

Jewish Community Council

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Have You Mailed Yours?

Great Response To Community Survey



Stand Up And Be Counted

Dr. Bill Meloff, chairman of the Community Council Social Planning Committee has expressed satisfaction with the overwhelming response of the community to the current demographic survey.

Thus far, close to 50% of the total community of some 975 family units have filled out and returned the survey form.

"This tremendous response," stated Dr. Meloff, "reflects our community's desire to assist us in planning for the present and future needs of the community based on the vital statistics to be provided. I

urge those who have not yet filled out and returned their survey forms to the Jewish Community Office, to cooperate in our effort to compile meaningful data to assist us in the planning process.

Dr. Earle Snider of the University of Alberta has been working closely with Dr. Meloff on the community survey.

If you have not yet mailed back your survey form, or have lost it, please use the form on Page 2.

We'd appreciate your cooperation.



Dr. Bill Meloff

Shim Fialkow Heads Jewish Family Services

Mr. Shim Fialkow, well-known Barrister, was elected President of Jewish Family Services at the 21st Annual Meeting held at Beth Shalom Synagogue on January 20th, 1976. Elected to serve with him for the coming year are Vice-President, Ricky Lyons; Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Tapper; Honorary Secretary, Mal Wasserman; Mr.

Aaron Shtabsky is Immediate Past President.

The following Board Members were elected for a three-year term: Dr. M. Blackman, Shim Fialkow, Dr. M. Horowitz, Mrs. I. C. Lyons, Ricky Lyons, Mrs. Thelma Rolinger, Mrs. Sylvia Spaner, Mal Wasserman and Mel Wyne. Completing three year terms are: Mrs. H. Book-

halter, Mr. Hy Cohen, John Goldberg, Mrs. G. Goldsand, Mrs. N. Morgenstern, Mrs. A. Oshry, Daniel Pekar, Aaron Shtabsky, Dr. H. Sternberg, Dr. J. Bugis, Irving Kipnes, Herbert Leon, Irving Lyons, Dr. W. Meloff, Mrs. J. Newhouse, Mandle Nozick, Mrs. S. Tapper and Mrs. B. Silver.

Reports of the Agency's activities during 1975 were

heard with Aaron Shtabsky acting as Chairman. In his remarks to a capacity audience, Mr. Shtabsky expressed appreciation to the Jewish Community as well as the Executive and Board of the Agency for the excellent cooperation during the settlement of new Russian families in the community.

Appreciation was expressed to the United Way of Edmonton and Area, the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Lodge #732 and National Council of Jewish Women for their financial support during the year.

Mrs. Clara Mintz, Executive Director, reported that there was a 30% increase in the caseload during 1975. The largest increase was reflected in the immigrant service. 224 adults and 116 children were helped during the past year with counselling and a variety of other services. It was reported that two students at the University of Alberta were awarded scholarships through the generosity of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Trust Fund. Mrs. Mintz express-

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Aaron Shtabsky - Mark Uram Named UJA Vice-Chairmen

Harry Friedman, chairman of the 1976 United Jewish Appeal has announced the appointment of Aaron Shtabsky and Mark Uram as vice-chairmen of the 1976 UJA.

Mr. Shtabsky, immediate past president of Jewish Family Services has been active in UJA and communal affairs for several years. Mr. Uram, newly appointed to the UJA board, played an active role in last year's UJA in the Special Names Division.



Aaron Shtabsky



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Part A. Family Unit Information

1. Family (last) name _____ 2. Home Address _____ 3. Phone _____
4. Are there Jewish individuals, other than husband, wife & children living at this address? yes ___ no ___
5. If your answer to question 4 is yes, please indicate names and relationship to head of household _____

6. Number of unmarried children not living at home _____ 7. How many of these live in Edmonton? _____ 8. Number of married children living in Edmonton _____
9. Names and addresses of all children living in Edmonton but not with you (list on back of this sheet as required).

10. Synagogue membership: Beth Israel _____ Beth Shalom _____ none _____

Part B. Information for Individual Family Members. Please provide the following information for each family member living in your household as of December 15, 1975. If you are not married or live alone, complete one "ADULT" column below.

