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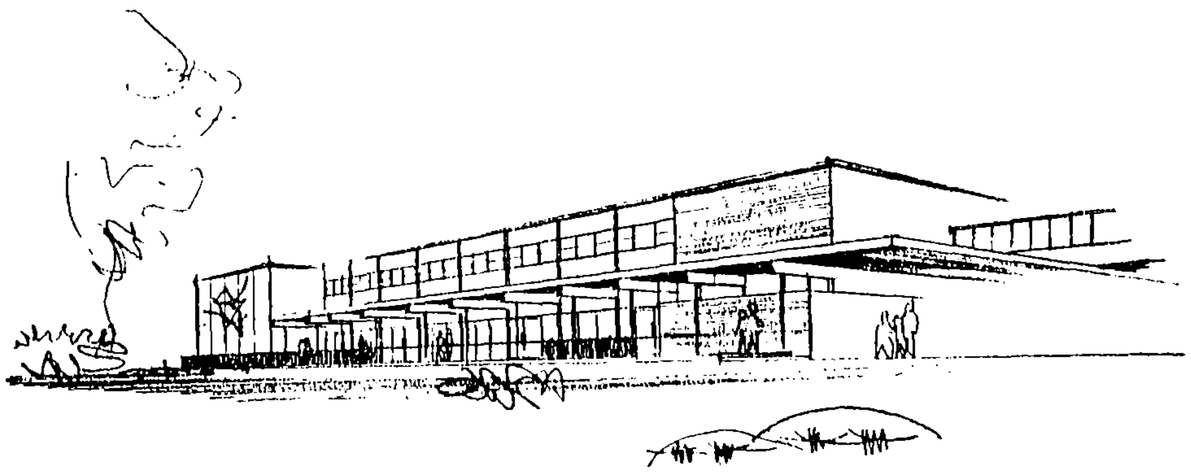
GYMNASIUM O.K.'D

Talmud Torah Gets Green Light



PERSPECTIVE
Artist's sketch of proposed Talmud Torah Gymnasium.

Community Council Endorses One-Year Building Fund Campaign

Three years of study and planning reached a climax on November 22, when the Edmonton Jewish Community Council unanimously endorsed the Talmud Torah's request to build a gymnasium adjoining the present school. The Council also approved the school's request that a one-year period, beginning November 15, 1961, be reserved for a Building Fund Campaign. No other capital campaigns will be approved during that time.

The decision to give the Talmud Torah the green light came after three years of study and planning by the Talmud Torah, the Youth Commission, the Youth Planning Board and the Community Council. The school has long felt the need for a proper physical education program as part of its curriculum. Talmud Torah leadership also felt that such a building might be useful in housing an athletic and physical fitness program for all the young people in the community. Before proceeding with their own building plans, the Talmud Torah submitted its suggestion to the 1959-60 Youth Commission. This Commission, in the course of its enquiry found an enthusiastic response to the idea from almost every organization which appeared before it. The recommendation was then discussed by the Interim Youth Planning Board, which presented a resolution favoring a gymnasium to the 1961 annual meeting of the Community Council. At that meeting, the Council unanimously endorsed the resolution and asked the Talmud Torah to proceed with plans. On Nov. 22, the Talmud Torah Building Campaign was endorsed and the one-year period for raising funds approved.

The new building, which will essentially include a full-size gymnasium, locker rooms and showers will be a dual purpose facility. During the day, it will be used for the school's physical education program. After school hours, the building will be taken over by a responsible community body for sports, games, coaching and a program of physical fitness for all the Jewish young people in the community. The Youth Planning Board will be entrusted with the task of arranging the best possible administration and program. The gymnasium will be a true community facility for youth of all ages.

Gym Fits Into Youth Planning Board's Master Plan

Members of the Interim Youth Planning Board—a group which is a partnership between the Edmonton Jewish Community Council and all Jewish organizations interested in Youth Activities—have expressed deep satisfaction with the Community Council decision endorsing the Talmud Torah Gymnasium Building Campaign.

The Youth Planning Board, which supervises leisure time activities for children in the Jewish Community, played a major role in planning for the new building. It was this body which presented the resolution favoring the gymnasium to the Edmonton Jewish Community Council's 1961 annual meeting. It was this body which called for the development of a pilot YMHA-type program which would use all available community facilities. The Youth Planning Board also felt that a gymnasium built on Talmud Torah grounds would fulfill a vital need until such time as a separate YMHA-Community Center would be built.

The Youth Planning Board will be asked to approve final building plans, as well as have representatives on the Building Campaign committee.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN NOTE!

Deadline for the January issue of "Our Community News" is December 20. All copy must be in the Community Council office, 305 Mercantile Building, typewritten and double spaced by that date.

