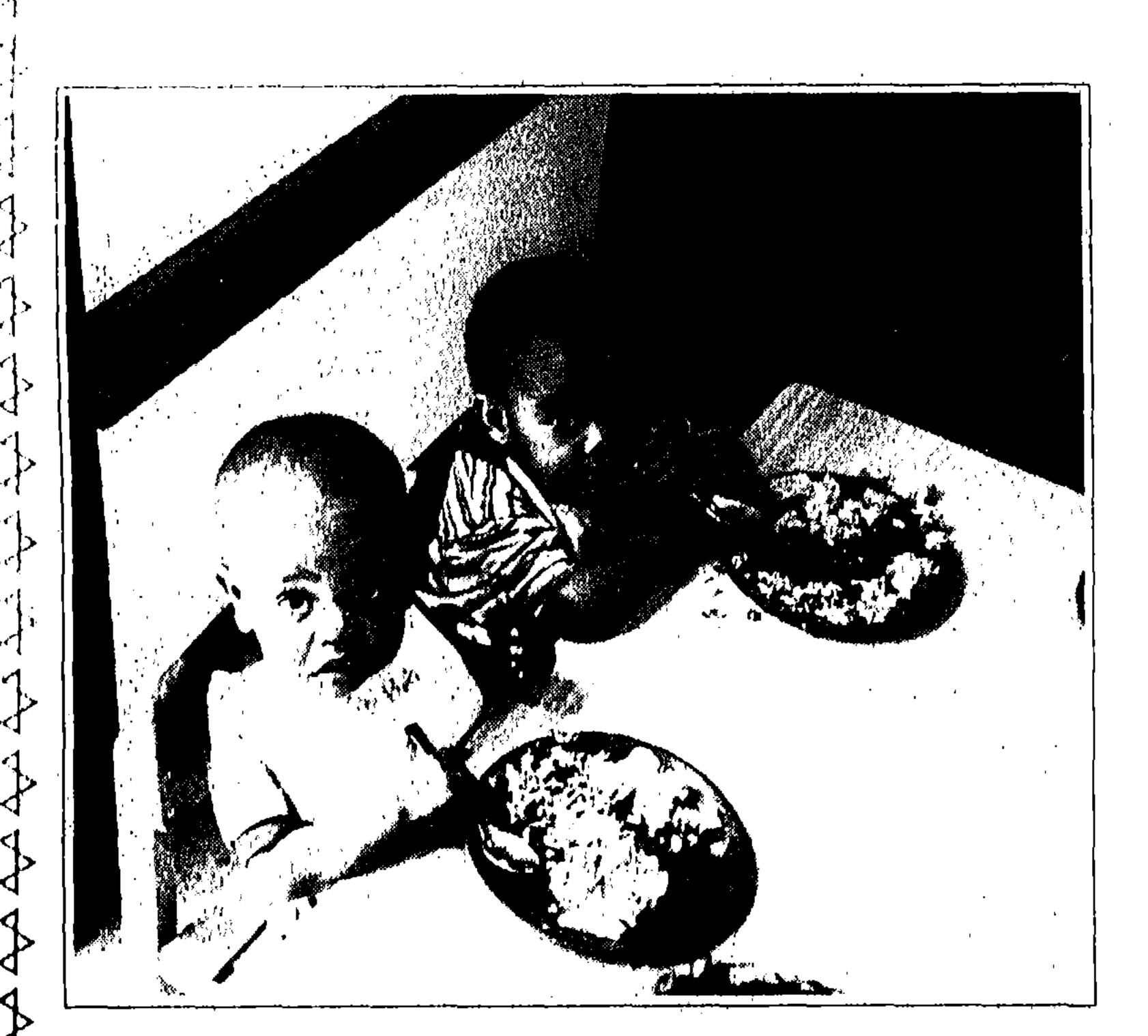


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Pacesetters Dinner Sets Tone for Campaign

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 John Callaghan 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

Lest to Right: Sid Hanson, Biljana Tratnik, Dena Gelfand, Dr.

which were born in the same year, 1948.

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

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



The Leadership Team

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 antisemitism, 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

Publication Mail Registration No. 10241 audience throughout the com-Leduc, Alberta

A critical time for the community

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

Message from the 1993 UJA Campaign Co-Chairs

Shana Tovah.

On behalf of the United Jewish Appeal management team and the 180 UJA volunteers, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year.

We approach this new year with a sense of A optimism, renewed commitment and a hope that the priority we place on the well being of the community is one that is shared by all community members.

The Jewish community of Edmonton participated in a phenomenal success story in 1992, which saw a 40% increase over the previous year's campaign. We also were successful in 1992 in the area of cash collections from previous campaigns, and in making 1992 a cash campaign, rather than a pledge campaign. Approximately 95% of the pledges made in 1992 have been paid in full to date.

Increasing the revenue was not the only focus last year. Reducing expenditures was also an imperative. To that end, the administration of the Federation/JCC has been downsized, the JCC Board has been dissolved and the JCC building and operations are now closed to further reduce expenditures.

We have gone through a careful and thor- geographically. ough process of budgeting and projections for Our leadership sees their role as ensuring We feel our goal is realistic — given the take our obligation seriously. campaign of \$1.1 million.

We have a wonderful community with a ity, Edmonton's participation in nation build-the community. very large number of organizations and insti- ing and immigrant absorption in Israel. To tutions. All of these groups do important work that end, Israel will be receiving monthly in making Edmonton a strong and vibrant and have a positive impact on the lives of Jews allocation cheques from Federation, just as Jewish community and a respected partner in in Edmonton, in Canada and in Israel.



Catherine Miller Dolgoy

Stephen Mandel Many of these institutions were built 40-50 wait until the final monies come in before it Tzedakah is an individual obligation of comptroller is in place to maintain strict con-years ago. The needs in the community have receives its funds. The effect of this decision is each of us. We are obliged to do what is just trols on expenditures and accurate record changed particularly with the influx of immi-that, should the campaign fall short of our to provide to the best of our capacity, so that keeping. The pool and health spa have been gration from the Soviet Union. The populagoal, all beneficiaries, local national and Isouthers may live in dignity. Our aged, our tion has changed — demographically and rael, will receive less than the original alloca-youth, our immigrants and our children de-

next year to arrive at a goal for this year's the continuity of Jewish life in Edmonton for close to \$1 million which was actually col- The theme of our campaign, "The Future is the next generation. We also have as a prior- lected last year and considering the needs of in Our Hands" has never been more true.

We ask you to answer our plea — to join us local beneficiaries do. Israel will no longer nation building in Israel.