Table with columns for ADULT, CHILD, CHILD, CHILD, CHILD, CHILD, CHILD and rows for personal information like First Name, Sex, Birthdate, City & Country of Birth, Employment, Occupation, etc.

Do you belong to any Jewish organizations? _____

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Beth Israel Sisterhood Marks 25th Year

On Sunday, November 30th a gala affair was held at the Riviera to honor the Sisterhood and its past presidents in its twenty-fifth year. Greetings were brought by head table guests, Rabbi S. Aranov, Mr. Zane Feldman, President, Beth Israel Synagogue, Dr. Joe Bugis, President, Community Council and Rabbi A. Postone, Calgary, founder of the Beth Israel Sisterhood. Some of our past presidents, Mrs. M. Bornstein, Mrs. S. Dolinko, Mrs. J. Eaman, Mrs. A. Gorasht, Mrs. D. Kagan, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. B. Shugarman, Mrs. M. Weinlos and Mrs. M. Cooper participated in a candle-lighting and birthday cake cutting ceremony.

Mrs. Eva Gorasht, chair-lady for the evening, reviewed the beginning of the Beth Israel Synagogue and the Sisterhood. The first synagogue in Edmonton was founded August 12, 1906 names like Berkman, Boyanner, Crystall and Diamond were just a few who were in at its beginning. Later on after its establishment, names like Baltzan, Nowhouse, Shragge brothers came into prominence. In 1952 the new shul on 119th Street had as its leaders Mayer Shektor, Morris Stochinsky, Morris Shoctor, Saul Ullman, Al Cohen, Abe Estrin, William Laskin, Lazer Superstein, H. R. Cohen, J. Ritch, Max Bornstein, Ed Shoctor, Joe Shtabsky, Dr. M. Weinlos, S. Dolinko and J. Shoctor. In 1950 the Sisterhood was founded by Rabbi Postone at the home of Mrs. S. Dolinko. The Sisterhood worked hand-in-

hand to furnish the interior of the shul, catering of shul functions, equipping the kitchens, establishing the gift shop and lending support to N.C.S.Y. Besides working on the synagogue level, Sisterhood also kept Israel in mind by buying bonds and giving outright donations in emergency situations beyond its yearly contribution to the shul. Mrs. Eileen Cooper, President, replied stressing the need to meet new challenges and broaden our horizons as follows: "We must begin immediately by effecting a Continuing Jewish Education Program; the answer for the woman who has everything, but a true sense of self-fulfillment. Among the most unfortunate aspects of living is the sudden halt in personal growth experienced by many. Life is in a constant state of flux, it changes with every changing moment. Raising a family is truly an absorbing task. One pleasure and nachus in rearing, nurturing and molding a new generation cannot be over stated, but it is not enough that our children grow, we too must continue to grow, and a complete break with structural learning leaves a vacuum. Spirit and intellect must be fed. In a world of rapidly shifting values and changing moral concepts; we must act as ecologists, constantly guarding against cultural, moral and spiritual pollution of our environment. We have a rich way of life, we have a Torah, a year full of meaningful holidays. If we don't study our heritage and make it meaningful for each one of us

then the erosive effects of environmental pollution will buy it forever from us and from our children after us. We must give support to our Insurance Policy, Stern College Scholarships. We all want to help build and mold a generation of Jewish women who are both knowledgeable world citizens as well as observant Jewesses. We must take more initiative in aiding our Soviet

Jewry Immigrants. Welcoming them to meetings and functions so they become integrated into the synagogue and community. The Jewish Family Services can be made aware that Beth Israel Sisterhood is there to help. These are but a few areas we must immediately turn our attention to. The opportunities are there to improve ourselves. We also understand this to mean that we must discipline ourselves and channel our drives and energies into moral inspirational, the good and the holy." The Synagogue has honored the Sisterhood by inscribing the past presidents on a page in the Golden Book. Everyone that helped with the dinner was thanked and also thanks was extended to all who came out to celebrate the Sisterhood's 25th Anniversary.

