, dry and mealy -- we serve up beets in every conceivable form: sweet, pickled, in soup, flavoring horseradish, even made into a candy. This resourcefulness stems from necessity, from the days when beets provided cheap nourishment for the poor, whether in the shtetls of Russia or in the small towns of the Maritimes, for they, like potatoes, carrots and cabbage, can usually be relied on to grow in cold soils, under the harshest conditions.

One of the most ingenious forms of beets in the Jewish cuisine is in the dish called **rosl** or **beets sour**. The liquid from this fermenting process is used to flavor borscht, horseradish and a number of other dishes. It was most popular in the days before borscht was readily available on the market and when beets were in short supply. The tradition of making rosl has all but died out but can still be found wherever new groups of Russian immigrants settle. In the May, 1983 issue of *Natural History* magazine, Raymond Sokolov devoted a column to the special dishes of Russian Jews living in an enclave of New York nicknamed "Little Odessa".



ETTA'S BORSCHT

One of the featured dishes was **rosl**, the juice of which was used to flavor patties made from beets (what else?) and matzoh meal for Passover. It should be kept in mind that for the most part, this group of immigrants from Ashkenazic, Caucasian and Bukharan backgrounds did not come from Yiddish-speaking shells nor from religious backgrounds. The most tangible survival of their Jewishness can, therefore, be found in their food, especially in dishes such as **rosl**.

Rebecca (Mrs. Sam) Jacobson of Halifax and her sister Etta David of Sydney, both have vivid memories of the time when their mother made **rosl** for the Passover borscht. Usually it was started on Purim, to be ready for Passover. The process, which both Rebecca and Etta have described for me, matches perfectly the one given by Mr. Sokolov in his food column.

RoSl or Beets Sour

1. Peel and cut-up (not small) desired amount of beets*.

2. Place in a glass jar and cover with cold water (Etta used to use cool, boiled water when she made rosl). Cover glass top with cloth.

3. Place in a warm place for 10 days to 3 weeks or until a scum appears on top. The liquid will turn dark and a little cloudy.

4. Skim off the scum, return cloth cover, and remove jar to cooler place.

Some time between the 10 days and the 3 weeks, the **rosl** liquid will be ready to use. You'll have to taste it to decide if it is fermented enough. For those who know **rosl**, its particular flavor is unique and adds an extra dimension to all dishes in which it is used. *Etta suggests 3 lbs. of beets.



"For borscht I cooked a few fresh beets and used half the amount of water and beet rosl. I grated some of the cooked beets and added salt to taste and a little sugar. My mother's recipe was to beat two or three eggs well and add carefully to the hot borscht, being very careful not to let it curdle. This was always served cold with chopped hard boiled eggs especially for the Seder. As a child I always looked forward to this dish and added broken matzo."

Etta cautions that the beets used for **rosl** should be old (wintered over beets have more sugar than fresh ones) and firm and free from any rot. If you want to use **rosl** to flavor horseradish for Passover, Etta says it imparts a delicious flavor. She adds **rosl**, a dash of salt, lemon juice and sugar to make hers.

Another unique beet dish, also traditional at Passover, is **Beet Eigenmachts** or **Beet Preserves**. Although he couldn't remember the recipe, my uncle Arbie was transported back in time just remembering them. Strips of beets cooked in a syrup, glazed and covered with nuts was all the detail that he could give me, but Joan Nathan's wonderful book, *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, supplied all the necessary details to make them like Grandma's.

Beet Eingenmachts

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup water

2 cups sugar

2 pounds beets

2 medium lemons

1 tablespoon ground ginger

1 cup sliced, blanched almonds

1. Pour water over sugar. Mix well in large enamel saucepan. Bring to a boil slowly and let simmer, uncovered, while you prepare beets.

2. Peel and cut beets in thin strips. Do same with unpeeled lemon.

3. Add beet and lemon strips to sugar mixture. Cover and let simmer slowly about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, stirring occasionally.

4. Uncover and add ginger. Simmer another half-hour or until tested with a spoon to see if it is thick enough. Turn off heat and let cool overnight.

5. Next day, toast almonds and fold into cold preserves. Pour into jars and seal if desired.

Makes about 2 pints. Good with tea.

There are many other ways, of course, to serve beets, but you will find many recipes in almost any cookbook. **RoSl** and beet **eingenmachts** are special. They are precious gems to be passed on from generation to generation. They are a part of our Jewish heritage.

If you are interested in authentic recipes from the Old World, you might want to look into a new booklet called *Food Traditions of Jews from the Soviet Union*. Raymond Sokolov describes it as "not just a cookbook, but an informal essay in ethnography, as well as an investigation into the results of Soviet hegemony on the material culture of Jews in three quite different geographical settings." It is available from: Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, 130 East 59th St., New York, N.Y., 10022, U.S.A., \$4.95 post-paid.

