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UJA Nears Quarter Million \$ As 54% Increase Recorded

On behalf of the officers and Board of Directors of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, I extend best wishes for a happy Passover to the Jewish community.

As we celebrate this festival of Freedom, let us remember our fellow Jews who are less fortunate than ourselves and who still live in lands of oppression.

At this time, our hearts and minds particularly turn to our heroic brethren in Russia who are no longer Jews of silence. To their voices we must continue to add our own, to let them and the world know that we have not forgotten those Jews who still sit in darkness waiting to see the light of freedom.

Dr. Harold Fayerman
President

With just 351 out of 973 contributors canvassed to date, the 1971 United Jewish Appeal has gone over the \$200,000 mark.

Campaign Headquarters reports that the present total of \$210,775 represents an increase of \$72,606 over what the same contributors gave last year and reflects a substantial 54% increase over last year's pledges thus far.

The Women's Division with slightly less than two-thirds of the cards reported has already surpassed last year's final total and with \$15,360 already pledged shows an increase of \$5,074 over last year from the same contributors.

The Men's divisions, with only 140 out of 580 cards reported show a \$67,347 increase over what the same contributors gave last year.

While expressing satisfaction with the results to date, Campaign

Chairmen Henry Brezer, Dr. Harold Fayerman, and Mrs. Ivor LoBane, Women's Chairman, stated that there is a long way still to go to reach the campaign target.

"We urge all contributors who have not yet been canvassed, to match and even surpass their 1967 pledges which the canvasser has indicated on the pledge card. Unless the momentum and increases similar to those already canvassed continues, we are in real danger of not fulfilling our commitments to Israel and our local beneficiaries".

With over 600 cards still in the hands of canvassers, the success of the campaign rests with over 100 volunteer campaigners and the response of the contributors yet to be solicited.

There are already indications that the final campaign total will far surpass all amounts raised during the past three years.

Jack Mintz First Chairman of UJA Youth Division

Henry Brezer and Dr. Harold Fayerman, co-chairmen of the 1971 United Jewish Appeal, have announced the appointment of Jack Mintz as chairman of the Youth Division.

This year marks the first time that such a division has been organized in Edmonton and Jack Mintz is well qualified to serve as its first chairman.

Twenty years old and the son of Dr. & Mrs. D. B. Mintz, Jack is a graduate of the Edmonton Talmud Torah and an honours student at the University of Alberta. As Immediate Past Grand Aleph Godol, International AZA, Jack Mintz assumed this post held only by one other Canadian in the 46-year history of BBYO. He has held many responsible positions in the organization and last year attended a Bnai Brith Board of Governors Conference in Israel.

In accepting the chairmanship of the UJA Youth Division, Jack has stressed that its primary purpose is to strengthen youth identification with Israel and to develop the habit of caring about the needs of others among the youth rather than putting the emphasis on the amount of funds contributed. "Many Jewish youth have visited Israel in the past few years and have



Jack Mintz

shown support of the State. We hope that simply the act of participation and donation will demonstrate their concern," stated the chairman.

Mr. Mintz has formed a committee to solicit University Students consisting of Danny Allman, Mark Borner, Laurie Solfer, Freda Winter and Marvin Zeavin, and plans also call for the involvement of all Jewish youth groups in the community. The University students campaign has already commenced and contributions have started coming in to campaign headquarters.

Special Meeting of Community Council

April 18 to Amend Constitution

A special meeting of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council to amend the Constitution will be held Sunday, April 18, 1971 at 8:00 p.m. in the Charles Margolus Lounge.

All persons 18 years and older who have contributed \$12 or more to the United Jewish Appeal in 1970 or 1971 are eligible to vote and participate.



NCJW Convention May 16-20

Plans are well under way to make every moment of the 16th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Jewish Women meaningful to the delegates attending from the 12 Sections across Canada.

Exciting concepts in convention programming are being developed — opportunity for full participation and total involvement of all delegates. The Convention opens Sunday May 16, with a buffet for the National Executive, and hospitality for all delegates arriving early. Registration begins Sunday noon. We ask Edmonton members to register then, to clear the desk for the out-of-town delegates. Monday morning, Edmonton Section will host a drop-in-get-acquainted Brunchon in the Hospitality room.

Following the opening plenary session in the afternoon, chaired by the National President Mrs. Victor Drache of Vancouver, the convention will move to the Derrick Golf Club for the opening informal Klondike Bar B Q — NCJW members take your Klondike dresses out of the closet — all Hostess Section in Klondike dress please. Here the City of Edmonton is hosting our dinner hour entertainment. In the evening Section Interchange workgroups will take place with National Chairmen chairing their respective areas.