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ed concern in the area of financing during an era of inflation. She urged that the community support the Agency in order to meet the commitments to existing programs that are vital to numerous individuals and families who count on the Jewish Family Services in times of stress. She emphasized the need for evaluating programs and goals in order to anticipate the needs of the community and to meet their expectations. Highlight of the evening was an address by Mrs. Simma Holt, M.P., Vancouver-Kingsway. Mrs. Holt stressed the importance of social work in view of the seriousness of social problems today. She spoke of the breakdown in family life and the difficulties both parents and children were encountering in view of the swiftness of change in our society. Mrs. Holt dealt with a number of concerns which included delinquency, morality, discipline in the schools, commenting that there was too much experimentation with children. She stressed the im-

Wiesel Film Continued from Front Page

dated to oppression. But suddenly — as if by a power other than his own — he is roused to extraordinary eloquence in addressing a group of foreigners visiting the solemn holiday service: "If you forsake us we will be the last of the Jews in this land, the last witnesses, the last of the Jews who in silence bury the Jew within them... the spirit of a whole people is being crushed." The rabbi is arrested and then released. The authorities have concluded that his outburst was an isolated and futile gesture, unworthy of their further attention. "Why should we make you into a martyr?" reasons the Soviet inspector. "Your offering was not accepted — in fact, it wasn't even noticed."

It is this refusal to acknowledge the significance of the rabbi's plea — a plea, in effect, on behalf of the dignity of the human spirit — that, for Wiesel, is the essential conflict of the play. "We must show that inspector that he is wrong," says the author. "We must show that there are people willing to help others." Elie Wiesel, writer, lecturer, author of "Night," whose most recent works include "A Beggar in Jerusalem," "Souls on Fire" and "The Oath," divides his time between the U.S. and France, where he lived for many years after the Second World War. He and his wife and family live in N.Y.C. He teaches at CCNY where he serves as Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies. The appreciation was extended by Mrs. Dorothy Tapper. Refreshments were served following the meeting under the conensorship of Mrs. Shirley Silver.

We Accuse.

An open letter to all responsible men and women of our time.

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

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Seventy-seven years ago, Georges Clemenceau lent the columns of *L'Aurore* to Emile Zola for the defense of a cause—the cause of justice, and for the defense of a man—Captain Dreyfus.

With a continuity far too rarely denounced, down the centuries, the world has denied the Jews the right to exist as men and women and has, again and again, brought that denial home to them in their liberty, in their dignity and in their very flesh.

Today, it is the State of Israel, as a nation, that is denied the right to existence which is uncontested with respect to any other State in the world.

In 1898, France blemished its good name in having allowed a social crime to be committed. Today, many states display that same blemish—in witnessing the preparation of a global crime and not denouncing it.

For the sake of the honor of humanity, for the sake of your honor—the honor of the responsible men and women that you are and whom history will judge—we must speak the truth, we must cry it aloud.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ISRAEL

1. The principles of social justice in the statutes of our democratic lands were pronounced and applied by the Jews more than three thousand years ago. After having lived for centuries in oppression, while always loyal to those principles, the Jews have good reason to wish to live under their own law.

2. Zionism is a movement of national liberation in the Jewish Land that is Palestine—a Land which, throughout history, was never a national entity except for the Jewish People.

3. From time immemorial, centers of Jewish culture have flourished in Palestine. Jerusalem has had, for generations, a Jewish majority in its population—even under Turkish dominion.

4. Israel is three million people in a tiny place—compared with a hundred million people in Arab countries occupying five million square miles.

5. The State of Israel is about 18 per cent of British Mandated Palestine. The Arabs have inherited by far the largest segment of Palestine, namely, Jordan. Israel between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean, is just large enough for Paris without its suburbs! To say that a country in these conditions, and surrounded by enemies, has secure frontiers is preposterous.

6. The territory necessary for the security of Israel is minimal compared with the territories which changed hands in Europe after the last war—so minimal that it is difficult to represent them by the same scale on a map.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ARABS— AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

1. Makers of civilizations at other times and in other places, the Arabs turned a country once fertile into a desolate region. Long before Israel's independence, they sold swamps and wildernesses which the Jews cultivate today.

