Photo: Fred Katz
Madame Sadat with Beverly and Zane Feldman

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Negev Dinner Co-chairmen Elexis & Eric Schloss with Madame Sadat

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Debbie Goldsman, Madame Sadat and Alvin Goldsman, Edmonton JNF Chairman.

Negev Dinner Tribute to Zane Feldman

The largest crowd ever assembled for an Edmonton Negev Dinner paid tribute to Zane Feldman for his business success and charitable works in both the Jewish and general communities. The dinner held June 17th in the Westin Hotel raises money for Jewish National Fund projects in Israel.

A wide cross section of friends and associates were in attendance. Glen Sather, Ted Green and Normie Kwong were among many from the sports community. From the political world Peter Elzinga and Margaret Getty were seen, as well as journalist/broadcaster Ron Collister. Friends from the auto industry and guests representing the many charities and organizations such as Crime Stoppers, Cross Cancer Institute, United Way, N.A.I.T. , and others were there. Close friend Benny Grabow made a surprise visit from Vancouver.

Warm tributes were paid to Zane in speeches from Morris Zilka, Executive Vice-President of J.N.F. Canada from Montreal and Col. Shemi Attar, the J.N.F. emissary for Alberta. Beverly Feldmans uncle, Stan Milner, introduced Zane with a speech recounting his many accomplishments.

Photo: Fred Katz
Morris Zilka, Executive Vice President, Canadian JNF

Photo: Neil Loomer
Col. Shemi Attar presents Zane and Beverly Feldman a certificate in recognition of their foundation project in the Galil Canada 2000 program.

Photo: Neil Loomer
Madame Sadat meets Negev Dinner honouree Zane Feldman as dinner co-chairman Elexis Schloss looks on.

The Negev Dinner also gave Edmontonians the rare opportunity to meet and hear from a woman who helped with her husband take an active role in taking steps to bring peace to the Middle East.

Madame Jehan Sadat, the widow of former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, shared many personal recollections of her life as the Egyptian first lady.

Madame Sadat worked as a partner her husband in improving living conditions for her people. She worked tirelessly for women's rights in a country that was not accustomed to seeing women take active roles.

Anwar Sadat had a vision of peace and courage of his convictions she said. His legacy lives on in today's peace negotiations. Many of those who heaped abuse on Sadat and criticized his trip to Jerusalem are now involved in trying to achieve middle east peace. She said her husband was well aware that his efforts could cost him his life. Mrs. Sadat was present when assassins made his prophecies come true.

Today Madame Sadat spends part of the year in College Park, Maryland where a Chair for Population and Peace named in Anwar Sadat's memory has been established at the University. She lectures and meets with both Arab and Israeli professors who study the Sadat legacy.

Madame Sadat was introduced by Elexis Schloss who together with husband Eric, co-chaired the dinner.

The combination of a worthy honouree, a world renown guest and a wonderfully organized function made this an event that will be remembered fondly for years to come.

Photo: Fred Katz
Miriam Galper meets Madame Jehan Sadat. Mrs. Galper later received a special certificate in recognition of her JNF contributions

Photo: Neil Loomer
JNF emissary to Alberta, Col. Shemi Attar, presents a certificate to Dr. Sam and Michelle Marcushamer in recognition of a special gift in honour of their children Isaac and Sharon.

Photo: Neil Loomer
Madame Sadat with Betty Carlson of Edmonton and Rabbi Shmuel and Beryl Mann of Louisville, Kentucky.

JNF Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

Sept. 10 —7:44 p.m.
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Rabbi Yitschak Wyne of Beth Israel (L) and Rabbi Ari Drelich prepare the Shofar for the High Holidays. Tal Bliss (L) and Moti Drelich look on.

May the sound of the Shofar herald a year of happiness for you and your families

Left to right: Sheila Copps, Gloria Strom, Bobby Sparrow, and Marianne Dewar.

N.C.J.W. meets politicians in Ottawa

On May 30 to June 1, 1993, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) held their National Executive Committee meeting in Ottawa. A special breakfast was organized at the Parliament building. Sheila Copps (Liberal), Bobby Sparrow (Conservative), and Marianne Dewar (NDP), provided their individual views about the role of women in politics. Gloria Strom, President of NCJW, thanked each of the participants. Jodi Zabludowski and Tammy Rubin represented Edmonton section at this meeting.

At the NCJW closing on June 21, 1993, Vivian Manasc presented Jennie Promislow with an award honoring her for achieving her Bachelor of Social Work Degree from the University of Calgary. She is the oldest graduate from the Social Work Program.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1993, NCJW honored Ruth Nolan for her voluntary efforts. This took place at the home of Betty Kagna. Proceeds for the evening went to support the Youth Emergency Shelter Society.

Message from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin

On the occasion of Rosh Hashana 5754

My Dear Friends,

From our common house in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the everlasting capital and the spiritual home of the Jewish people, I send you my warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Shana Tova.

Rosh Hashana is a time of soul-searching for the Jewish people. Therefore I would like to share with you some of my thoughts at one of the most significant times in the history of the Jewish State.

Let me begin by saying that the Jewish people in Israel share the deep concern of our fellow Jews throughout the world, over the demographic future of the Jewish people. The open pluralistic societies as well as other less fortunate ones have given Jews opportunities to integrate; however, they have also posed the greatest challenge to the task of preserving our Jewish identity, the danger of assimilation.

Indeed, Israel follows with great anxiety the growth of antisemitism, bigotry and racism, The old demons of anti-semitism have found new ways to lure us. It is our sacred duty to combat fanaticism, to remain alert and to carry the historic message of our Jewish religion, a message of tolerance and openness.

Every Jew in the world should know that the days of wandering are well behind us. Our duty is to be the safe haven of the Jewish people and this mission is deeply entrenched in our minds.

The Zionist thinker Ahad Ha'am foresaw the Jewish State as the spiritual center for all Jews, a source of pride, and a focus for our strongest energies. By the early decades of the next century, we will almost certainly reach a great Zionist milestone, and the State of Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Israel today is a strong country. And it is from a position of confidence that we are negotiating with our Arab partners. Peace is the essential element of our security doctrine. However, let there be no misunderstanding: There will be no unilateral compromises on any front. The security of the State of Israel and its citizens is our first and foremost concern, nothing will allow it to be compromised. That is the main principle that guides us. Let me also assure you, Jerusalem will remain united forever, under Israeli sovereignty, as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people. This is not open to negotiation.

Moreover, the whole world is no longer against us. Israel now enjoys full diplomatic relations with more than 120 countries. Japan, China, India and other nations, some of them previously hostile or indifferent to our interests are now our trading partners. Leaders from around the world are interested in developing and strengthening economic ties. Multinational firms are viewing us with new interest. The Arab boycott is losing its grip. And most important, Israel's relationship with the United States is firmer and friendlier than at any time in history.

Dear friends, we know that your love for us — as well as ours for you — is undiminished by our geographical separation. We in Israel invite you and your children to come and make your lives here, to come here often, to invest in our industries. Send your children to explore our country, to study in our universities, to learn in our yeshivot, to participate in our youth programs. The is no doubt in my mind that by doing so, not only will the bonds between our communities be strengthened, but the seeds for Jewish continuity will be sown and will bear fruit. We shall never forget that the Jewish communities around the world have played a central role in bringing to Israel close to half a million immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Yemen. But this historical momentum should be continued. Especially now, greater energy and resources must be expended to enable hundreds of thousands of additional Jews to come to the Jewish homeland and to be properly absorbed.

Above all, our greatest challenge, and my most cordial and heartfelt call upon you is to preserve your Jewish identity. Dear friends, there are still countless challenges and obstacles facing Israel and the Jewish people, but Rosh Hashana brings with it fresh optimism and confidence. May the year 5754 be a year of peace, a year of strength, and a year of opportunity for the entire house of Israel. As we proclaim on Simchat Torah, "Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek" — from strength will come yet greater strength.

Shana Tova U'Mevorechet,
Ktiva Vachatima Tova.

1,450 Jewish educators gather at CAJE Conference

Local Shaliach leads one of the sessions

In an atmosphere in which Jewish education is increasingly a focus of communal attention, 1,450 Jewish educators from across the ideological spectrum came together at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, from August 8-12, for the Eighteenth Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education. Representing the Edmonton and Calgary Jewish communities, three Jewish educators participated in five event-packed days, attending workshops, hands-on demonstrations, text study sessions and cultural events from morning until late into the night.

The over 600 sessions were organized into five magnet areas: Torah, Text and Tradition; K'lal Yisrael/Community; Schooling; Creative and Cultural Arts; and Technology and Techniques. Many of the sessions dealt with burning issues of the day, such as "Jewish Continuity and the Transmission of Jewish Identity," "Children of Interfaith and Conversionary Families in the Classroom," and "AIDS Attitudes and the Jewish School." Others focused on new trends in Jewish education such as "Reaching and Teaching the Jewish Family," "Interdisciplinary Education in Jewish Day Schools," and Techno-Teaching: a 90's Revolution."

The participants in the CAJE Conference came from 41 states of the United States, five Canadian provinces, Israel, four Latin American countries, England, Sweden, Australia and the Former Soviet Union. Visiting from the F.S.U. was Dima Kogan, a Hebrew teacher from Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, who reported that the Sunday school of the Israel Centre, in existence for one year, has 75 students in attendance.

This being the eighteenth CAJE Conference, it was dubbed the "L'chaim conference" and took as its slogan, "Marbeh Torah, marbeh chaim," "The more Torah, the more life." The opening evening featured a multi-media retrospective on the history of CAJE, from its beginnings as a 300-person conference sponsored by the Jewish Students Network to a 4,000-strong Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. The retrospective included slides, humorous skits and cameo appearance by performing artists who have made their debut at CAJE Conferences over the years.

Addressing the opening night audience, Michael Weinberg, the Chairperson of CAJE, voiced concerns for the status of the Jewish teacher and of the Jewish profession: "We need to make sure that our profession gains the dignity and recompense appropriate to avodat hakodesh. We need to foster the kinds of coalitions and promulgate the kinds of alternatives that will find creative solutions to the challenges facing the Jewish people. And I am convinced that Jewish education is part of the solution more than it is part of the problem."

Aharon Mor, the Israeli Emissary for the Jewish Community in Edmonton, presented an innovative session on a program which is taking place in Alberta. "Holocaust & Revival: Innovative outreach program for youth".

The annual program has taken place in Calgary since 1985 and started in Edmonton in 1993. More than 10,000 grade 12 students have participated in the program since its inception.

The program is composed of a half day symposium about the Holocaust. It takes place every spring when grade 12 students study World War Two in their Social Studies 30, as the topic ties in directly with their curriculum.

The symposium takes place at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

The major goal of the program is to educate students about the Holocaust, which is defined as the systematic persecution of 11 million people which includes six million Jews during the Nazi era (1933-1945).

The rationale for teaching about the Nazi Holocaust is that it dramatizes the dangers of intolerance and its dehumanizing effect on the perpetrators as well as its mindboggling potential for the destruction of civilization as we know it.

The ultimate goal is to inspire students to act with greater humanity in their day to day life and to sensitize them to the values of human freedom and dignity. In this way it is hoping to reduce the possibility of a recurrence of the horrors of the Holocaust.

This is valid in Alberta as Mr. Jim Keegstra, who denies the occurrence of the holocaust resides here. Also a Neo-Nazi group called the "Aryan Nations" has a base here.

The sponsors of the program in Edmonton are planning to improve the program by expanding a Resource Center for students and teachers and the general public which includes books and audiovisual materials about the Holocaust, by holding seminars for teachers on the subject, holding an annual essay competition and rewarding the winners in the competition by sending them on a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Israel. An annual delegation of teachers to that Museum is also planned.

The sponsors are planning to create a charitable organization to run the program on an ongoing basis.

The CAJE Conference was planned by a mazkirut headed by Gordon Fuller of Dallas, Texas, and including volunteers from three states — Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The conference was sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education and co-sponsored by the San Antonio Association for Jewish Education, an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, and the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem President Dr. Hanoch Gutfreund (L) joined Arliss and Associate Chief Justice Tevie Miller at the University this past June in commemoration of the establishment of an Endowment in Law in their name. The annual interest from the Endowment will provide yearly scholarship grants to deserving and promising 'Miller Scholars' pursuing legal studies at the Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

President Weizman's Rosh Hashana Message 1993-5754

My Friends,

On Rosh Hashana we pray for a better year to come, for peace and well-being and the values we wish to see. Let me translate the individual and community wishes into those of our entire people. Let us turn our eyes away from the unforgotten past to the vision of a better future.

The 120 years of the Zionist endeavor and the development of the State of Israel are our reassurance, our guarantee. In its 46th year, the State that began its career with a Jewish population of 600,000, is now home to more that 4 million Jews, the last half million of whom have been absorbed in the last three years out of the crumbling Soviet empire and Ethiopia. With the whole-hearted cooperation of Diaspora Jewry, those half million new Israelis do not go hungry and are not roofless. The effort to achieve appropriate employment for all goes on, and with its growing success will surely come future absorption of Jews from all over the world.

We speak with the confidence that comes from overcoming so many obstacles and managing to create a sturdy social, economic and military infrastructure.

