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## LOCAL AGENCIES FACE FURTHER CUTBACKS



by Deborah Shatz-Moser

Edmonton's Jewish campaign their belts a few more seven percent decrease in and their 1992 allocations from the United Jewish Appeal (UJA). The cutbacks reflect a continuing trend from last year's allocations where reduced campaign totals necessitate reductions in allocations to local beneficiar-

In part the reduced allocations are a result of the renewed commitment on the part of the Federation Budget and Allocations Committee to send money to Israel. According to Howie Sniderman, vice-president of the Budget and Allocation Committee, in essence \$30,000 has been allocated to the United Israel Appeal (UIA) for the state of Israel. This is in addition to the \$150,000 obligation that the community has to the UIA for an interest free loan. He explained that these funds are separate from the \$203,000 which was raised and allocated to the State of Israel by the Edmonton Jewish Community last year from the Operation Exodus campaign.

Although the 1991 UJA

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agencies are tightening \$628,290, only 2.5 per-that although "in the end cent less than the monies we were treated fairly, notches as they face a raised in 1990, the Budget the process was very dif-Committee's total was a too many meetings. . . it full 10 percent less than became acrimonious at the total allocated last year (\$732,000). This was largely due to the depletion of a surplus revenue and the lack of casino revenue.

> After the \$180,000 allocation to UIA and a predetermined \$60,000 allocation to support national agencies, a total of \$240,000 remained to be distributed among the local beneficiary agencies.

> The 1992 allocations are as follows (bracketed amounts reflect 1991 allocations): Talmud Torah \$92,000 (\$100,000); Jewish Community Centre \$92,000 (\$100,000); Jewish Federation of Edmonton \$92,000 (\$100,000); United Jewish Appeal \$92,000 (\$100,000); Jowish Family Services \$42,000 (\$40,000); Camp B'nai B'rith \$10,000 (\$10,000); and Hillel \$3,000 (\$3,000). The Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre did not request an allocation this year.

Although the beneficiary agencies were generally satisfied with the "even handed treatment" in the allocations, Talmud Torah treasurer Norman Hanson was

extremely disheartened raised by the process. He said Allocation ficult. There were way times when the whole thing could have been decided in a few meet-

> Hanson explained that each beneficiary agency was required to make "very detailed presentations." He felt that the committee asked "far more questions than they needed to" and imparted a feeling that "we are doing something wrong by requesting an allocation." He said that after months of weekly meetings, some of which were "both difficult and bitter," the Talmud Torah was treated fairly. "I just don't feel," he added, "that all the effort and heartache was necessary."

According to Sniderman the allocation process is very thorough starting in the early fall of each calendar year. The Budget and Allocation Committee is comprised of two representatives from each beneficiary agency, though they are allotted only one vote. Other representatives are from the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the general community.

Shelly Maerov, chair-

Todah V'Shalom Rabbi Shmuel Mann



Barry Slawsky presenting Rabbi Shmuel Mann with a plaque

Jewish relations.

In front of about 20 people at the Beth Israel, made by Barry Slawsky.

Rabbi Shmuel Mann, Mann was presented with formerly of the Beth abronze plaque, a replica Israel congregation, was of a sign he erected in back in our city 1990 on the ruins of Wednesday, long enough Crematorium IV in to be honoured by Auschwitz. The sign was members of the Christian a memorial for the 700 community for his work Jewish prisoners who to improve Christian- rebelled and set fire to the crematorium in 1944.

The presentation was mainly Polish-Catholics, The audience also heard

from Sigmund Sobolewski, vice-president of the Auschwitz awareness society; Wojciech Buczynski of the Polish Cultural Society of Edmonton; and Rabbi Jacob Rosner of the Beth Shalom con-gregation.

Mann was also presented with written statements from Rev. J. Robert Jacobson. Bishop Synod of Alberta, and Barrhead M.L.A. Ken Kowalski. who said, "It is a privilege for me to recognize your comittment over the past six years in the works you have personally done to create a better understanding between Christians and Jews of Alberta."

Mann, who left the city Friday, will become the Rabbi Keneseth Israel synagogue in Louisville, Kentucky. The Edmonton Jewish News joins the entire Jewish Community in says Todah Rabbi Mann V'Shalom.

#### man of the 1991 UJA JEWISH SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE campaign commended the Allocations Commit-10052 H7 STREET tee for "an excellent job during these challenging times in trying to serve everybody's needs." He added, "I trust next year's job will be made easier by our community living up to its responsibility com-

Plans are now under way for Edmonton's Jewish Senior Citizens to rebuild their Drop-In Centre—story on Page 5

## COMBATTING RACISM IN ALBERTA

by Ron Sorokin

On February 28, 1992 a provincially-appointed Human Rights Board of Inquiry after a hearing lasting eight months, held that Terry Long, Ray Bradley and the Church of Josus Christ Christian Aryan Nations had violated Section 2(1) of Alberta's human rights statute, known as the "Individual's Rights Protection Act (IRPA)," and ordered that "the respondents (Long, Bradley and

the "Church") shall refrain in the future from the same or any similar public display of the following discriminatory signs and symbols: (a) swastika signs and symbols; (b) "White Power" signs and symbols; (c) burning or lighted crosses; (d) signs or symbols indicating an affiliation with the KKK (Ku 'Klux' Klan). '

The Board of Inquiry, chaired by Timothy Christian, Dean of the University of Alberta Faculty of

Law, was appointed by the Honourable Elaine McCoy, Q.C., Minister of Labour to inquire into complaints of discrimination arising from an "Aryan Fost" which was organized by Long, Bradley and the so-called Church of the Aryan Nations.

munally."

On the weekend of September 8 to 9, 1990 approximately 40 white supremacists affiliated with notorious racist groups called the "Aryan Nations," the "Ku Klux

Klan," the "Brotherhood of Regular People" and the "Skins" attended and participated in the "Aryan Fest" at Ray Bradley's farm four miles west of Provost, Alberta. Members of the modia and

protosters from Provost Edmonton and Calgary observed from outside the farm gates.

Throughout the weekond, a large Nazi swas-

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Publication Mail Registration No. 10071 Edmonton, Alberta

by Carol Ritch



Arab-Jewish Women's Peace Coalition are bridging the gap. Left to right are Karen Hamdon, Sally Issenman, Brenda Dushinski, Randa el-Sharkawi, Anna Zalik

looks at the Middle East "more objectively" now, no longer just criticizing Israel and turning "blind eye to the actions of the Arab states".

Carol and Joan Shaben are Canadians of Lebanese descent, and for each other's opinions several meetings were Rights Commission members of the Arab- is essential. Coming from, "uncomfortable and against Long, Bradley Jewish Women's Peace very different back- unsure". Now that they | and the Church of Jesus The group began to meet the Gulf War in January attempts are made to action, by making display of the swastika, discuss issues relating to the Middle East in the hopes of showing the wider community that the two sides can come together to dialogue.

About 30 people were

A year ago, says Carol present on February 26 homeland in ancestral AJWPC Women's League.

> believes that under- process it will take to get standing is the key to the two sides together". peace. She says that in a All the group members dialogue process respect admit that their first understand the other connections with Arabside's vision of the past, she notes.

> The women have come to agree upon a mandate: recognition of Israel's right to a secure existence spoken before Na'amat, a and a Palestinian

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territories-land for peace. "expansionism"; explained the process and Both Karen Hamdon, an now I understand that it problems they had Arab member, and Sally encountered at the Beth Issenman, a Jew, realize Shalom Synagogue in an it is not up to them to | Jews," and "Seig Hiel. evening sponsored by its determine exactly where the Palestinian homeland | Rutherford, should be, nevertheless | Downey, Hal Joffe, Nate Anna Zalik, a Jewish member of the group, both "stand for whatever | Feldman, Nell McKer-

> Jewish peace groups in Israel and the occupied territories and by raising funds for them.

The AJWPC have

## COMBATTING RACISM IN ALBERTA States such as Hitler at-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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Section 2 of the IRPA.

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damental goals of our free "... equality between

and democratic society. persons of different races,

The Board of Inquiry colours and religious be-

wrote: "The similarity liefs is not a new concept.

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more coincidence. These articling student in Ed-

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ship Hitler as Elijah the Robert Abells of the

Prophet. They wish to Edmonton law firm, Wit-

succeed in creating a rate ten Binder, counsel to

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British Columbia, Sas- gress, Intervenor at the

katchewan, and part of Human Rights Inquiry.

Ronald Sorokin is an

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Justice Minister).

farm gates.

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Throughout the weekend, a large Nazi swastika flag was prominently displayed on the farm ' ticipants wore Nazi unibands and carried ma-Power 1990" was suspended from the exterior gates. The culmination o the "Aryan Fest" occurred on the night of September 8, 1990 when a thirtyfoot cross was torched. The participants, many of whom were clad in KKK hoods and robes, marched around the burning cross, raised their right hands in Nazilike salutes and chanted "White Power," "Death to

Harvey Kane, Keith leghan and Paul Armstrong filed complaints with the Alberta Human Coalition of Edmonton. grounds, with conflicting trust and feel safe with | Christ Christian Aryan views of history, this is one another, they would | Nations. The complaints just after the outbreak of very difficult unless like to take more concrete alleged that the public burning cross and "White Power 1990" sign at the "Aryan Fest" violated Section 2 of the Individual's Rights Protection Act which states

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In reaching its decision. sentation indicating dis- to balance the right of crimination or an inten- free expression on any tion to discriminate subject with the right of against any person or Albertans to be free from class of persons for any the public display of signs purpose because of the or symbols which indirace, religious beliefs, cate discrimination. The colour, gender, physical Board found that the disability, mental disabilpressing and substantial ity, age, ancestry or place objective of eradicating discrimination was suffiof origin of that person or ciently important to jus-The Human Rights tify limiting the Respon-Commission investigated dents' right to express the complaints, and rec-themselves.