$165,000,000 Urged As 1962 Goal Of American Jewish Community By CJFWF General Assembly

DALLAS, Texas — A thousand Jewish welfare leaders headed home to their local communities November 19 from the 30th and largest General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to tell their 800 local communities that American Jews must raise $165,000,000 to meet the mounting needs of Jews in this country and the world. Edmonton Jewish Community Council's President Joseph H. Shoctor and Executive Director Morris A. Stein represented this Jewish community.

In final actions, the Assembly of 21 5welfare funds, federations and community councils throughout this country and Canada elected officers for the coming year and passed a series of resolutions on reported Soviet maltreatment of Jews, partnership with the government in advancing health and welfare programs, civil liberties, social work training and philanthropic campaigns.

Irving Kane of Cleveland was re-elected to his third term as president of the CJFWF. Judge Irving C. Hill of Los Angeles was elected as vice-president. Re-elected as vice-presidents were Edward Barkoff of Montreal; I. S. Loewenberg of Chicago; Mrs. Elmer Moyer of Dayton; Edwin Rosenberg of New York City; Sol Satinsky of Philadelphia; Louis Stern of Newark, and Lewis H. Weinstein of Boston.

Carlos L. Israels of New York City was re-elected treasurer, and Louis J. Fox of Baltimore was re-elected secretary.

Expressing grave concern over recent reports regarding the Soviet Union's treatment of Jews, the Assembly unanimously voted a resolution which urged that "the force of public opinion bring an end to Soviet attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions, and that Jews in Russia be given the same rights as other groups to religious expression and cultural fulfillment."

Emphasising the urgent need for more rapid progress in dealing with what it termed "the principal unfinished business of our democracy," the Assembly called on Congress "to enact legislation making equal rights and opportunities a reality" and on President Kennedy "to continue to exercise his executive powers to act to end government operation or support of programs and practices that perpetuate discrimination."

The Assembly also passed resolutions which:

—approved the re-organization of

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PHILIP GIVENS

Nominations Open For Jewish Family Services

Mrs. Wolfe Margolus, President of the Jewish Family Services announces that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 1962. Nominations of Board Members are now open to the Jewish Community-at-large, to be proposed for election at this meeting. Mr. D. M. Wolochow has been appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee with Mrs. Mickey Dlin and Dr. B. P. Mass serving as Committee members.

In accordance with the By-laws of the Jewish Family Services, nominations must be made at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting by presentation in writing. Anyone desiring to nominate a Board member must submit the name in writing with writetn consent of the Nominee to the office, 305 Mercantile Building or to any member of the Nominating Committee, thirty days prior to January 30, 1962.

Pay Your UJA Pledge Today!

RECORD ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT NEGEV DINNER

Charles Freedman, chairman of the Saul Dlin Negev Dinner announced that a record attendance is expected at the Dinner. "The response has been overwhelming," said Mr. Freedman. "We didn't realize how highly people in our community thought of Saul Dlin up to this time. We have always known him to be a hard worker, but such a modest man that few knew of the many hours of work he has done voluntarily."

Mr. Freedman also announced that Controller Philip Givens of Toronto will be the guest speaker at the Dinner. A gifted and dynamic orator, Mr. Givens has made a significant contribution to both his general and Jewish community.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and of Osgoode Hall, Mr. Givens is a practising lawyer. He was elected Controller of the City of Toronto in 1960 after serving nine years as Alderman. He is, at present, a director of the Health League of Canada, a member of the Canadian Council of Christian and Jews, a member of the Toronto Board of Trade, and a member of the Board of Governors of Toronto's new Mt. Sinai Hospital. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital and the Board of Governors of the Toronto Western Hospital.

His record of achievement in the Jewish community is at least as impressive as that in the general community. He is a past president of the Toronto B'nai B'rith co-ordinating committee and of Upper Canada

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THE RESOLUTION THAT DID IT!

"Whereas the Youth Planning Board has given consideration to the report of the Youth Commission and other tentative proposals regarding erection of facilities for a Youth or Community Center program, and

"Whereas this Board has taken into consideration presently existing facilities, and

"Whereas it is this Board's opinion that the Jewish Community will require, sometime in the future, a separate Community Center Building and program, and

"Whereas it is apparent that the Talmud Torah presently requires a gymnasium to carry on a physical education program,

"It is moved that this Committee recommend to the Edmonton Jewish Community Council approval in principle of the proposal that the Talmud Torah, with the blessing and encouragement of the Community Council, prepare the necessary plans leading to the erection of a gymnasium building on Talmud Torah grounds with funds raised from the Jewish community and with the understanding that the gymnasium facilities and other suitable existing Talmud Torah facilities be made available for a Community Center type program."

This resolution was passed unanimously by the Interim Youth Planning Board on March 15, 1961 and by the Edmonton Jewish Community Council on June 12, 1961.

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THE GYMNASIUM

The Edmonton Jewish Community Council's endorsation of the Talmud Torah Gymnasium Building Campaign was an historic decision in our community. The building of a Gymnasium will fill a void for our educational and recreational programs.