THE RABBI ANSWERS . . .

"The Rabbi Answers" column is to be a regular feature in upcoming issues of Shalom Magazine. The Rabbis of all Congregations in the Atlantic Region have consented to respond to questions that are submitted; each issue will feature responses from alternate guests columnists. Questions may range from politics to ethics to history to fine points of Jewish law. We welcome your submissions.

Question: "Isn't a Tallit supposed to have blue threads in its corners? I've noticed that many are made with black and white threads. What is the difference and what is the significance?"

Answer: Tallit prayer shawl. Originally the word meant "gown". This was a rectangular mantle that looked like a blanket, and was worn by men in ancient times. At the four corners of the Tallit, tassels were attached in fulfillment of the biblical commandment of Zitzit (Numbers 15, 38, 41). The Tallit was usually made either of wool or linen, and probably resembled the ablayeh (blanket) still worn by Bedouins for protection against the weather. The Tallit, made of finer quality, was similar to the Roman pallium and was worn mostly by the wealthy and by distinguished rabbis and scholars. The length of the mantle was supposed to be a handbreadth shorter than that of the garment under it. After the exile of the Jews from Eretz Yisroel and their dispersion, they came to adopt the fashions of their gentile neighbors more readily. The Tallit was discarded as a daily habit, and it became a religious garment for prayer; hence, its later meaning of prayer shawl.

The Tallit is usually white and made either of wool, cotton or silk, although Maimonides and Alfasi objected to the use of the latter. Strictly observant Jews prefer Taillitot made of coarse, half-bleached lamb's wool. In remembrance of the blue thread of Zizit, most Tallitot have several blue stripes woven into the white material. Until recently, however, they only had black stripes. Frequently, the upper part of the Tallit around the neck and on the shoulders, has a special piece of cloth sewn with silver threads (called attarah, diadem), to mark the upper corner (the collar) and the outer parts of the four-cornered prayer shawl. Some Tallitot have the benediction recited when putting on the Tallit, woven with the Attarah. Others, especially those

made of silk, are often richly embroidered and some have the benediction woven into the entire cloth of the Tallit. The minimum size of the Tallit is that which would suffice to clothe a small child able to walk.

The Tallit is worn by males during the morning prayers, (except on the 9th of Av, when it is worn at the afternoon service), as well as during the Day of Atonement services. The Hazan, however, according to some rites, wears the Tallit also during the afternoon and evening services (as does the reader from the Torah during the Mincha prayer on "fast" days.) Before putting on the prayer shawl, the following benediction is said: "Blessed Art Thou, O Lord, Our G-d, King of the Universe, Who hast Sanctified Us by Thy Commandments, and hast Commanded us to Wrap Ourselves in the Fringed Garment." When the Tallit is put on, the head is first covered with it and the four corners thrown over the left shoulder, (a movement called Atifat Yishmeelim - "after the manner of the Arabs"). After a short pause, the four corners are allowed to fall back into their original position: two are suspended on each side. On week days, the Tallit is donned before putting on the Tefillin. Among strictly observant Jews, it was the custom to put on Tallit and Tefillin at home and to walk in them to the synagogue. They also pray with the Tallit covering their head; to be enfolded by the Tallit is regarded as being enveloped by the holiness of the Commandments of the Torah, denoting a symbolic subjection to the Divine will. Generally, however, people pray with the Tallit resting on their shoulders only. The Kohanim cover their heads with the Tallit during their recital of the Priestly Blessing. It is customary in the morning service to press the fringes to the eyes and to kiss them three times during the recital of the last section of the Shema, which deals with the commandment of Zizit.

The custom of wearing the Tallit differs in many communities. In the Ashkenazi ritual, small children under Bar Mitzvah age, dress in Tallitot made according to their size; in the Polish-Shephardi ritual, only married men wear them.

In most oriental rites, unmarried men wear Tallitot. A thread of tekhelet had to be included in the fringes, (numbers 15-38). The color of tekhelet was between green and blue, and was thus described: "Tekhelet resembles the sea, the sea resembles grass, and

grass resembles the heavens." There is no way of testing the tekhelet of Zitzit, and it should be bought from an expert. Some rabbis permitted Zitzit made without a thread of tekhelet. Nowadays, we only possess white Zitzit - the tekhelet having been concealed. The rabbis regarded the Zitzit as a reminder to the Jew to observe the religious duties, giving it a function similar to that of the Mezouzah on the doorposts, and to the Tefillin, on the head and arm. The biblical commandment prescribing the entwining of a blue cord in the fringes is regarded as essential because blue, the color of the sky, was also supposed to be the color of the "throne of glory". Difficulties in obtaining the dyeing material for this purpose caused the Rabbinical authorities to waive this requirement in the second century. The Zitzit are then fastened with a double knot. The long thread (called Shammash) is wound around the other threads, 7, 8, 11, 13 times, and the four joints are separated from one another by a double knot. The Zitzit thus consists of 5 double knots and 8 threads - a total of 13. This number, together with the Hebrew numerical value of Zitzit (600) amount to 613m the number of the biblical commandments of which are to remind the wearer. The minimum length of the Zitzit threads should be 4 thumb lengths. If one of the Zitzit threads is torn, it is customary to replace the whole fringe. Women are exempt from the duty of Zitzit, as the fulfillment of this commandment relates to a specific time and women are exempt from such an obligation. Zitzit can be worn only during the day, based on the Bible verse, "Ye may look upon it", which excludes the night.