The peace we reached with Egypt laid the foundations for the Israeli-Arab negotiations of today. Success cannot be immediate or easy, but we are confident that it will come and bring progress and prosperity to the entire Middle East.

These are times of astonishing, even revolutionary change everywhere. We believe that we can make Israel what it should be: a magnet attracting all world Jewry. We believe that with highly developed technology, we can absorb up to two million more Jews by the beginning of the twenty-first century.

This is an historic necessity, for the present shows us that the Jewish future lies in Israel. Let us work towards that future in this year 5754. May it be a year of peace, a good year for each and every one of us.

Jewish Family Services initiates new programs for seniors

Jewish Family Services is pleased to announce that they have added significantly to the already existing programs for Jewish seniors in Edmonton.

Apart from regular counselling for seniors, visits to seniors at home and at institutions, and dealing with a variety of concerns relating to our ever increasing senior population, Jewish Family Services is offering to act as a Central Office able to accommodate seniors' needs and concerns at all levels.

Names of seniors living alone, in hospitals, or at home with long-term illnesses etc. can be directed to the offices of Jewish Family Services. (These offices are located in the McLeod Building, #606, 10136 100 Street, phone 424-6346.)

The agency intends to expand on home, institutional or hospital visits, and will assess different needs when requested.

Seniors in special circumstances have already identified some of their basic needs. For example, being driven to community functions, being assisted to do their grocery shopping, receiving regular visits and telephone calls. It is Jewish Family Services' intention to create and develop a volunteer core who will assist in these activities. (If anyone is interested in helping out in any of these areas, please call Gillian at 424-6346. Even a "small" commitment by a volunteer, who is willing to give a portion of their time to help a senior, can improve the quality of life for an individual.)

Jewish Family Services can be accessed for information on specific resources relating to services throughout the city of Edmonton. Counselling for Care Givers can be provided when necessary, as well as, if requested, a support group for Care Givers could be created.

Social Workers are available to act as consultants to any group addressing issues relating to our seniors. As well, if requested, speakers can address topics of concern dealing, for example, with the subject of aging.

Jewish Family Services is one of the oldest social service agencies (51 years) in Edmonton. The agency provides a multitude of ongoing services which can be accessed either by phoning to speak to a counsellor at 424-6346, or by making an appointment to see one of the 3 Social Workers. By establishing new and extended programs for seniors, the agency would hope to reach out to those members of the Jewish community who still require specific assistance, information and care, etc.

Please fell free to inform us of any of your concerns and needs.

Air Canada offers Israel connection

by Neil Loomer

You've probably seen Air Canada's T.V. commercial featuring location shots of Air Canada destinations around the world and the many cultures represented.

According to Jeffery Beck, an Air Canada marketing executive, this campaign is part of the airline's goal to position itself as the airline for all ethnic groups recognizing Canada's multicultural makeup. For Jews this means Kosher food available with 48 hours notice on all flights, and convenient connections to Israel.

Beck, 31, recently accompanied a group of journalists from across Canada on a one-week Canadian Jewish Congress mission to Switzerland. Beck, who represented Air Canada as one of the tour sponsors, was pleased that for the first time in his career he could put his Jewish background to use with the CJC tour.

In an interview Beck revealed that Air Canada has the rights to fly directly from Canada to Tel Aviv. Until there is enough demand for this route Air Canada is considering an alliance with Air France which has daily flights to Tel Aviv from the same terminal used by Air Canada. There are daily flights to Paris from Montreal and Toronto.

Jeffrey Beck, Air Canada

Of course Paris is not the only European city served by Air Canada., For example last year as part of the Edmonton UJA mission we flew Air Canada to London where we continued on to Israel on EL AL.

Air Canada has served Zurich for 35 years with daily flights from Toronto in the summer and 2-3 flights per week the rest of the year. The Swiss connection allows the traveller a chance to spend a few days tracing Zionism's roots by visiting Basel, or enjoying the Swiss Alps while staying in on of the countries four Kosher resort hotels. Air travellers to Switzerland via Air Canada are able to check baggage through from their airport of origin to their final destination by "Fly-Rail". Travellers continue their journey from Zurich by rail while their baggage is automatically forwarded to their first overnight stop in Switzerland. Swiss Air offers convenient service to Israel to complete your journey.

The Kosher meals offered the home-cooking taste of Jewish food. They were prepared by a Toronto caterer under the supervision of the Toronto Vaad Hakashruth for the Zurich bound flight while a Zurich Kosher restaurant provided a lunch and dinner, including Kosher wine on the return trip. If you get hungry on flights you'll be pleased to know that the Kosher meals always seemed to be served first.

For more information on Air Canada's flights to Europe and connections to Israel contact your travel agent or Air Canada at 423-1222.

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Peace in our time (of year)

From the Rabbis

Rabbi Asher Vale
Beth Israel Congregation

One of the nice things that happens around this time of year is the proliferation of greetings and blessings. People wish one another *l'shana tova* (happy new year) in cards, letters, newspaper ads and, best of all, in person.

Greeting someone on *Rosh Hashanah* is not just a nice gesture. It's also one of the requirements of the day. The same Code of Jewish Law that mandates the blowing of the shofar, also instructs us to wish each other well on the Jewish New Year. The reason is simple, yet beautiful. We are judged during the High Holy Days period both with respect to our relationship with G-d and in terms of the way we act towards other people. It is entirely appropriate therefore to get in touch with as many people as possible — friends, relatives and others — in order to let them know that we are thinking about them and that we wish them all the best in the coming year.

Most *Rosh Hashanah* greeting messages that you'll come across will contain a blessing of *Shalom*, peace. There is a common misconception that this word means the total absence of any friction or conflict. This is not necessarily so. The root word of the Hebrew term for peace is *shalem*, which means whole or complete. Differences of opinion and variations in approach have always been an integral part of the dynamic which has allowed the Jewish people to develop and progress.

In the spirit of the true meaning of *shalom* we must make the effort to extend our best wishes to all members of the Jewish community. To those people we agree with as well as to those whose beliefs differ from ours. To those who attend our own particular synagogue as well as to those who choose to go elsewhere or to no *shule* at all. To those who observe Judaism the same way as we do as well as to those who choose to practice it differently. To those whose children attend one school as well as to those whose kids are enrolled in a different institution. To those who have a certain vision of what should be the fate of this community's institutions as well as to those who support a different plan for the future.

The main thing is to show friendship and respect for every person in the community, whatever our differences may be. We must strive to narrow — not eliminate — the gaps that separate people in order to create a *shalom* which is *shalem*.

Rabbi Asher Vale

Devorah, Aaron, Batya, Elisheva, Yehuda and I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year — *l'shana tovo tikatayvu v'taychataymu.*

On Rosh Hashanah we should pray and listen

Rabbi Jacob Rosner
Congregation Beth Shalom

Throughout the year the festivals of the Jewish calendar appeal to our different senses. Passover, for example, with its symbolic food and elaborate *seder* meals appeals to our sense of taste. During *Succoth*, when we grasp the *lulav* and *etrog* and spend time in the fragrant *sukka*, we celebrate the festival with our sense of touch and smell. *Hanukkah* touches our sense of sight when we look lovingly upon the candles and are reminded of our people's vision of freedom.

The Holy Day of *Rosh Hashanah* appeals most of all to our auditory senses. The ritual we remember most of all is the blowing of the *Shofar*, preceded by the blessing of God who commands us to hear the sound of the ram's horn.

There is a deep connection between the spriritual themes of *Rosh Hashanah* and the sense of hearing and being heard. *Rosh Hashanah* is a day of reconciliation. It is a day when we re-connect with God and with one another. The beginning of reconciliation is the ability to listen and to hear.

I'm often asked on the subject of prayer, "Why do we need to gather together in the synagogue? Doesn't God hear our prayers wherever we may be? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to pray surrounded by nature; by a babbling brook or beautiful sunset?"

One of the answers to this question is that the people who ask it have an incomplete vision of Jewish prayer. Indeed it is true that God hears our sincere prayers wherever they are uttered. The *Torah* reading for *Rosh Hashanah* teaches us that God hears the plaintiff cry of the boy Ishmael dying of thirst in the wilderness — *"Basher hu sham* — where he was" and that God heeded that prayer.

But Jewish prayer is not a monologue. Central in Jewish prayer is an ability to listen, to hear what God has to say to us. It is no accident that the well known prayer in our liturgy begins with the words "Hear O Israel". The *Shema* recited by traditional Jews twice daily does not conform to most definition of prayers. When we recite the *Shema*, we neither ask anything of God, or thank God, or praise God. Instead we hear God's instruction to us, to love God with all our heart and soul, to teach words of *Torah* to our children, to put a *mezzuzah* on our door post and to put *tefillin* on our arm and head.

Also central in our synagogue service is the reading of the *Torah* which is not prayer directed by men/women to God but is God speaking to us. We read the *Torah* to hear God teaching us the commandments, providing us with a spiritual pathway to God's presence.

To begin reconciliation with God then, we must regain the ability not only to pray but to listen.

Rosh Hashanah also begins a season of reconciliation with one another. We all recognize that distance from loved ones begins with our failure to communicate and to truly listen. Engrossed in ourselves, we fail to hear the urgent voice of our spouse, our children or our close friends. We come home from a hard day of work, but are we truly there? Do we listen when our children present us with their problems? Do we truly hear our spouse and his/her needs.

The *shofar* on *Rosh Hashanah* is a call not only to prayer and to *Teshuva*, but a call to each of us to learn how to listen. To listen to God's plan for us in the universe. To hear how God truly loves us. To listen to our loved ones and to be truly there when they need us and to listen to the heartfelt cries of those less fortunate than ourselves.

May this year's *shofar* try and inspire us to listen: to God and to each other, so that we may truly be reconciled during this season of Holy Days.

Sari, Akiva, Malka and I wish you a Happy New Year, a year of Blessing and Health and *Nachas* from children and grandchildren and the year of learning how to truly listen.

See Page 7 for Rabbi Wyne's column

Your Prayer counts!!!

by Rabbi Ari Drelich

As the High Holidays are just upon us and we ready ourselves to spend a good portion of the day engrossed in prayer, we may be tempted to ask ourselves, does G-d really want our prayer? The answer is a definite yes. The Talmud relates a most fascinating event that occured with the High Priest as he entered the Holy of Holies as he would traditionally do on each Yom Kippur.

The High Priest Yishmoel saw an image of G-d which called out to him "Yishmoel my son, bless me." Yishmoel replied, may it be your will that you overcome your anger, and may you conduct yourself with compassion regarding your children, and may you act in a manner of above and beyond with them. G-d nodded his approval. From this the Talmud derives that even the blessings of a common person should not be treated lightly. So remember your prayer is like your vote; it may seem trivial but it counts.

Rabbi Ari Drelich

Wishing the entire Jewish community a Happy & Healthy New Year.
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P.S. Don't forget to dial the MASHIACH hotline at 1-800-2-MASHIACH.

Letters to the Editor

More developments happening in the Red Cross issue

Dear Neil:

As I read your article on our trip to Switzerland I grew progressively more nostalgic. It was a special occasion for all of us and I am grateful to you for the way you have recorded our collective memories. I look forward to reading your future stories.

Regarding the Red Cross issue, I have two important pieces of information for you. Firstly, I will be leading a CJC delegation to Ottawa on August 31 to meet with officials from the Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS). At this time I intend to continue our advocacy on behalf of the Magen David Adom. We will be asking the CRCS to take a public stance, similar to that of its American counterpart, in recognizing the MDA. In addition, I have received a letter from Rolf Bloch, the president of the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities informing me that as a result of our meeting with him, he will lead a Swiss Jewish delegation in an unprecedented meeting with the Swiss Red Cross. This, as you no doubt recognize, is a very significant development, and a courageous step forward for the Swiss Jewish community. If we can mobilize Jewish leaders to act the same way in their own countries, perhaps a resolution to this problem will be more realizable.

Regards,
Irving Abella
President Canadian Jewish Congress

B.B.Y.O volunteers deserve recognition

To The Editor

The article in your last edition by Bruce Elman on "volunteers in our Community" was very good, but did not go into more depth about our volunteers.

One of the largest number of volunteers in Edmonton is the B.B.Y.O. advisor and the many adults that serve on the local boards, regional and district boards.

Over the past 65 years there have been many hundreds of men and women who have given of their time to work with youth, either directly as the advisors do, or on adult boards. If you look around the community, you will find many of our past and present leadership have been advisors to our youth, withouth compensation for the work and often without recognition.

It is time that we thanked these people for their volunteer work.

Herb Leon

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Edmontonian Abner Rubin spent 3 weeks in Israel earlier this year in the Sar-El (Volunteers fro Israel) program. We are pleased to give our readers some of his experiences and thoughts on Sar-El.

by Abner Rubin

Although Sar-El (Volunteers for Israel) has been an official branch of the Israeli Army for over 10 years, I first read about it in March in the *Canadian Jewish News*. After an interview and completion of an application form I was advised that subject to a medical, a letter of recommendation from a community leader, signing a form absolving Israel for any unforseen liabilities, and purchase of a Toronto-Tel Aviv return ticket I would be eligible to volunteer for three weeks May 31st to June 21st.

During the interview I was asked my reasons for volunteering for Sar-El.