Physical education has long been part of formal education in almost every school on this continent from elementary to University level. The introduction of physical education will help make the Talmud Torah curriculum as fine and complete as that found in any school in our land. Parents whose children enter Junior High School know all too well what their children have missed because the Talmud Torah was not able to provide physical education.

This new building will provide an outstanding recreational facility for the young people in our community. With a new gymnasium, our community will be able to help fill the leisure time of our young people constructively by giving them an opportunity to learn and to participate in many sports activities. For the first time, a physical fitness and athletic program will be available to all age groups in our youth community and with sufficient time for everyone.

We salute the Talmud Torah as it embarks on the Gymnasium Building Campaign. We are certain that every member of Edmonton's Jewish Community will make a fair contribution to this project.

THE TIME IS NOW!

Last month, almost one thousand leaders of Jewish communities in Canada, United States and Mexico met in Dallas at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds. They were there to discuss the problems of Jewish communities — fund raising, education, health and welfare needs, public relations and so on down the list of concerns which every vital community has.

They came from almost every stream of Jewish organization. It was not a Zionist convention, nor was it a convention of Zionists. But the primary concern, the one which overshadowed everything else, was the present position of the Jewish Agency. Fund raising for the United Israel Appeal, through your United Jewish Appeal, provides the revenue for the Jewish Agency. The Agency's concern is immigration into Israel, absorption, health and welfare and related services. Without the gift dollar, not a single Jew could have been transported from the remains of the European holocaust, from North Africa, or from Asia to the freedom of Israel. No other country in the world will accept these people. No other country in the world will accept the halt, the blind, the lame. But the State of Israel, with the help of the Jewish Agency, will accept any Jew who desires to enter.

The current situation was pictured vividly by Irving Kane, the distinguished president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Isidor Lubin, the world-famous economist who acts as consultant to the Jewish Agency Inc. and by Moses Leavitt, who serves with distinction as Executive Vice-President of the Joint Distribution Committee. In 1961, the Jewish Agency anticipated an immigration of approximately 25,000 people. . Somehow, more gates than expected were open, and the new estimate for this year is 75,000. As many are expected in 1962. Every Jew who can be rescued today must be helped. Morrocan Jews who had the opportunity of leaving their country five years ago are denied exit today. The Iron Curtain dropped, preventing exit for thousands of Jews.

Every additional 10,000 immigrants requires thirty-four million dollars - - twenty-seven million from the government of Israel and seven million in outside contributed funds. The government of Israel has recently imposed a special tax, designed to raise fourteen million dollars within six months to provide housing for new immigrants. Bitter experience has shown that it costs far more in cash and in human life to put people into make-shift housing before they can settle permanently. A report on the Agricultural Department of the Jewish Agency revealed 450 agricultural settlements still dependent on aid. Continued dependence mean doubling and tripling of costs.

In order to help meet this tremendously crushing financial burden, the American United Jewish Appeal asked United States communities to raise thirty-five million dollars in addition to the sixty million dollars for which they had already budgeted in 1962. The American communities accepted this task, with courage and optimism.

What can we do? We can help accomplish a mighty task immediately, by paying our United Jewish Appeal pledges as quickly as possible. Your United Jewish Appeal distributes its collected funds as quickly and efficiently as possible. Within two weeks of receipt of your cash, the United Israel Appeal — Canadian Jewish Congress share is sent to Montreal. It goes to the work for the Jewish Agency and Israel in less than three weeks from the time you mail in your cheque. Play your part today.

CJFWF ASSEMBLY

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American Jewish philanthropic aid to Israel and the development of a systematic program for debt reduction;

—urged the need for sustained and effective cash collection efforts by its member agencies;

—endorsed the extension for another three years of the Council's National Scholarship Plan and Fund for the recruitment and training of social workers.

At Saturday night's banquet session, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Abraham A. Ribicoff told the two thousand men and women who packed the meeting hall that "we are in a race not only for the moon—but for the fullest development of our human resources right here on earth."

Delivering the first Herbert R. Abeles Memorial Address, the Secretary told his audience that this is "a time for new ideas . . . a time to seek new ways and find new means to promote the general welfare."

"Public welfare must be more than a salvage operation," he declared, "and it must not be confined to picking up the debris from the wreckage of human lives. Its ever-growing emphasis should be on rehabilitation and prevention."

He expressed regret when general welfare measures are discussed today, "the dialogue is dominated by opponents, and even friends . . . sound more apologetic than proud."

He "challenged" the assembled leaders to join "with us as we battle to dispel the misunderstanding and confusion" caused by deceptive labels like "welfare state" or "Federal control" or "socialized medicine."

A scroll was presented to the Dallas Jewish Welfare Federation in honor of its golden anniversary which is being marked this year. Julian Freeman of Indianapolis made the presentation.

At a major session, delegates were told that American Jewish communities must raise more than $165,000,000 in 1962 to meet pressing domestic and overseas needs.