The Board of Inquiry berta government ap- issued the strongest orpoint the Board of In-deritwas allowed to make quiry to determine if the by prohibiting the Rerespondents - Long, Bra-spondents from displaydley and the so-called ing the swastika, "White Power" signs and sym-Church - had violated bols, and burning crosses During the Inquiry, the in public. It had no power Board heard oral evi- to issue criminal sancdence, examined Aryan tions against the Respon-Nations publications, and dents or to prohibit people watched documentary generally from publicly films and footage of the displaying the swastika Aryan Fest in which the and burning cross.

Nevertheless, the ramifications of the Board's The Nuremburg Laws, decision are significant. enacted during the Hitler This was the first time regime in Nazi Germany, that this particular secinstitutionalized racism tion of the Individual's and discrimination by Rights Protection Act has prohibiting all non-Ar- been invoked. Any of the yans from participating respondents who violate and fraternizing with so- the terms of the Board's called Aryans. On cross order can be held in conexamination, Carney tempt of court. Further-Nerland, Saskatchewan more, if anyone, other leader of the Aryan Na- than the respondents, tions confirmed that the displays similar signs and political platform of the symbols, the Board's de-Aryan Nations called for cision clearly illustrates "all hybrids called Jews that Section 2 would to be repatriated from again be invoked.

The first step in com-(Nerland is currently batting racism in our serving a jail sentence for society is recognizing that the manslaughter of a fringe groups such as the Saskatchewan Native, "Church" of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations exist in Canada, includa review panel into ra- ing Alberta. The inquiry eloquently and effectively by the Saskatchewan exposed the political and religious goals and ideals of racists who dwell in ing that the respondents—our midst. Further, and had violated Section 2 of importantly, the inquiry the IRPA, the Board of has taken a strong and Inquiry recognized the public stand against ravery real threat that the cism and intolerance. The 85th anniversary of Conrespondents and their Board confirmed in its

Before you finish read-gregation Beth Israel, we ish life in the city of Edmonton.

Remember to mark the occasion with the entire Edmonton Jewish com-

A weekend of Shabbat services and festive occasions have been planned to mark the anniversary. The weekend of 85th anniversary celebrations will begin on Friday evening, April 10th with an of the small number of Oneg Shabbat, 7:30 pm, Jews who left the comfort followed by a special oneg befitting the significance

Saturday morning, April 11, Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Postone will settled here in Edmon- Mrs. Postone's parents, ton, set up business here, Rabbi and Mrs. Isaac had their families here, Haft, Rabbi Postone wil personally read from the new Torah.

ted themselves to living Rabbi Haft was rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel from 1933 until his death in 1940. Rabbi Postone, who presently resides in Calgary, also served the congregation as rabbi from 1940 to 1968. To this day he is held in high esteem by the Edmonton community, and main-

tains close ties with many Beth Israel congregants. An Open House has monton Mall. Dinner synagogue for Sunday. And now it is with great April 12, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Beth Israel, and vocal and entire community is cor- lating to the 85th anni- March. instrumental entertain- dially invited to attend versary are free. Invita- Be sure and make your ment. Refreshments will all functions. With the tions and information plans to attend some or be served throughout the exception of the dinner relating to the dinner will all portions of this out-Sunday evening at Fan- be in the mail to the standing community oc-

A special moment in congregation Beth Israel's history: Harry Cohen dedicates Torah to Beth Israel, in

memory of his parents. Present are sisterhood members (left to right) 1st Row: Mrs. Dolinko, Mr. Harry

Cohen, Mrs. Bornstein; 2nd Row: Mrs. Laskin, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Postone, Mrs. Zipperstein, Mrs. Lutsky,

Mrs. Besney. This photo is undated. If anyone knows the date that this event occurred kindly notify the

synagogue. This picture along with many others, as well as a large collection of artifacts from Beth Israel's

Archives, will be on display at congregation Beth Israel during the 85th Anniversary Weekend

Celebrations, April 10 – 12. Sisterhood founding members and past presidents will be special honoured

guests at the Oneg Shabbat opening the 85th Anniversary Celebrations of Congregation Beth Israel,

Friday evening, April 10, 7:30 p.m. The entire community is invited to celebrate these "Women of Valour"

afternoon. 💎 The eventful weekend tasyland, all events re- community during casion. will culminate Sunday evening, April 12 with an exciting dinner honouring Mr. Nate Siegal and Mr. Noach Zalmanowitz, at 6:30 pm at the Fantasyland Hotel, West Edguests will be treated to an audio visual presentation starring the dinner honourees, and a trip down memory lane with

An important event in the life of the Edmonton Jewish community, the

He is sadly moumed by his

daughter Linda Epstein,

son-in-law Jack and

grandchildren Adam and

Jodie of Richmond, B.C., his

daughter Carolyn Cramer o

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Saturday Morning, April 11: Shabbat services. Dedication of a Torah to Congregation Beth Israel by Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham Postone in memory of Rabbi & Mrs. Isaac Haft. Reception following.

Sunday Afternoon, April 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Open house at the Synagogue. Displays featuring pictures, artifacts and memorabilia from 85 years of Congregation Beth Israel's history; audio-visual interviews relating to history of Congregation Beth Israel; outstanding musical entertainment, refreshments. Three group 'Congregational Family photographs of all those present at the open house will be taken from the shul steps, at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Performances at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening, April 12, 6:00 p.m.: Grand Finale, 85th Anniversary Dinner honouring Messrs. Nate Siegel and Norman Zalmanowitz, Fantasyland Hotel. Minimum donation \$85 per person includes dinner.

All events are open to the entire jewish community. There is no charge for any event, with the exception of the 85th Anniversary Dinner, Sunday evening.

## Beth Israel 85th Historic Event

ing this article, be sure are essentially celebratyou have clearly marked ing the foundation of 85 on your calendar the dates years of organized Jewof April 10 to 12. These are the dates of Congregation Beth Israel's longawaited (85 years to be date on your calendar. exact) celebration of its Celebrate this historic 85th anniversary.

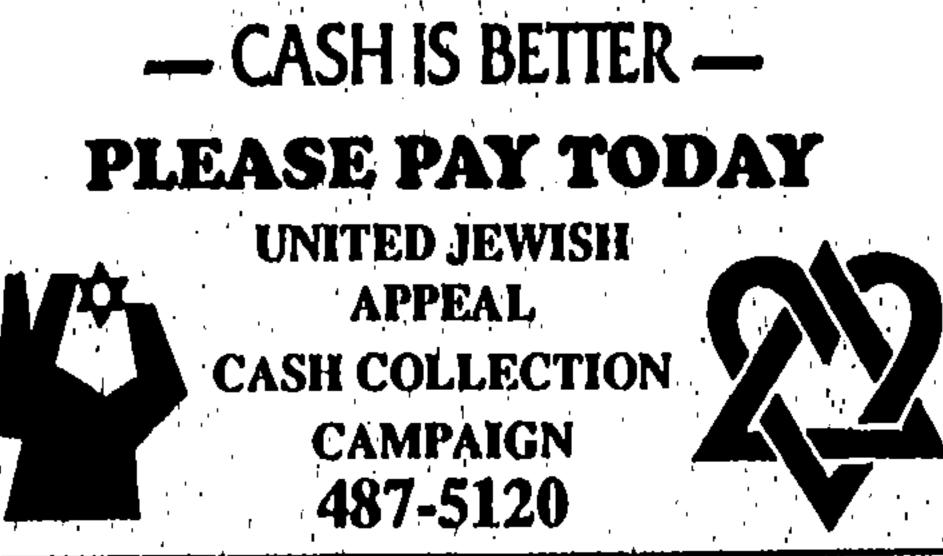
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and security of the large settled communities of of this memorable weekeastern Canada or the end. United States, to come to the undeveloped and unpopulated areas of the west. The great founders honour Congregation of our Edmonton Jewish Beth Israel at Shabbat community came to an services with the presen unknown spot on the map tation of a Torah dediof western Canada. They cated to the memory of prospered here, and most importantly they commit-

their daily lives in accordance with their Jewish heritage. It is truly mind-boggling to consider the isodian Jewish institutions were founded and the dedication and commitment of those people who played such an important part in establishing

those institutions.

pride that the Beth Israel celebrates its part in the development of the Jewish community of Edmonton. From the establishthe congregation Beth Israel (also known as the Edmonton Hebrew Association) sprang the existing Talmud Torah, and the Chevra Kadisha. Other Jewish community organizations also had their inception from the founding the Beth Israel. It truly can be called the "Mother" of many Edmonton Jowish community organizations and institutions. In celebrating the





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But hard work and

bility and value of the data, the JCC president boasted on its front cover, papers, which provide free There are eight women offered no hard facts or "You don't have to be space for such informa- and four men on the jury, for "The Jews were gen-I made no personal at-statistics about Centre Jewish to enjoy Bagels tion.