My answer was two reasons. 1. To help Israel physically, morally and give support by being there shoulder to shoulder with the Israeli soldier. 2. To set an example for my children and grandchildren that we as Jews should recognize the importance of the existence of Israel, and should give Israel more than just money. Even though we feel secure in our own environment, danger threatens Israel every moment, day and night.

On arrival in Israel on June 1, the nine volunteers on our plane were met by an Israeli Army soldier who drove us to our assigned Army base called Julis, located between Ashkelon and Ashdod near the town of Kiryat Malachi. The army base was specifically for the repair and maintence of tanks. We were joined at Julis by 31 other volunteers from all parts of the world. Immediately we were issued uniforms and assigned sleeping quarters, four to a room, on the top floor of the army barracks. The lower two floors were occupied by regular Israeli Army soldiers.

Our usual routine was up at 6:00 a.m., breakfast at 7:00, meeting with the officer in charge at 7:30 who would update us on world news and then give out work assignments.

The first week I spent working with Sheila, a business executive from Atlanta, Georgia, cleaning and preparing for re-use or repair containers for tanks that would be holding explosives and firing ammunition.

The last two weeks Jake Hussman, an engineer from Toronto, and Len from Alabama and I worked on dismantling transmissions and other damaged parts from tanks, then replacing them with new or repaired parts. We realized how important this work was as the tanks we had repaired, after an official inspection by our officer, were immediately taken out on service.

The Sar-El volunteers work 5 1/2 days a week, Sunday morning to Friday noon.

On many evenings during the week we would bus to the beaches in Ashkelon, swim in the Mediterranean Sea, picnic and sing Israeli songs.

Friday afternoon most volunteers left for tours and visits to all parts of Israel.

Friday night Shabbat dinners can be arranged with Israeli families. Whatever our weekend activities were we had to be back at the base by Saturday midnight.

Other highlights of the Sar-El program included climbing Massada and touring the Dead Sea area. One day was set aside for all Sar-El volunteers in Israel, (approximately 7-800), to meet at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem where the General who founded Sar-El told us how we were important morale builders not only to the Israeli army but to all Israelis. That day we also toured the old city and the Western Wall.

On the last day of the program at a closing lunch, the base commander presented us with certificates in recognition of our work. Realizing we were leaving for separate destinations there were tears as we sang Shalom Aleichem. We came as strangers from all over the world and were leaving as close friends, comrades in the mutual interest of helping in our own small way, Israel.

If you are interested in the Sar-El program write or call Canadian Volunteers for Israel 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 301 Toronto, Ontario M6B 3K1 Phone (416) 781-6089.

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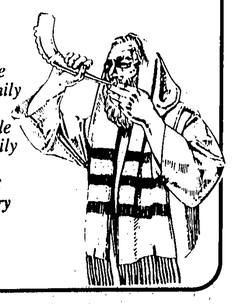

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Hotel Silberhorn — A Kosher Resort in the Alps

by Neil Loomer

10 Jewish journalists joined with leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress recently on a Jewish media mission to Switzerland. The week long trip included meetings with the International Red Cross, United Nations, ambassadors, members of the major Swiss Jewish communities and tourist representatives. On Shabbat however our hectic schedule ground to a halt as we were able to experience a relaxing, traditional two days at the Hotel Silberhorn, a 4-star Kosher hotel in the Swiss Alps.

Meir Wagner

Thunder See

The Shabbat at the Silberhorn in Grindelwald was courtesy of the hotel's owners, Ruth and Meir Wagner. Even though the hotel was bursting at the seams with both a bar mitzvah and a 50th anniversary party taking place the same weekend, the hotels' reputation for service, friendliness and delicious Kosher food was untarnished. In fact Meir Wagner seemed always close at hand as he moved from group to group ensuring that everyone was satisfied.

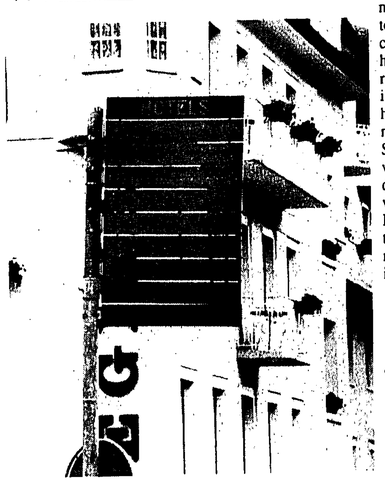
He relaxed only when he helped lead Shabbat services in the hotels' synagogue which includes a full library, prayer books and an Aron Kodesh with a Torah scroll donated by the Jewish community of Prague.

His indefatigable energy is a necessity as when he's not in Grindelwald, Meir Wagner travels to Israel, North America and other parts of Europe to spread the word about The Silberhorn, Grindelwald and Switzerland. Obviously he's successful as his guest book reads like a who's who of world Jewry, as well as ambassadors, members of the Swiss Parliament and even 30 Canadian pilots who were part of a group of military honoured following the Gulf War.

Wagner's goal is to see the Silberhorn as a meeting place for Jewish professionals, Zionists, and organizations, from around the world. He has already hosted conferences of European Rabbis and a Jewish Teachers convention.

The Silberhorn also has singles weekends for Swiss and European Jews. While understandably proud of his Jewish clientele, by hosting many non Jewish guests, he feels he has increased an understanding of Jewish people by showing others a taste of our culture and cuisine.

Grindelwald is in the Jungfrau region of the Bernese Oberland. It is approximately three hours from Zurich on the efficient Swiss Rail system. Our hosts from the Swiss National Tourist Office routed us through the town of Spiez on the shores of the Lake of Thun. The town is a beautiful showcase of typical Swiss chalets overflowing with flower boxes on balconies which surround them. The town is dominated by a castle originally part of a medieval fortress and later used as a residence by nobility well into the 18th century. After a taste of the local wine and a meeting with tourist officials we boarded a boat for the trip to Interlaken. The cruise down the lake passed hillsides dotted with chalets and resorts, stopping to pick up and drop off tourists and locals using the boat for regular commuting. We then returned to the train at Interlaken for the short trip to Grindelwald. Grindelwald is a well known resort for both summer and winter. It hosts a ladies world cup ski race every two years. Chair lifts to the ski areas are within walking distance of the hotel. In summer hundreds of miles of hiking paths offer beautiful vistas of glaciers, alpine meadows and the Alps including the famous 13,000 foot Eiger. Thanks to Ruth Wagner's grandparents who bought the hotel in 1926 one can enjoy the beauty of the region and then return to the "hamische" atmosphere of the Silberhorn.

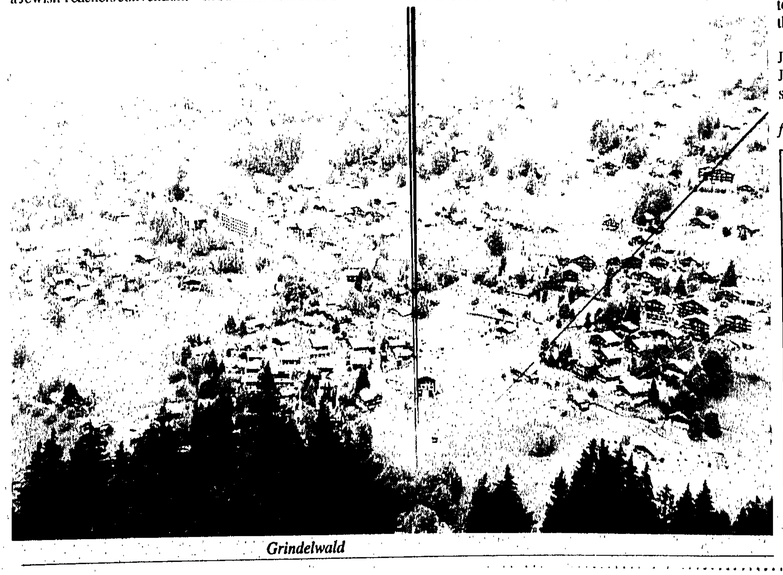


Grindelwald

A sign post in the centre of town pointing the way to the hotel features the word Kosher in Hebrew after the hotel name. Anyone planning a trip to Europe or Israel should consider a stop in The Silberhorn. Rates which are comparable with other area hotels include all Kosher meals. The hotel also has a sauna, jacuzzi, mikveh and fitness room. Special rates are available for visits during the High Holidays or Passover. Hopefully when you visit you'll meet Meir and Ruth Wagner and their three sons who are already taking a role in operating the hotel. It will be an opportunity to learn more about Jewish life in the most beautiful surroundings you could imagine.

For further information contact the Hotel Silberhorn, CH-3818 Grindelwald, Switzerland, telephone 036-53-28-22 or your travel agent.

The Canadian Jewish Congress Media Mission to Switzerland was sponsored by Air Canada, the Swiss National Tourist office and the Hotel Silberhorn.



Grindelwald

Vision/TV features Jewish Religious Life

Vision/TV, Canada's Faith Network, will feature 2 shows of interest to the Jewish Community in its "Roots, Faith and Culture" series.

The series is shown Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Mountain time.

On September 14, the series takes a look at the sect of Hassidic Jews known as Chabad Lubavitch, a fundamentalist group who have preserved traditions and rituals which go back hundreds of years. Consciously setting themselves apart from the modern world, the Lubavitch are an isolated and insulated community who nevertheless take an active role in local politics and exert influence in Israel. This production focuses on the 20,000 Lubavitch members living in New York City; their adherence to strict obedience of the Torah; the tension that exists with their black neighbors in Brooklyn; and the power of their spiritual leader, the "Rebbe".

On October 5th the series presents Ritual: Three Portraits of Jewish Life. The show explores some of the traditions of Jewish life, such as rituals of prayer, the "bris" or circumcision, and the meaning and origins of the holiday of Sukkot.

Information regarding the above TV shows was received from Vision/TV.

B'nai Brith lauds PM for restoration of court challenges

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has commended Prime Minister Kim Campbell on her decision to restore the program that was cancelled by the government last year.

"We are delighted. We welcome the resurrection of the Court Challenges program, since it provides access to the courts to some of our vulnerable individuals and communities," said Mark Sandler, Senior Legal Counsel of the League.

"The League for Human Rights has long supported the Court Challenges program as a much needed vehicle to enhance the struggle for equality for all Canadians," added Rochelle Wilner, Ontario Chair of the League for Human Rights.

From the Rabbis

Days of Awe or Awful Days

Rabbi Yitzchak Wyne
Congregation Beth Israel

As the High Holidays draw near, many of us are busy preparing for them by buying new clothes, arranging where and with whom we will spend our meals, and perhaps even sending "Happy New Year" cards to our friends and relatives. Where as all of these play an important role in developing the proper Yom Tov spirit, there is still much more to do in preparation for the 12 Holiday Days coming in the next month.

Judaism, rich with 3300 years of tradition, teaches us that buried within each day is an incredible treasure of opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. It is just a matter of tapping in and using the day the way it was meant to be used.

Unfortunately, in recent years, these times have turned into very difficult days for many of our Jewish brethren. They have turned into days filled with guilt, loneliness and boredom. Sometimes we go to shul out of obligation, all the while feeling a little out of place, then feeling bad because it was so meaningless and boring. Sometimes we don't go at all out of principle, and then feel lousy because "Jews go to shul on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur".

We all desire to grow, change and help our fellow man. The unique opportunity of the High Holy days is to develop our perspective of life goals. This development will culminate with an intense experience of happiness and self fulfilment on Succot. The Almighty only desires that we use His torah to achieve personal and spiritual heights. We aren't talking about New Year resolutions. We are talking about real change and growth.

All of this can transform a once awful day into an awesome day, if we can grasp the reality of the moment. It is for this reason that I will be conducting an alternative service on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur for those in the community who want to make the year 5754 the most meaningful ever.

On behalf of Helene, Nechemiah, and myself, we wish all of you a Shana Tova U'metuka, a good and sweet year.

Jewish Drop-in Centre news

Eugene Pechet honoured by Centre

Eugene Pechet, a long time supporter of Edmonton's Jewish Drop-In Centre is begin honoured at the official "membership opening" of the new Jewish Drop-In Centre on September 8th. Mr. Pechet has been active with the organization since 1980 when he worked on the committee to establish a permanent Jewish senior's residence. When government funding for residences was cancelled the committee decided to rebuild a new drop-in centre on the existing site. Mr. Pechet continued to be involved in every aspect of the building process.

Over the years Mr. Pechet made many generous contributions to the Drop-In Centre in memory of his wife, Rose, of blessed memory. These contributions helped the new building to be erected mortgage free. He also furnished the equipment for the new kitchen which has been dedicated in Rose Pechet's memory. Rose who passed away in 1982 was very active in all aspects of community life while raising two children, but her special interest was "The Golden Age Group" hence Eugene's interest in the Edmonton Drop-In Centre.

Drop-In Centre Activities Set

The Jewish Drop-In Centre is offering an exciting year of programming for Jewish Adults.

Commencing in September, the centre will expand their programming from three days to six days a week.