Of this sum, according to Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, general chairman of the U.S. National United Jewish Appeal, the UJA is hoping to raise $95,000,000 — $35,000,000 of which will be for a special fund to meet the increased costs of new immigration coming into Israel at a rising rate.

An additional $70,000,000 will have to be raised to provide for the other overseas, national and local welfare needs met by the fund raising campaigns of the council's member communities.

Sidney R. Rabb of Boston, past campaign chairman of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, indicated that an estimated $120,000,000 will have been raised on this continent by the end of 1961 for all needs by Jewish community organizations and said that even more money will be needed next year and in the years to come "because of the increasing complexity of our social welfare needs."

He warned, however, that there will be greater difficulty in raising such large sums because of "the growing demands on the philanthropic dollar" by other causes "which have captured the imagination and the support of our contributors."

He urged that delegates impress on their contributors, on potential new leaders and on their communities "the full importance of federations to the total needs of the community."

"No basic human need is foreign to our feedrations," he said. "No instrument other than a federation can discharge the responsibility for all of these needs together, and no instrument other than a federation can adjust its resources to the rapid changes of modern life more quickly and more effectively."

"The needs which federations strive to meet," he went on, "are not one year's needs—not one year's purposes—not one year's programs. They are basic and continuing commitments."

Pointing out that the National UJA is not seeking the additional funds at the expense of vital local needs, Mr. Meyerhoff declared that it is "the minimum share which American Jews in all conscience must provide to meet the mounting costs of a growing immigration to Israel and the needs of the Jews it helps in 28 countries."

Even with the increase, Mr. Meyerhoff disclosed, Americans will not be bearing the major costs of the transportation, intake and absorption of the new immigrants to the Jewish State.

"The people of Israel," he declared, "will, as they have always done, bear the brunt of this cost." He pointed out that for every dollar that American Jews have contributed for this purpose, the people of Israel have provided two dollars.

In another major session, CJFWF president, Irving Kane, reported on the findings of a council delegation's recent trip to Israel.

"Though Israel's economy is moving forward—the gross national product has been increasing eight to ten per cent per year and there is virtually no unemployment—yet," Mr. Kane reported, "Israel still has a foreign trade gap of well over $300 million. This difference between what it imports and exports is the measure of its economic dependence."

Though the absorption of new arrivals is a burden to its economy, he said, Israel regards them as its greatest asset.

Mr. Kane sal dthat his delegation proposed to Israel leaders the setting up of a "flexible five-year plan that would recognize that immigration comes in waves, not in averages, and that the volume is determined by the country of exit, not by Israel."

Even were there no new immigration, Mr. Kane told the conference, Israel would continue to need American assistance "because the backlog of unmet needs for earlier settlers remains great."

At the same session, delegates heard Dr. Isador Lubin, consultant to the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., review the budgetary controls and allocation procedures for funds made available by American Jews.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER, 1961

HANUKKAH — December 3-10.
NATIONAL YOUNG JUDAEA CONVENTION — December 25-28.

Sunday	3 Evening	Mizrachi Women's Membership Hanukkah Celebration
Monday	4 Evening	Mizrachi Men's Meeting
Tuesday	5 Evening	Hadassah - Aliyah - Sabra Pioneer Women - Chanita - Kramer Celebrity Concert
Wednesday	6 Afternoon	Council of Jewish Women General Meeting
	Evening	Pioneer Women Aviva Golden Age Club
Thursday	7 All Day	Mizrachi Women Bazaar at Hudson's Bay Co. Auditorium
Sunday	10 Evening	NEGEV DINNER HONORING SAUL DLIN
Tuesday	12 Afternoon	Beth Shalom Sisterhood Executive Meeting
	Evening	Hadassah - Kadimah Beth Israel Sisterhood Executive
Wednesday	13 Afternoon	Hadassah - Israeli
	Evening	B'nai B'rith Lodges No. 732 and No. 2062 Golden Age Club
Sunday	17 Evening	Beth Israel Sisterhood Ball
Tuesday	19 Afternoon	Hadassah - Council
	Evening	Home and School Pioneer Women - Chanita and Kanot
Wednesday	20 Afternoon	Mothers' Auxiliary General Meeting
	Evening	Pioneer Women - Aviva Edmonton Zionist Council Golden Age Club
Saturday	23 Evening	Pioneer Women - Aviva Telephone Bridge
Tuesday	26 Afternoon	Council of Jewish Women Executive Meeting
	Evening	Jewish Family Services - Board Meeting Mizrachi Women Pioneer Women - Council Council of Jewish Women - Evening Group
Wednesday	27 Afternoon	Beth Israel Sisterhood - General Meeting Beth Shalom Sisterhood - General Meeting
	Evening	Edmonton Jewish Community Council Golden Age Club