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## Keegstra in the Court Room

by Carol Ritch

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| by crown prosecutor Steve that he was trying to Continued on page 8 | Koval, she described throw her with questions

> and communism. The national debts of Great Britcaused by Jews, he says. The "Zionists and the Illuminati have secret societies with plans to de-

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been out to kill us for a

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> year, the correct answer all very ordinary in ap-erally good citizens," was notes only occasionally. caust by noting that The witness on March Keegstra had called it

Keegstra cross-exam-'Keegstra's teaching style which polarized Christias "forceful, preaching, anity, belief in God, and like an evangelist." She love your neighbour on advised that there was no one side and conflict, assigned text book, but usury ("invented by that the entire course was Jews"), evolution, and based on taking notes survival of the fittest on from Mr. Keegstra's lec- the other. He referred to the Kabballah (Jewish According to Keegstra's mysticism) as "pseuteachings, Jews were doscience and occult." I equated with witchcraft, found all his questions sadism, and all the evils and commentary to be of capitalism, socialism quite confusing, but he was always calm and

polite, if rather nervous. James Keegstra's trial United States were on a charge of promoting hatred is expected to continue for three to six

Carol Ritch volunteered stroy Christianity, to to monitor court proceedabolish loyalties, to de- ings on behalf of the Jewstroy the family, mar- ish Federation of Edmonriage, and morals." In ton. These were her imaddition, "the Jews have pressions.

#### Chronology in Brief

1968 - Keegstra began teaching in Eckville, AB 1982 - Fired by school board

Jan. 1984 - Chargod with willfully promoting

July 1985 - Convicted of willfully promoting hatred 1988 - Alberta Court of Appeal overturns conviction on grounds that anti-hate laws are unconsti-

Dec. 1990 - Supreme Court of Canada rules that anti-hate laws are constitutional and refers Keegstra's other motions for appeal back to Alborta court

March 1991 - Alberta Court of Appeal overturns Keegstra's conviction for second time. Court ruled that Keegstra's lawyers should have been allowed to challenge the impartiality of jurors in 1985 trial and ordered a new trial

March 1992 - Trial of James Keegstra on charges of willfully promoting hatrod against an identifiable group, to writ, the Jews, begins in Red Deer. Viewpoint

## Fiscal Responsibility—We Need It!

by Barry Slawsky

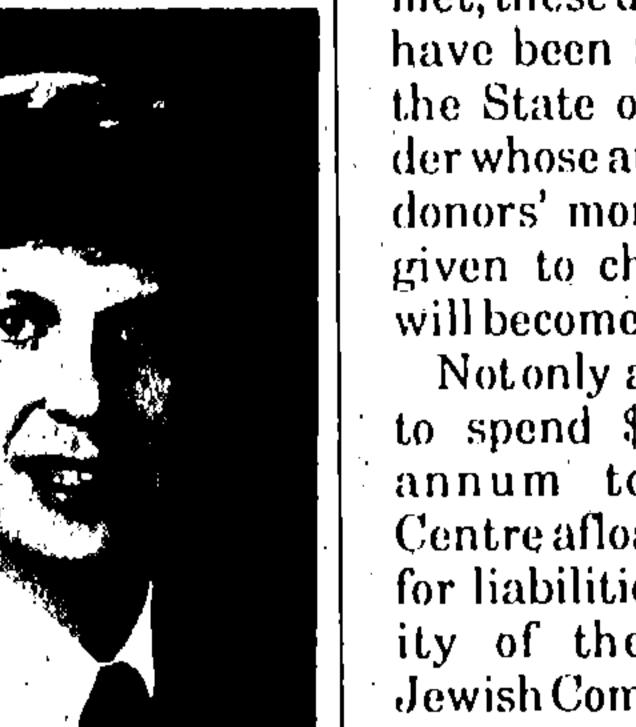
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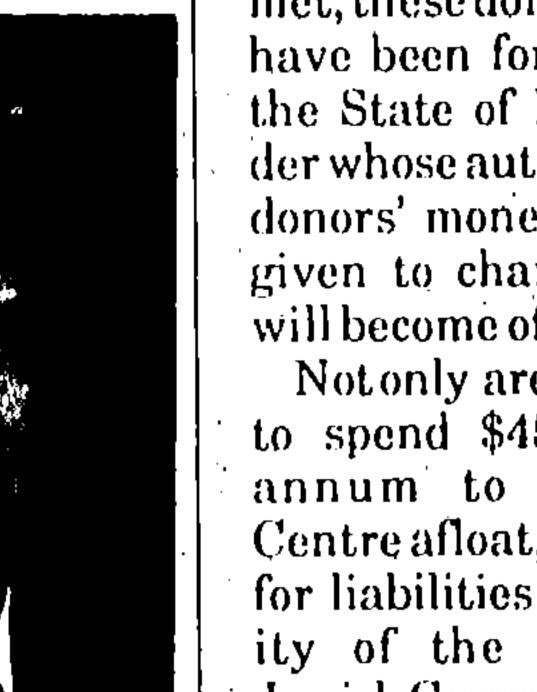
cial performance. To flourish, the firm must respond to the feedback of its customer base, making the necessary sound business. A suc- changes as dictated by cessful business attracts—the customer's needs in a whose given period of time.

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Barry Slawsky





In our community, the bulk of the dollars remain

have been forwarded to this? der whose authority have—responsible to keep overdonors' money not been head down and revenues annum to keep the for these reports.

ity of the Edmonton Jewish Appeal Campaign, tive of leasing a new mini-Jewish Community know—the direct salary cost of centre. This could save little about. For example, running the campaign was the community \$300,000 even after the 10 years of approximately \$70,000 or per annum. paying back the Jewish 4.6 percent of revenue. In private industry, State for the 1.5 million This included a campaign management strives to dollar loan, we are on the director and office staff. find executives and direcgoal of upper manage- ing money on the Israel The annual budget of hook to the province of Today the costs are in the tors who can prudently ment is to seek out new ticket. The invoice you the 1990 fiscal year of the Alberta Treasury \$200,000 range to run a run the corporation, recruits and to train them receive states "Pay Federation shows a bal- Branches for an addi- \$600,000 campaign - a manage its funds, and to think for themselves, quickly to insure we can ance of \$301,761. Over tional \$300,000 if we restaggering 33 percent. Is attract a dynamic work in hopes of sustaining the settle Soviet Jewry in Is- the years when contribu- develop the site or sell it. it any wonder that the force to get the job done. business and guarantee- rael." Each year the ad- tors understood that their In fact the 1.5 million beneficiary agencies are Isn't it a shame that in ing its survival. The vertisements for the cam-funds were going to Is-dollar debt is really \$1.8 stifled and that Israel this small community measurement used by the paign tell us to save Ethio-rael, the Federation million. Further debt still remains a hollow prom-enterprise, we have been shareholders to deter- pian Jews - to rebuild hoarded money and kept unpaid by the Federa- ise? mine the health of the bombed homes in Tel it in a bank account. Since tion is \$54,856.89 back Seventy (70) percent of ful business? organization is its finan- Aviv, when in fact the all the local needs were taxes to the City of the community responded

Edmonton for the Jewish to the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre. This News 1991 poll that we year due to non-payment could not afford to keep the city has surcharged a funding the White Elepenalty of \$4,937.12. This phant on 156 Street. This is an embarrassment, is a strong majority. Why Who is going to pay for has the Federation not responded to the will of A viable corporation is—the community?

It is currently estimated that the sale of the given to charity? What up, and to prepare proper property which constiwill become of the funds? financial reports to the tutes 3.34 acres of River-Not only are we obliged—shareholders. This news-view land would fetch 1.2 to spend \$450,000 per paper is a good medium to 1.7 million dollars. This would crase the commu-Centre afloat, but we pay — In 1980, when I chaired —nity\_debt\_and\_allow\_for for liabilities the major-the \$1.5 million United the more viable alterna-

unable to run a success-

## Seniors Plan to Rebuild Centre

by Deborah Shatz-Moser



Florence Singer

Edmonton's Jewish Senior Citizens actualize size of the group has must have matching funds their dream of rebuilding been steadily increas- designated for the same the Drop-In Centre. The ingparticularly with the purpose. Mrs. Singer exseniors have recently increase of the Russian Community Facility Enhancement program under the auspices of Alberta Lotteries. The grant is to be used as a matching fund for the "repair, renovation, upcommunity facilities."

Florence Singer, presi dent of the Jewish Senior Citizens Board says that the group is hoping to rebuild its centre at its present location. She explained that the Drop-In Centre, which is in the apartment building has become increasing less appropriate for the seniors. She described inadequacies of the old

the program operates

five afternoons per

week, Sunday through Thursday. Activities include cultural, fitness and recreational programs as well as luncheons with guest speakers, a membership tea Community Facility En-says "it became abun-construction of a new services available in the and annual Chanukah—hancement grant is that—dantly clear that the—building. This month they—community. and Purim parties. The the organization applying Seniors membership. According to Mrs. Singer, Russian seniors are integrated participants in the regular programs and also have a very well attended soparate social time on Sundays to enjoy their background of shared expe-

Mrs. Singer explained that a Jewish Senior citizens group has been operating since the 1950s when the National Council of Jewish Women's Golden Age Club met in peoples' homes or at the Beth Shalom Synagogue during the evenings. The program developed and members wanted to meet during the day, so they moved into the

of heat control, She said sonable price in the late self-contained residence Women created a task Seniors. She said, "The the size of the centre is 1960s." The Jewish Sen- for Jewish seniors. Al- force to look into the needs new building could really also inadequate to meet—ior Citizens were incorpo-—though—the 'province—of the Jewish Seniors in—inject new life into our their present needs. rated as a society in 1969—stopped—the project—Edmonton. Representa-programming." She Currently the group—and in time paid off the—rather abruptly, accord-—tives participated from all—added that "The present has 120 members and mortgage for the site.