On September 10th at 11 a.m. Dr. Art Burgess from the University of Alberta will introduce a fitness program which the centre will run three mornings a week. In conjunction with the Edmonton Film Society a series of classic films will be shown Monday afternoons. Afternoons set aside for bingo, cards and table games are already well attended. Lunches served on Tuesday and Thursday have proved to be very popular and will continue as a regular part of the programming. Speakers, tours, recitals will be offered on Wednesday afternoons and week-day evenings. The Russian-Canadian Group meets at the Centre on Sundays and the Mamaloshin Group meets every third Wednesday evening. The centre is already renting its facilities to other groups and businesses for meetings and social functions.

For more information on centre activities call THE JEWISH DROP-IN CENTRE — 488-4241.

Drop-In Centre board and officers announced

The Jewish Drop-In Centre has announced the new Board of Directors and officers for the 1993/94 year elected at the Annual General Meeting held on July 7, 1993.

The Board consists of: Lev Bricker, Lucy Bricker, Karen Davidow, Joe Dvorkin, Rhoda Friedman, Gillian Horwitz, Esther Kauffman, Shirley Laskin, Harry Nolan, Harold Rodnunsky, Mark Siderson, Alfie Simons, Bunny Smordin, Shelby Smordin, Paula Snyder, Bernice Tobias, Ita Vrubel, Lilia Witzke, Irene Zhurhaven and Dasha Zottenberg.

Honorary Members are: Zelda Kalensky, Sam Mickelson and Lottie Wershof.

Consultants: Alice Abells, Queena Klein, Rae Dolgoy and Jean Oshry.

The Executive is as follows: Co-Presidents: Harry Nolan & Alfie Simons, Recording Secretary: Paula Snyder, Treasurer: Shelby Smordin, Corresponding Secretary: Esther Kauffman, Building Chairman: Joe Dvorkin, Volunteer Co-ordinator: Bunny Smordin, Rep. of the Sunday Group: Lev Bricker. Past President: Florence Singer.

DEATHS

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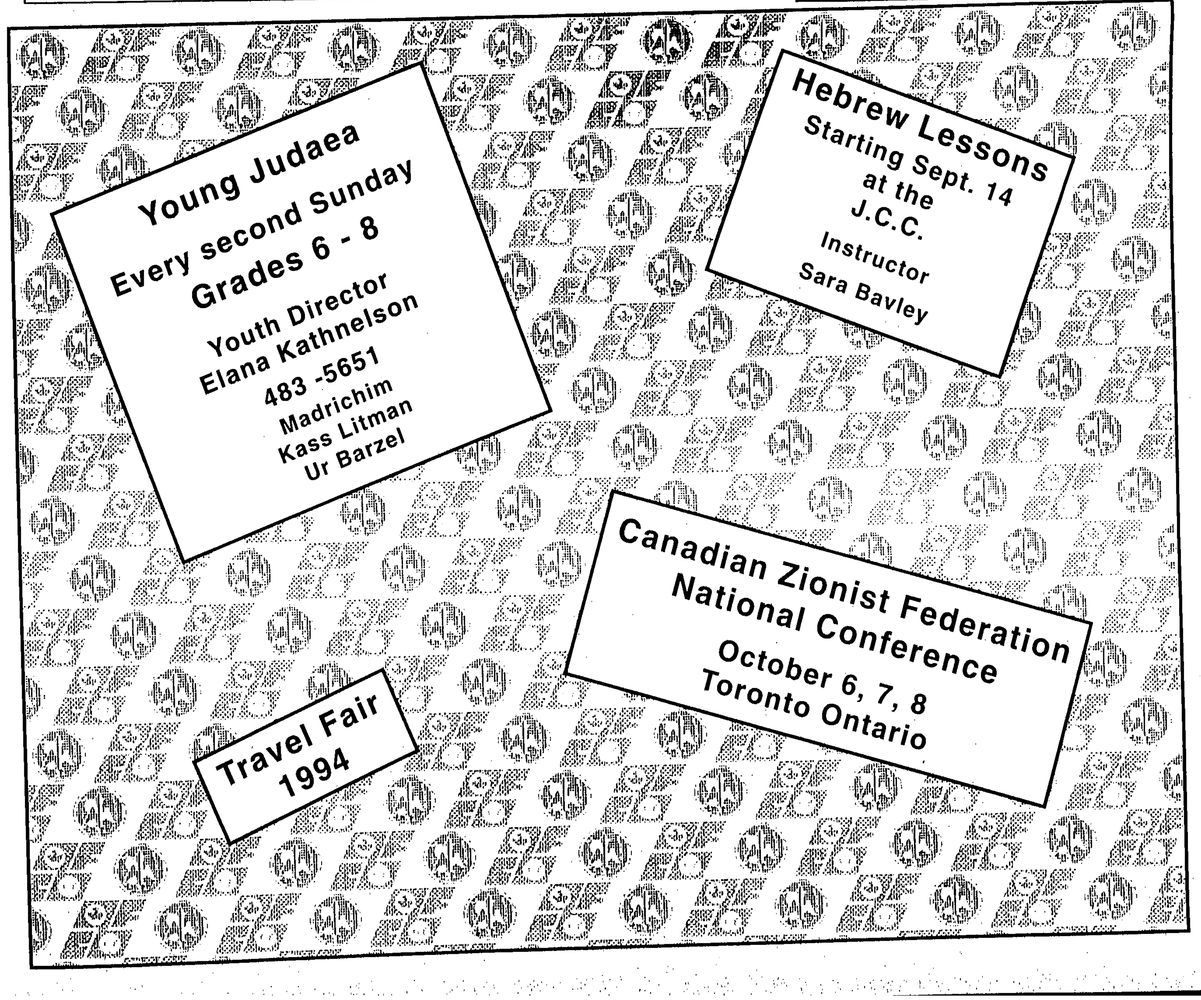

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Vancouver to open Holocaust Education Centre

The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society (VHCS) is very pleased to announce the 1994 opening of its Holocaust Education Centre. The VHCS is dedicated to combating prejudice and racism by educating British Columbians, particularly students and teachers, about the events and implications of the Holocaust.

For many years, the VHCS facilitated outreach programs that took Holocaust survivors into classrooms throughout the province. Now, with the opening of the Holocaust Education Centre, students will have the opportunity to absorb the lessons of the Holocaust in a creative learning environment. This 4000 square foot resource centre is being built in the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver at 950 W. 41st Avenue.

Representatives of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, along with Holocaust survivors, museum consultants, and education specialists, are working together to create an important new teaching and research facility. Visitors will have access to the centre's exhibits, on-line interactive computers, library and archives.

By providing a multi-disciplinary approach to learning, as well as lectures, films and seminars, the Holocaust Education Centre will help prepare students to recognize the signs of racism and to develop the skills required to build and safeguard a democratic society.

If you would like any information about the Holocaust Education Centre, please contact the VHCS at 950 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2N7 or at (604) 734-5325.

Charles Diamond presents an award from Israel Bonds to Beth Israel president Ron Levin in recognition of Bond purchases by synagogue members. Rabbi Asher Vale looks on. Similar presentations were given to Beth Shalom and Temple Beth Ora.

Israel Bonds Qualify for RRSPs

A recent federal government ruling which allows investments in bonds of foreign countries to be eligible for RRSPs is good news for State of Israel Bonds. After record sales of over $90 million (US) in 1992, the figures for 1993 appear to be even stronger.

The RRSP eligibility announcement will be part of the State of Israel Bonds presentations traditionally given on Kol Nidre evening in Edmonton Synagogues. Speaking on behalf of Israel **Bonds this year will be Mr. Robert Rosen at Beth Israel,** Professor Bruce Elman at Beth Shalom and student Rabbi Joshua Davidson at Temple Beth Ora. During a recent visit to Edmonton, Charles Diamond, Executive Vice-President of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., the sales arm of Israel Bonds, met with synagogue leaders to express thanks for past support of the organization. He reported that Alberta is recording its' best sales year ever. Mr. Diamond said that the importance of **the government decision for** most Canadians is simply that Israel Bonds are held by a huge number of people. Most bonds pay 4% interest (minimum purchase $250 in US funds) over 15 years but the recent Canadian Variable Rate Issue Bond offered a 7.5% guaranteed minimum interest rate on investments of $25,000 Canadian or more. While a significent portion of the bonds are held to maturity, many are donated to Canadian charities while others are redeemed by tourists **to Israel.**

The change in rules also means that bonds already held can be registered into an existing RRSP portfolio by your banker or broker. Another option is to convert GICs, into Israel Bonds. RRSP holdings in foreign bonds are still limited by the foreign property limits, currently at 16% and slated to top out at 20%. Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. maintains an Alberta office in Calgary. Alberta Bond representative Aron Eichler can be reached toll-free at 491-0034.

Okanagan Jewish Community well established

The Okanagan Jewish Community is a Community of approximately 65 Jewish Families who have worked together, over the last ten years, towards establishing a base for a Jewish home in the Okanagan.

Through tenacious and dedicated fundraising and a B.C. Go Grant for one-third of the capital cost; the Okanagan Jewish Community proceeded with the construction of a 5700 square foot Community Centre. This Community Centre has a banquet hall, sanctuary, kitchen, office, classroom/library and a daycare which is leased to the Central Okanagan Daycare as an independent daycare for the North Glenmore Community.

The Okanagan Jewish Community has weekly Saturday morning services as well as celebrating all festivals, holidays and special religious occasions. In addition, they are currently involved in three separate levels of Hebrew language education with a school being held every Sunday from September through June.

The Okanagan Jewish Community, as well, has been actively involved for the past four years with the Multicultural Society and the July 1st Folkfest celebrations held in Kelowna. They have enjoyed the benefit of having wonderful relationships in the field of multiculturalism, and with the clergy of Kelowna's other religious organizations and churches.

In order to raise funds for their projects' the Okanagan Jewish Community has held three concerts over the last six years, two 'Roasts' in June of 1992 and in May of 1993, a Bazaar in May 1993 and, as well had Okanagan apple sales to the Jewish Community in Vancouver. They have also solicited friends and business associates across the country in attempts to raise funds.

The latest addition to the community centre is a quilted mural hand made by O.J.C. members.

A 6 x 9 foot quilted mural, titled The Threads of Tradition, now hangs in the group's Community Centre in the Okanagan Valley city. It is a copy of an original design from the Jewish Community Centre in Binghampton, New York.

The idea was brought to the O.J.C.'s Donna Rubadeau by Briana Long, who had seen the quilt in a magazine. The Ladies Group agreed on starting the project and professional quilter, Myrtle Bookhalter, did the majority of the finishing work. The theme of the handmade quilt is Jewish Holidays and Festivals, Ritual objects and symbols.

The Community project took about a year to complete. The 25 Kelowna Families involved used embroidery, applique and painting techniques to complete the patchwork. Fabricland donated the basic fabric while each section contains various heritage material from the individuals who participated.

The Community Huddur Mitzvah (Judaism's concept of beautifying Religious objects and the Jewish home) provided a permanent pictorial representation of our culture. It is available for viewing at the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre in the North Glenmore area of the City.

The O.J.C.'s latest fundraising project is a Hannukah fabric which is being sold at $7.99 per metre. An order form can be found in this issue.

Evening of Music and Dance a Great Success

by Lilia Witzke

It was hot. It was crowded. It was worth it. It was an evening of light classical music organized and presented by the members of the Jewish Drop-in Centre of Edmonton.

The event took place at the Jewish Drop-in Centre on August 22, 1993. The concert was organized by the members of the Sunday Group, which is a Russian-speaking part of the Jewish Drop-in Centre. It was a fundraising function, aimed at raising funds towards the Centre's activities and programs. As such, all performers, organizers, helpers and custodial services were done by volunteers.

The concert offered a little bit of everything and appealed to all ages and types of music lovers. It began with the Sonata for Piano, 4 hands, by Mozart, which was performed by the recently arrived pianists from St. Petersburg, Tatyana and Iosif Fridman. The audience, who just a minute before was lively chatting with friends and next-seat-neighbors, was immediately transposed into an unmoving, hardly-breathing mass of eyes and ears by the powerful performance.

In the next performance by Iosif Fridman, Boris Kipnis on violin and Alexandr Tumanov, the vocal third of the group, performed two English arias, a Russian ballad and a variation of a Ukrainian folk song. It was a wonderful experience shared by all attending the concert. It was hard to remember, and I doubt anyone even tried, that we were at a fundraiser. The performance was top-rated and the atmosphere was very spiritual.

The instrumental pieces, performed by Mr. Fridman and Mr. Kipnis, offered the attending guests an easy-listening entertainment and provided a smooth change in the atmosphere from the chamber-style music to something easy-going and fun. Joined by Mr. Tumanov, the trio closed with the three Jewish folk songs and, as it was hard not to join in, the audience did just that. Listening to Mr. Tumanov and watching his interaction with the audience, I had to smile. You see, I know him as the Professor Tumanov from the University of Alberta. Although there he does not sing, I can't help but wonder about the fact that if the University knew about his wonderful hidden talent of their own professor, it's entirely likely that their fundraising campaigns would have been much more successful.

Although shy performers tried to avoid as much limelight after the concert as possible, and although the audience tried to keep them on stage as long as possible, the concert did come to an end. But the evening did not.

After the door prize draws and a short intermission, the guests were treated to the sumptuous pastries and coffee. Many members of the community have sampled Mrs. Asya Edelshtein's confectionery creations. Her work is often seen at the Centre's functions and her general culinary talent is well known among the Russian-speaking Jewish community. Although Mrs. Edelshtein's labor provided well for the entire congregation, the additional trays of pastries were brought in as a gift by Mr. Joe Sheckter, who also attended the evening.