JANUARY, 1962

Monday	1 Evening	Mizrachi Men's Meeting
Tuesday	2 Evening	Hadassah - Aliyah - Sabra Pioneer Women - Chanita - Kramer
Wednesday	3 Afternoon	Council of Jewish Women General Meeting
	Evening	Pioneer Women - Aviva Golden Age Club - Hostesses Pioneer Women
Sunday	7 Morning	Mothers' Auxiliary Telephone Book Blitz
Tuesday	9 Afternoon	Beth Shalom Sisterhood Executive
	Evening	Hadassah - Kadima Beth Israel Sisterhood Executive
Wednesday	10 Afternoon	Hadassah - Israeli
	Evening	B'nai B'rith Lodges No. 732 and No. 2062 Golden Age Club
Thursday	11 Evening	Celebrity Concert
Sunday	14 Evening	Mizrachi Women Dinner

B'Nai B'rith Lodge No. 2062

A Hanukkah program will highlight the December meeting of the Lodge No. 2062. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the lower audirium of the Beth Shalom Synagogue. The business will be held to a bare minimum so that the Lodge Brothers will be able to enjoy the cultural program. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Mizrachi Women

Last minute details for the Annual Mizrachi Bazaar were completed at the organization's November Meeting. The Bazaar takes place at the Hudson's Bay Auditorium on Thursday, December 7.

The next big Mizrachi project is the Annual Donor Dinner, scheduled for January 14. Mrs. J. Eaman, Mrs. J. Fox and Mrs. N. Pakes will head the Dinner Committee, while Mrs. Louis L. Sacks will be program chairman.

Mizrachi Women's Annual Hanukkah Evening takes place on Sunday, December 3. Chapter members and their husbands and members of the Men's Mizrachi and their wives will be welcomed.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, EDMONTON SECTION

New members, Ship-A-Box and a trip around the world are in store for Council Women on Wednesday, December 6 at a luncheon meeting in the upper auditorium of the Beth Shalom Synagogue. 1962 White Stag cruise wear will be modelled and the Cunard Line is presenting a travelogue of a trip around the world.

The Ship-A-Box project provides an opportunity to all members to participate directly helping children in Israel. Members are asked to bring new toys, such as beads, unbreakable toy dishes, plasticine, stuffed animals and educational toys. They will help a bewildered child in a new land to know himself and friends through the medium of arts and crafts, games and play.

Mrs. David Kline has had a singular honor bestowed upon her. She has been asked to chair Council's National Community Service Committee. Mrs. Kline will select her committeee from the members of the Edmonton Section.

Because New Year's Eve is on a Sunday this year, none of the traditional activities are legal before midnight. Council has been forced to cancel the New Year's Eve Ball.

The Junior Service Group has undertaken the responsibility to hold one party a month at the new Edmonton Children's Centre. This institution, operated by the City Welfare Deparment, is for children waiting placement in foster homes. The first party was on November 19 and was a most happy occasion for both children and the members of the Junior Service Group. The group has also provided toys. A combined meeting and workshop to make toys for the centre was held on November 22 in the home of Mrs. D. Sieckter.

The evening group sponsored a Hallowe'en party for the Central Friendship Club. Over 150 members attended. Through the courtesy of the Musicians' Federation, Mr. M. Bellamy and his orchestra performed. Prizes were given for the best costume. Refreshments were provided and served by the evening group. The committee which worked on this were Mesdames S. Hardin, S. Kushner, L. Milner, E. Pechet, I. Polsky, M. Satanove, L. Simkin, M. Satanove.

Three members attended the training seminar for National Personnel in Ste. Agathe, Quebec in the week of November 26 to December 1. Mesdames David Kline, Harold Kline and Roy Schloss participated in the seminar which was designed to help council leaders examine their role and their performance.

Canadian Young Judaea National Convention In Edmonton

From December 25 to 28, Edmonton will be hosting the first National Young Judaea Convention ever to be held in the West since the birth of Canadian Young Judaea at a Z.O.C. convention in Winnipeg in 1917. 130 delegates from across Canada are expected. Since there has never been a Kinus held in the West before, we would like to prove to the Easterners that National Conventions should be held in places other than Montreal and Toronto.

National conventions are the highest body in Canadian Young Judaea's structure. They are held bi-annually and it is at these affairs that the new executive for Young Judaea is elected and installed. All facets of convention preparation are being done and being done well, except for the matter of billeting. 130 delegates and observers are expected and so far only about half that number have been designated homes. We hope that the Jewish Community of Edmonton will assist us as well as in the past. If anyone can house one or two chaverim for the short space of four days would they PLEASE contact the billeting chairman, Elaine Landa at 488-4728, Please!

B'nai B'rith Westminster Program Underway

The B'nai B'rith Westminster physical education program opened on Wednesday, November 8 in the gymnasium of the Westminster Junior High School. The program is open to every Jewish young person in this community between the ages of 8 and 17. It is conducted by a competent corps of instructors, every one of them a student in education, and majoring in physical education, at the University of Alberta.