> "The new building could really inject new life into our programming."

plained that the Seniors' group has matched funds dating back to a 1979 ef-URGENT

YOUTH LEADER REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY FOR KADIMA GROUP:

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RABBI ROSNER, SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

stairs leading down to present location, she says fort which the Drop-In money was held on to and awarded. the basement which are "with the good graces of Centre spearheaded to appreciated." unmanageable for some, the late Ben Margolis who obtain provincial help. In early 1991 the National timistic about the future an old boiler, and a lack—sold it to them for a rea- for the development of a tional Council of Jewish—for Edmonton's Jewish

ing to the Board Presi-the Jewish organizations—thrust is to keep Seniors dent "in anticipation of and after a series of meet-in their own homes and to the residence, substan- ings one of the short term provide a strong network tial gifts were made." goals identified was the of support services." An Although over the "improvement and further expanded program of culyears, "behind the development of the Drop-tural and recreational scenes" efforts have been In Centre." In July the services for their own made to revitalize the Seniors passed a motion—contemporaries will be a A prerequisite for the projects, Mrs. Singer approving in-principle valued addition to the

province was not going to can begin to plan the fado this for us and it would cility with the recent annot come to pass." Mean- nouncement that the while she adds, "The grant money has been

Mrs. Singer is very op-

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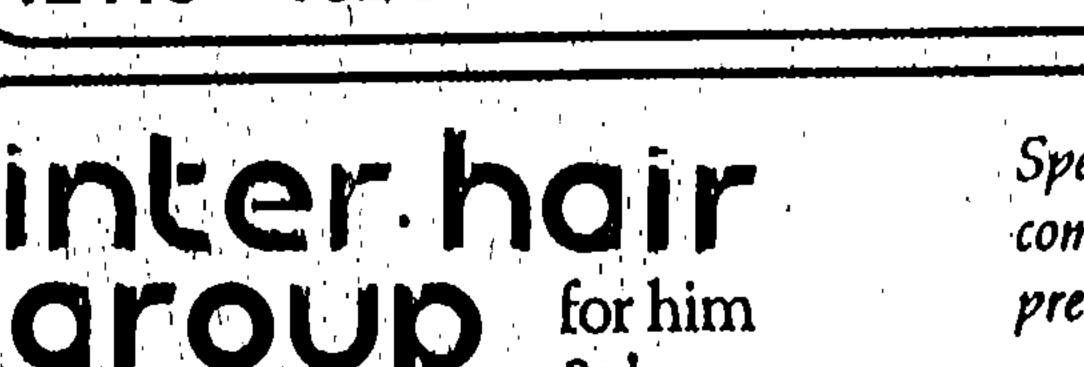
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• Figurative Sculpture is an intermediate level

course for people with some background in figure

drawing, sculpting or related areas. This class is

scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m to

• Learning to Draw and Paint with Acrylics is a

beginner's level course which teaches the

fundamentals of drawing and painting. It will be hold

The Adult Art Classes will be taught by artist

Susan Owen Kagan. Susan explains that class

on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## IUDAISM, FEMINISM AND ORTHODOXY

by Carol Ritch

who view Orthodox Poupko stated that the understanding Judaism, Judaism as "crutches to debate on Judaism and a complex, integrated help one through life", feminism is now "passe" legal system, that which says Arna Poupko. Those in the large eastern gives direction for men who are knowledgeable, Jewish communities, and women to reach practising Orthodox Jews ("Jewish identity" is now "potential perfection", is mitzvah, which in understand that "roller hot) the subject continues halacha (Jewish law) essence, says Ms. Poupko, skates" would be a more appropriate analogy. Ms. Poupko was in discussion, generating lawisthe Torah, however

Edmonton on February 2 many questions and to lead an all-day seminar concerns. at Beth Israel Synagogue Feminism". Originally grandmother from Edmonton, Arna chopped the fish by hand, interpretation and performing an obligation. communal prayer, being Panar Poupko holds a the mother who speeds explanation, which has Master's Degree in the preparation by using given us the Mishna and Philosophy from Yeshiva daughter who opens a a series of rigorous legal University and is a Ph.D. commercially made principles, logical and candidate in Jewish product. This metaphor accountable, to which Philosophy at McGill and analogy for the have been applied strict University in Montreal, "erosion of Jewish values" checks and balances. where she lives with her aroused a variety of Unlike Christian canon Poupko and their five the old ways, resentment allow for majority and children. She is presently that women were being minority opinion. Council of Montreal.

The exclusion of women

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from certain rituals in Jewish and feminist Jewish life has been a values.

years. Though Ms. The basis

"Judaism and Fish", we meet the examined, and contem-Jewish a food processor, and the Talmud. Halacha is thus the reasons behind many emotions - nostalgia for law, the Jewish texts

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feminist issue for several The Foundations

to hold much interest here explained Ms. Poupko. as 75 people attended this The source book for this the Torah, something because it is quite imperfection". A mitzvah "cryptic", scholars and In a brief film, "Gefilte sages have studied, who plated it, adding layers of

the Director, Department "dumped" on, and disdain Within Orthodoxy, of Living Judaism of the that this was just a "red which has varying Education herring" (pun unin- perspectives, Ms. Poupko bound and negative timetended) when discussing adheres to a "modern,

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centrist" position. Other branches of Judaism (Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist), she states, "undermine the principles" of Judaism in their interpretations.

Fundamental to Jewish life is the concept of is a commandment from which will "perfect an applies to a person or does not, and thus, it is in no way pejorative when one is "exempted" from bound. Included here is "These are the breaks" counted in the minyan and while we understand mitzyot, there are many that we must accept on faith. She adds that Orthodoxy is a "package" with the exemptions being only a small part.

As Jews, "our plates are very full" with four broad categories mitzvot: positive timebound and non-timebound. With a few



and being called to the Torah for alivot.

prayers, a man thanks God for "not making me a woman". (ed. note: This

exempted from the image"). Ms. Poupko written in the 4th century, was worded in the negative because positive terms would seem "arrogant". Because a man might feel burdened by the number of mitzvot expected of him as who compared to a woman. this prayer is to "make him feel better" about his

Mechitza (separation) adds to some women's part of the Birchat perceptions of being a "spectator" rather than synagogue. Until about branches of Judaism to Continued on page 9

## FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN

(Exclusive to Edmonton Jewish News) Arna Poupko answered some of Carol Ritch's questions about the role of women in Orthodox

Q. On the validity of the different "denominations"

A, "Anyone who believes in traditional Judaism by definition would write off a system of Judaism which is not grounded on authentic Jewish principles. However, the hurt and pain which are the result of this position are people's misinterpretation that it writes off Conservative and Reform Jews. They are as holy as the Orthodox."

Q. On relations among the various branches of

A. "I see a widening which may become unbridgeable, caused in part by the decision of the Reform movement to accept patrilineal descent to determine Jewishness. There has also recently been a split within the Conservative movement the new offshoot wishing to maintain a more traditional approach."

Q. Has the religious right moved further right? A. "There has also been a significant widening between haredim (ultra-orthodox) and the modern Orthodox in the last 20 years, both in North America and Israel. In Israel, both factions have become more aggressive, creating a great deal of tension, this issue having become second only in importance to Israeli-Arab problems."

Q. Will there ever be an Orthodox female rabbi? A. "No. While many of a rabbi's functions could be performed by a woman -- teaching, preaching, counselling - others, such as executing contracts, and acting as a witness cannot. Perhaps we will one day have a new title for a learned woman, who will be a teacher with an important role, but without the ritual, contractual aspects of a rabbi. We do have models from the past."

Q. Are feminism and Orthodoxy mutually

A. "Feminism has empowered women and has encouraged the Orthodox to stretch to the limit.'

Q. How is Orthodoxy addressing the problem of the agunah? (a deserted wife or one prevented from remarrying)

A. "Marriage and divorce law is a contract Continued on page 9



ers do, especially Ed- enjoyed watching mempare for an Edmon- nisce, about good old day-old Russian news. That truly is such a treat sure there is a Fri- was sung by Sam Lucky charged for the year. Her treasures are many lunch, a Saturday like to share with you scrumptious lunches. night dinner, to be my 1990s version of the followed by a Sun- wonderful song which day brunch. Of follows. Attention all Russian

clarinet. I apologize boys. Hope all is forgiven.

I went to the Mameloshan Clüb which was a wonderful experience.

falls on a long week-seniors: I was speaking end, the list of get-to Lucy and Lev Briker, know, Cherie is the togethers goes on executive chairmen of daughter of well-known the Russian Senior Jack and Marilyn Co-Last month I tried Citizen Group, and was I was recently down to give the Zisin brothers informed of their weekly east in Toronto to attend a plug. Beryl Nahornick meetings, held on Suna Bar Mitzvah and hav- bagroobed me because I days between 2:00 and ing returned home to confused a flute with a 5:00 pm at the Jewish the March 14th 1 Drop In Centre. All senior Russians are welcome to come for lunch.

programs and entertain- I tried to reach her twice today ment. They have Rus- | She's out on the golf course Mazel Tov!

To Cherie Cohen and Gerald Diamond on their recent engagement. those of you who don't hen. (I got the scoop before Donna Marie).

Congratulations \(\tilde{\chi}\) Rus and Jan Josef on Mitzvah of their daugh-

Until next time.....

## | Penny's Version of My Yiddishe Mama |

sian video movies, and | That's where she loves to go and play montonians. To pre-bers of the club remi-video broadcasts of two-Then she meets the girls for lunch ton simcha, the host-Yiddish songs. Of course A nominal membership | But she doesn't eat a thing ess always makes "My Yiddisha Mama" fee of five dollars is Because she gained an ounce last week day night dinner, a and there wasn't a dry Esther Stein, the new | She cares for fashion and style Saturday kiddush—eye in the house. I would—hostess, prepares—the And when there's a bargain | She finds the strength to walk a mile She loves opera and ballet Plays poker, bridge, and mahjongg | She's taking disco lessons and knows every song That's my wonderful Yiddisha mama 'Yiddisha mama of mine.