Pnina Staav

serve and have a right to expect that we will

Stephen Mandel Catherine Miller Dolgoy Pnina Staav --- Co-Chairs 1993 United Jewish Appeal Campaign Shana Tovah.

by Catherine Miller-Dolgoy

(Rambam).

What is tzedakah? It is a positive mitzvah to give tzedakah to poor Jews the poor man, but without having to be asked for it.

A mitzvah is a religious imperative, an obligation that asked him to do so. involves much more than virtue or altruism. Mitzvot are substantive demands for holiness in every part

Tzedakah is usually and incorrectly translated as charity. Hilkhot Matenot Aniyim 10:7-14).

to free, unrestricted love.

Tzedakah is not charity. Gratuitous actions of loving-money. kindness are certainly positively valued in the Jewish tradi-Instead, tzedakah is the fulfilment of one's obligation.

needs of fellow human beings who are unable to meet their take precedence over the inhabitants of any other town." present social institutions to do all we can to alleviate sufferown needs. The poor should be supported because as human (Sifrei Devarim 116) beings they have the right to a decent life, and those with the The tension that Jews in the Diaspora have always felt dignity. wherewithal have the obligation to help them meet these between their responsibilities to the needs of their own com- Our role in attempting to respond to the mitzvah of tzedakah

obligatory. Hadash, the seventeenth-century commentary to the four-

What, how much, to whom, how and when do we give? teenth-century code of Jewish law, the Arbaah Turim, the Family Tzedakah One is commanded to support the poor "as far as the hand view is presented that the poor of one's own community take. What does it mean to share? What does it mean to give? reaches," ie. according to one's own means. A contribution of precedence even over the poor of Israel. Neither extreme How does it feel to share, to give? one-tenth of one's income is considered to be an average should be allowed to eradicate the other entirely. Rather, we Tzedakah is an ancient and venerable mitzvah within Judaamount, a fifth is "mitzvah min hamuvhar" — a choice should understand the situation as a dynamic tension within ism. Many of us practice it in our own lives in some form. Our

In addition to the amount given and the attitude of the donor, best fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah. there are several other criteria for determining the value of a Tzedakah is an individual responsibility. Tzedakah is, mally at religious school in the form of tzedakah boxes or particular act of tzedakah.

bam, presents the following scale:

other. 1) The highest degree is where one makes a gift or loan. Individual one-to-one acts of tzedakah must not be disparaged the children we miss a golden opportunity — both to educate or enters into a partnership or gives him a job in order to by any means. In terms of quantity and organization, however, our children in values (social, political and religious) and to strengthen his hand and so to prevent him from becoming an a community can achieve significant things far beyond the gain for ourselves the freshness of their insights and underobject of tzedakah.

2) A lesser degree is when one gives tzedakah to the poor, tzedakah agency can facilitate higher and higher qualitative but neither the giver nor the receiver knows of the other. This levels of tzedakah. An organized community can help people is accomplished in modern day by the community United to self-sufficiency, the highest level of tzedakah. Further-Jewish Appeal Fund, to which monies are collectively given more, through the kupah, giver and receiver are unaware of and then the beneficiary agencies utilize these funds for each other's identity, thus preserving the anonymity that the programs and individuals where they are needed.

Rambam rated so highly.

3) A lesser degree is where the giver knows to whom he has given but the poor man does not know to whom he is indebted.

The Meaning of Tzedakah

The word tzedakah in the Bible means "righteousness" and 4) Less than this is where the poor man knows to whom he is synonymous with the word mishpat "justice." But by is indebted but the giver does not know to whom he had given. rabbinic times the word had assumed the meaning of "charity" 5) Less then this is when the giver gives money directly to "alms-giving." By that time, the concept had developed that "righteousness" does not only mean being just, but also being 6) Less than this is when he gives after the poor man has charitable or, rather, being just by being charitable. The poor 7) Less then this is when he gives the poor man less than he are entitled to our help, it says. God has so ordered the world that the poor have a "right" to assistance and if we are should but with a cheerful countenance.

8) Less then this is when the giver is glum" (Rambam, charitable we are merely doing our duty. No one ever becomes poor through giving charity and no Both words, tzedakah and charity, denote giving alms to the The questions of how and how much to give are complex, one ever suffers harm from giving. On the contrary, the more needy. But their connotations are very different. Charity refers requiring delicacy and sensitivity. Far more complicated and merciful a person, the more mercy will God show to him. Just potentially heartbreaking is the problem of to whom to give as an idolator is called "scoundrel" so, too, is the person so

lacking in faith and generosity that he gives nothing away. First of all you start with yourself. You have responsibility Maimonides' original classification of the "eight degrees of tion, but they are not what tzedakah is all about. The word to yourself and to your community to see that your needs and benevolence" is one of the gems of rabbinic literature, illustzedakah comes from a root meaning "to be just and ethical." those of your spouse and minor children are provided for. trating the need for sensitivity, tact and graciousness in the act Tzedakah, then, in a general sense, means behaviour that is Then you look to the people nearest you — needy parents, of charity. The formal, objective act of giving charity is just. This is not an expression of one's free will, as is charity. grown children, siblings and poor relatives. Tzedakah contin-deficient and defective if it is not characterized by kindness ues in concentric circles moving away from yourself: your and sympathy.

Tzedakah has come to mean the obligation to see to the family and your community. "The inhabitants of your town Judaism entreats us to work within the framework of our ing and help others to lives of happiness, prosperity and

munities and the needs of the Jews residing in Israel has not is that of striving to do tikkun olam — to help to perfect the Tzedakah is behaviour that is right, just and therefore diminished. At one extreme, the view that "the poor in Israel world. In so doing we are in a sense sharing god's work. We take precedence over the poor of other lands." In the Bayit become partners with God in the creation of the world.

mitzvah — and giving less than a tenth is considered miserly. which we must make continuing judgments about how we can children learn about it both through our constant urging them to share with their friends and siblings and often more forhowever by its very nature a societal concern. Jews every- other giving projects.

In his "Laws of Gifts to the Poor", Maimonides, the Ram- where have always organized themselves for philanthropic What has not happened in most cases is the custom of purposes. The Rambam wrote that he had never seen or heard—actively involving children in family decisions about where "There are eight degrees of tzedakah, one higher than the of a Jewish community that had no kupah, no fund for the poor. money set aside for tzedakah should go. In failing to involve power of any single individual. Ideally, the community as standing.

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Message from Campaign Director Aharon Mor

Dear friends, Shalom!