By 9:30 p.m., the attending crowd had their minds and souls highly charged with the post-concert excitement and its tastebuds overworked with all appetizing delights (a phrase "too many things, too little time" comes to mind).

The evening was far from over yet.

It was at this point that the legs, that part of the body which up until now had relatively easy time, had its workout. Mikhail and Gennady Zisin, a brother duo of BZ Music, have set up their tools and began the dance.

The professional duo really did provide dance music at its best. Although it was anticipated by the organizers of the evening that many would leave before the dance (due to late hour, tiredness, lack of interest in the dance, etc.), we were happy to find out we were wrong. I have attended many weddings where only few couples were out on the dance floor. It was truly amazing to see how this fifty-something crowd could keep up with the lively Jewish tunes.

Overall, the evening was a huge success. A special recognition and sincere thank yous should be extended to Mr. Lev Bricker and Mrs. Lucy Bricker, whose loyalty, determination, strength and, at times, stubbornness, have allowed them to organize the fourth fundraising concert for the Jewish Drop-in Centre.

The entire evening was video-taped by Mr. Dan Frakman. For those who wish to see the tape, it will be available shortly for viewing at the Centre.

To all those who donated their talent, time and energy to put this evening together, the members of the Jewish Drop-in Centre of Edmonton wish to express their sincere gratitude. To all those who attended the evening, the members would also like to extend our thanks for coming, sharing this event and supporting the functions of the organization. To all those who missed this concert, we wish to let you in on a secret: the next one is being planed for late October. Watch for it and come and enjoy it with us.

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Neil Loomer.

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		Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 17	Rosh Hashanah	Shacharit	8:00 a.m.
		Shofar	11: 15 a.m. (approx.)
		Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 24	Erev Yom Kippur	Kol Nidrei	7:00 p.m.
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Friday, September 17	Rosh Hashanah	Shacharit	9:15 a.m.
		Erev Shabbat	7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 24	Erev Yom Kippur	Kol Nidrei	6:45 p.m.
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		Shofar	12 noon (approx.)
		Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 24	Erev Yom Kippur	Psalms	7:15 p.m.
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The synagogue in Padua, Italy

by Rickie Rose Loomer

Joe and I were recently in Padua on an Elderhostel Program, which is an educational program for people over 60. Saturday morning, we, a couple from Montreal and Michael, our Director went to synagogue.

Even though there had never been an incident involving the synagogue, there were two uniformed policemen standing outside the entrance. One was holding a machine gun. Up the street there were two more uniformed, armed policemen.

Michael vouched for us and we were introduced to the rabbi and went in. A woman from the congregation searched our purses. She sat by the front door the entire morning (people from the community take turns doing this).

The women went upstairs and the service started with five men, three from our group. Slowly others drifted in and we finally ended up with eleven men and four women.

Women could either sit upstairs or downstairs at the back behind a screen. One of the Italian women who spoke English told me that women were not required to wear hats. She was the granddaughter of the Professor who had translated and added explanatory notes to the Sabbath prayer book we were using. Her grandfather had also taught the present rabbi, Rabbi Vitterlo, who has been the head of the congregation for 38 years.

The synagogue was built in 1548 and the baroque interior was built between 1659 and 1670, and refurbished seven years ago. The interior is narrow, small, rather dark with a great deal of wood panelling. There are stairs on both sides of the bimah. Both the stairs and bimah are made of beautifully carved wood. The ceiling above the bimah is decorated very elegantly. The Aron Kodesh is across from the bimah; in between the bimah and the Aron Kodesh are rows of wooden benches with name plates on the book rests.

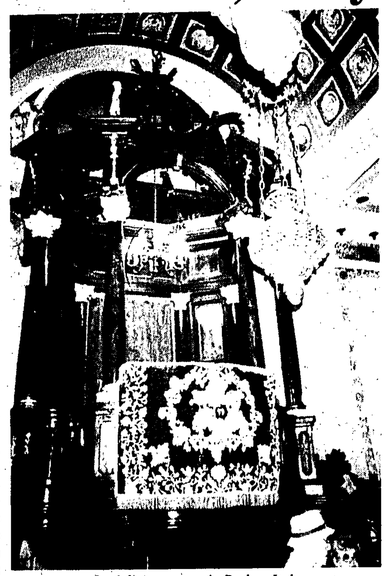
The day we were there, there were eight vases of pink, fresh, long-stemmed carnations sitting on the reading desks and two vases of pink gladioli in front of the bimah.

Joe, Michael and the gentleman from Montreal were all given aliyahs. The men do not shake hands after an aliyah but extend their right arms and point with a finger.

The Rabbi blessed his son twice during the service by putting his hand on his head. There was no sermon. The tunes were different from ours but very beautiful. The prayer books were in Italian and Hebrew or just in Hebrew. The Rabbi did everything but the Musaf service. There was no cantor.

The synagogue supports itself by dues and owns property. The mikvah is currently being restored. When the Rabbi was asked whether the synagogue was Ashkenazi or Sephardic, he replied that it was neither, it was Italian.

At one time, there were three synagogues in Padua. One called the German School was burned by the fascists in 1943; the second, called the Spanish School is also gone. The contents of these synagogues (or what was left) were sent to Israel. The one we were in is of the Italian School and is Orthodox. It has services every Saturday.



Jewish synagogue in Padua, Italy

If Torahs have to repaired, they are sent to Israel. A special permit is required from the state to ensure that they will be returned to Italy. There are 4 Jewish cemeteries in Padua dating from the 16th century.

If Jews in Italy have family names of Italian cities, you know that their family has lived in Italy for over 2000 years. Jews have lived in Padua for 700 years, first outside the walls, then inside. There are currently 200 Jews in Padua. There is no Talmud Torah for the 15 children who are aged 3 to 15 years; the Rabbi teaches them.

Kosher meat in brought in from Milan once a month and frozen. Sometimes a restaurant is koshered for a wedding. Approximately 50% of the weddings in the Jewish community are intermarriages.

A Jewish study course is given at Padua University, the second oldest university in Europe (the oldest is in Bologna).

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Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is encouraging participation in the Human Resource Development (HRD) Program for the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) manages the program and it is calling for project applications which would be funded by External Affairs and International Trade Canada Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe.

The HRD program is one of the components of 'Partners in Progress," which encourages the transfer of Canadian expertise with hands-on projects or work attachments to promote a stable transition to democracy and to market-based economics within the region. During the next 12 months, 250 Canadians will be provided with financial assistance to assist with the reform process in Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, the Baltics, and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The mandate of the HRD program is to promote human resource development in key sectors of the society. It emphasizes support for practical development projects and direct people-to-people contact through the placement of Canadian volunteers. Applicants are required to propose projects to work attachments which have been developed in consultation with a partner or organization in the host country.

"The HRD program will afford Jewish participants the opportunity of making contact with historic Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe," stated CJC Executive Vice-President Alan Rose. "People to people encounter is an essential element in the rebuilding of Jewish life in these countries."

Further information about the program can be obtained from Modest Cmoc, Project Manager, Centre for Central and Eastern Europe at (613) 237-4820.

North American Jewish Students' Network — Canada has hired a new National Director

Howard Katz, 23, is a recent graduate of Yeshiva University in New York, where he majored in English literature and creative writing. In his previous experience, Howard has been involved in student community activities in New York as a volunteer for the Yeshiva University philanthropy society and as a contributor for The Commentator, the university newspaper. During the Gulf War, Howard was involved in an emergency flight to Israel called "Operation Torah Shield". In Toronto, Howard has been involved with the fund-raising operations of B'Nai Brith — Canada.

The National Director of Network is the only full-time paid position of the organization. He is in charge of the day to day operations of the independent national student movemen and responsible for facilitating all projects and operations that are run by the student volunteers and lay-people, as well as liaising with the general community.

Jewish combatants' and partisans' memory perpetuated

by Greer Fay Cashman

(WZPS) At no time in the past 50 years was more intensive global activity directed towards perpetuating the memories of those who perished in the Holocaust, than in the Jewish calendar year of 5753. The flurry was spurred by the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

The significance of this anniversary year was marked by the completion or expansion of several multi-million dollar Holocaust related projects in Israel and elsewhere. The largest and most highly publicized of these were the Yad Vashem Valley of the Lost Communities in Jerusalem, the Beit Hashoa Museum of Tolerance built by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The refurbishing of the smaller, less ambitious Combatants and Partisans Museum in Tel Aviv, however, barely got a mention. Located two flights underground, in the basement of the Jabotinsky Institute, this modest tribute to Jewish heroism during the Second World War, was founded 29 years ago by Chaim Lazar, himself a former partisan.

Chaim and his wife Chaya, also a former partisan, settled in Haifa in 1947 after devoting two years to getting Holocaust survivors out of Europe's refugee camps and helping organize "illegal" aliya.

Headquartered in Italy, their own aliya was brought forward by Chaya's pregnancy. "So many of us were pregnant at that time," she recalls, "and none of us wanted to give birth in Europe. After what we had been through, it was terribly important to us to have our babies in Eretz Yisrael." Their daughter was born soon after their arrival, and seven years later their son who was destined to become an officer in the Israel Air Force, was born.

Like so many immigrants, they wanted to start afresh and put the past behind them, so they distanced themselves from other survivors and their own personal experiences. "During our first 10 years in Israel, we integrated into the mainstream," says Chaya.

Attitudes changed with the Eichmann trial, however, and Chaya, then a correspondent for the now defunct "Herut" newspaper, wrote about it extensively. "It was a revolution. It was like a volcanic explosion," she remembers. "Suddenly we became important. before the trial, no-one was interested in the partisans. No newspaper wanted to publish our stories. Suddenly, people who weren't in Europe, became curious. Our closest friends who had never asked us about the Holocaust began plying us with questions. Soon there were scores of books and movies about the Holocaust."

Chaim himself wrote several books and numerous articles, and out of these writings grew the desire to do something which would make a more lasting imprint on human consciousness. "Our children will remember the Holocaust," says Chaim, "but what meaning will it have for the next generation and the generations to come?"

A museum, he decided, would act as a permanent reminder, and a monument to the courageous individuals who defied the Nazis.

Until 1993, when Chaim retired from his job at the National Sick Fund, the museum was semi-functional and somewhat neglected. Then with funds from donors living in the U.S. and Canada, Chaim and Chaya had the museum remodelled and upgraded, reopening it to the public a few days before the worldwide commemoration ceremonies for the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt.

Underground fighter's and partisans' acts of courage in the ghettos, the camps, and the forests are documented in the museum, as are the brave deeds of Jews in various military forces.

While much of this information is also documented in other Holocaust museums, its impact is lost in the volume of horrifying evidence of human persecution, humiliation and extermination.

On Tisha b'Av (a fast day commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples) in 1938, Revisionist Zionist leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky predicted the catastrophe which was to befall the Jewish people and urged the Jews of Poland to get out and save themselves. A copy of this plea, which fell on deaf ears, is enshrined at the entrance to the museum.

Training for armed resistance against the Nazis, in fact, began a year later in November 1939, exactly a year before the Germans established the Warsaw Ghetto. Four Polish Jewish officers approached Henryk Iwanski, a demobilized army captain, to help train Jews to fight the Germans.

Iwanski agreed and persuaded the officers to form the Zydowski Zwiazek Wojskowy (Z.Z.W.) or Jewish Military Union, one of two Jewish military organizations operating in the Warsaw Ghetto. He also facilitated contact with Polish officers who supplied them with weapons.

A despatch ring, among the museum's prize exhibits, was used as a means of identification by both members of the Z.Z.W. and the Polish underground. Two identical rings existed, one held by the Z.Z.W. and the other by Iwanski, whose portrait hangs in the museum.

Many people tried to buy the ring from Iwanski after the war, but he refused to part with it. Then, shortly before his death in 1975, Chaim traveled to Warsaw, bought it from him for only $500, and brought it to Israel. The ring bears several Biblical symbols including the lion and the lamb, symbolizing peace in the messianic age.

The story of the Z.Z.W. has been researched and documented by Chaya, who painstakingly went through records preserved in Israel and Poland. She also interviewed Jews and Poles who survived the war. Much of this documentation is in book form while some appears as explanatory notes alongside exhibits.

The Zydowska Organizacja Bojowa (Z.O.B.), or Jewish Fighting Organization, the other underground movement, was established by members of left-wing Zionist youth movements and the Bund, the Jewish Socialist Party. The Z.Z.W., formed by Revisionists, and the Z.O.B. had little contact with each other.

A partial listing of uprisings and resistance in the ghettos and death camps from January 1940 to January 1945, reveals that the first organized uprising in German-occupied Europe was in the Lachwa Ghetto on September 3, 1942. It was followed less than a week later by armed resistance in the Kremnitz Ghetto. But Jews were engaged even earlier in acts of sabotage in factories geared to the Nazi war machine.

The Lazars were both members of the United Partisans Organization, founded in the Vilna Ghetto in January 1942, under the command of Yitzhak Wittenberg, Joseph Glazman and Abba Kovner. Frustrated by the futility of their combat operations in the ghetto, they joined a group which left to fight in the forests, where they believed they could be more effective.