She loves her grandchildren and thinks they're precious and so good. For Friday night dinner she takes them out for Chinese food.

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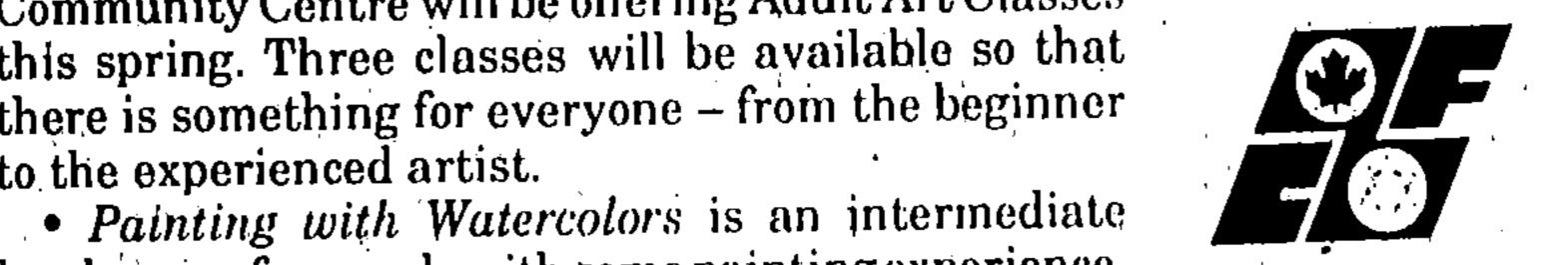
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participants vary in age from late 20's to late 60's. She says that some have been making art all their lives while others are beginners who have always wanted Summer in Israel to make art but never found the time or the place to Susan adds that the classes are small and intimate

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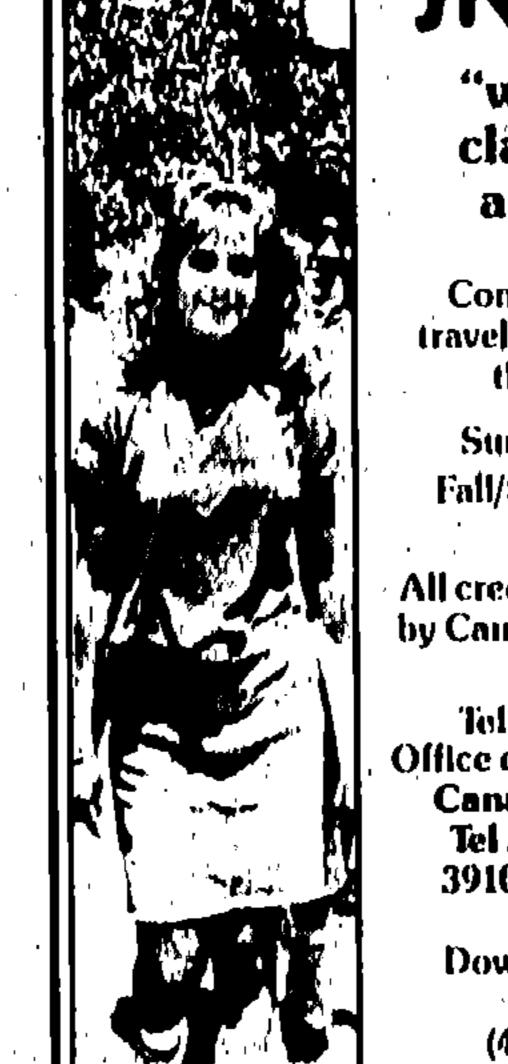
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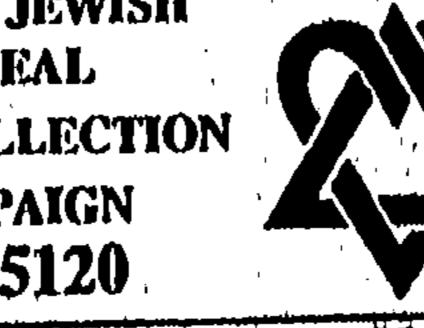
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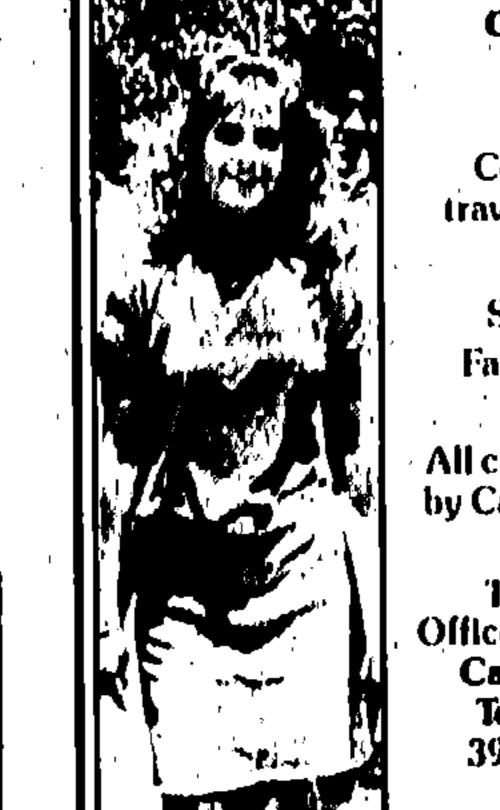
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After Esther became queen, she became aware of how complicated life could be. A plan to kill her husband was disclosed by Mordecai who managed to save the King's life by revealing the evil plot.

Ahasuerus's chief advisor, Haman, had unlimited power and influence on the King. Haman's importance was evident throughout the kingdom; all subjects of the King were required to bow before him. One man, Mordecai, would not bow down.

Mordecai declared that he was Jewish and that he bowed only to God. Haman was furious! He was also powerful! The combination was deadly. He decided to kill Mordecai and all the Jews.

The only decision remaining, was when he should carry out his plan to execute the Jews. He drew lots, which in Hebrew are called purim, and the date he chose was the 13th day of Adar.

Mordecai learned of Haman's plan and told Esther that she had a duty to save her people. Esther fasts to prepare herself for the great risk she must take in challenging Haman and revealing the plot to the King. She invites Haman and Ahasuerus to a party. At the party, she tells Ahasuerus that Haman plans to kill her people.

The King is outraged that Haman has been plotting to destroy his queen and her people. He then hangs Haman and his ten sons. The Jewish people are saved and Mordecai is honoured.

In celebration of this joyous event, Mordecai and Esther instruct the Jews to send treats to each other and gifts to the poor. The fourteenth day of Adar is set as a day of feasting and merry-making to celebrate having been saved from destruction.

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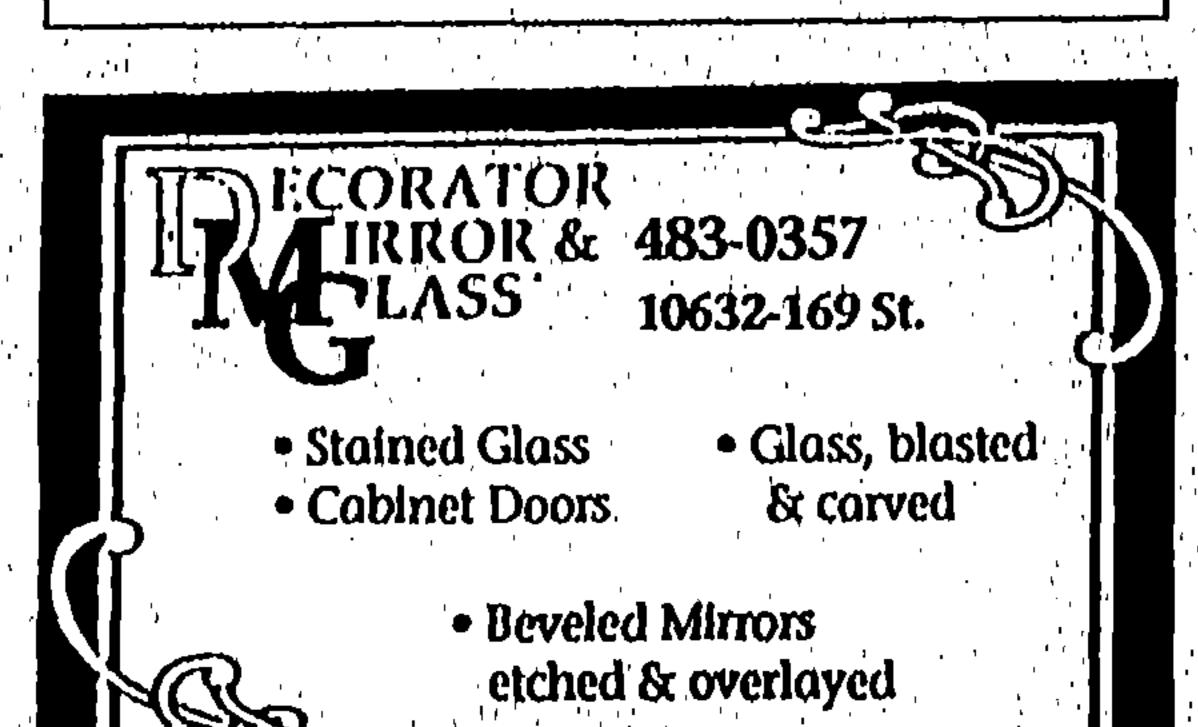
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Когда Эстер стала королевой, она узнала, как сложна бывает жизнь. Однажды жизнь ее мужа Ахашвероша была спасена ее дядей Мордехаем, которому удалось раскрыть злой

заговор против короля. ' Главный советник короля Ахашвероша - Хаман - имел неограниченную власть и влияние на короля. Его положение было известно во всем королевстве.Все подданные короля должны были кланятся Хаману.И только один человек - Мордехай не кланялся ему.