The 1992 UJA Campaign was a This campaign will be able to

excellent leadership is leading by you, our donors, to recruit one new example — in their personal do- donor. nations and in their work.

too lead by example.

by Keren Hayesod — United Is- nity and makes it stronger. than in previous years.

better professional support.

success story, an Edmonton Ca-achieve much more. We will be able nadian success story and an inter- to achieve our goal of \$1.1 million, national success story. Very few provided that we have the support campaigns worldwide increased and cooperation of every member by close to 50% (!) last year — as and every donor in the community. did the Edmonton Campaign. This We need the willingness of you, our is the kind of success we needed. donors to give capacity donations, Now we have the momentum we We need also to recruit many new donors. Every new donor strength-This year the Campaign Lead- ens the Campaign now and in the ership has many new faces. This years to come. We ask each one of

The Campaign is not only money. This is the kind of leadership Campaign is people. The Campaign 🔏 that this campaign needs. Our creates awareness, knowledge, incanvassers this year are better volvement and leadership. The trained, more motivated and they Campaign is a tool in community building. The ongoing active Cam-This year which was announced paign process improves the commu-

Worker" we have more workers in the peace process in Israel. Fol-by increasing fundraising efforts. which will allow Israel to become a lowing that Prime Minister Yitzhak "The government of Israel believes magnet to all Jews, whilst remaining This year we are also better. Rabin has called in his proclamation, that as Israel moves boldly towards, a haven to those who want to return structured and our UJA team has to Jews around the world to support peace, the rate of Aliyah will "in-home".

of Aliyah."

"In this new era, we seek a partsaid Rabin.

crease" Rabin said in his proclama-

nors Chairman, Mendel Kaplan said Israel through the Campaign. that "Israel at peace will need even We can achieve our goals only greater cooperation from the Jews Beyachad, Together. Acting in of the world than Israel under threat. unity, in mutual support and coop-It will require this in order to eration, will strengthen the Jewstrengthen her society in a region ish Community here and will now at peace, because only out of strengthen Israel. strength will Israel be able to main- With best wishes for a new suctain the momentum and continuity—cessful year for everyone of us of peace"... World Jewry will have Shana Tova and Gmar Hatima racl Appeal, as the "Year of the Recently a breakthrough occurred and participate in the peace process to be concerned with those aspects Tova.

In order to help Israel, the Edtion. This means that the UJA... monton Federation Board decided "with Jewish Federations"... "must to forward money to the Jewish increase their fundraising efforts to Agency through the Untied Israel meet the anticipated accelerated pace. Appeal of Canada, on a monthly basis, every month.

A target of \$163,000 for special nership with you in which we can projects in Israel was set up for support one another, encourage one this Campaign, over and above another and strengthen the Jewish the annual Campaign. We have people as one people, as Clal Israel," already raised a part of it, inclusive of money from non-Jewish Jewish Agency Board of Gover- donors who are willing to help

Aharon Mor Campaign Director Special Emissary from Israel

Message from Bruce Elman - President, Jewish Federation of Edmonton

setter's Dinner Sept. 9/93

in the future of our local Edmonton community. We can no longer place Jewish community, in the future of Israel last in our list of priorities. It is Canadian Jewry and in the future of high time that the State of Israel the State of Israel and the future is in received its fair share of our dollars. our hands! Ha' atid hu B' yadeinu! In 1992, this community sent

commitment of members of our 1993, God willing, we will send in community, we were able, in last excess of \$245,000 to the State of year's United Jewish Appeal Cam- Israel. paign, to make the first significant But this is not enough! We must steps towards revitalizing our com- work harder and dig deeper to supmunity. Thanks to the hard work port the Jewish homeland. We are and the dedication of our volunteers all excited about the prospects for and supporters, we achieved a 44.6% the peace in the Middle East, but increase in our overall campaign peace will not be cheap, Peace will last year. This was the largest per- not lessen our commitment to the centage increase in Canada and one State of Israel. First, there will con-

concern and commitment. munal world, each year's campaign—the development of the State of Is-—deserve our support. tional commitments are met, and a Israel will no longer be at the Congress has been very active in We provide little help for them and completely dependent on what we large portion of the dollars raised are bottom of our UJA agenda. Israel fighting anti-semitism here in Al- we should do better. Ha' atid hu make of this year's Federation/UJA sent to Israel. But, sadly, this has not will no longer have to settle for the berta. The episodes involving b' yadeinu! The future is in our hands! campaign. Ha' atid hu b' yadeinu! always been the case.

community, actual dollars collected decided that if cash collections do toon — are all well known to mem- Jewish terms, barely literate. We David, Gail and Joel, wish you and fell short of dollars pledged. It was not equal pledges, or if the cam- bers of this community. Unfortu- must create a vehicle for delivering your families a Shana Tovah U'me-Israel, which bore the burden of this paign falls short of its goal, all local nately, Antisemitism is alive and educational programs to adults as tookah—the sweetest of New Year's disparity. For a number of years, we beneficiaries and all national organi- well in Canada and Alberta and we well. The Federation is committed and a Chag Sameach. may the year had falling campaigns. Once again, zations and the federation itself will must be vigilant whenever it arises. to delivering an adult education ahead bring you immeasurable it was Israel whose needs were have to do with less money so that Ha'atid hub' yadeinu! The future is program at the JCC so that those Blessings, and may this community judged to be secondary to the needs Israel will still get its share. of the community. At times, the costs It is a year to catch-up not only in I want to speak for a moment in Hebrew, in Yiddish, in Jewish budgeted estimates. Once again, it Israel but also in our obligations to community. Some in the community Ha' atid hub' yadeinu! The future is

Following is the text of the address was Israel that did without her share. given by Bruce Elman at the Pace- This situation cannot continuc. Israel's needs are central to the well-We stand at a critical crossroads being of the world wide Jewish Thanks to the concern and the \$238,000 to the State of Israel. In

last dollars collected. At a recent Keegstra, Terry Long, the Aryan Education does not end with our The future is in our hands! For a number of years in this Federation Executive Meeting, it was Nations, and even the Gateway car-children. We are, quite frankly, in Nancy and I and our children,

of running the community overran our commitments to the State of about the state of affairs in our local Studies, and about Israel can do so.