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In submitting questions to this column, they must be typewritten and addressed to the Atlantic Jewish Council; 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2L2.

Jewish National Fund "Blue Boxes"

May we remind you to return your Blue Boxes to the Jewish National Fund office, located in the offices of The Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park Street, Suite 304, Halifax, N.S. Pick up a new box for yourself and an extra one or two to be placed elsewhere.

A short short story — The Bent Twig

By Helen David

When I was a very little Manhattan child, every Sabbath there appeared on our festive table, an exquisite fish. It was always the same size and shape, and lay nestled in a bed of parsley, a picture of absolute perfection. Its scales quivered and gleamed with silvery aspic, and each carrot-slice eye had a black Spanish caper pupil.

I never questioned the origin of this beautiful and delicious fish until, at the age of six, I was permitted to become more worldly, and to share a Sabbath meal at the home of my best friend, Ruthie.

I was extremely shocked, but politely made no comment, when a large platter was offered to me, containing what I perceived to be a mass of cold matza balls. All my programming stated that matza balls were supposed to be hot; moreover they must rest in hot dilled, chicken soup. These matza balls were surrealistic, it seemed to me.

"Have some gefulte fish, darling," urged Mrs Horowitz. She was, although an adult, my best friend's mother. Could it be that this was an avant garde form of gefulte fish? I ascertained the fact for myself, overtly using the sense of taste, and, more covertly, a couple of other senses.

Of course, the next day, I asked my mother for an explanation as to the origin of gefulte fish. I already knew



that trout came from the Adirondacks, and so did land-locked salmon, because that's where Daddy went to catch them, and he always brought some back for us.

My mother started to say, "Well, you chop this, and you chop that," but she stopped short when she saw my perplexed expression. "Alright, sweetness, the truth then," she said. "Every Thursday night, the gefulte fish swim in great shoals into the Hudson River from the Atlantic Ocean. The Jews from the Spanish and Portugese stand on one side of the River, praying loudly and waving large fishing nets. Daddy and the others from Rodeph Sholom stand on the other side, with fishing rods baited with brisket. More gallant, yes? It's true that the Spanish and Portugese people do catch a lot more fish, but you've seen that Daddy

always has a lovely one for us."

This made sense to me, and I believed it. Eventually, I repeated it to Ruthie, whose family attended services at the Spanish and Portugese. Ruthie and Mrs Horowitz both swore on a prayer book that you really do chop this and chop that, as Mrs Horowitz demonstrated the very next Friday morning.

And yet, now a Halifax bubbe, sometimes I wonder.

Do the gefulte fish ever swim silvery into Bedford Basin?

Youth Activities — Atlantic Region

by Guillermo Levinton

I am very pleased to find that our students have reached a mature attitude towards the need and importance of a Jewish youth group in our Region.

We meet periodically at different homes and have, in a very relaxing atmosphere, good programs composed of a mixture of serious and fun content and a positive social environment.

Thank you, parents, for allowing us the use of your homes and for the support and the encouragement you give.

Some young leaders make an effort and "make time" to provide a rich program to our younger age groups.

The programs provided to our youth (6-12) range in content, always keeping a balanced combination of educational and recreational activity.

Although there have been ups and downs, we feel these weekly activities for Jewish children have provided a very positive feeling. Still, we feel that parents with children of that particular age group should encourage their sons and daughters to attend our programs, regardless whether it is swimming or games.

One should realize that while providing programs and activities, Young Judaea meetings provide a unique opportunity for the youth to meet their friends from camp as well as the opportunity to meet and make new friendships.

Numbers will allow us to divide the "chanichim" into sections and provide something exciting to each "chanich".

Young Judaea is constantly growing and we are undoubtedly a lot further ahead today that we were a year ago, however, we still need your support.

A warm Chazak Ve'matz to all our members.

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A message from Gar Meltzer, Junior Commander, J.W.V. of Canada, Commander J.W.V., Maritimes and Newfoundland.