The 8-11-year-olds meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Their program includes physical fitness, calisthenics, instruction in various sports, games and organized athletic activities. Boys and girls meet in separate groups. The 12 and 13-year-olds and the 14 to 17-year-olds meet on Monday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., except the first Monday of the month. In the week of the first Monday, these groups will meet from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The older boys have organized a basketball house league. The older girls are seeking more participants so that they may organize a volleyball league. The 12 and 13-year-olds will have a physical fitness program as well as league activities.

There is still room for more participants in this program, particularly for 12 and 13 year-olds. The registration fee for the entire season is only $1.00 a person. The program is an excellent one. This program is sponsored by Edmonton B'nai B'rith and is supervised by the Youth Planning Board.

B'nai B'rith Borscht and Blintzes

Lodge No. 732 Adult Education Chairman, Ron Billig, has announced that B'nai B'rith will participate in the community's adult Jewish education institute by sponsoring home study groups. A circular advising this has gone out to the entire community. The purpose of this program, Brother Billig states, is to encourage examination and exchange of Jewish ideas by small groups. It is felt that "Living Room Learning" will have wide appeal for those who wish to engage in stimulating and informal discussion with their friends. People interested in registering for such a group should call the community office at 424-2390.

The Red Cross has sent out an urgent appeal for blood donors. Ten thousand new donors are desperately needed in Edmonton. B'nai B'rith urges all members of the community to respond to this vital appeal. If you wish to become a blood donor, please call the Red Cross at 422-2946.

Summer, 1962, seems to be many months away, but the B'nai B'rith Camp Committee feels that now is the time to start planning to send your child to Camp B'nai B'rith at Pine Lake. Watch this column for more information.

Mazel Tov to Brother Henry and Milly Singer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Fred.

Sharilyn Bell --- National Champion

"I just didn't believe it when I heard my name and I still don't. It's the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me." This is the way thirteen-year-old Sharilyn Bell described her feelings when she found out that she was the National Champion in the ten to thirteen-year-old age group of the Singer Sewing Contest. She had competed with sixty thousand girls in Canada and the United States.

We asked this petite and pert young lady how she started sewing in the first place. 'It was easy," she said, "my sister Jody was taking tennis lessons. I was eleven, and too young for the class. I was bored. I had to do something that summer so I enrolled for a ten-lesson sewing course." This past summer she entered a sewing contest, "because it's part of the course and almost everybody enters."

Eighty-six ten to thirteen year-olds had entered in the Edmonton contest. The contestants pick their own pattern and materials. Sharilyn had selected a McCalls pattern — a four-piece suit of double knit jersey with a sleeveless over-blouse, box pleated skirt and short single-breasted jacket. The local contest took place at Alberta College. The contestants modeled their own garments. She was shocked when she was named the winner.

The Singer people then sent her entry to Winnipeg for the Regional Final, which involved the finalists in the provinces west of Ontario. Along with the suit, went a picture of Sharilyn modelling it. "We were on the way out of the house to Kol Nidre services, when the phone rang. Daddy answered it and told me that I had won the Regional Contest." The next step came when Sharilyn's suit and picture were sent to New York City for the National finals. Five finalists in each of the three age divisions were chosen and invited to New York. "Daddy got the phone call from my sewing teacher and called me. I didn't believe him and I made him call back to make sure." All that Sharilyn remembers of her five days in New York City is modelling her clothes, being photographed in Central Park, Rockefeller Centre and St. Patrick's Cathedral, interviews with Fashion Editors and more modelling. Her mother, Mrs. Arthur Bell, accompanied her to New York and confesses that when they announced Sharilyn as a winner, she was in such a hurry to get to her that she fell off her chair. Sharilyn, together with the other winners in other age groups was a guest on the National Television show, "Play Your Hunch."

As a local winner, she won a sewing case. As Regional winner, her prize was a sewing machine and as one of the five finalists in her age group, she received $400 and a trip to New York for herself and her mother. The Grand Prize, which she can hardly wait to collect, is a trip around historical cities in the United States together with her parents, next summer.

A graduate of the Talmud Torah, Sharilyn is a Grade Nine student at Westminster Junior High School. She was recently inducted in the B'nai B'rith Girls and is a member of Young Judaea's Leader in Training Group. Her hobby, of course, is sewing She also figure skates, plays golf and is on her class volleyball team.

What does she want to do when she is older? She wants to take a course in fashion design and become a fashion co-ordinator.

Sharilyn is the first Canadian girl who has ever won the Singer National Sewing Contest. What makes this shy thirteen-year-old even more endearing is that one must conx her in order to find out that she won.

Youth News

A.Z.A.