2. Most of the Palestinian Arabs entered the Land of Israel after the Jews were already there, flooding in from neighboring countries because they found work in that Land.

3. The Arab refugees of 1948 are victims, like the many millions who recently have undergone changes in domicile—just like the Jewish refugees who, in even larger

numbers, had to flee the Arab lands. But the Arab refugees are doubly unfortunate, for they have not been welcomed by their brethren, who have kept them as pawns for more than twenty-five years in refugee status by the Arab States. Their situation—idle, embittered, driven to fanaticism—is the effect of a deliberate design on the part of the Arabs, who at the same time have devoted their enormous financial resources to waging war.

4. The Arabs who live in Israel have preserved their liberty and dignity, and enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the Middle East. Jews cannot live in the Arab lands without fearing for their lives. In those conditions, it takes a vast amount of presumption or ignorance for third parties to advocate a "bi-national" State.

5. Thousands of Arabs, notwithstanding the prevailing belligerency, are permitted to enter Israel and depart from it freely, day after day. Access to the Holy Places, previously forbidden by the Arabs, has been guaranteed and maintained by the Israelis.

6. Israel and the Arab States can live side by side. It matters not whether Israel's neighbor is called "Palestine" or "Jordan." What does matter, for Peace and Justice, is that the neighbor be alongside Israel, not in lieu of it.

At this point our conscience questions itself—not so much about the behavior of the Arabs as about the motivations of those who have remained silent. In twenty-five years, Israel has had to face war four times, and now, because it resisted and is still alive, it is paraded as the accused—and there is hardly a murmur on the international scene, hardly a cry raised! Many great powers instead make anti-Semitism a tool of international politics, and they rechristen it "anti-Zionism," so as to divest it of opprobrium, to confer merit upon it. That is what the Arab Powers are doing. That is what the Soviet Power is doing—the same Power which, exploiting Arab politics to its own advantage, is trying to oust American influence from the Middle East.

That is why the Polish refugees, the German refugees, the Jewish refugees, the French refugees from Algeria, the Pakistani refugees, the Indian refugees from Uganda, and many others—57 million in all—play no role on the international scene, but the whole world must revolve around the case of half a million persons artificially kept in the state of refugees by the Arab Governments. (This number, by demographic evolution, has by now more than doubled.)

In their objectives and methods, certain Arab Governments are criminal; the great nations which join the Arab game, or keep silent, are similarly criminal. And so are some small nations of the Third World which ape the ugliness of the great nations by trampling on the right of one of themselves—perhaps the one most worthy of their support.

Governments which, in their own domains, have established neither democracy nor secularism have no right to preach the creation of a democratic and secular State. Military or bourgeois or religious dictatorships or oil sheikhdoms, which have not given their peoples truly representative legislatures, or communities of production like the kibbutz, or trade unions like Israel's Federation of Labor, are not entitled to give lessons in democracy.

Governments that have annexed vast stretches of territory, at times pleading the

pretext of their security, have no right to demand the relinquishment of the few square miles that could safeguard the security of Israel.

THEREFORE, WE ACCUSE . . .

We accuse the Governments of many Arab countries of having based their internal and foreign politics on hatred of the Jews and of Israel. We accuse them of preaching that hatred to their peoples, and even teaching it to their young children in school textbooks.

We accuse the Soviet Government of having encouraged the anti-Israel policy of the Arab Governments and of having more than once initiated it. We accuse the Soviets of putting arms at the service of policies of hatred and murder, of furnishing terrorists with weapons, of hurling against the little State of Israel more tanks than its own immense empire had to face at Stalingrad.

We accuse the Government of China of joining in the chorus of hatred, with no other purpose except to make itself welcome in the countries of the Third World, even at the price of the most outrageous violations of the truth.

We accuse many Governments of having made the Arab refugees a danger to Israel instead of an object of the solicitude of the nations.

We accuse these Governments of rendering impossible the coexistence of Jews and Arabs, of fomenting an artificial hatred precisely where understanding could prevail for the greatest good of the peoples concerned.