worked on and supported last year's there will still be the need to rescue Campus Services. In some instances, Talmud toral to expand into the campaign slogans, it is all about campaign. Last year's campaign Jews from the former Soviet Union such as the Jewish Immigrant Aid Junior High years. Some children dollars, because without them, we proves that this community has and Eastern Europe, Africa and Service and Canadian Jewish Con- are deprived of the camping experi- cannot fashion the future we desire strength and life, vigor and vitality, South America. Even if all these do gress, a portion, or indeed all, of the ence because we cannot provide for our Jewish community. not come to pass: if it is a secure money that leaves the community enough scholarship money for all I want you to do something else Our future depends on the pres-peace, if there are no worsening comes back to support programs those who need it. We have to do for your community. I want you to ent, and while last year's major social conditions, if all Jews in need local programs. We have at times better. But we should not stop there. double your efforts on behalf of the campaign increase was a major step, can be rescued and resettled, Israel been delinquent in our payments to We should create a community based community and seek out and bring we face the challenge this year, and will still need our help to pursue the these national organizations. We Israel experience — perhaps for a back to our Federation and our probably next year as well, of catch-creation of the type of society that have to set the account straight and summer or for a year — for our High campaign, one friend or colleague ing up, in our commitments to our only peace can allow. Anyone who we want to accomplish that in the School aged youth. Apparently, who used to be involved, or, failing local beneficiaries, in our national has visited Israel or lived there even next two years. These organizations visiting Israel on a program is one of that, to find and welcome to our obligations, and in our support for for a short time, knows that, in a do important work in the social, the greatest factors in continuing Federation/UJA family one new the State of Israel. In an ideal com- state of peace, the possibilities for political, and cultural areas and they association with the Jewish Com- contributor/worker. munity. We cannot forget our Uni- This is the most critical turning goes up, each beneficiary agency rael are limitless. Ha'atid hu The Federation acting as the reversity students. Jewish students are point we have ever faced. Our future gets exactly what is wants, all na- b' yadeinu! The future is in our hands! gional arm of Canadian Jewish under siege on our campuses today. as a community, is entirely and

in our hands!

nity would like us to narrow the in our hands! scope of Jewish communal life, to We have promises to keep to those return to a way of Jewish life that amongst us less fortunate than ourexisted in the 1950's before many of selves. Last year alone, our Jewish us even arrived here. That is not my Family Services kept its promise to vision of the community, that is not nearly 400 families! That is what the Federation's vision of the com- community is all about. That is what munity, and I don't think it is yours Federation/UJA Edmonton is all either. It is my goal as President of about. Jewish Family Services, the Federation to make Jewish however, operates on a tight rope communal life here in Edmonton as budget. Think what they could do if filling as anywhere outside of Eretz

rich and varied and as Jewishly ful-they had adequate funds. We also have promises to keep to our elderly, our seniors sacrificed so We must create a Jewish environ-that we could succeed and now, it's ment that is meaningful for our chil- our turn to give something back. dren. They are the wonders of dis- The senior's programs at our JCC covery in the JCC playschool. They cannot exist without our dollars. And are the learning Hebrew and receiv- we must confront the need for housing their basic grounding in Jewish ing for a growing number of our Studies at our Talmud Torah. They elderly. Ha' atid hu b' yadeinu! The of the best in North America. To tinue to be those terrorists who do state of the best in North America. To tinue to be those terrorists who do state of the stat have accomplished this in a period not recognize the peace. Israel must Canadian and North American JCC daycamp or at Camp B'Nai Last year we began the process of of recession and amidst the continu-still guard against them. The auton- Jewry. Through our UJA dollars we Brith. But this is not enough. We cut creating a renewed and revitalized ing negativism which has lingered omy agreements will require even support the efforts of the Council of off our children's education at grade Jewish community. This year we for far too long in our community, better security arrangements. Social Jewish Federations, the Canadian six, just when they are gaining the must continue the process. In the was nothing short of remarkable. I problems within the State will con- Jewish Congress, the Jewish Immi- ability and maturity to acquire greater final analysis, beyond the rhetoric say kol hakavod to all of you who tinue if not be exacerbated. And grant Aid Service, and Jewish knowledge. We need to help the and the speech-making and the

who wish to become more educated go from strength to strength.

Professor Bruce Elman -President, Jewish Federation of Edmonton,

United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Edmonton

The new Jewish Drop-In Centre

Our Federation

raised during the annual United Jewish Ap- productions, and nature hikes. peal Campaign are used to meet local, as well as national and international Jewish needs.

ton area and contributes a minimum of \$18 to gary, and the other centres in Alberta and the annual UJA Campaign is a member of the Saskatchewan served by the camp. Camp Federation. UJA funds go towards Federation B'nai B'rith is a beneficiary agency of the programs such as: New Immigrant Integra- Calgary Jewish Community Council and tion, Leadership Development, Heritage Days, Edmonton United Jewish Appeal, which funds Kashrut, Campus Outreach, March of the camp scholarships. Living, Small Communities, Jewish Commu- Edmonton Talmud Torah nity Relations Program, Canada Israel Committee, Holocaust Remembrance, Planning tive program within the Edmonton Public force ties between students and the commu-drop in at any time. and Survey, and Professional Development. The Allocation Process

annually by a group of concerned lay people appointed by the Federations' elected Board members, who represent a broad cross-section of the community and the UJA beneficiary agencies. After the completion of the campaign and the receipt of beneficiary budget requests, these individuals meet to review current programs and services and to recommend allocations. Final decisions regarding the allocation of funds must be made by the Federation board, and are based on campaign

Local institutions supported by Federation/ UJA campaign include: the Talmud Torah Day School, The Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, Jewish Family Services, Camp B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Drop-in Centre, and the Hillel Jewish Student's Association. National

In addition, the Campaign supports the efforts of national organizations including the following: Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, Canada-Israel Committee, National Campus Services, Net-tion curriculum in the half-day English pro-selves with the community. It's a great oppor-approximately 22% of their budget. work, Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic gram. The other half day of the program tunity to meet other University and College National Beneficiary Agencies: Exchange, Jewish Telegraphic Services, concentrates on Judaic studies, Jewish holi-Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services and Cana- days and festivals, Bible studies, Hebrew dian Professors for Peace in the Middle East. language, and history of the Jewish people International

Funds collected from the local campaign aid the work of the Jewish Agency for Israel which go towards such items as Hebrew speak-pay for programs and staff time. through five basic programs: Immigration and ing staff, teaching aids, computer programs, Jewish Community Centre of Edmonton Absorption, Rural Settlement, Youth Aliyah, Hebrew classroom and library materials, etc. Education and Social Programs.

Local Beneficiaries: Camp B' nai B' rith

Camp B'nai B'rith at Pine Lake offers the funded by the Edmonton Public School Sysonly summer resident camping experience in tem and parental contributions and projects. Alberta for Jewish children. Most of the Hillel campers come from Alberta and Saskatche- The Hillel Jewish Student's Association wan, but it has become commonplace for provides Jewish University and College stuchildren from all over Canada and the United dents with a chance to interact socially while States to attend.