The Atlantic Jewish War Veterans observed Remembrance Day with special services and parades for the seventh consecutive year. The following posts, Edmundston, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John and Woodstock in New Brunswick; Halifax, Sydney and Yarmouth in Nova Scotia; and St. John's, in Newfoundland, joined in the parades and Jewish War Veteran members laid wreaths at the Cenotaphs. I acknowledge and thank the following gentlemen who organized the participation of their respective posts for this occasion, and also the Rabbis who conducted special Remembrance Day services: Joe Vender; Fred Rose; Jack Levine; I.J. Davis; Mendle Greenblatt; Lester Pink; Herman Shapiro; Dr. Gerson Lecker and Nardy Nathanson.

Services and a Kiddush were held November 12, 1983, by Jewish War Veterans in synagogues throughout the Maritimes and Newfoundland.

Good turnouts of seniors were appreciated, although we would have loved to have seen more youngsters, who still do not realize that proportionately more Jewish men and women serv-

Atlantic Jewish War Veterans Observe Remembrance Day

ed in the services than any other minority.

To our Jewish War Veterans: WE NEED YOU; YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU; WE ARE IR-REPLACEABLE; WE STAND FOR HONOUR, JUSTICE, LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND PEACE. This is what we fought for. Do not be bashful; wear a blazer with the distinctive J.W.V. crest; wear your wedge cap with a J.W.V. crest on it. Wear them with pride. This is not the time for modesty. Stand up and be counted. Publicise at all times that you served. Keep our children aware of the fact they too can be proud of our veterans, not only on November 11th, but every day.

During the Remembrance Day services held in churches, we see the Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Sunday school children proudly parade ... why not ours? We cannot afford this apathy!

I am pleased with the rapport we

have with the churches and the various legions and armed services.

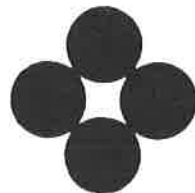
In Saint John, New Brunswick, six wreaths were laid at three cenotaphs as well as at the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish cemeteries where ecumenical services were conducted. Mr. David Lubin, acting chaplain at Shaarei Zedeck Cemetery, led prayers, which were followed by the laying of wreaths. The service ended with the bugle blowing the Last Post and Reveille. Many organizations attended and all faiths were represented.

On Saturday, November 12, Remembrance Day observances were well attended with a special Jewish Shabbat service followed by a Kiddush in the synagogue vestry.

Correction

It has been brought to our attention that an incorrect name was printed in the November/December issue of Shalom. It should have read Lawrence Ferguson laid the wreath in memory of Canadian Jewish War Veterans during the ceremonies in Halifax.

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Exciting programs specially designed for high school students, college age students and undergraduate or graduate students are being offered by several organizations in North America and Canada.

The Youth and Hechalutz Department in conjunction with the Canadian Zionist Federation - Israel Program Center, the Kibbutz Aliyah desk and several other youth movements, offer through their short term and long term programs to young men and women, an opportunity to explore their own lives and contemporary views from the central perspective of Jewish tradition.

More than three dozen programs in Israel provide students with a comprehensive overview of Israel, and through intensive touring, students derive an indepth perspective of a young, vibrant and developing nation.

Students will observe many aspects of Israel life which will lead to a better understanding of the endurance of the Jewish people through the ages.

These programs are unique in the depth of experience they provide.

Participants in the past years have truly come to know modern Israel and its people, and they have come away with stronger feelings about themselves as Jews.

Kayla Glynn, a graduate of the one year WUJS program from Newfoundland, described in an interview her experience in Israel as "one that could dramatically alter the course of her life."

Over 20 young people from our region have gone to Israel through the different programs.

Biluim Israel, the Young Judean Leadership seminar in Israel, remains the most widely accepted choice by our youth.

Dvora David and Jan Nathanson, who were both at Biluim Israel in 1983, agree that "students who have attended an Israel summer program come back home with fond memories for the land and the people, and are very appreciative of the chance to travel and study so extensively in Israel."

In addition to extensive touring of Jerusalem, Galilee, the Negev, Tel Aviv, etc., participants are offered the Kibbutz experience, interesting seminars, or the unique opportunity to join an archeological dig in progress, special film making workshops, and/or tennis workshops.

Some programs are intended to allow its participants to work in particular fields and gain working experience.

Summer internships are offered by the North American Aliyah Movement to undergraduates and graduate students who are seriously considering aliyah. This program gives the students a chance to work in Israel during the summer and gain valuable experience and knowledge.

The short summer Ulpan on a kibbutz is increasing in popularity for those who were in Israel before. The program includes eight weeks on a kibbutz where Hebrew language study and lectures are combined daily with regular work. The program also features tours and seminars.

When asked about his experience, Evan Zelikovitz, who went to Biluim Israel in 1983, says: "Whether with Biluim Israel or any other tour available, I would recommend to anyone to take a summer or even for a longer period and go to Israel." He adds, "It is very important to learn about your past, about your culture, about what essentially is our country."