Approximately 20,000 Jewish partisans fought in the occupied sectors of eastern Poland and western U.S.S.R. and an unspecified number operated behind enemy lines. Some of the heroes, whose thumbnail biographies are displayed in the museum, left no family and nothing of themselves for posterity — not even a photograph to hang on the wall. They are remembered only by the men and women who fought alongside them; comrades-in-arms who are themselves a dying generation.

Amongst the photographs of the partisans is a young Chaim, brandishing a gun as he leads a group into a forest clearing. The picture was clearly taken before April 21, 1944, when Chaim lost the fingers of his right hand while blowing up a German train carrying ammunition, tanks and soldiers.

On a wall nearby is the grim warning contained in an extract from Hitler's will, written on April 25, 1945." ... One hundred years may elapse, and from the ruins of our cities and our art memorials, the hatred will be renewed time after time towards the people responsible for the war — international Jewry and its aides."

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The economic year in review

by Danny Ben-Tal

(WZPS) This past year has been a time of crisis for many of the world's national economies, with Britain just beginning to emerge from the longest recession since the 1930's and the U.S. suffering low economic growth and an uncomfortably high unemployment rate. Israel has been a rare exception.

"The Israeli economy has been doing surprisingly well," maintains Dr. Nadine Baudot-Trajtenberg, a senior economist at Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest banking group. "Economic development has now reached the stage where the motor is no longer powered by government intervention. Increased economic activity and a drop in real wages makes planning a lot easier. The economy is now healthy and sustainable."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, though acknowledging the positive economic trends, warns against exaggerated optimism until the results of economic reforms are felt. The ministry's Director-General Aharon Fogel, also insists that despite good economic signals, "there is a measure of fragility."

Israel's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), appearing to justify this relative confidence, grew by 6.6 percent, maintaining a steady growth rate for the third successive year. Business product increased 7.9 percent, slightly up on previous years. Exports surged last year by 14.4 percent, proceeding now at about 10 percent.

Private consumption increased by a whopping 8.3 percent with Israel's traditional economic shackle, the defense budget, dipping to a low 14 percent after finally recuperating from expenses incurred during the Gulf War. Inflation, too, is looking good and is in single figures for the first time in 29 years.

"Although 'economic boom' would be an overstatement," says Tzipi Gilian, the Finance Ministry's senior economic advisor, "evidence of strong economic growth has been evident since late 1991. This has coincided with a massive influx of immigrants, which has powered a growth of local demand."

U.S. approval last year of $10 billion in loan guarantees, has provided the Israel economy a safety net sorely needed for coping with over 500,000 new immigrants who arrived in a little over two years — representing an 11 percent population increase. According to David Brodett, State Budget Director, Ministry of Finance, "Israel now has a chance to join the club of the world's richest countries. Absorbing these new immigrants, who are characterized by skilled manpower, will put the Israeli labor force among one of the most highly educated and sophisticated in the world."

The money, to finance investment to facilitate immigrant absorption, which is down from 200,000 in 1990-91 to 80,000 in 1992-3, has not yet been fully utilized. "If it is apparent that we won't need, from the perspective of the current account deficit, the full amount (of the loan guarantees)...," said Fogel, "then we must ensure that our foreign debt be as long term as possible."

Unemployment, which peaked at a daunting 11.2 percent in early summer, has been dropping steadily in recent months, and according to a Treasury economic assessment paper presented in June, will drop to a 10.2 percent yearly average.

Efforts being made to combat unemployment include the absorbing of some 13,500 local workers into the building trade due to the closure of the territories; the Ministry of Labor and Social affairs "immediate jobs program", which created 3,300 jobs with the Jewish National Fund and 200 with the Antiquities Authority; and a new tough attitude by the Employment Service.

Recent cabinet approval of a Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ) to attract foreign investment, is also expected to create some 15,000 jobs.

Infrastructure investment has been expanding by a steady 20 percent for the past three years, with an overloaded road system and patchwork communications infrastructure presently being upgraded. Massive construction projects are also evident all over the country. Despite this, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel still feels that the government must substantially increase investment in this area.

Privatization according to Michael Eilan, Editor-in-Chief of the influential Israeli business monthly "Link," is "proceeding at a snail's pace." However, the unveiling of sweeping legislative reform of the banking system in April 1993, will aid in the privatization process, for the country's largest banks will have to cut their industrial holdings and divest themselves of some of their banking subsidiaries. This will also force them to focus more on their traditional banking business.

Companies like Gottex swimwear manufacturers and software innovators Scitex have been consolidating their brand-name recognition abroad this past year and several others — like ECI Telecom and precision tools manufacturers Iscar — have been notching up brilliant individual successes. In fact "exports have been the economy's prime mover," notes Dr. Baudot-Trajtenberg. "Particularly industrial goods and diamonds."

"We're now at a point where we've started opening up to the world," notes Eilan. "Small Israeli firms have been doing very well as micro multi-nationals. They are particularly suited for the business world of the 90's and beyond."

But the great hope for Israel's economic future lies in the ongoing peace talks and its success in promoting the regions' business climate. Economic planners and industrialists dream of the day when the Arab boycott is obsolete.

Canadian firms licensees for anti-epileptic drug developed at Hebrew University Pharmacy School

Two Canadian companies have signed an exclusive, worldwide licensing agreement for an anti-epileptic drug developed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A patent application for the drug has been issued in U.S., with other patent applications pending in Israel, Canada and in Europe.

The licensing arrangement was entered into between the Hebrew University's Yissum Research Development Company and Canguard Health Technologies Inc. of Vancouver, B.C., and its strategic corporate partner, Pharmascience Inc. of Montreal. The new product to be produced and sold by Canguard and Pharmascience is called Nuroval Sr, which is a unique and novel sustained release form of the popular anti-epileptic agent, sodium valproate.

The drug was developed at the Hebrew University School of Pharmacy by Meir Bialer, David H. Eisenberg Associate Professor of Pharmacy, and Michael Friedman, Adolph D. and Horty Storch Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Nuroval SR is expected to provide 24-hour therapeutic blood levels of sodium valproate with once daily oral administrations. The once daily dosage is an aid to taking medication faithfully, which is critical to good seizure control. In the case of children and adolescents, the single daily dose makes adult supervision easier. Moreover, the controlled release feature can help prevent side effects by promoting smoother absorption of the drug into the blood without high peak levels.

This new form of sodium valproate is expected to capture a large share of the world market for the drug, which is estimated at $400 million annually, and is growing at about 15 percent a year. Sales of the new product as an investigational drug are expected to begin in late 1993, with general marketing anticipated in late 1995 or 1996.

Benny Landa's Company — "Indigo" — a great success

by Aharon Mor

The Israeli company "Indigo", located next to the Weisman Institute in Rechovot has made a major technological break-through.

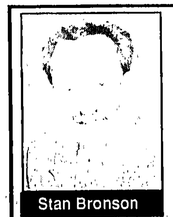
The daily Israeli business newspaper "Globes" reported that "Indigo" completed development and is starting to market a unique system for computerized printing of color. "INDIGO developed a new printer called "E 1000 Print" which is attached to a computer which prints color regardless of the amount of pages. The innovation is the quality of the printing which is the same quality as the big printing facilities.

"Indigo" is estimated to be worth $400 million US. The market for these new printers is estimated to be $25 billion US (in the US only).

The founder and CEO of "Indigo" is Benny Landa, a former Edmontonian who made Aliyah to Israel. His mother, Lottie, still resides in the summer in Edmonton and spends the rest of the year in Israel at her son's villa in Kfar Aharon which is near Rechovot.

Benny Landa visited Edmonton recently and agreed to help with a mission to Israel, of a group of local businessmen which is currently being planned for the early part of 1994. This is being arranged by the UJA Top Gifts Chairperson, Mr. Sid Hanson.

The Premier of Alberta, Ralph Klein, expressed recently at a luncheon with the UJA Top Gifts Division, his interest in going to Israel with such a group as long as they seriously consider creating business opportunities for Albertans.



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Palestine: The strange legacy of the sea people

by Michelle Mazel

(WZPS) The Middle East peace process, initiated in Madrid in October 1991, is reaching a stage where the central issues must be tackled. What will the map of the area look like when peace is achieved? What will be the fate of the Palestinians?

The Palestinians: an interesting example of the influence of semantics on politics. Most countries got their name from the people who settled there: thus, for instance, France, England and Germany are called after the Frank, Angle and German tribes. But not the Palestinians. The term today is used to describe the Arab population of "Palestine", though that population is not ethnically different from that of neighboring Syria and Lebanon. The Arab national movement simply claimed the name for the homeland it is seeking. What, then, is Palestine?

A mysterious seafaring people of non semitic origin settled on the southern Mediterranean coast of what is today Israel during the second millennium B.C.E. The land where they settled was known to the Egyptians and the Hebrew alike as Pleset or Pleshet; its inhabitants were called Plishtim later transliterated into Philistines. Tall, clean shaven and wearing feathered head dresses, they can still be seen today, forever frozen in stone, on the Egyptian reliefs of the Egyptian city of Medinet Abu. Doughty fighters, they stood their ground against the Hebrew armies as well as against Pharaoh. They were more at home with the Canaanite people whose gods they adopted, setting up mighty temples to Dagon, Ashtoreth and Belzebub.

Where did they come from? What language did they speak. What alphabet did they use? Historians do not know to this day as nothing was left behind in the way of scriptures.

Their most enduring contribution to modern civilization is their name. Palestine is not mentioned at all in the Bible or the New Testament, but was apparently coined by the Greek philosopher and historian Herodotus, in the fifth century B.C.E. when the country was under Persian rule.

The name Judea, the Roman form of the Hebrew "Yehuda", described the kingdom of which Jerusalem was the capital during Herod's time. The borders of that state changed continually, but the name did not. In 70 C.E., after the great Jewish revolt which ended with the destruction of Jerusalem and heralded the beginning of the exile, Emperor Vespasian still called the conquered province Judea and minted coins bearing the inscription "Judea capta", "captive Judea".

The decision to replace Judea by Palestina was a political one. After the Jewish revolt, led by Bar Kochba in 135 BCE, Emperor Hadrian decided to rid himself once and for all of this troublesome people. He first tried to wipe Jerusalem off the face of the earth. True, the city was destroyed and, according to records of the time, ploughed over and given a new Roman name, Aelia Capitolina. But nothing could obliterate the extraordinary spiritual power of Jerusalem. The age-old oath, "If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem..." kept the name of the beloved city in the hearts and on the lips of the exiles.

The second measure was more successful: the defeated province was no longer to be called Judea, but Palestina. In fact, three provinces would bear that name: Palestina prima, seconda and tertia. The first included the whole of Samaria, Judea, and part of Trans-jordan; its capital was the coastal city of Caesaria. Aelia — former Jerusalem — was just another city in that province. The second included the Jezreel Valley, the Galilee and the Golan; its capital was Beit Shean. The third included Edom and the rest of Trans-jordan, the Negev and the Sinai desert; its capital was the Nabatean city Petra.

Slowly the new name took over. It was the official name; the Roman name. The newly converted Christians in Rome used it. The church used it. Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea wrote in the fourth century, "Judea, which is now called Palestina"...

When the Roman empire converted to Christianity in the fourth century, Jerusalem regained its name, but the country did not. In the seventh century, the forces of Islam swept through Byzantine Palestine. They changed the name of Jerusalem to "Al Kuds", the Holy, but not that of the country. Palestine merely became "Filastin", the Arab form of the name.

Until 1948, Palestine remained the accepted and unchallenged name of the biblical Holy Land. Even when the British conquered it from the Turks in the aftermath of World War I, the League of Nations gave his Majesty's government a mandate to rule "Palestine". Within the framework of that mandate, Great Britain, having promised a national homeland to the Jews, proceeded to give away four-fifths of that land to the newly formed Hashemite kingdom of Trans-jordan. Israeli historians claim that they turned down a request by Emir Abdullah, ruler of the new kingdom, to call it "the Hashemite kingdom of Palestine". The British did however agree to calling what was left of the country "Palestine E.I.", that is, Palestine Eretz-Israel, the Land of Israel appearing in stamps and in numerous documents at that time.

In 1948, the reborn Jewish state with Jerusalem as its capital, was called Israel. Ironically, following the establishment of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo in 1964, the name the Arabs chose for their own longed-for homeland was that of the alien sea-people of non semitic origin who had disappeared from the scene long before the birth of Islam.

Jewish Life in Ukraine

First international seminar on Judaism held in Ukraine

(Ukrinform-UkrNews)—The first ever international seminar on Judaism to be held on Ukrainian soil, closed in the capital city of Kyiv Sept. 2.

Entitled "Jewish Civilization and Jewish Thought", the seminar was organized by the International Committee to promote Jewish Education, which is co-chaired by Nobel Prize Laureate Eli Weisel and Prof. Itzhak Warsat-Warchawski of the Sorbonne and Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Over 100 academics from Ukraine, Israel, Russia, the United States and other countries participated.

The seminar covered such topics as: Jewish culture, philosophy, political and community organization, Jews and the Slavic world and Jews in Israel. Lectures were delivered by professors from the Hebrew, Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities in Israel, the Kyiv University and the Kyiv Mohyla Academy in Ukraine, Trinity College in the US as well as the St. Petersburg Hebrew, Moscow and Rostov Universities in Russia.