Established in 1956, Camp B'nai B'rith munity. offers excellent physical facilities and an Hillel programs range from educational outstanding program of activities for girls and speakers and cultural events to bagel lunches boys between the ages of six and sixteen. In a and get-togethers, encouraging the exchange

totally Jewish environment highlighted by Since its inception, May 18, 1982, the Jewish Kosher meals and the celebration of Shabbat Federation of Edmonton has existed to iden- in a manner that is only possible within a camp tify, study, plan and budget for the ever- environment, campers participate in a variety changing needs of our Jewish community. It of programming activities which include is the central address for fundraising, on behalf swimming, water skiing, canoeing, boating, of eight agencies which provide a broad spec- horseback riding, tennis, arts and crafts, Istrum of services to the community. Funds raeli song and dance, drama and musical

Camp B'nai B'rith is run by a professional Director and coordinated by a policy board Anyone who lives or works in the Edmon- made up of volunteers from Edmonton, Cal-

School System, offers a combined English nity at large. and Hebrew program in Kindergarten through Hillel also provides new students in Ed-



Israeli Dancers represent the community at Heritage Days

of ideas. Its aims are to develop and strengthen kitchen. The Edmonton Talmud Torah, an alterna- the Jewish Campus Community and to rein-

and swim programs, and much more.

built to accommodate the cultural and social

Jewish Drop-in Centre

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services is a counselling The apportionment of funds is reviewed Grade six, which covers the Alberta Educa- monton with a chance to familiarize them- agency offering a wide variety of social services. These include:

individual counselling;

 pre-marital and marital counselling; parent/child counselling, including issues for single parents and blended families;

• services for older adults and their families: emergency financial assistance;

 settlement services for newcomers; information and referral services;

outreach services to isolated people.

Upon request, group programming and talks may be arranged on personal issues such as

self esteem and on family life development. Volunteers are available to work with immigrants, befriend lonely people, or visit older people at home or in long-term care facilities. Services are provided by professionally trained staff. Confidentiality is assured. Fees are based on income, ensuring that low income is not a barrier to service. Jewish Family Services is a beneficiary of the United Way and Edmonton United Jewish Appeal. UJA monies go specifically to Jewish counselling and support services, and make up

Edmonton UJA makes an annual contribustudents. We hope to provide a sense of belonging to a smaller community within what tion to the National Budgeting Conference to may initially appear to be a large campus. support National Jewish agencies. However, Hillel is a beneficiary of UJA, Jewish over the years, we have always received back UJA provides Talmud Torah with monies Campus Services and B'nai B'rith. UJA funds more than we have contributed to NBC once the money has been processed and re-distributed to local beneficiary agencies such as to The Jewish Community Centre of Edmon- Jewish Family Services through JIAS, and to ton is the geographical and cultural centre of Hillel through Jewish Campus Services.

the Edmonton Jewish Community. In addi- Canadian Jewish Congress tion to offering a wide variety of recreational,

Canadian Jewish Congress is responsible cultural and physical education programs for for such things as Community Relations, all age groups, the Centre building hosts the Communications, War Criminals, Soviet offices and meeting places of many of the Jewry, Jews in Arab Lands, Archives, Israel Jewish organizations in Edmonton, boasts the Action and more. Congress deals with a wide community's only kosher restaurant and range of issues and programs, and serves as contains the Edmonton Jewish Community the major voice for Canadian Jewry and as the planning and coordinating agency for the The Jewish Community Centre offers a national community in those areas within its variety of programs including a Jewish jurisdiction, including advocacy, representaplayschool, Jewish holiday celebrations and tion and defense on matters of concern to the ceremonies, youth camps, aerobies, athletic national Jewish community. Cases such as the complaint against the Aryan Nations hate line or the prosecution of Jim Keegstra are prime local examples of the work of CJC. CJC also The Jewish Drop-in Centre is a new facility delivers national programs in small communeeds of the local adult Jewish Community, nities which lack their own organizational infrastructure.

primarily its senior citizens. The Centre offers a variety of regular and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) is special activities: bingo, bridge, Mammeloshen Club, Russian language programs, Canada's largest resettlement organization. etc. Open most afternoons, the centre has JIAS not only assumes responsibility for new several large, bright rooms, and a kosher arrivals, but is the advocate for settlement in

Talmud Torah students entertain at a Chanukah concert

United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Edmonton

must be presented to the government of Can-\$500. ada regarding Jewish communities' commit- • Freight of up to one ton of personal bement to assist refugee Jews, recognizing that longings for a family of three, including 10 increased immigration would entail an unde- months storage in Israel: \$1,200. termined cost to the community. JIAS is also • Tuition for retraining a Soviet scientist, responsible for policy determination with mathematician, musician or English teacher regard to fiscal support for indigents, refugee to teach in the Galilee or Negev Regions: claimants and for out of the country process-\$2,000.

Jewish Campus Services

Problems faced by students on campus are not disappearing; on the contrary, students ming for 30 Soviet Families through the will find the situation on campus significantly municipal absorption program Project Klitah: worse in years to come. The Nation of Islam has begun recruiting on Canadian campuses. It also appears that missionary groups are resurfacing on campuses, especially "Jews for Jesus." The Jewish Students' network pledges to play an active role in combatting anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism on all the campuses across Canada.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

The JTA provides an important service: information about the lives, fate and wellbeing of Jews in all countries. The JTA serves as a link between the various Jewish communities in the world. It provides an avenue to world public opinion on such issues as national minority rights and the right of the Jewish people to a homeland. The JTA is able to dispel the prejudice, malice and disinfor- Children receive lunch at a day care centre in mation that accumulates against the Jewish Israel people.

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Service

HIAS facilitates migration of persons from one country to another and aids such migration through provision of financial aid, advice, information and guidance. HIAS engages in social, economic and vocational rehabilitation and in educational programs to promote orientation for new immigrants to laws and customs of respective countries of immigration, naturalization or permanent residence. HIAS aids other non-profit organizations which deal with migration or resettlement and attempts to foster a love for the ideals of freedom, democracy and liberty for all peoples.