The Regina conclave is getting closer and conclave fever is beginning to spread throughout the chapter. Although the Edmonton Eskimos did lose to Calgary, many AZA members have become inspired to do the spectacular in Regina to show that Edmonton has not lost the team spirit. The conclave committee representing Edmonton includes Co-ordinator Aleph Bob Rosen; Athletic, Aleph Mitch Grossman and Miscellaneous, Aleph Ron Dlin. Edmonton has been allowed sixteen delegates of whom seven will be voting delegates.

A.Z.A. members are invited to participate in the Athletic Night sponsored by B'nai B'rith at Westminster School on Monday evenings at 7 30 p m. Aleph Mitch Grossman, the Athletic Chairman co-ordinates this activity. A.Z.A. members are also urged to try out for the basketball team which will represent Edmonton at the convention in Regina.

The Aleph Initiation was held at the Beth Shalom Synagogue on Sunday, November 12. The event was a great success because of the large attendance of the parents. A.Z.A. welcomed nine new members:- Alephs Ron Charnow, Syd Shugarman, Stan Wiseman, Pete Uram, Jack, Jack Epstein, Sammy Winters, Cliff Goldstein, Irving Kussin and Jack Liskear B.B.Y.O.'s popular Regional Chairman Mr. Herb Leon addressed the meeting. The initiation ceremony was conducted by Aleph Kohen Gadol Ron Goldberg who was assisted by the executive. The B.B.G.'s provided the refreshments following the meeting.

B.B.G.

Plans for the annual B.B.Y.O. North-West Canadian Regional convention, which will be held in Regina from December 24 - 27, are well under way. Committees have been chosen to prepare songs, skits, sports, and cultural activities as competition against other participating cities.

B.B.G. is still busy with plans for the TV program, Club Five, on which they will be appearing on December 4, together with A.Z.A.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to B.B.G member, Sharilyn Bell, who recently became the first Canadian girl to win first prize in the Singer Sewing Contest in New York.

Edmonton Young Judaea

Edmonton Young Judaea is showing that this year is its most tremenous season in a great many years. On the J.N.F. collection that Young Judaea organized, a total of $247.04 was collected. This year our quota is $1,000 which is no easy task but not impossible. We hope that the Jewish Community of Edmonton will support us in our tri-monthly

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URGENTLY NEEDED

Homes for out-of-town delegates to the National Young Judaea Convention, December 25 to 28. Open your home to a young man or woman for 4 days. If you can provide this, please call Elaine Landa, HU 8-4728.

TALMUD TORAH NOTES

The annual Home and School "Meet the Teachers Night" was held on November 1st. The meeting was held in the classrooms where the teachers had the opportunity of explaining the program of studies, and to answer questions of general nature regarding the curriculum and teaching methods.

Special Hebrew classes for Adults commenced November 15th at the Talmud Torah. Sponsored by the Talmud Torah and the Keren Hatarbuth, they are the school's participation in the Adult Education Institute, recently launched by the Edmonton Jewish Community Council. Three main courses are offered, Hebrew for the Beginner, Advanced Hebrew, and Conversational Hebrew for former students and alumni of the Talmud Torah. In addition, the Adult Institute Lecture course will commence Wednesday, November 22nd. The method of teaching is the new "Ulpan Method" which proved to be very successful. The enrollment is very satisfactory and we hope that more will take advantage of this opportunity to learn Hebrew.

The month of Kislev marks the holiday of Hanukkah and students are now preparing for the annual Hanukkah concert which is to be held on the afternoon of Sunday, December 10th. Hanukkah is studied in all grades, but due to the large enrollment only certain grades will participate in the concert. The Kindergartens will present a playlet entitled "The Search for Yehudah Ha Maccabee". Grade 1b will portray the celebration of Hanukkah by the various communities of Israel. Grade 1Vb is presenting the play entitled "The Magic Top" and Grades Va and VI will tell the story of the Maccabean Revolt.

The Mother's Auxiliary was very kind to offer to help with the costumes. Mrs. Allman is in charge of the project, and anyone who is ready to help or has some costumes to spare may contact Mrs. Allman. Costumes are in great demand in our school these days, and any addition to our wardrobe will be most welcome.

The Talmud Torah pupils again distinguished themselves by their participation in the annual UNICEF drive held October 30th. They collected the handsome sum of $310.00.

We hope to see you all at the Hanukkah concert on Sunday, December 10.

Talmud Torah Mothers' Auxiliary

Through the diligent efforts of co-conveners Mrs. A. Hanson and Mrs. P. Bernstein, another successful Talmud Torah Telephone Bridge was held in November.

Sincere thanks to the following couples who were kind enough to donate their homes for this occasion: Mr. and Mrs. D. Kushner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Libin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheckter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sorokin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wolch, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Landa, Dr. and Mrs. B. P. Mass, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rolingher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Solfer, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Witten.

Thanks also to the community at large, which as usual, responded so generously.