We shall accuse neither the United Nations nor UNESCO. By more than one surrender of their duties, these Organizations have, on the level of morality, themselves struck at their own existence. One does not accuse the dead. But we do accuse the Governments of converting these bodies into the exact opposite of what the world had hoped for.

The Jews occupy a tiny place on earth, but in the conscience of mankind it looms large. In solitude or in society, throughout a history of which they believed that they had seen the worst in the Nazi death camps, the Jews have always held fast to their trust in humanity. The few who now raise their voices know that the nations which some Governments supposedly represent will never forgive them for having, in their name, been untrue to their honor and to their duty of human brotherhood, for having subverted the truth to cover up unspeakable politics.

Responsible men and women of our time, wherever you are: you, too, must make your voices heard.

To proclaim the truth is to help in the struggle to re-establish justice.

SIGNED

Jeanne Boitel, Officer of the Legion of Honor
Rene Cassin, Recipient of Nobel Peace Prize,
UNESCO founder

Michel Darmon, Croix de Guerre
Pierre-Eugene Gilbert, former Ambassador
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Academie Francaise

Joseph Kessel, journalist, Academie Francaise
Jacques-Mariel Nzouankeu of Cameroun
Etienne Wolff, professor of College de France,
Academie Francaise, Academie des Science

B'nai B'rith Archives Reflect Service History

The B'nai Brith Organization has become an integral part of Alberta's cultural mosaic. Their minute books and records, having been donated to the Jewish Historical and Archives Committee, are now preserved as part of the collection of our heritage. Photographs of B'nai Brith members and activities are urgently needed to further augment this collection.

There are already several Jewish cultural and community organizations that, having supplied us with such data, are assured of their place in the story of our province.

We seek your cooperation. Please contact Eve Pascoe, 488-6843.

CZF News

Mr. Max Goody was in Edmonton in November and spoke to University Professors, and was on a TV show and an open-line radio show. He discussed the United Nations anti-Zionist resolution and held a public meeting on this subject with the community at Hillcrest.

35 people from Edmonton and Calgary are going to the CZF Convention Tour to Israel February 9 to 18. This is a very large Jewish group from Alberta going to Israel, and we wish them good luck and a successful trip, and we hope that they will bring back good messages from Israel. We began the Israeli Film Club in January. There will be a full length Israeli feature film each month and notices will be sent. The first film was shown at the Community Centre. It was a delightful comedy, "The Big Dig", and the audience enjoyed it.

Israel Awareness Week was held at the University Campus in Edmonton January 26 to 30th. This was organized by the Jewish Students on Campus, and there was an information table about Israel, films, slides, speakers, Israeli Folk Dancing and Israeli food and jewellery.

A CZF meeting was held January 13th, and we discussed Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Holocaust Day. Nominations were held for the CZF Convention, and we also discussed various Zionist programs for the Jewish community.

Feb. 3, 1913 — Petition for lodge formation signed by 27 Jewish citizens seeking to provide service to their people.

W. Diamond, J. S. Beckman, H. B. Kline, L. Goldsmith, H. Brody, A. H. Goldberg, C. Horwitz, L. Cristall, B. M. Goldman, M. Greenblatt, F. Ramelson, H. Levison, M. Rosenbloom, P. Levi, J. Hazi, H. A. Roth, D. Shugerman, L. F. Sapira, C. Glucklik, F. Fruchtman,

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Petition was granted Feb. 20th and on March 9, 1913 the official lodge installation was conducted by Sylvan Hess, first Vice-President of District #6. Brother Paul Levi was elected first president of B'nai Brith Lodge #732.

After 50 years of existence in this community, the pattern of service has evolved. The \$7,000 raised

annually contribute to the B.B. "Package Fund", Camp scholarships, the Capital Fund, Talmud Torah, University Scholarships, Jewish Family Services, Remembrance Day Services, Youth Athletics, Wolf Cubs and B.B.Y.O.