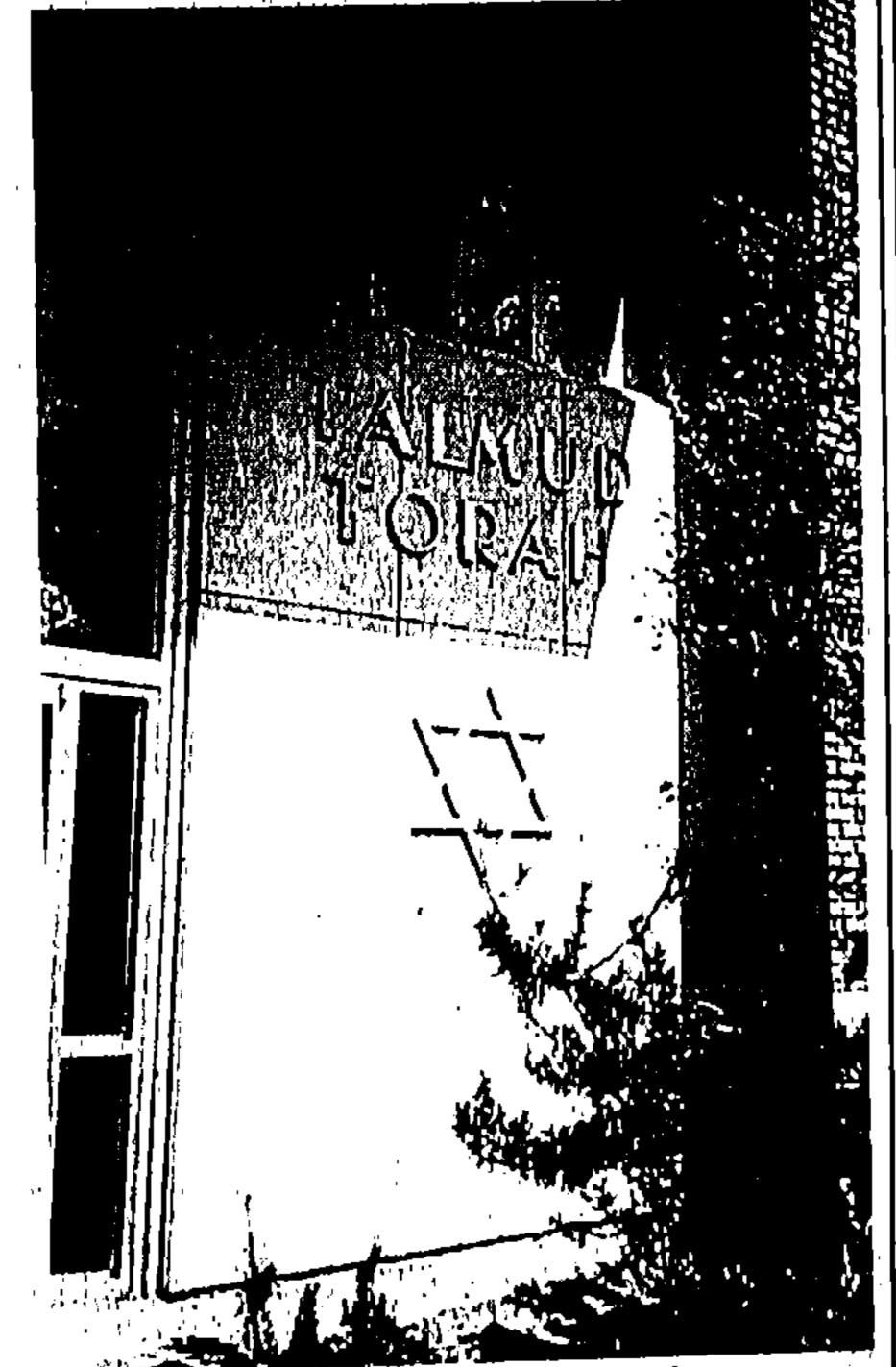
International

United Israel Appeal of Canada The United Israel Appeal of Canada funds the Jewish Agency for Israel, which shares with the Israeli Government responsibility for Immigration and Absorption, Youth Services, Rural Settlement, Renewal and Development and Diaspora Services. By the end of 1994, more than one million Jews will have made aliyah since restrictions on emigration from Eastern Europe began to ease in 1989. The Jewish Agency's Immigration Program offers such things as language programs, education, jobs, settlement, and above all, a ticket home for new immigrants. The following are some cost analysis examples of how

UIA dollars are spent: Sending an aliyah counsellor to the CIS for six weeks: \$3,000.

 Bringing a Soviet youth to Israel for a four-week summer program: \$1,200.

Transportation per oleh from the CIS to



Canada. JIAS believes that a clear message Israel, including accompanying baggage.

of Zion: up to \$7,500.



Special Dental care for former Prisoners

Providing social and cultural program-





Edmonton's Jewish Community Centre

adult in Kibbutz Ulpan work and study pro-\$455 per month. gram for five and a half months: \$650.

 Support of a Soviet immigrant researcher, scientist or entrepreneur in an R and D "incubator" to develop a product and market it:

 Cost of maintaining an Ethiopian youngster in a Youth Aliyah contracted institution for one year: \$5,000. Cost per group on a day program to en-

ripheral regions: \$1,000. • Cost of maintaining an Ethiopian young

adult in a two-year vocational boarding school • Net cost of maintaining a Soviet young (joint government/JAFI funding) JAFI share: Cost of maintaining an Ethiopian olch in an absorption centre, including Ulpan and

social services for one year: \$3,500. Cost of construction of a two-classroom daycare centre in a development town;