Tuesday morning, Challenge '71 is a panel in a new and exciting style. Mrs. C. Reitman of Montreal,



Mrs. Victor Drache

National Vice President and National Biennial Program Chairman, together with her committee and process specialist Mr. R. D. McDonald, Associate Professor of the Department of Applied Social Sciences at Sir George Williams University, have initiated this concept which is being developed by the Edmonton Section program committee, Mrs. B. P. Marliiss, Chairman. The moderator is Mr. Reuben Baetz of Ottawa, Executive Director of the National Council on Social Development. Mobile lunch will allow us to continue right on into afternoon workgroups. The purpose of this session is to enable delegates to examine their own perceptions of social problems as against how others perceive these problems.

Wednesday morning's program will be a simulated experience with

Mrs. H. Belzberg of Calgary, National Chairman of Jewish Affairs in command. Luncheon will be chaired by Mrs. N. Zemans of Vancouver, Honorary National Vice President, National Chairman of "Project Canada" — another unique and innovative first for NCJW. Here representatives from all women's organizations in the Jewish and General community will come together in dialogue. "Project Canada" is an outgrowth of "School for Citizen Participation", designed to help members understand the relevant issues in their communities. Our exciting head table guests will be Bernard Ostry, Assistant Secretary of State from Ottawa.

Wednesday evening Section hostesses are opening their homes to out-of-town delegates. Following dinner Mrs. F. Packer of Montreal, and Mrs. P. Devins of Winnipeg, National Membership Chairmen, will conduct workgroups on membership. Thursday is a full day of plenary session with a break at lunch when Mrs. M. Blankstein of Winnipeg, National Chairman on Education and Social Action, will show slides and report on her trip

to the ICJW Seminar in Israel.

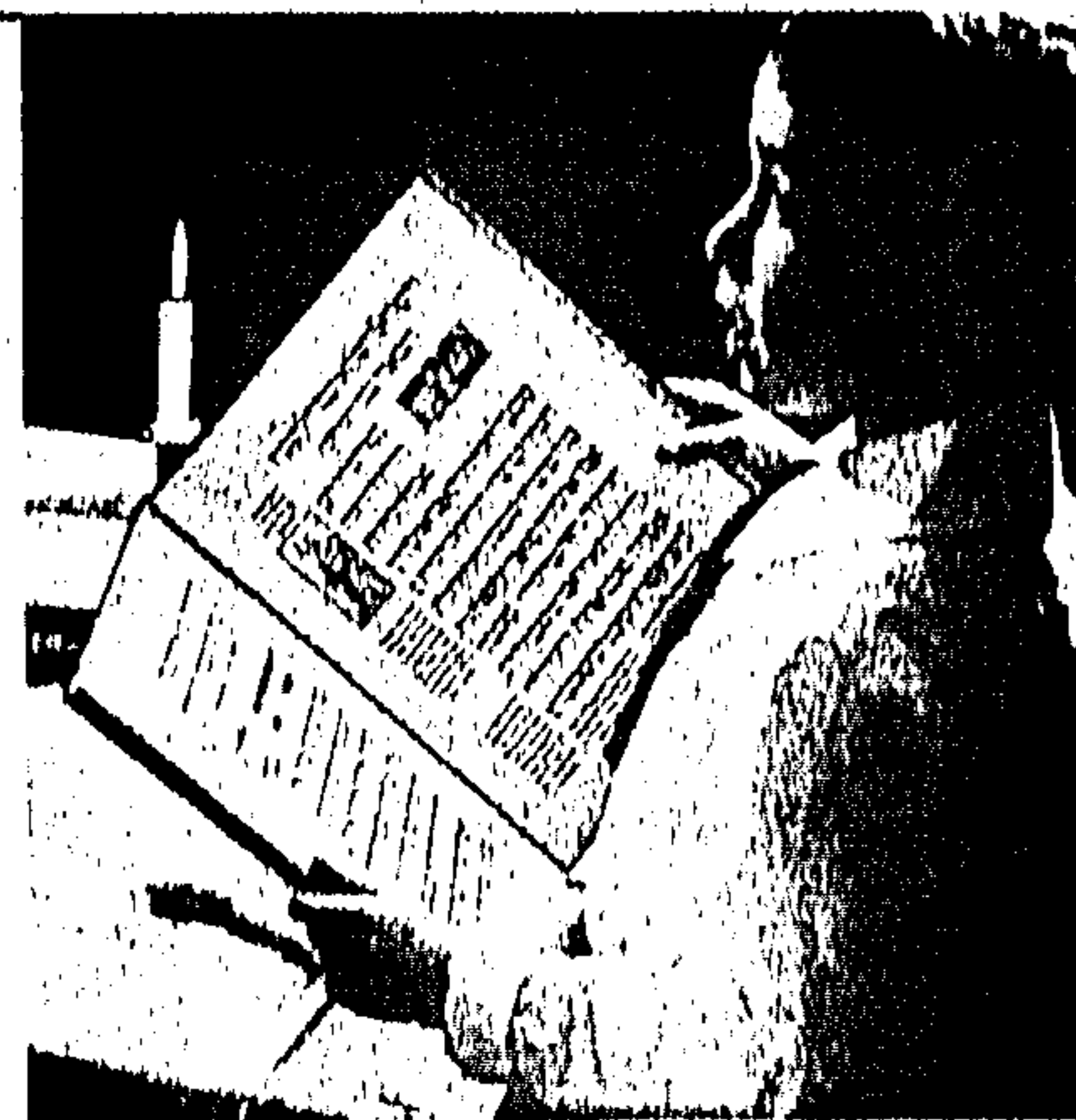
Reports will be given by Mrs. M. Vigoda, President of Toronto Section, the coming Triennial to be held in Toronto in 1973; and Mrs. M. Paperny of Calgary, National Chairman of Overseas Program. Thursday evening culminates a busy week with the Province of Alberta honoring NCJW, their husbands, families and friends with their sponsorship at the closing banquet at the Royal Glenora Club. Head table guests will include the Lieut. Governor, the Honorable Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan; the Honorable Harry E. Strom, Premier of the Province of Alberta; the Honorable Mr. Justice S. S. Lieberman of the Supreme Court of Alberta.