Evan describes that "through these programs, students enjoy the rewards of sharing the experience of their Israeli peers, meet new people, appreciate their lives." When asked what is so special about these programs, Evan's reply is clear, "You come to know the people as no ordinary tourist can."

The programs are offered to young people with a variety of Jewish lifestyles or maybe, no style at all!

For more detailed information on the mentioned above or any other Israel programs offered by the Israel Program Center, please contact:

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League Commemorates 39th Anniversary of Wallenberg Arrest

To commemorate the anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's arrest by the Soviets on January 17, 1945, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has published a new brochure telling the story of Raoul Wallenberg, lost hero of the Holocaust. The brochure also lists actions that can be taken on his behalf.

A Protestant Swede from a rich and powerful family, Wallenberg rescued more than 100,000 people from Nazi extermination between July 1944 and January 1945. Wallenberg has not been seen as a free man since his arrest in 1945. In spite of Soviet claims that he died in 1947, overwhelming evidence indicates that he is "buried alive", a prisoner in the Soviet Union for the past 39 years.

"It is essential that we continue to press the Soviet authorities for the release of this righteous gentile who saved thousands from extermination," stated David Matas, national chairman of the League for Human Rights. "Wallenberg is one of the greatest heroes of the twentieth century and should never be forgotten. The League

for Human Rights will continue to educate the Canadian public about his remarkable deeds."

"In view of the exceptional value of his services to all mankind, the League calls upon the Government of Canada to appeal to the Soviet Union to release this remarkable man."

The brochure was prepared as part of the League's educational programme on Raoul Wallenberg. Other projects include screenings of "Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive", a new film by Canadian director David Harel. Screenings will be held in Montreal, February 22nd; London, April 10th, and have already taken place in Ottawa, Toronto and Calgary.

Concerned individuals should write or send a telegram to the State Committee of Defence, 2 Dzerzhinski Place, Moscow, 10001.000 U.S.S.R. indicating that he has not been forgotten and asking that he be freed.

To obtain copies of the brochure contact the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, 15 Hove Street, Downsview, Ont., M3H 4Y8, or telephone (416) 633-6224.



The officers of Canadian Jewish Congress have named four people to participate at the international meetings of the Memorial Foundation of Jewish Culture and the Material Claims Against Germany Organization.

Milton Harris, President of Canadian Jewish Congress, will be the official delegate to these meetings which are held every two years. Other representatives from Congress are Alan Rose, Executive Vice-President, Dorothy Reitman, Chairman of the National Executive Committee, and Edward Waitzer, Honourary Legal Counsel.

"It is crucial," says Harris, "that the important work done at these biennial conferences be maintained. They not only provide important economic assistance to those who are still suffering today because of the Holocaust, but they are also a link that establishes Jewish culture for the future."

The conferences are important to the restitution process. At these biennial meetings, conference members receive reports from the German Federal Republic concerning

Congress sends delegates to International Claims Conference

payments. The Material Claims Against Germany Organization also pursues ongoing cases and helps establish new cases that arise outside the letter of the restitution payment plans. One example of these new hardship cases that has recently evolved is that of Jews who are now dying of cancer because of "medical experiments" that were forced on them during the war. Cases such as these often receive restitution because they fall within the spirit of the agreement and apply to the purpose for which the payments were intended.

"There is another dimension which is just as important," says Harris, "and that is to ensure that the money received because of claims against Germany is used to rebuild community structures and to nurture the growth

of Jewish values in the countries where they were most destroyed. These include many communities in Europe and, of course, Israel."

The Material Claims Conference was set up in 1952 to represent world Jewry in seeking restitution payments from the German Federal Republic. Canadian Jewish Congress, which represents Canadian Jewry at these meetings, is one of the founding members of the Organization, which seeks restitution, and the Foundation, which was set up to ensure that life could be renewed in communities destroyed during the Holocaust.

The meetings of the Memorial Foundation of Jewish Culture and the Material Claims Against Germany Organization will be held in Israel in July, 1984.

League to Observe Trials of Canadians Accused of Hate Propagation

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada will send observers to the court trials of John Ross Taylor, charged under the Canadian Human Rights Code, and Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra, who were charged under the Criminal Code for propagating hatred.

The decision to send observers to the trials is a result of a new strategy established by the League at a recent ad hoc meeting of the National Cabinet to deal with issues before the courts which pertain to the interests of the

League. Legal committees will also be established in the various regions of the country to gather lawyers interested in volunteering their time to deal with hate propaganda cases and other cases which fall under the League's mandate. When such action will be deemed appropriate, the committees will hold watching briefs at the trial level and will seek intervenant status at the appeal level.