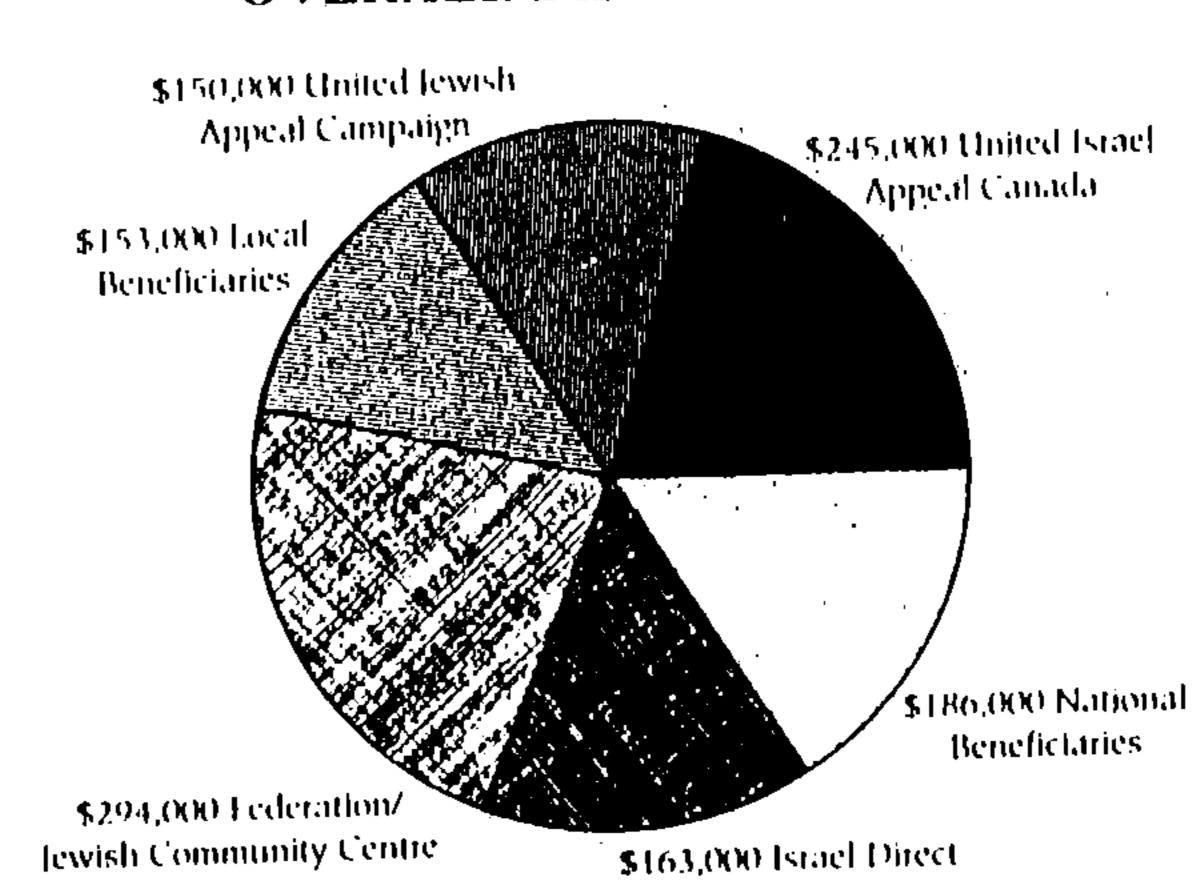
These are the programs which are supported by your UJA dollars. They all need and deserve our help. Please give the most you courage new immigrants to settle in the pe-can. Many are counting on you. Be the "you"

The future is in our hands!

United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Edmonton 1993-1994 CAMPAIGN

Where does your money go?

1993 PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS OVERALL DISTRIBUTION



National Beneficiaries

U Jewry, Jews in Arab Lands, Archives, Israel Action and more. CJC | serves as the major voice for the Canadian Jewish community on the national and international scene.

□ ♦ Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Canada's largest resettlement organization, JIAS is the advocate [] for new Jewish immigrants to Canada.

| immigrants through the provision of financial aid, advice, informa-

☐ Dewish Campus Services Plays an active role in combatting anti-Semitism and anti-

Dewish Telegraphic Agency

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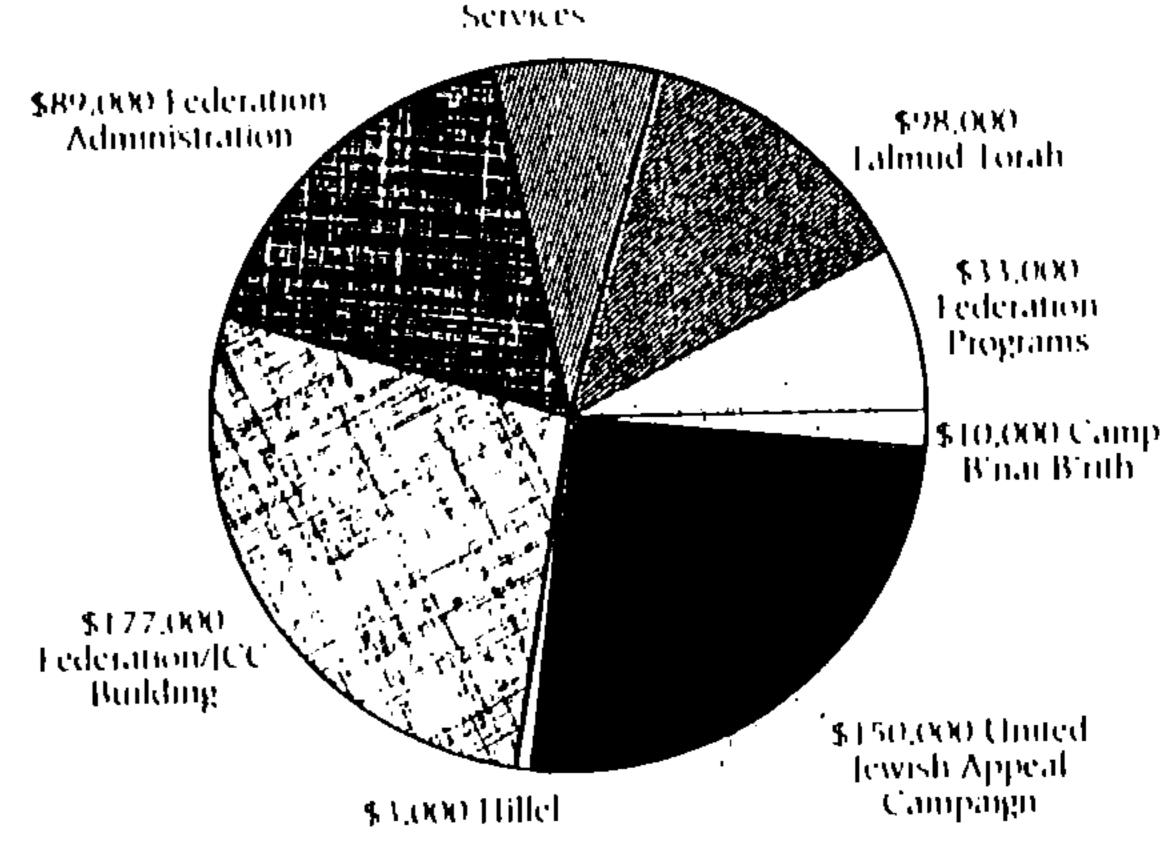
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♦ Israel Direct Funds carmarked directly for Israel. The balance of Cyperation U Exodus funding, and designated projects in Israel.

The Future is in Our Hands!

1993 PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS LOCAL USE OF FUNDS

\$42,000 Jewish Lamily



♦ Federation

Administration, Programs: New Immigrant Integration, Leader-Community Relations, Communications, War Criminals, Soviet ship Development, Heritage Days, Kashrut, Campus Outreach, March of the Living, Small Communities, Jewish Community Relations Program, Canada Israel Committee, Holocaust Remembrance, Planning and Survey, Professional Development.