Along with the lectures, the seminar, which opened Aug. 23, also had a cultural component which included an exhibition entitled "Jewish themes in Ukrainian Art", a photodisplay of Jewish art, a festival of Jewish musical groups and a viewing of films dealing with Jewish themes.

Holocaust marked in Western Ukraine

(Ukrinform-Ukr/News) — The Jewish Holocaust was commemorated in several Western Ukrainian centres last month.

In the Volyn area, a memorial to Holocaust victims was opened in the village of Lukiv. The ceremony was attended by relatives of the victims, who came from Ukraine, the United States, Israel and Argentina. A similar monument was opened in the town of Turiysk.

Those Ukrainians who hid Jews from the Nazis established the Ryativnyk (Rescuer) society and elected Svyatoslav Myronyuk, whose family had hidden Jews, as its chairman.

Another mourning ceremony took place in the Sheparivsky Wood in Kolomyia, Ivano-Frankivsk region, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust. Speaking at the ceremony Oleksandr Zalishcheker, head of the local Jewish community, reminded the gathering that over 10,000 men, women and children were massacred in the forest.

Ukraine, U.S. sign agreement on war crimes

The United States has signed an agreement with Ukraine to cooperate in the investigation of Nazi war crimes.

The accord, signed Aug. 26 will give the U.S. access to Ukrainian files and witnesses and provides for "legal assistance in conducting investigations concerning individuals who are suspected of having committed Nazi war crimes or having assisted in the commission of such crimes."

The agreement, signed by U.S. Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann and Ukrainian Procurator General Victor Shishkin, replaces one between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Similar agreements have been signed by the United States with Latvia and Lithuania.

Israel appoints ambassador to Ukraine

(Ukrinform-Ukr/News) — Zvi Mahen, a 47-year-old historian, political scientist, and ex-officer, has been appointed Israeli Ambassador to Ukraine.

In an interview with Ukrainian Television correspondent Svitliana Maidanyk in Tel Aviv, Mahen rejected Russian TV Ostankino's charges that Israeli diplomats refuse to accept the ambassadorial post in Kyiv because of radiation fears.

Mahen said he had emerged the winner of a wide contest with many contenders and rigid selection procedures.

A father of four, (his eldest daughter serves in the Israeli army, he knows Polish, Russian and Ukrainian. His son and four-year old twins will go with him to Kyiv.

Mahen's father was born in Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky and after World War II went to Siberia, where he met his mother, who came from Poland. The ambassador was born in Siberia, then his family moved to Chernivtsi, and subsequently emigrated to Poland and Israel.

Mahen is known to take a keen interest in Slavic problems and says his mission in Kyiv will be to put Ukraine on the map of Israel's external political interests.

Ukraine-to-Israel shipping route initiated

(Ukrinform)—The Sergei Smirnov has initiated the Ukrainian-Israeli commercial shipping route after arriving in the Azov Sea port of Mariupil. The event coincided with the Israeli Conmart firm opening its permanent office in Mariupil. The Israeli firm is the Azov Sea Shipping Agency's partner, who has made Mariupil and Berdyansk, the nearest sea ports available for their export-import operations with Israel. The Sergei Smirnov is the only freighter servicing the line, so far. Other vessels are supposed to join it as the shipping line becomes busier.

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CJC meets again with Canadian Red Cross

Urges immediate, full recognition of MDA

Ottawa, September 2, 1993 — "At a time in history when doors are opening worldwide for Israel to participate fully and freely in the family of nations, it is inconceivable that the International Red Cross continues to treat the Jewish State like a pariah," Canadian Jewish Congress President Irving Abella stated at a meeting this week with Canadian Red Cross Society (CRCS) President Jon Turpin and his officials.

The CJC delegation convened with the CRCS for the third time in the last year to urge the Canadian officials to endorse the full and immediate recognition of the Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's Red Shield of David. The MDA meets all official membership criteria, save the adoption of either the Red Cross or the Red Crescent as its emblem.

Professor Abella articulated once again the concern of the Jewish community of Canada that neither Israel's historic connection to the Shield of David nor the patent unacceptability of the Cross or Crescents as its official emblem should preclude MDA's full membership in the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. "It is unacceptable that Israel be lumped in with other so-called 'problematic countries' for whom a proposed new 'third' or 'universal' symbol might be adopted down the road," he said.

With a view to next months' biannual meeting of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Birmingham, England, CJC National Executive Director and General Counsel Jack Silverstone pressed the CRCS to move closer to the position of the American Red Cross, which has recognized MDA and urges other societies to do so.

CJC and the CRCS did agree to meet again after the Birmingham conference later this autumn.

CJC led a Canadian Jewish media mission to Switzerland in June, at which time the delegation met with International Federation acting Secretary General George Weber on this issue.

Accompanying Mr. Turpin were: Douglas Lindores, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer of the CRCS; Rene DeGrace, National Director, International Services; and Elizabeth Perz, Development/Liaison Officer. CJC Director of Legislative Analysis Eric Vernon joined the CJC delegation.

Tammy Mayer and Jessica Aziman performed at the Israel pavillion during Heritage Days. In total over 100 people volunteered their time to help sell and serve food and Israeli products.

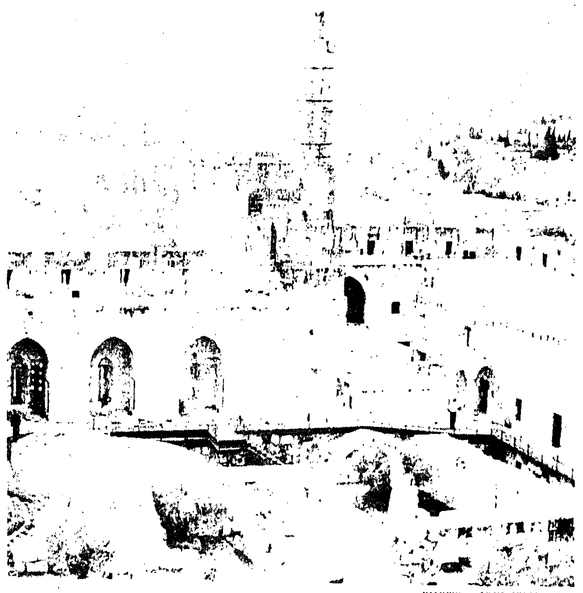
Report on Somalia shows need for decisive action against racism

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada welcomed disclosures by the Department of National Defense of racism in the military following its investigation of racism in the Canadian Airborne Regiment. The DND interim report revealed a situation more complex than that originally disclosed. The report was ordered following the shooting deaths of four Somalis by Canadian peacekeepers. Four members of the 2 Commando Unit have been charged with murder and torture with the killing of a Somali civilian on March 16.

"The League is encouraged by the Department of National Defense's acknowledgment of a problem of racism within the Airborne Regiment, but at the same time, the interim report raises more questions than it answers," said Prof. Stephen Scheinberg, National Chair of the League. "While the government has moved to implement some measures to prevent the spread of racism in the military, the Canadian public deserves to know the full extent of the problem. It is obvious that training in the area of human rights and multiculturalism is sorely inadequate."

We are profoundly troubled by the presence of even a few white supremacists in the Canadian military and believe this is a reflection of the growing influence of hate groups in Canada. Other countries have successfully banned white supremacists from military service and we should follow suit. It's a matter of national security," said Dr. Karen Mock, National Director of the League.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada is a national agency dedicated to combatting anti-Semitism, racism and bigotry. The league has been monitoring hate and anti-Semitism in Canada for over thirty years.



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David's Tower, Jerusalem

Something to Celebrate

by Lili Eylon

How often does one celebrate a 3000th anniversary? One such event will be celebrated in Israel and abroad within the next few years.

While the exact date is unknown and there may be some controversy over it, most historians and archaeologists agree that King David captured Jerusalem in 1004 B.C.E. Mentioned in ancient scriptures 300 years earlier, Jerusalem was then a small, fortified Jebusite town locate between Israel and Judah. The capture of the city signalled the unification of the two kingdoms.

Three thousand years later, the dream of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is about to be realized: the capital of the State of Israel will celebrate its 3000th birthday with a bang, pomp and circumstance.

"We are celebrating something truly unique," says Karl Katz, a curator of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, who is on Kollek's committee of foreign advisors for the anniversary event. "No other city has made such an impact on Western civilization."

Most of the jubilation will take place during 1996, but plans call for special worldwide events to begin as soon as 1994. A huge traveling exhibit, focusing on the history of Jerusalem, will tour some 12-15 major cities on all continents. Ari Rath, coordinator of the anniversary celebrations, says the exhibit will be totally self-contained, so that it can be set up in outdoor areas of museums and other public places. Within this framework, live entertainers will perform for the visitors.

Jerusalem itself will be the scene of many and varied celebrations. By 1996 the excavations of the City of David will have been completed and an amphitheater for performances on the premises restored.

Dramatic illustrations of how people lived in the time of King David will be shown in the courtyard of David's Tower, which can hold some 1500 people. The Israel Museum will have an entire wing dedicated to art inspired by King David. As for music, so dear to the lyre-playing king, four major festivals are being planned.

International conferences in the literary would will deal with topics related to the legendary king — law, Judaica, morality, and politics — as well as with the figure of King David himself. An international conference of urban planners will tackle the following problem shared by many cities around the world: "How do ancient historical cities function in modern times?"

Na'amat opens season

Na'amat welcomes one and all to their 1993/94 opening event. Everyone is invited to a Brunch, Sunday, September 26th at the Jewish Community Centre. There will be a fashion show with styles by Satchi Designs and entertainment by Kiwanis Festival winner Daniel Briker. For more information call the Na'amat office at 487-7191.

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Jewish calendars delight and inform

by Rose Kleiner

With candlelighting times, weekly Torah readings, and Hebrew dates, Jewish calendars keep us attuned to the rhythm of Jewish life, and give us a sense of continuity with our heritage. Often richly illustrated, with magnificent photographs of Judaica treasures, these calendars enhance our environment and inspire us with their beauty.

The following calendars cover a period of 16 months, and most of them give candlelighting times for Toronto and Montreal along with major U.S. cities.

Illuminations: A Jewish Calendar From The British Library (Pomegranate) has a glorious illustration for every month, celebrating revered Jewish texts. Pages from some of the finest illuminated texts in the British library's collection are reproduced here in all their brilliant colors.

One of the most striking pages in this calendar carries an illumination from the Lisbon Mishne Torah (Portugal, 1471). An absorbing, colorful page from a Spanish bible of 1384, features an assortment of Temple instruments.

From Universe Publishers comes two calendars, one for the desk and one for the wall. The Jewish Calendar 5754, for the desk, carries all sorts of information. In addition to the Torah reading it gives short excerpts from Talmudic and other Jewish sources. (The Tanzer rebbe was asked by his disciples what he does in order to prepare for prayer. He answered: "I pray that I might be able to pray.")

This calendar contains a unique and handy holiday chart, arranged along categories such as theme, mood, customs, seasonal and historical significance — for those in a hurry when preparing for the holidays.

Folk Art At The Jewish Museum, the Universe Wall Calendar, also contains an extended calendarium through December 1994 and lists, in addition to the Jewish holidays, civic holidays in Canada, the U.S. and Britain. The list of Jewish holidays extends through 1998.

A variety of topics is covered by the folk art in this calendar. There is a magnificent Mizrah decoration (U.S. 1903), for the eastern wall in a Jewish home, a charming painting by Harry Lieberman, a Purim decoration (from 1927, Vienna), and an embroidery depicting a verse from Psalm 137. A painting by Marcia Ruth, The New Immigrants, captures so well the loneliness of the immigrant experience, with its portrait of a sparsely furnished flat and its newly arrived, isolated tenant family.

Universe also produces The Jewish Museum Address Book — a useful and lasting book that some lucky recipient will treasure for a long time. The theme of the book is Tradition On Paper: Image And Spirit, and it highlights twenty marvellous works from the Judaica Collection of The Jewish Museum.

Illustrations from the Collection of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem grace the pages of the Jewish Calendar 1994, from Hugh Lauter Levin Associates (distributed by Macmillan Publishing.)

This wall calendar has a list of Jewish holidays through 1999, four wall calendars, and a selection of photos on each page which re-create many memorable events in Jewish life. There is a brightly colored 19th century prayer book from Iran, a white satin High Holiday head covering from the 19th century, a bird-shaped silver etrog box from the Ottoman Empire and elaborate Torah crowns from 18th century Germany, Poland and Alsace.

Most unusual is the silver Purim mask, adorned with peacock features and crafted for a Purim Ball, by Moshe Zabari, in 1988.

One of the finest calendars around is actually directed at the younger set. My Very Own Jewish Calendar, published by Kar-Ben Copies may be for children, but adults, too, will enjoy sharing the anecdotes, trivia, photos and other information and activities contained here.

For example, from this calendar we learn that the shofar is blown in Israel at the inauguration of a new president, and that the first etrog boxes, in 17th century Europe, were boxes used to store sugar, then a precious commodity.

The calendar gives you a capsule history of such diverse subjects as the Hebrew months of the year, the use of salt in Jewish tradition and the use of tzitzit, or the fringed garment, in Jewish life.