"With the introduction of the Charter of Rights and a renewed interest in hate propaganda laws on

Canada, we believe that many of the issues which are of concern to the League will be brought before the courts," stated David Matas, national chairman of the League. "We believe that in order to advocate our position in an effective way, we must participate in these cases when they are before the courts."

Individuals interested in serving on such committees are welcome to contact the national office of the League at (416) 633-6224.



Young Judean Conference 1961, Halifax, N.S.

Jewish Emigration Hits a 20-year Low

The number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union fell to a 20-year low in 1983, according to figures released recently.

By the end of 1983, only 1,307 Jews have emigrated from the Soviet Union, the lowest number in 20 years. Commentators who have followed the yearly emigration results have indicated

that the drop is "clearly the result of Soviet Policy" not to allow Jews to leave, while the Soviets maintain that this slowdown has occurred due to the desire to leave being spent.

In 1981, a total of 9,450 Jewish emigres exited the Soviet Union, and 2,688 in 1982, a 72% reduction from the 1981 figures.

Alumni events

Approximately 750 Canadians who have studied in various programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem now have an alumni association to keep them in touch with each other and with the university itself.

At a recent founding meeting in Toronto of the Hebrew University Alumni of Canada, the executive pledged itself to act as a liaison with students who are considering studying at the university and as a voice to the univer-

sity itself to help improve its programming, especially the very popular one year program.

In addition, the alumni plans to become involved with fundraising for the university, in the form of scholarships and books.

The first alumni event in Toronto is planned for February. A group is forming in Montreal and attempts continue to be made to contact alumni across Canada. If you want to get involved, please call or write Mark Buck at Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 1 Yorkdale Road, Suite 208, Toronto, M6A 3A1 (phone 416-789-2633).

Over 1200 Sign Soviet Jewry Petition in Halifax

Soviet Jewry Chairman, Atlantic Jewish Council/Canadian Jewish Congress - Atlantic Region, Gerry Mendleson, said that he is extremely pleased with the public support shown for the two day, (December 7 & 8) petition in support for the Jewish Community and other minorities residing in the Soviet Union who are being denied their basic human rights as well as being severely harassed by the Soviet Government.

Over 1,200 persons signed the petition which called on the Government of the Soviet Union to cease its deliberate campaign of harassment, brutality and intimidation against the Jewish minority as well as other minorities who attempt to practice their religion or culture. In addition, the Soviets were asked to honour its international agreements granting exit visas to those persons who have applied to leave the Soviet Union in order to be reunited with their families living outside the U.S.S.R.

Mendleson said that the strong public support shown for the petition indicates quite clearly that Nova Scotians are concerned about the treatment of minorities residing behind the Iron Curtain. He said many people who signed the petition claimed they were aware the Soviets were denying people the right to practice their religion, but were surprised to learn of the harsh

brutality being inflicted upon the Jewish minority of three million people. A number of people who signed the petition said they were familiar with the tactics used by the Soviet Government in suppressing minorities and claimed they strongly supported the petition with the hope that it would have some positive effects on the Soviet Government.

Mendleson said the petitions in support of Soviet Jewry have been circulated in other major Canadian centres such as Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, etc., but this is the first time in many years that the Jewish Community of Halifax has sought support from the general public on the issue of Soviet Jewry.

"We only had the one petition booth set up in the Bayer's Road Shopping Centre for about a day and a half and considering the time frame involved, the support from the general public has been tremendous. Our petition campaign was called "Send a Message to Moscow - Let My People Go!" The Soviet Government will get that message and will know that in this part of Canada, Nova Scotians are concerned about human rights and in particular, the brutal treatment of the Jewish Community now living in the Soviet Union," Mendleson said.

Among the signatures of the "Send a Message to Moscow", petition is the Hon. Laird Stirling, Minister of Human

Rights for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Mr Stirling said he strongly supports the objectives of this petition. He said the Soviets have a disgraceful record when it comes to human rights, despite the fact the Soviet Union has signed various United Nations and other International Agreements which have pledged to co-operate in the reunification of families.

Mr Stirling also mentioned the petition while speaking at a ceremony in Province House commemorating the 35th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights. Mr Stirling told the gathering that "often we in this country do not give a second thought as to whether or not we could leave Canada if we so choose. But in the Soviet Union, people such as the Jewish minority are not allowed to leave to join their families living elsewhere and are often harassed very badly after they have applied to leave."

In addition to Mr Stirling, both Halifax Mayor Ron Wallace and Dartmouth Mayor Daniel Brownlow endorsed the aims and objectives of the petition with their respective signatures.

Other supporters of the petition were International Trade Minister, Hon. Gerald Regan, M.P., Halifax and Halifax West M.P. Howard Crosby.

In supporting the petition, Mr Regan mentioned that his wife Carole was actively involved in the cause of Soviet Jewry through the Parliamentary Wives Association which has taken a great interest in the plight of the Jewish Minority living in the Soviet Union.