Since World War II all locations have been given for Veterans programs, Talmud Torah Building Funds, Queen Elizabeth Coronation Forest, C.N.I.B., a projector for

the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Salvation Army, as well as subsidies to B.B.Y.O. for leadership camps.

Also annual teams are provided for Red Cross, Community Chest and U.J.A. Drives. When called upon, manpower was provided for assistance for the St. Mary's Home for Boys, the Cancer Society, transportation for hospitalized personnel and Retarded Children.

Weizmann Institute Speaker March 24

Dr. David Lavie, a distinguished organic chemist at the Weizmann Institute of Science, will be the guest speaker at a lecture to be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 8:30 p.m. at Hillcrest, 7200 - 156 Street. The lecture is sponsored by the Edmonton Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, which is chaired by Dr. Cyril M. Kay, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Lavie's lecture is entitled "Magic Spells and Modern Chemistry" and it will emphasize Israeli contributions to the discovery of new drugs from plant sources that have been used as antibiotics, pesticides, in cancer chemotherapy and in helping drug addicts overcome their addiction.

Dr. Lavie was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1916 and carried out both his undergraduate and graduate training in synthetic organic chemistry at the Hebrew University. In 1941 he became a member of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute in Rehovot, the forerunner of the Weizmann Institute, where he presently holds the Israel Matz Chair of Organic Chemistry. Over the years, Dr. Lavie's research group has become preeminent in the discovery of many natural products from plant sources that

have important medical and agricultural implications. Dr. Lavie has spent sabbatical leaves at Harvard University, the University of California at Berkeley and the Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research at New York and he is a frequent contributor of invited lectures in his specialty at international medicinal chemical meetings. He is this year's National Lecturer for the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute, and in this capacity he is presenting guest lectures in university chemistry departments across Canada.

The objective of this lecture is to keep alive the

legacy of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the distinguished scientist and statesman, and to present to Canadians some of the leading Weizmann Institute scientists with reports on their research. It is to be emphasized that this lecture, unlike the one Dr. Lavie will present at the University, will be a popular science one geared for a general audience with no particular background in chemistry. The public at large is urged to attend and to learn first hand of the important work being done in medicinal chemistry by our Israeli scientists.

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Mothers' Auxiliary

JEWISH COMMUNITY TELEPHONE BOOK:

The next issue of the telephone book will be ready for distribution in May, 1976. At this time, our many advertisers are being contacted to place ads in this new book. We ask any of our advertisers who have contracts ready for us, to either mail them back or to call to have it picked up.

In early February, we will be contacting many people in the community to be either Patrons or Sponsors in the book. Patrons are \$15.00 and

Sponsors are \$30.00, both entitling you to a Free Book and an income tax deductible receipt. Please continue to support the School when called upon for the Book.

An up-to-date listing of addresses and phone numbers is kept by us and we ask that you notify us of any changes. Once again we will use first names in the book and if you have special spellings or changes, please let us know.

Mrs. Sharon Abbott is Chairman of the phone book and information and/or questions may be called into her at: 488-2508.

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From the Director's Desk

By Uri Rosenzweig

A Feeling of Community

Having relocated to Hillcrest, I can't help but feel a renewed sense of community, of "We Are One" when I see various activities going on under one roof. In one room - a Zionist Council meeting, in another a Hillcrest committee, in a third a Hillel gathering.

It gives you a good feeling! It eliminates the pockets of isolated Jewish activity. It gives a visibility to many organizations and volunteers devoted to various causes, but having a common bond.

It could be the best thing that ever hap-

pened to our community — or it could turn out to be a dud. Either way, what you do will make it happen.

You can help by calling Sy Bekoff at Hillcrest and telling him that you'd like to serve on a committee.

Mahzel - Tov

To Norman Witten who has joined the distinguished Q.C. ranks — To Shim Fialkowitz, the new President of Jewish Family Services, probably the only bachelor to hold such a post in Canada, but nevertheless, well qualified.

L'Chaim to Chaim

One of the few men "Old Timers" still active in Jewish communal affairs, Hy Baltzan, will receive a well deserved and long overdue tribute from the community when he is honoured at the Negev Dinner in June.