Mrs. C. A. Berner, convener, has announced that the second edition of the EDMONTON JEWISH COMMUNITY REFERENCE BOOK will be ready for distribution by the middle of December. Anyone wishing to purchase their Reference Book then, should call Mrs. Wolfe Margolus, 488-4037. There will be a Blitz Day on January 1, 1962, for general sale of the Edmonton Jewish Community Reference Book.

Library cards for the Leo Pekarsky Memorial Library at the Talmud Torah are now available to commemorate special occasions. Two dollars or more will send a lovely card to friends and family to mark a special event. These cards may be purchased through the Mothers' Auxiliary of the Talmud Torah.

The Edmonton Talmud Torah Mothers' Auxiliary regular monthly meeting are held the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. The December meeting will be on the 20th of the month. Anyone who has not paid their dues should contact Mrs. B. P. Mass, 13421-103 Ave.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

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Lodge B'nai B'rith. He has been a member of the National Executive Board of the Zionist Organization of Canada since 1955 and chaired the National Committee on Tourism to Israel from 1956-58. Controller Givens was elected president of the Toronto Zionist Council in June, 1961. He visited Israel in 1953, 1956 and 1960. In 1956 he participated in the 24th World Zionist Congress and in 1960 represented Canada at the World Convention of the United Israel Appeal in Jerusalem.

Controller Givens is married and is the father of two children.

The Negev Dinner reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium of the Beth Shalom Synagogue. Dinner, prepared by members of the Hadassah Council, will be served in the Upper Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the committee, in addition to Mr. Freedman are Messrs. Louis Rudolph, J. Rolingher, Mickey Dlin, Marvin Dower, I. Garfin, George Levine, Wolfe Margolus, A. Shnitka, Maurice Stochinsky, Dr. C. A. Berner and Mesdames H. Bloomfield, A. J. Brezer and S. Shtabsky.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Services hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed at the Annual Meeting on January 30th, 1962.

—RESOLVED "that all previous By-laws of the Agency shall be rescinded and a new set of By-laws shall be adopted."

This extraordinary Resolution has been passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Services on November 28th, 1961 and will be proposed for ratification at the Annual Meeting on January 30th, 1962. A copy of the Extraordinary Resolution and the proposed set of new By-laws will be mailed to the Jewish Community twenty-one days prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with the regulations of the Companies Act, Chapter 245, R.S.A. 1955.

ISRAEL AND FREEDOM AT LAST!

A SHIPLOAD of immigrants from Europe arrives at dockside in Haifa. For the first time, these people can look forward to a life free from fear of persecution and uncertainty. Over 70,000 Jews, from all parts of the world, will arrive in Israel in 1961. These people must be housed, educated and in many cases rehabilitated. The original estimate for the year was 25,000 immigrants. Every additional 10,000 immigrants requires thirty-four million dollars—twenty-seven million dollars from the government of Israel and seven million dollars from the United Israel Appeal in Canada, the United States and the rest of the free world. Only Israel will accept these people and only United Israel Appeal dollars will deliver them from a grim future. You can play your part by paying your United Jewish Appeal pledge today.

Mail your cheque to United Jewish Appeal, 305 Mercantile Building. Remember, contributions made by December 31 are deductible from your 1961 income tax.

Beth Israel Sisterhood

The general meeting of Beth Israel Sisterhood on Tuesday December 12th will take the form of a social evening. Mr. and Mrs. S. Dolinko will show colored slides of their recent Israeli trip. Mrs. A. Zottenberg will present vocal selections. A reading by Mrs. O. Landa and a skit by Sisterhood members will round out tht entertainment. Card players and bingo addicts may also avail themselves of their favourite pastime. Calorie counters — let yourselves go—Hanukkah latkes will be served!

Remember to patronize the gift shop where a complete selection of gift items for Hanukkah and every occasion may be purchased.

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endeavors on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

Barry Slawsky, Frank Phillet and their Junior Young Judaean group of 12 boys, raised $135.00 for the Jewish National Fund. The boys put on a Carnival, called Movie Playhouse, on Nov. 12th, at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. The group had been selling tickets for three weeks prior to the event, selling most of them to the pupils of the Edmonton Talmud Torah. The Carnival consisted of Cartoons, Shorts and two Abbott and Costello features. Door prizes were given and refreshments sold. Most of the food was contributed by local merchants enabling a maximum donation. This triples the previous record set by a single group of Young Judaea. This is another step for Edmonton Y.J. to reach their $1,000.00 J.N.F. quota.

Friday, November 10 saw the Young Judaeans sponsoring the service at Beth Shalom. A message was given by Judy Kline, the Edmonton Rosh and the Va-ad Dance Group presented songs and dances in the lower Auditorium following the services. It was this same dance group, incidently, that represented Y oung Judaea and the Edmonton Jewish Community at the United Nations Festival at Alberta College on October 28th.

At our Va-ad meeting of November 4th, we were honoured to have as our speaker Mrs. A. H. Vixman, Associate Executive Director of Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada.

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