Мордехай сказал, что он еврей и он поклоняется только осу. Хаман был в гневе. К тому же у него была пласть.Это сочетание было смертельным:он решил убить Мордехая, а заодно и всех свреев,

Оставался только один вопрос:когда привести в исполнение этот план по уничтожению евресв.

Он вытащил жребий, что на Иврит называется "пурим", и удата, которую он выбрал, была 13 день месяца Адара.

Мордехай узнал о замысле Хамана и сказал Эстэр, что она должна спасти свой народ. Эстер постилась, готовя себя к тому риску, который был связан с раскрытием

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## Letters to the Editor Continued from page 2

remains that the Centre is the only major local UJA beneficiary which has no annual meeting to which the entire Jewish community is invited. Even UJA/Federation does not exclude non-UJA the Centre is wearing a

duly elected by its mem- Centre is so convinced bers." Strip away all the and proud of its accomrhetoric, and the fact plishments why does it continuously deny full issues, (though our con- Jewish communal servdisclosure to the Jewish community that gener- a "silent majority") I as- and volunteer, including ously supports it through

Finally, and on a more personal basis, the usual parting shot at critics of annual meeting. If the forthose who love to criti-ported, privately and

Since Barry Slawsky and I seem to be the only ones nity leaders to shame. to publicly discuss in

cize to begin to work for publicly, all worthy Jewthe betterment of the ish causes in a way that community," etc. etc. would put most of our current crop of commu-

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Purim!

As for me, I've devoted print important centre almost half a century to cerns reflect the views of sice, both as a professional sume that the Centre ad- ten years on the staff of monition is directed at the YM-YWHA of Montreal. We've both earned Over the years, Barry the right to speak out on Slawsky has worked as a communal matters which community volunteer and for too long have been donors from attending its bit thin. It goes, "It's time has generously sup-pushed under the rug. Uri Rosenzweig

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expanded rather than bricks on 156 Street.

Community League?

we should be looking to Where will we all go? educational seminars, not buy.

Most of the staff that We as a community should a very frequent user of is how lucky we in The Centre serves as a be investing more—not the Centre and I know Edmonton are to have a great meeting place for so less—in the J.C.C. Money many Jewish children can't buy what my family that I would like to see it gets out of that pile of

> In closing, please think Where would BBYO carefully. Think about the meet? At Rio Terrace immigrants, the children, Church? The YMCA? The the adults, the swim classes, all the Jewish Instead of speaking of organizations that make closing this great feature the J.C.C. their home.

> expand the programs Once closed, the J.C.C. offered especially to our will never ever reopen and children. We should be we as the Jowish offering adults more Community will have lost exercise classes, more something money can't

Carol Klemensberg.

## NEWS FROM JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

by Queena Klein

me after reading the ar- prepared to assume this the day. ticle about seniors who position, phone 424-6346. Organizations, bridge senior on various errands, stored in a special ice live alone, and the services the Agency felt could add to the quality of their

talked to me, was the me." minister. After she died. he also spent time with

the Jewish community came to visit? It was such a bad time for us - for me."

nity. And that is the need for a Central Registry to might require some serv-

fered, for instance, tele- home, or in the hospital, can still seem long.

Youth Aliyah

Chairperson Named

phone a senior who lives something in this area. alone at least twice a

phone, and I'd just be pleasure." lying there."

Well, what about be- harbour this thought. coming a telephone friend

Everyone enjoys receiv-

phone reassurance. Jew- or lives alone, receiving a ish Family Services is letter can truly brighten can play an important cut the blocks of ice from their training, they will

A volunteer would groups - all of us can do etc. One man said to me,

week-orbetterstill, every "My mother keeps all the One woman said, "My day. These phone calls cards and letters sent to the 1920s and '30s. need to be only five min- her in a drawer. Her "It was so different They would just wait until to paint your home, or for months. I was worried utes, but they would help memory isn't too good then," she said. "You were the man made his deliv-know of someone who sick about her. The only to let the person know these days. But every time never completely alone, ery, When he'd be walk-could hire a tailor, why person who visited her "there is somebody out I visit, she pulls out a There was always some- ing to the next house, the not give one of our recent (apart from me) and who there who cares about card or letter and tells me body knocking on the door horse would just walk immigrants a chance? all about the writer. Even - the milkman, the bread- along too. We just loved As one lady said to me, though the letters may man. One man used to those horses." "I have this fear that have come months ago, deliver fresh fruit and FOOTNOTES someday I might be sick—she reads—and rereads—vegetables twice a week.—Employment needed and not able to get to the them. They give her such And of course, there was by recent immigrants cians, a photographer, a

"A caller phoned to say got a family. Why don't order from the store."

Some relatives do visit don't have anybody.

My final telephone call was from an older lady ies were made by horsewho talked about life in

think that many of us ice man would come with professionals who cannot those big blocks of ice in practice their work bethe back of his wagon.

while. And some people months, we kids would shore experience and ford the extra expense of follow him around and training is not acceptable special Passover foods, And there is a variety of ing mail. But for the per- Even if a relative does he'd give us some chips of in Canada. They realize please phone Jewish services which can be of-son who is in a nursing visit frequently, the hours ice to suck. Ah, heaven! that until they learn Family Services at 424-"One winter, my dad

role visiting or driving a the river. They were need to work as janitors

drawn wagons. Those horses were very smart.

cause of their limited - or writing a letter to regularly; some once in a "During the summer English, and their off- difficulty and cannot af-

The friendly visitor still took me to watch the men English and upgrade or food industry workers. However, even these lower skilled jobs are not available in the depressed Edmonton economy.

So if you need a painter They are eager to work, and should make excellent employees. And of course if you need musithe delivery boy who A tailor and a painter draftsperson or engineer, One caller said, "She's brought your grocery are among some of the theemployeeyou are lookrecently arrived Jewish ing for just may be availshe'd like to visit people, they visit or bring food, "Oh, yes. There was also immigrants who are able among the new arrition illustrates one of the but it's difficult to get and see that she eats?" the ice man. We had ice unable to find employ-vals. Most of them have around as she doesn't. And I'm inclined to boxes in those days. The ment. Others are skilled become familiar enough with English to be able to work in their professions.

If anyone is in financial

JUDAISM, FEMINISM AND ORTHODOXY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Deborah Shoctor is this annual fundraising event and not the synagogue for Edmonton Hadassah- was the main expression mikveh (ritual immer-WIZO, this dinner raises of Judaism, with the sion) is a "beautiful and funds for the Hofim woman responsible for very spiritual" experivillages and educational maintaining a high ence, part of the rhythm programs of Hadassah- Jewish standard. Today, which enriches marital WIZO Canada in Israel. | she notes, the synagogue life. Stressing that This year's dinner is \ take place on Sunday. May program for the event is positive" experience to sit the days following, Ms. vet to be announced.

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between two parties. A

so today and the halachah limits distractions A woman recites a needs some propping up allowing focus on tefillah blessing before using the by other methods.

"To remedy this, there

convincing the recalci- designed to embarrass | Esther (scroll of Esther not a woman will have a trant party to cooperate. men into giving gets to read at Purim) as they career, and what kind of Unfortunately, this is not their estranged wives." | have an obligation to hear house she will live in.

50 years ago, explains this megillah. year's chairperson for the Ms. Poupko, the home For a traditional woman, the mitzvah of

is often the only way "unclean" is not a proper among women, believing Poupko explains that the that men's and women's states of Tumah/prayer should be Taharah (impure/pure) separate. A mechitza are metaphysical states.

(prayer), she says. Ms. Poupko admits use the mikveh at his own man must "grant" the get was a law passed in that men do have a more discretion, does not. The (Jewish religious divorce) Canada almost two years | dynamic, fundamental blessing is also recited and the woman must ago, requiring that a get position in the synagogue, when new dishes bought  $\blacksquare$ "accept" it in order to becontracted before a civil | While women may not be for a Jewish home are complete the contract. divorce was granted. | counted in a minyan immersed in the mikveh. Thus, either a man or "The state of New York | (quorum of ten men) for | Jewish law does not | woman can be an agunah, is presently working on | prayers or reading Torah, decide everything which though in practice, it is legislation to assist with | Orthodox women have impinges on a woman's more often the woman. In this problem. There and | that opportunity once life. It is the "sociology of former times, the Bet Din in Israel, public pressure | during the year, when Jews", the surrounding (rabbinical court), had is also employed by taking they can make a minyan community, which much more influence in out newspaper ads for the reading of Megillat determines whether or

children (that is a mitzvah for the man).