Member of Parliament, Howard Crosby, in whose riding of Halifax West the petition booth was set up (Bayer's Road Shopping Centre) has agreed to take the petition to Ottawa and present it to the Soviet Ambassador to Canada, Alex Rodionov.

"All of us in the Jewish Community should be aware that in this cause of Human Rights, it was necessary to reach out for support from both the Jewish and non-Jewish Community and it was very encouraging at the support we did receive," Mendleson said. Members of both O.R.T. and B'nai Brith were extremely co-operative and helpful in both setting up the booth as well as acting as attendants. Their enthusiasm for reaching out and asking for public support is largely responsible for the success of the petition.

In addition, David Mark, of Fields Fashions and the management of the Bayer's Road Shopping Centre receive our vote of thanks for making it possible to set up our petition booth in the mall - especially during a very busy time of the year.

Happenings & Events . . .



Camp Kadimah Committee 1984.

Jack Yablon, Andrew Wolfson, Hedda Medjuck, Myrna Yazer, Lois Block, Ben Prossin, Leon Zelikovitz, Alan Stern, Barb Gaum, Simon Gaum, Mark Rosen, Guillermo Levinton. Missing from photo - Shirlee Fox, Steven Pink and Lowell Shore.



Congratulations! To **Rabbi Marvin Pritzker** of Beth Israel Synagogue, Halifax, who was honoured on the 36th anniversary of his ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University. He is shown (left) accepting his award during the recent 39th annual Rabinic Alumni Convention from **Dr. Israel Miller**, Senior Vice-President of the University.



Congregation Tiferes Israel members are shown celebrating Chanukah 1983.



Past and present staff of the Atlantic Jewish Council and the State of Israel Bonds who came to the Chanukah party 1983. Back row, left to right - **Zelda Zelikovitz**, **Eva Gates**, **Howard Karp**, **Shirlee Fox**, **Edith Young**. Front Row left to right - **Chris Walker**, **Miriam Alberstat**, **Guillermo Levinton**.

inset: **Marlene Sullivan** and **Kassie Salterio**.



Halifax teens meeting at the Zelikovitz home.



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CZF Israel Briefs

Healthy Disclosure

Israeli hearing-loss and herpes sufferers have found relief in the confirmation that local doctors have developed both a breakthrough prosthesis for the inner ear and a new medication for the treatment of the herpes virus of the nose and mouth.

Several thousand Israelis, partially or totally deaf due to a defect in one of the small bones of the middle ear, can now regain their hearing with the implantation of an artificial stirrup bone developed by Israeli Professor Yaacov Sadeh. Confirming reports of his work in foreign medical journals December 26, Sadeh described the low-cost, easy implantation of a ceramic

and bone prosthesis, now being manufactured also in the U.S. for about twenty dollars.

Meanwhile, a Hebrew University team revealed an anti-viral agent which has proven much more effective than existing preparations in the treatment of herpes cold sores. The medication is also expected to enhance treatment of genital herpes in continuing research.

Unequivocal Assurances

During his official visit in early December, Foreign Ministry Director-General, David Kemche, received "unequivocal assurances" from the new Argentinian government that it will make every effort to establish the fates and find the burial places of Jewish "Desaparecidos", kidnapped

and probably killed during the years of military rule.

Expanding Renewal

Loans for enlarging flats in Project Renewal neighbourhoods will be increased by fifty percent starting January. Loans will vary by apartment size and location between 8,600 to 14,300 dollars.

Deputy Housing Minister, Moshe Katzav, Government Renewal Coordinator and rumoured replacement for ousted Jewish Agency Aliya Department Head, Raphael Kotlowitz, regards enlargement as a primary way to improve the quality of life in renewal areas. Since the project began five years ago, 6,670 flats have been expanded, about 3,000 of them during the past year.

A MOMENT OF HEBREW

רגע של עברית

UNIT VI

חלק ראשון

Useful words and expressions

By Guillermo Levinton

Whenever I receive a letter from one of our Olim, or participants in a long term program in Israel, I notice the humorous use of certain words or expressions which are familiar to me and have become part of the Hebrew spoken language.

Those words and expressions are not thought of at any Ulpan and you may never find them in a dictionary, some are not even in the Dan Ben Amotz's Slang Dictionary. However, these words and expressions have become part of the Israeli vocabulary and today are crucial for a successful aliyah or Israel experience.

These words and expressions will help newcomers in coping successfully with Israeli bureaucracy and to hasten the integration process into Israeli society.

You may be surprised to find out that the same word used in different intonations could mean different things.

More surprising is the fact that one of our Olim actually had a fairly intelligent conversation by using just four words with different intonations for each one.

The following list of Hebrew words are those you will hear very often, the trick is to understand the intonations, once you know these words you can be considered a veteran in Israel.