Officially retired, but busier than ever, Hymie can still outrun, outdo and outwork most people half his age. Come drink a

L'Chaim to Hy in June!

The Jewish Female Billy Graham

The Community Centre program series is drawing a tremendous response with anywhere from 200 - 300 people for each program.

The next one scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 at the Beth Shalom, promises to be a unique experience with Esther Jungreis as the "performer". And perform she does for she has been called the Jewish Billy Graham.

A survivor of two concentration camps, and a rebetzin, Esther Jungreis uses her experience of the Holocaust to move and thrill her audiences. It's an experience you won't want to miss.

The next program of the series will feature Lillian Lux and Pesach Burstein, longtime Stars of the Yiddish theatre. You'll read more about them in our next issue and I'm sure you'll enjoy them as a rare Purim treat.

RECOUNTS ISRAEL SEMINAR EXPERIENCE

By DEBBIE SPITZ

Sitting here amidst the snow and slush of an Edmonton winter, it is hard to believe that only a couple of weeks ago I was strolling along the Tel Aviv beach gazing at a clear blue sky, saying farewell to the varied people with whom I had shared a three-week seminar.

The seminar was organized by Dor Hemshech (translated to mean "continuing generation" in English) with the purpose of gathering young English-speaking Zionists between the ages of twenty-five and forty to participate in an information briefing program. Dor Hemshech's intention is to create better and stronger ties with young Jews in the Diaspora and their Israeli counterparts. Thus arrived students and professionals from the United States, Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Holland, Germany and Brazil along with some Sabras from the Foreign Ministry Department. All were subsidized by various organizations; I myself was sponsored by

Bete Hillet, C.Z.F., the Men's Zionist Club and my father. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them collectively for having made my attendance at the seminar possible.

As this was the first attempt to create an event of this kind, the program remained quite flexible. The first week was spent at the University of Haifa gaining background material from top class lecturers of Haifa University. A short trip to the Galilee, Golan and northern development towns as planned but fell short of expectations. Unfortunately the weather was poor and time did not allow for long enough stop-overs at each place of importance. The second half of the seminar was held at the Central Hotel in Jerusalem and was supposed to consist of a series of workshops designed to demonstrate methods of combating anti-Zionist propaganda. The net result, however, was more lectures by more officials, but they were still valuable as resources material. The seminar was concluded by a trip to the south of Israel — Hebron, Messada, Beer Sheba and Kibbutz Revivim

of the Negev. The weather was fine, making for a pleasant and worthwhile trip.

As a general statement, I think it can be said the most positive results of the seminar arose from the contacts we made with each other and thereby various Jewish organizations all over the world. And of course through the participation of our Israeli friends, we were able to gain a new insight into the situation of the country and psychology of the people.

In reference to this last aspect, I must admit I was pleasantly surprised by the conditions and attitudes in the country. Remembering my last time in Israel during the first devaluation of the lira and remembering the near hysteria that ensued; I was very relieved to find the people managing to subsist with a lesser degree of tension. A year of peace has seemed to set Israel onto the road of recovery. Let us only hope she is given the chance to regain her strength and continue to fulfill that wonderful potential she has shown signs of in the past.

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Zalman or The Madness of God

Elie Wiesel Film March 14

Hadassah WIZO Organization of Edmonton, Public Affairs Department, and the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, will present the highly acclaimed film version of Elie Wiesel's "Zalman Or The Mad-

ness of God".