Highlighting the evening will be the installation of national officers; selections by the Golden Age Choir; "Direction '71" — a dramatic look at ourselves and the look of things to come; and a special exciting honor will be bestowed upon Edmonton Section. Of course, the hospitality room will be open every evening after session — for more parlays!

"Action '71" — our theme — as you can see is most apt!

Talmud Torah registration for the 1971-72 school year will be held Sunday, April 25 and Sunday, May 2 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the school.

Remember Soviet Jewry At the Passover Seder



(The leader of the service adds the following comment when distributing the matzoh after the blessing over the matzoh. He lifts a matzoh, sets it aside and says:)

This Is the Matzoh of Hope

This matzoh, which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the three-and-a-half million Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible link that exists between us.

As we observe this festival of freedom, we know what Soviet Jews are not free — not free to leave, not free to learn of their Jewish past or to hand it down to their children. They cannot learn the languages of their fathers.

They cannot teach their children to be the teachers, and the rabbis of future generations.

As their voices rise in Jewish affirmation and protest, we add our voices to theirs, and we shall be joined by all whose consciences are aroused by the wrongs inflicted on Soviet Jews. Thus shall they know that they have not been forgotten and they shall yet emerge into the light of freedom.

מִצָּה זוֹ — מִצַּת תְּקוּהָה הִיא

מִצָּה זוֹ שְׁאֵנוּ מִיְחָדִים אוֹת תְּקוּהָה הִיא לְיוֹתֵר מְשֻׁלֵּשׁ מְאוֹת רְבּוּא אֲחִים בְּבְרִית הַמוֹעֲצוֹת. מִצָּה זוֹ מְעֵלָה עַל לְבָנוּ אֶת הַקֶּשֶׁר בֵּינֵינוּ וּלְבֵינֵם אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִנָּתֵק לְעוֹלָם.

עֵתָה, הַחֵג הַפֶּסַח שֶׁהוּא זְמַן חֲרוּגְנוֹ, נִזְכָּר שִׁיהוּדֵי בְרִית הַמוֹעֲצוֹת אִינֵם בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין. אִינֵם בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין לְצֵאת;

אִינֵם בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין לְלַמֵּד וּלְלַמֵּד אֶת שִׁפְתֵי וּמְסוֹרֶת אֲבוֹתֵינֵם;

אִינֵם בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין לְלַמֵּד וּלְלַמֵּד אֶת תְּרַבּוּתֵם וּמוֹרֶשֶׁתֵם;

אִינֵם בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין לְהַקְשִׁיר מוֹרִים וְרַבָּנִים לְדוֹרוֹת הַבָּאִים.

בְּעֵלוֹת זַעֲקַתֵם מִצְרָפִים אָנוּ אֶת קוֹלְנוּ לְקוֹלֵם.

אֵלֵינוּ יִצְוֶרְךָ כָּל אֲשֶׁר לְבֹנוּ וְנִקְפּוּ עַל סִבְלֵם שֶׁל יְהוּדֵי בְרִית הַמוֹעֲצוֹת.

יִדְעוּ נָא, אֲחֵינוּ, שְׁאִינֵם נִשְׁכָּחִים מִלְּבֵנוּ וְעוֹד יִרְאוּ אֶת הָאוֹר הַגָּדוֹל — אוֹר הַפְּדוּת וְהַנְּאֻלָּה.