To keep up with the times the calendar has instructions for making an environmentally-friendly dreidel. It also lists a fax number that will receive your prayers in Israel, and a phone company employee in Israel will then deliver to the Western Wall.

Another informative detail from this delightful calendar is that there are two playgrounds for children in the U.S. (at Jewish community centres in Cleveland and Detroit) where kids can climb the Tower of Babel, explore Noah's Ark, or slide down Jonah's whale. To order a copy of My Very Own Jewish Calendar call 1-800-4-KARBEN.

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Shabbos with my Zeyda

by Frumie Jacob

My Zeyda was a cantor in a Shul where grandchildren were celebrated, cherished and given just the right amount of candy. I came to know which of the older men pinched my cheeks too hard when they told me how sweet I was and which of the older women would compliment me on, once again, wearing a most beautiful dress.

When the davening ended, I would rush into the mens' section, sit next to my Zeyda, and watch him as he slowly, lovingly and with great care, folded his Tallis. The same group of older men, who also took their time, would come over and shake my Zeyda's hand and wish us both a good Shabbos. I was proud that my Zeyda was the cantor and he was proud that I was his grandchild. It was the perfect arrangement.

The walk to Zeyda's home for Shabbos lunch was safe and familiar. He held my hand, led the way, and I was free to watch, listen and feel everything that was special about our Shabbos walk.

At the corner of the Shul was a nickle and dime store that we called "Bennie's". Bennie was from the old school and didn't believe in the regular use of a cash register. He always wore his trademark short white apron, wrapped around his waist and the pockets were bulging with change that he constantly rattled back and forth. On warm days, Bennie, the master salesman, would stand at the store entrance and as we walked by, he would greet us with a "Good Shabbos" that oozed with warmth. I wondered why Bennie didn't go to Shul but secretly I hoped he would be at the store front because I was fascinated by the rattle and clank of the coins.

Bennie was as much a part of my Shabbos as was my grandmother's gefilte fish and Zeyda's bland homemade Kiddush wine. What I liked best about the Shabbos meal was the hot tea and biscuits. Babaleh, as I called my grandmother, had a lock on the kitchen cabinet door that housed these wonderful biscuits. After the meal, Babaleh would reach for the key that hung on the cabinet knob, unlock the door, point to the biscuits and ask me if I wanted any. And as part of the cookie ritual, I always said "yes". What made them so good was that here, I could dunk it in the tea. I would watch as it slowly became softer, started to bend and curl, and then plop, fall into the tea cup. Then, before it completely disappeared, and that was the trick, I would scoop it out with my teaspoon.

My Zeyda, meanwhile, would bite into his sugar cube after a few sips of tea and would read the Yiddish paper. I liked to kiss my Zeyda on the cheek, stroke his beard and somehow, I liked to do it best when he was reading the paper at Shabbos lunch.

Before he walked me home, Zeyda would give me a ride on his Shabbos train. He would pull me on the carpet, down the long hallway on the slippery hardwood floor, and stop at all the major cities in Canada. I remember Winnipeg being one of his favorite cities. I especially like the train ride, because my Zeyda used to tell me stories of his riding on trains when he was a poor young boy in Poland, so poor that potatoes in your soup was a luxury.

I still remember those stories because I often would rehearse them on our walk back home. I also remember how special my Zeyda made Shabbos and how Shabbos made my Zeyda special. For me, Shabbos afternoon was a time of quiet, gentle and solid love.

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Rabbi Erwin Schild appointed chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation's 7th National Convention

In announcing the appointment of Rabbi Erwin Schild as National Convention Chairman, Kurt Rothschild, National President of The Canadian Zionist Federation said, "We are honoured to have as Chairman, a man who is dedicated to the cause of Zionism and whose devotion to the State of Israel has been steadfast". The convention will take place November 7th and 8th, at the Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

"This convention will bring together Zionists from across the country who share a vision of a strong and vibrant Jewish life in Canada and who hope for peace in the Middle East", said Rabbi Schild on accepting this appointment.

Following a distinguished career as spiritual leader of the Adath Israel Synagogue in Toronto, one of the most prominent Conservative congregations in North America, Schild was appointed Rabbi Emeritus in 1989 and continues to play an active role in his congregation.

Since youth activities form the major focus of the work of the Canadian Zionist Federation in Canada, a large contingent of young people is expected to attend. "Jewish continuity is a major concern worldwide and issues relevant to youth will be addressed at this convention", said Rabbi Schild.

Delegates from across Canada representing 15 constituent groups of The Canadian Zionist Federation will be participating in what promises to be an informative and exciting convention.

The Canadian Zionist Federation is the official representative and voice of Canadian Zionists to the World Zionist Organization in Israel.

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Maccabi Games opening ceremony.

Members of the Canadian delegation including Shelby Karpman, 2nd from right.

Maccabiah Games memorable experience

by Dr. Shelby Karpman

The 14th Maccabiah took place in Israel, July 5 - 15th of this year. Edmonton was represented by three team members: Mike Oshry in Fencing, Stuart Tate in Wrestling and myself as one of the Team Physicians.

We left for Toronto on June 29th and, after an overnight stay, departed on an EI AI charter 747 June 30 for Tel Aviv. We arrived, after the typical EI AI delays to hot, sunny, humid weather. The weather stayed like this for the entire trip. Temperatures were 30+ and the humidity was 85+. Three showers per day were the norm.

The athletes were scattered across the country at various hotels. The majority were either in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or as was the case with the three of us, Netanya. Netanya is a resort town about 35 km north of Tel Aviv, on the beach. As it is a resort area, the day life on the beach and the night life in the main square area were excellent. When we weren't training, competing or working, we were relaxing. the participation in the night life was just as intense as the games. Hundreds of athletes from many different countries would converge on the square at night to drink, share stories and have fun. Many nights turned into mornings.

After 4 days of practice it was time for the games to begin. the opening ceremonies, in front of 60,000 people at Ramat Gan Stadium, was breath taking. Even the most unaffiliated Jews felt something at this 3 hour celebration of Israel and Jewishness. Competitions began July 6th. There were 6,500 athletes from 55 countries. The competition was stiff.

In Fencing, 15 countries competed. The Canadian Team, including Mike, finished third in the men's foil. Mike finished 10th individually in the same competition. In wrestling, the Canadian team did well both in Greco-Roman and Freestyle. Stuart won a Gold in his weight class in Freestyle and was part of the Canadian team that won the overall championship. This was the first time in a long time that a country other than Israel won medals included Softball (over the US), Gymnastics, Swimming and Track. The primary medical problems were dehydration and sport specific injuries. Over 60 feet of thread was used to sew up our rugby players alone.

As one of three Canadian physicians, I was given a car to allow easy access to all venues and cities. Driving in Israel is quite an experience. Even being an ex-Montrealer did not prepare me for this. Turn signals are superfluous. If there is six inches between cars, that is enough room to change lanes, even if you are traveling at 110 km/hr. Cross walks must be make work projects because no one stops at them. If you do stop expect to be rear ended. Horn honking must be a national pastime because I heard more honking horns in one hour in Israel, than I have in 10 years in Edmonton. Triple and even quadruple parking is the norm. It does make parking easy, however. Just pull up to where you want to go and stop and park. Folding side mirrors are a must, if you want to keep them on your car that is. I can't tell you how many times my mirrors were folded by other cars, often while I was still in mine. I knew however, that I was driving like an Israeli when the passengers, in my car would say "We're going to die."

For those who did not have a car, there were plenty of tours arranged. Free tours to the Dead Sea/Masada, Jerusalem or the Golan Heights were available to athletes, coaches and others. There was also lots of time for individual touring, especially once your sport was completed.

Alas, the games had to end. The constant trading of clothes blurred the individual country lines. The 6500 athletes walked through the city of Jerusalem, including part of the old City and past the Wailing Wall, to the Sultan's Pool. Many a tear was shed as the Maccabi Flame was extinguished and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin invited everyone back to the next Maccabiah in 1997.

After the ceremonies, the part of the Canadian team not doing more traveling, boarded a bus to the airport and our 2:30 am flight to Montreal. After connecting in Montreal and Toronto, Stuart, Mike and I arrived in Edmonton at 3:30 pm. 27 hours later. As we disembarked from the plane, we regretted the end of the trip. The Maccabi Games are a once in a lifetime experience that left us each with great memories. Who knows, maybe we'll be back in 1997.

93-94 EJHL Season set for October

Edmonton Jewish Hockey League players will hit the ice October 3rd for their first open skate at the annual player camp. Following the October 5 draft, the players will skate with their teams October 10 in preparation for the October 17 season opener.

The league games this year will be played Sunday evenings between 6:45 p.m. and 12:45 a.m. at Argyll Plaza, 6330 - 100 Street. League officials are pleased with the return to Argyll which is a more pleasant (and warmer) environment for both players and fans than Parkland Arena.

Other changes include reducing the age of eligibility to 16 from 18 and increasing the length of games from 90 minutes to 2 hours. This should allow a full three periods of stop time.

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Please list any medical history that the EJHL should be aware of in case of an emergency, eg. contact lenses, diabetic, medicinal allergies:

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SPECIAL UJA EDITION

Pacesetters Dinner Sets Tone for Campaign

by Debby Shoctor

The second annual United Jewish Appeal of Edmonton Pacesetters Dinner kicked off the 1993-'94 UJA campaign with a gala evening held at the Westin Hotel on September 9.

The dinner was attended by approximately 170 people who had a combined family gift of $1500 or more for this year's campaign. Over $229,000 was raised during the evening, accounting for a 14.5% card for card increase over last year for the same group. The resulting revenue puts the campaign a healthy step forward towards this year's goal of $1.1 million.

Jewish Federation of Edmonton President Bruce Elman gave the campaign pitch for the evening, highlighting this year's campaign theme: "The future is in our hands." Elman said we stand at a critical crossroads in the future of our community and of Israel. This year is a catch-up year for the campaign — actual dollars colected in past campaigns have often fallen short of our needs and pledges, and unfortunately Israel has always been the loser. Elman stressed that this situation cannot and will not continue — we must all work harder and dig deeper to support the Jewish homeland. It has been decided that if cash collections do not equal pledges this year, or we fall short of our goal, it is the local agencies that will have to be cut so that Israel can get its fair share. The Federations' goal is to make Jewish life in Edmonton rich, varied and fulfilling — we have promises to keep to our own community as well as to Israel, said Elman, and the future of both communities is dependent on this campaign.

The evening was chaired by Top Gifts division chairs Dena Gelfand and Sid Hanson. Joe Shoctor, a former patient of the special guest speaker, introduced Dr. John Callaghan, former head of Thoracic surgery at the University of Alberta Hospitals, who spoke about the development of the State of Israel, and the development of heart Surgery in Canada, both of which were born in the same year, 1948.

Left to Right: Sid Hanson, Biljana Tratnik, Dena Gelfand, Dr. John Callaghan

A video presentation narrated by Sid Hanson and Lisa Miller, which depicted the saving of Jews from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Yugoslavia, and their resettlement in Israel, entitled "So No Jew Stands Alone" portrayed the theme of the evening. Another special guest speaker, Biljana Tratnik, who with her family fled war torn Sarejevo to settle in Calgary, spoke about her experiences. She and her family were rescued by the American Joint Distribution Committee, and were resettled in Calgary by JIAS, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. Unfortunately, her parents, Holocaust survivors, were left behind, because in her words, "They did not want to lose everything in their lives for the second time." Said Biljana, "I know it is not going to be easy. We have lost everything but our lives, but the most important thing is that we are together. I can only hope that one day we'll be in a position to help other immigrants to Canada, the way we were helped."

A highlight of the evening was an impromptu speech by Eva Gorasht, who received the Lion of Judah Pin for her contribution to this year's campaign. She urged the audience to open their hearts and give as much as they could to help save the new immigrants, who, like herself — who fled Russia to settle in Edmonton in 1918 — and had been forced by circumstances beyond their control to leave their homeland and resettle in other countries.

The Leadership Team

Reaching the goal

Federation/UJA Campaign volunteers are confident that the 1993 Campaign will surpass last year's total and help bring the community back to the levels of funding which are necessary to maintain services."

The Future is in our Hands!" is this year's Campaign theme. This "Future" extends to the areas of Jewish Education, social welfare services, care for the elderly, battling anti-semitism, cultural and recreational facilities, summer camps and helping the State of Israel with immigration and absorption. Volunteers have begun soliciting cards and planning a series of events geared to bringing the Federation/UJA Edmonton message to the widest possible audience throughout the community.

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A critical time for the community

As Edmonton's Federation/UJA Campaign '93 gets underway, the community is faced with many challenges. The 1992 Campaign was the first time since the start of the recession that the Campaign total rose, and, although the increase was 41% over 1991, it still left the community unable to earmark any serious funds for Israel. Also, beneficiary agencies of the federation were not able to obtain the full level of funds sought. A large portion of the dilemma is attributable to unrealized pledges from previous campaigns. Across the UJA and CJA system in North America, pledges are "banked". If people do not make good on their pledges and the arrears column grows, the effects are immediate. Edmonton has suffered from this problem perhaps more than any other community in Canada, thus forcing a situation where 1993 becomes the "turning point". It is vital, if the community is to remain strong, for people to increase their commitments now.