Shalom - literal translation is "peace", used as hello, goodbye.

Sha a alomm - what a nice surprise, long time since I last saw you.

be e met! - Believe me, I am not kidding you.

be e met?! - Really? Is that so?

ay be e me et - Come on, cut it out. Stop it.

ani yodea (or yodaat for female) - I know.

ani yo day ya? - I don't know, and don't care.

ma a ni yo day ya? - What do you want from my life?

a ni yo day ya - I know everything. (typical expression of super Israeli, even when he doesn't know.)

ma ata omer! - Is that a fact.

ma 'ta omer?! - Cut it out dummy. That is irrelevant.

dafka - can mean either especially, on purpose or precisely.

Examples

a) I dafka like you. (I know you're stupid and nobody can stand you, but I like you.)

b) She is doing it dafka to annoy me. (She herself doesn't particularly want to do it, the only reason she's doing it is to annoy me.)

c) I dafka had a good time. (I expected to have a lousy time, but to my surprise, I had a good time.)

ten li bice? - means: may I have a little piece of your food portion, usually ending with $\frac{3}{4}$ of your food portion.

ma nish ma? - How are you doing? What is new?

ma y nia nim - same as ma nish ma.

ma pitom? - Why did you do it? Why is this so?

ma pitom! - Of course not. How could such an idea ever come into your head?

ma pitom?! - another way to say: What do you want from my life? Leave me alone.

lehit - short for lehitraot - See you later.

yoffee - Great! Terrific!

yoo ffee - Good, dummy at least you did it, it was time.

stam -

Examples

a) I just went stam. (For no special reason. I had nothing better to do.)

b) I just went stam. (There was nothing I expected there; vain-worthless-unjustified.)

c) He is stam. (An idiot, nothing more and nothing less. Plain-ordinary-simple.)

fuy - ugly, not nice.

o! - Exactly! You hit it right on the button!

oy -

Examples

a) Jewish expression for suffering.

b) Disappointed with something or someone.

sipurim - Go and tell it to your grandmother.

nu - the oldest and most popular Jewish term.

Examples

a) Come on already, what are you waiting for?

b) What was I going to say? It was on the tip of my tongue.

c) It's your turn buddy.

d) Well that's not so bad, could be worse.

Please notice that these last words can be given the same intonation for different meanings. Once you can master this, you know that you are fluent in Hebrew.



VOCABULARY — אוצר מלים

MEETING PEOPLE

May I introduce...
na lehakir et
I am pleased to meet you
na'im me'od
How are you?
ma shlomhà?
What is your name?
ma shimhà?
My name is...
shmi hu...
Do you speak English/
French/German?
atà medabér anglit/
tsarfatit/germatit?
I don't speak Hebrew
ani lo medabér ivrit
I am staying here
for... days
bàti lebi'kùr shel...yamim

התורעות

נא להכיר את...
May I introduce...
נעים מאוד
It's a pleasure
מה שלומך?
How are you?
מה שימך?
What is your name?
שמי הוא...
My name is...
אתה מדבר אנגלית/
צרפתית/גרמנית?
Do you speak English/
French/German...?
אני לא מדבר עברית
I don't speak Hebrew
באתי לביקור של...ימים

Where shall we meet?
what time?
Eifo nipagèsh? be'eizo
sha'á?
where do you live?
óifo atá gár?
See you later!
Lehitra'ót
I am at hotel...
ani gar bemalon...
Hello
shalóm
good morning/ good
evening
boker lóv/ erav lóv
My regards to...
drishái shalom le
Excuse me!
Thanks!
Please!
sliha!
todá!
bevakashá!

I am staying here for...
days
איפה ניפגש? באיזו שעה?
Where shall we meet? what
time?
איפה אתה גר?
Where do you live?
להתראות!
See you later!
אני גר ב...
I am at the... hotel
Hello
שולם
בוקר טוב/ערב טוב
Good morning/evening
דרישת שלום ל...
My regards to...
Excuse me!
Thanks!
Please!
סליחה!
תודה!
בבקשה!

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Ani v'ata n'shanei et ha'olam
Ani v'ata az yavo'u kvar kulam

אני ואתה נשנה את העולם
אני ואתה אז יבואו כבר כולם

Amru et ze kodem l'fanai, lo m'shane
Ani v'ata n'shanei et ha'olam

אמרו את זה קודם לפני, לא משנה
אני ואתה נשנה את העולם

Ani v'ata n'nase m'hahatchala
Yih'ye lanu ra cin davar ze lo nora.

אני ואתה ננסה מהתחלה
יהיה לנו רע אין דבר זה לא גורא.

Amru et ze kodem...

אמרו את זה קודם...

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YOU AND I

You and I will change the world and then all will follow.
Others have said it before me but that doesn't matter.
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