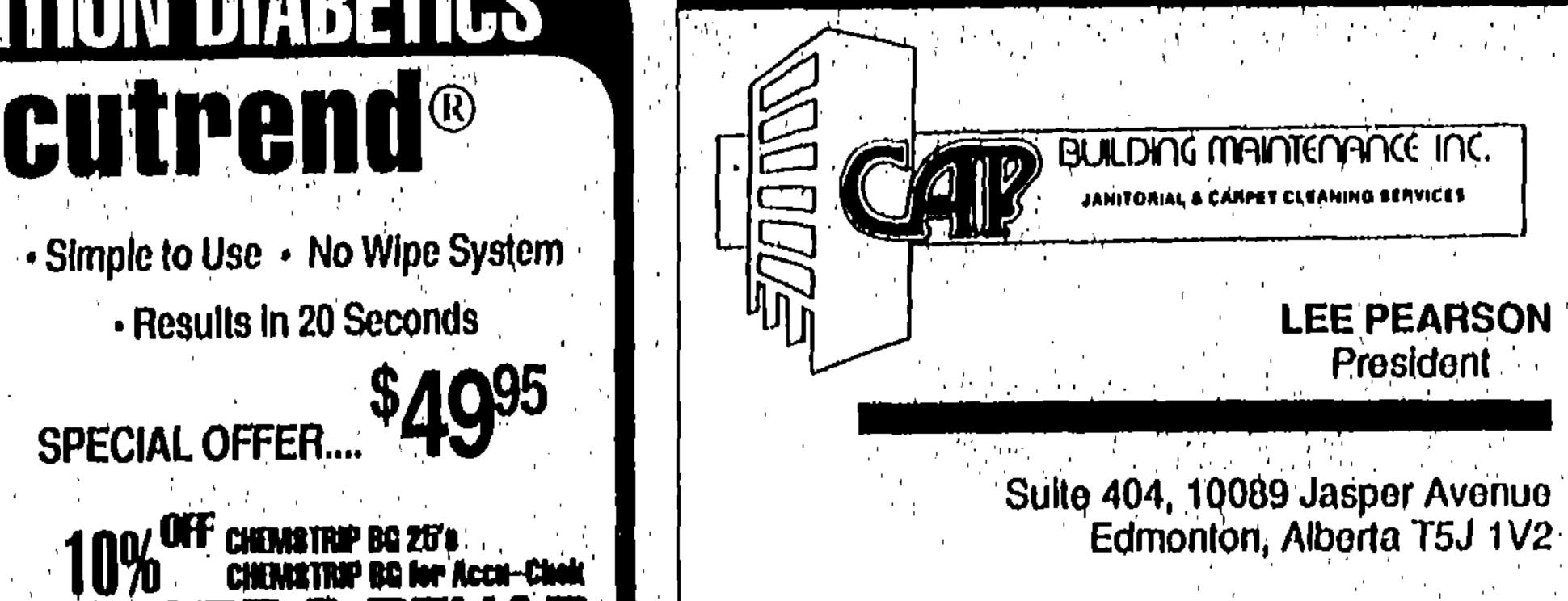
Orthodox Jew, she finds The Torah does not even it to be a satisfying one, command that she have She adds that the more women study and empower themselves, the While allowing that she more will the flexibility of Jewish law be expressed.





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## Community Focus

**Edmonton Jewish News** 

#### TEMPLE BETH ORA

Community? Is it an perhaps many new caring anachronism in our busy, links between people fast-paced world? The could be established and members of Temple Beth maintained. Ora's "Mitzvah Committee" hope not. On, Sunday, March 22 (2:30 at the J.C.C.) this committee will hold a meeting open Edmonton's Jewish community groups. The purpose of the meeting, led by Susan Halpert, will be to discuss the concept of a "Caring Community." "Mitzvah Committee" sees as an end result an organized group volunteers each of whom is willing to help someone in need. Whether it be Petroleum Club. with friendly phone calls, Theatre is celebrating its visits to shut-ins or 15th year of bringing a reliable offers of rides, all of these mitzvot are theatre to Edmonton. services that rabbis and

Many of us perform establish a centralized What is a Caring system of volunteers

#### HADASSAH WIZO

The Edmonton Musical Theatre will performing a special mini-show at this year's "Woman of the Year' Brunch in honour of 'Diane Marcovitch' on

The Edmonton Musical special style of musical Complementing the established Jewish existing theatrical and support services have a musical organizations in 'has arranged for Dr. p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A difficult time consistently Edmonton, musical fitting into their busy theatre became part of



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The Community Acculturation Programme Of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, The Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Family Services. and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada Invites all NEWCOMERS to

## "Judaism—One Step at a Time"

Sessions take place at: The Jewish Community Centre Sunday afternoons, starting March 29, 1992

> Examining Your Jewish Identity March 29, 1992 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Basic Precepts In Judaism April 5, 1992 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Branches of Judaism - A Comparison April 12, 1992 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Life Cycle Events

April 26, 1992 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Jewish Holidays: An Overview

May 3, 1992 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. An Introduction to Prayer and Synagogue Services

May 10, 1992 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

The Difference Between Judalsm and Christianity May 17, 1992 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

> Bringing Up Jewish Children May 24, 1992 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Call Leah Goldford at 487-0595 for details Note: There is a \$5.00 charge to cover the cost of materials

While you are in your session, please take advantage of a new story-telling hour for your children. This class will be given in Russian and will give your kids some vital background in Bible stories and crafts. Call Johanna at the J.C.C. for more details - 487-0585

1977. Edmonton Musical such mitzvot often but if Theatre is a high calibre

performing group and made its debut in that year with a two fold plan. This plan is to provide the highest possible level of training to aspiring students in musical theatre arts, and to provide a showcase for this developing talent in a professional setting with the assistance of professional production personnel.

the cultural mosaic in

Although the Edmon-• • • • • • • • • • • • • ton Musical Theatre will THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT! premiere its 15th • • • • • • • • • • production this year on June 18 at the Kassa Theatre, a sneak preview will be performed at the Woman of the Year performance, phone the the Megillah reading at Hadassah Wizo office at

ORT Edmonton Region

F.R.C.P. (C), A.R.C.T., to take place at 5:00 p.m. present a program on the "Myths and Realities of Centre, March 25, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Willan takes a positive approach to this serious topic. She stresses screening and early diagnosis. Dr. Willan will also show slide presentation and will address audience concerns. Dr. Willan was previously Radiation Oncologist at the Cross University of Alberta. She cost is \$2.00 per person. details.

practice at The Breast

Centre.

#### CHABAD HOUSE



Rabbi Ari Drelich

A Purim meal will be held on Thursday March this 19 featuring music and 4:00 p.m. at the new CHABAD HOUSE at 6003-172 Street opposite cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years and under,

On March 22 CHABAD HOUSE will celebrate its grand opening with an Open House from 2:00 Barbara Willan, M.D., dedication ceremony will

Every second Thursday the Chabad Lubavich of Breast Cancer" at the Edmonton are sponsoring Community an evening class and discussion. On March 26 7:15 p.m. The Megillah the topic will be "Will the Reading will be by Reubin Real Moshiach Please Stahl. Stand Up Part II". The class will take place at Jerry Weiner at 8:00 p.m.

Rveryone is welcome. will be sponsoring a Model Semi-Annual Meeting at Matzoh Factory on April 10:00 a.m. 7, 8 and 9 at the Talmud Torah School. Two shifts April 7 at 7:30 p.m. of the Model Matzoh Be sure to attend our Institute as well as an Factory will take place at 85th

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### ISRAEL **PROGRAM** CENTRE

An Israel Hotline is now available. Phone 444-4440 and listen for three minutes to updated daily news from Israel as delivered by the Israeli Consulate in Toronto.

For information about summer programs in Israel phone 487-0585. Brandy Graesseu can describe the options available for youth, students and adults.

Centre is run by Shaliach Aharon Mor and two part

### BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

 On March 18 a Purim Carnival will be held at

 The Mishna Class will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the home of Esther and March 31 and April 14. Nominations for Board Members will be The CHABAD HOUSE on April 5 at the

> Trustees will meet on Anniversary

Assistant Professor of the JCC on April 5 at 2 Celebration on April 10, organization so that it Radiology at the p.m. and 3.45 p.m. The 11 and 12. See page 3 for can appear in our is currently in private They are also selling • Beth Israel Syna- month.

#### ON TRACK -ON TIME

Preparations continue for this year's celebrations of Israel's 44 anniversary.

The highlight of this years celebrations will be a series of performances at the Fantasyland Hotel, May 6. The performers come from 11 Jewish community organizations. From young to old there will be something for everyone.

Tickets will cost \$3.00 and may be purchased from your organization's representative or at the

#### TUNE-IN

On Being Jewish Wednesday 2:00 p.m. Saturday 5:30 p.m. Channel 10 Cable Shalom Shalom Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Channel 10 Cable

#### SHABBAT CANDLE-LIGHTING

March 20 - 6;28 p.m.March 27 - 6:41 p.m. - 6:54 p.m. -8:07 p.m. First Seder 8:19 p.m.