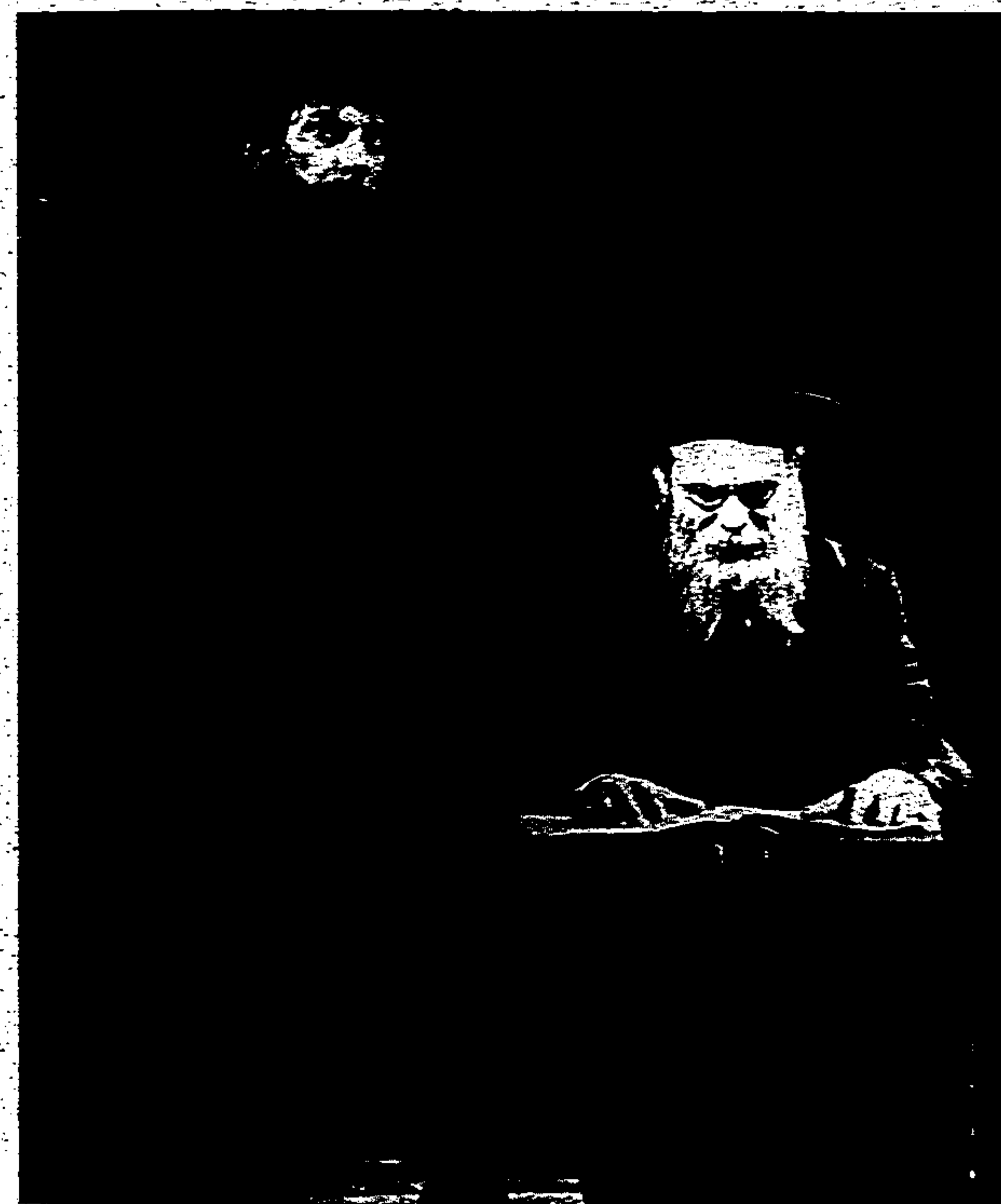
The film will be shown Sunday, March 14, 8:00 p.m. in the Social Room of Jubilee Auditorium, lower level. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for Senior Citizens and chil-

dren under 14. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Elie Wiesel, the Hungarian-born writer who survived Nazi concentration camps in his youth, currently enjoys an international reputation for his novels and short stories. To date, however, Wiesel has written only one play, "Zalmen or The Madness of God," about a rabbi in post-Stalin Russia whose impassioned Yom Kippur sermon, totally out of character for the old man, precipitates a run-in with government authorities.

After eight years of allowing only French radio performances of the play, Wiesel agreed to last spring's premiere staging of "Zalmen" by Washington, D.C.'s Arena State company, and to a subsequent television production for THEATRE IN AMERICA.

The action of the play centres around an aged, gentle rabbi — an acquiescent man, long accommo-



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