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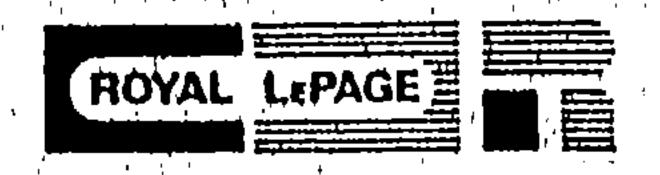
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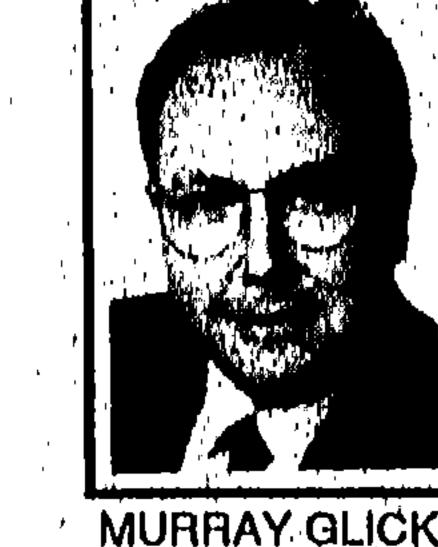


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## From the Shaliach's Desk

## Leadership Study Missions to Israel

by Aharon Mor

March, 1992

formation about Judaism, close to one hundred moment is utilized. Meet-Jewish history and Israel, Leadership Study Mis- ings with prominent perstrengthening Jewish sions. Keren Hayesodalso sonalities and outstandidentity and "charging carries out missions every ing leaders are included. batteries," making the year. visitor proud of being. For the participants it part and parcel of every

unique visits to Israel, Israel in a short period of created on a Leadership participants who return Mission (May 31 to June the participants who are

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of the Hebrew University

Dear friends, Shalom, which achieve all this and way, for one who tours In my previous column, more, are Leadership Israel on his own, to published in February Study Missions. The most achieve so much in this 1992, I have touched base exciting and successful short period of time. on the meaning and the areusually carried out by The Leadership Study importance of visits to the fund raising organi- Mission is very well Israel. The visits have a zations. The American planned and professioncombined affect, giving in- UJA, carried out last year, ally carried out. Every

is a wonderful way to mission.

ten to 14 days. There is no

Fun and excitement are



**Edmonton Shaliach** 

to the community are 12); World Conference of willing to participate in Keren Hayesod in communal life. They are Moscow and Israel (June willing to lead and are 14 to 20) and "Yachday willing to lead by example. '92" - International Young This process strength- Leadership Mission in

ens the Community and Prague and Israel (Auhelps in Community gust 9 to 19). The Choice of Missions Building. Leadership is substantial, the choice good example of Israel of dates is good. Many helping Community can choose their own Building worldwide. Mission, according to their profession, age and

The United Jewish Appeal together with and involvement in the comthrough the United Is- munity as leaders and rael Appeal and Keren donors. Hayesod are offering in the following months four sions which are organ-

Leadership Study Mis- ized by the fund raisers sions: "The Adult March are meant to help them in of the Living" (April 27 to their campaigns. Mis-Study Mission actually May 8); Edmonton's Prosions are regarded as An excellent example of gain deep insight into Motivation which is creates leadership. The fessional Leadership necessary investments in helping and will be help-| ing in the annual campaign. Therefore they are cheaper on one hand and la minimum donation is required on the other hand. As we all know Community Building

Leadership Study Mis-

Leadership Study Missions help in Community Building with excitement, motivation and fun.

requires funds and lead-

I personally have participated in quite a few Leadership Study Missions as a participant or as an Escort Officer on behalf of the Israel Army Spokesman. Every single: mission was a unique experience for me, which I remember and cherish.

Yours truly, Aharon Mor Shaliach

## ludaism - one step at a time

Barry Vogel, Board Member, talks with Joe

Spier, Calgary Chapter President at the official

opening of the Alberta office, Canadian Friends

located at 5151 Third Street, S.E. in Calgary.

the Hebrew University. The new office is

by Leah Goldford

Part of the ongoing Community Acculturamation seminars dealing with BASIC JUDAISM. The series begins on March 29th at the Jewish Community Centre.

A co-operative effort between the community's congregations, the seminars will deal with various aspects of Judaism. beginning with "Examining Your Jewish Identity". Rabbi Ari Drelich

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in Judaism.

On April 5th, the series will continue with Rabbi-Rosner examining the tion Programme (CAP) "Basic Precepts in Judaism" introducing the main characters and concepts in the Torah.

quent sessions include a panel discussion on the

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to give wider range to Other topics in subseobserver

various branches of Judaism, Jewish Holidays, Jewish Life Cycle events, Prayer and Synagogue services and the differences between Judaism and Christianity. The final session, nity," says Leah Gold- Judaism. While the semi-

feeling Jewish mean to Rabbi Rosner, and stu- Union was restricted, and the ethics inherent—tions in the raising of Jewish heritage."

communities

Dr. Doris Davies

## Still Talking Continued from Page 2 Jewish women's group, Organizations Con- inspections by military

and are expecting an ference in Montreal in forces. She saw two invitation from the June 1991, where the Palestinian houses which Canadian Council of delegates called for a had been demolished by Muslim Women. Though boycott against Israel. Israel. Ms. Issenmanfe their own communities. She stayed with her "saddened" by the lack of may not be comfortable mother, whose response human rights for with them, they have had was "That's the con-Palestinians and at the a great deal of media ference you were at!!!" It disparities she saw attention where they was a "pretty rocky time between the Palestinians stress that they "speak for talking" admits Ms. and Israelis. At the same only for themselves". Ms. Issenman, who adds that time, she says being in respectful. Others in the and identified" as a Jew. says things I don't feel and believe". Ms. Zalik group have "agreed to adds that it is positive if disagree" with their have commonalities as the wider community sees that neither of our

Israel, the West Bank and Edmonton's AJWPC took Gaza in December 1991 risks to humanize each Promislow, who is with the Middle East other she believes that Jewish, says that she Children's Alliance, a the entire Middle East introduces viewpoints to small group of Jewish, must do the same. the group's discussions Christian.

Palestinian-American which she may not personally feel, in order women. They spent time with a Jewish-Arab group in Haifa who work Some group members together on community have gone home to heated projects. They stood with family controversy. Ms. "Women in Black" and Issenman was an attended "Peace Now" the demonstrations. They Symposium on the stayed with a poor family Question of Palestine, a in a refugee camp in Gaza, United Nations Regional observing the curfew, Non-Governmental being subjected to

Jewish children.

The programme "The programme grew—though, is open to anyone out of the needs of our interested in learning sizeable emigre commu-more about the basics of "Bringing up Jewish Chil- ford, CAP co-ordinator, nars themselves are free, ing from why you feel dren," again brings to- "Since the practice of there is a five dollar Jewish and what does gether Rabbi Drelich, Judaism in the Soviet charge for materials for the series. Please contact establishing a Jewish dent Rabbi Ken Carr to many emigres have a very the JCC for more inforidentity and the values give hands-on sugges- limited knowledge of their mation and to pre-regis-

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their conversations have Israel gave her a fantastic since become less feeling and she perceives confrontational and more herself more "validated

Ms. Hamdon says we well as conflicts. Ms. Issenman visted Therefore, just as

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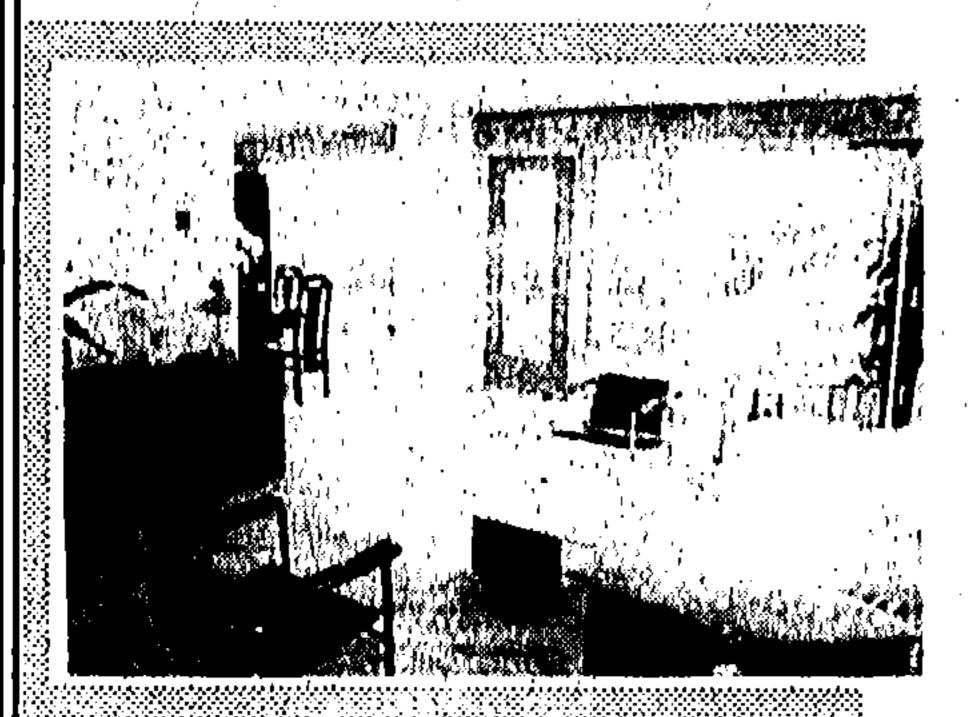


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	Oz 796 MI	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.39	2.39
	Oz 284 MI	1.17	1.13	1.17	1.25	1.25
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Ketchup Heinz	111	2.78	2.19	2.99	3.29	3.29
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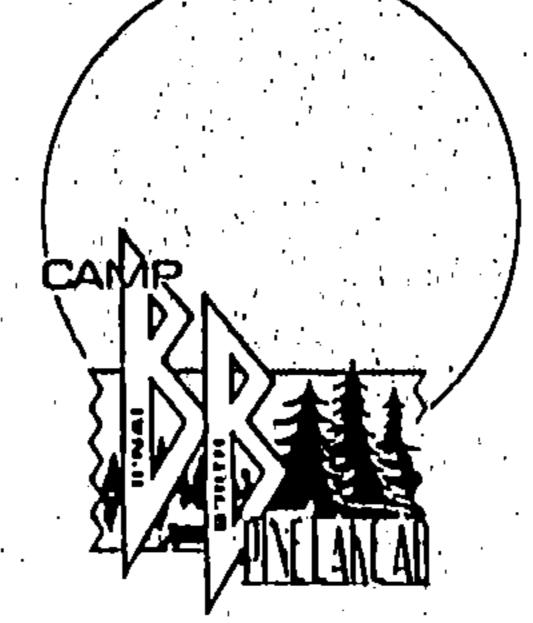
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