♦ Jewish Community Centre

The JCC offers a variety of programs including a Jewish playschool, Jewish holiday celebrations and ceremonies, youth camps, cultural and athletic programs. It hosts the offices of many Facilitates migration from one country to another and helps of the city's Jewish organizations, our only Kosher restaurant, and the Edmonton Jewish Community Library.

Local Beneficiaries

Camp Scholarships. This year, 21 Edmonton children of a total of 69 attended camp on scholarship. **♦ Talmud Torah**

UJA dollars go towards such items as Hebrew speaking staff, teaching aids, computer programs, Hebrew classroom and library

materials, and to cover the school's operating shortfall. UJA funds going to Hillel pay for staff time and programs ranging from educational speakers and cultural events to bagel

lunches and get-togethers which encourage the exchange of ideas, and development of new friendships.

UJA monies go specifically to Jewish counselling and support

services, and make up approximately 22% of the JFS total budget.

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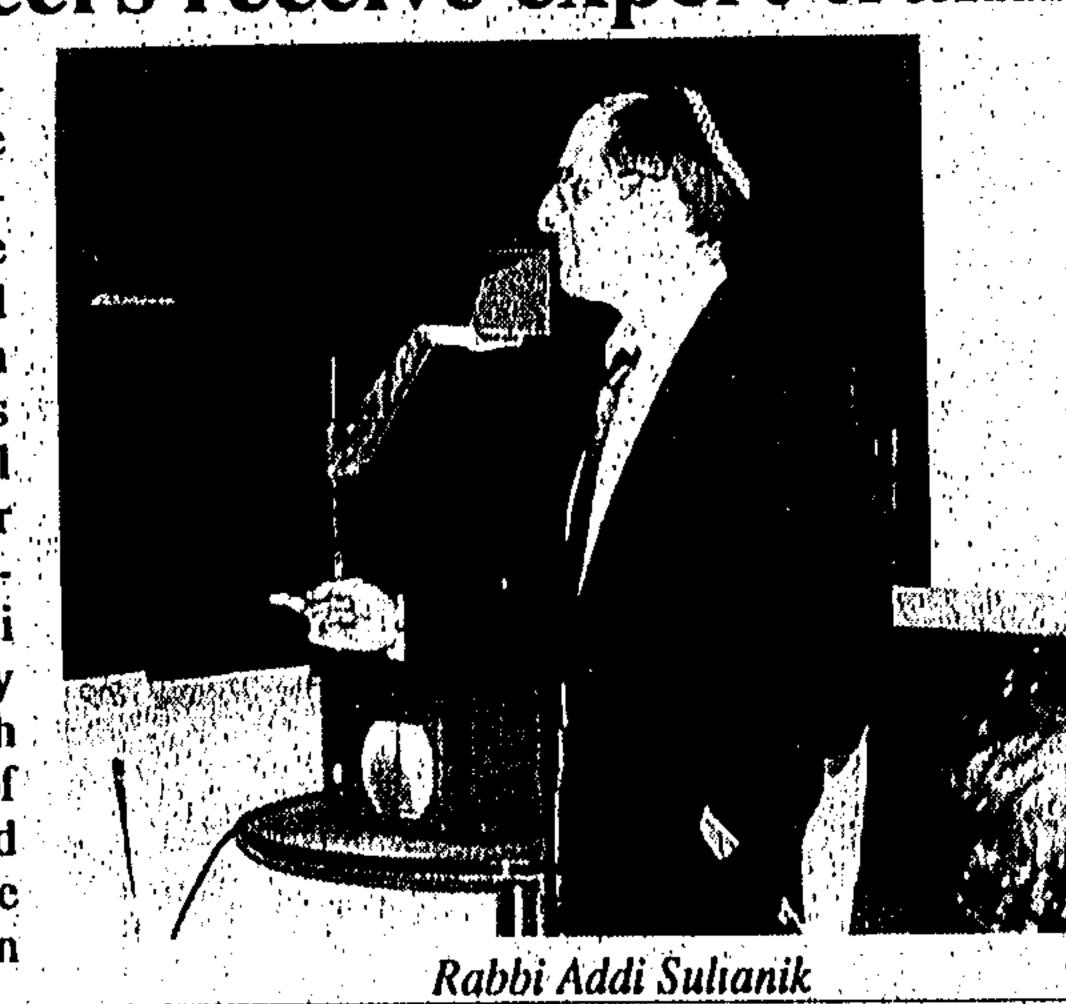
USpecial address on the peace process by Israeli scholar I DR. DAVID NEWMAN

> Wednesday, October 27, 1993 7:00 pm at the Fantasyland Hotel Refreshments will be served

Admission Minimum \$18.00 donation to the 1993 UJA Campaign RSVP to the UJA Office at 487-0585

UJA Volunteers receive expert training

United Jewish Appeal canvasser training sessions were held August 31st and September 1st. Over 100 of the 187 1993 volunteers attended one of the four sessions. Each year a training expert is brought in to share successful techniques used in other campaigns. This years campaign trainer was Rabbi Addi Sultanik, he uses a low key approach to canvassing which was appreciated by many of the volunteers. His method was in sharp contrast to the outgoing style of Jonathan Miller, last year's expert.



UJA Collection Team Works to Clear Up Arrears

Leon Kagna, UJA Vice-chair Collections

The UJA campaign for 1992 was very successful and left everyone involved with a very good feeling. Pledges were up 44.6% and collections are now at 91% and still climbing. Can we do better in 1993? Of course we can.

There is however some unfinished business to attend to. I'm referring to last year's and previous years pledges that have so far not been forthcoming.

We would like to emphasize that we have already spent previous pledges, here in Canada and in Israel. These pledged funds are committed, and if not paid are deficits that have to be covered from current campaign,

Please honour your pledges now and begin the year with a clean slate.

In order to save expenses, we remind you that 1993 is a cash campaign. If for some unforseen reason you must defer the payment of your pledge please advise the UJA office as to the date you will be paying so that only one statement need be sent out as a reminder. Statements are costly and these arrangements will serve to cut expenses.



Leon Kagna

Our best wishes to the hard working office staff and volunteer executive and workers for a banner 1993 campaign, Shana Tova to all.



Lest to Right: Catherine Miller-Dolgoy, Mrs.Ruth Superstein, Arliss Miller, Edmund de Rothschild, Justice Tevie Miller, Jake Superstein.

Rothschild addresses UJA members

by Debby Shoctor

the London merchant bank N.M. Rothschild quotes which Mr. Rothschild recounted in his and Sons, and one of the remaining scions of most Churchillian voice. He also spoke of his the prominent Rothschild family, was in family's current business interests in Canada Edmonton on September 13 to address a and warned of tough times ahead for the

stein, several members of the community either Arab or Israeli, feel themselves beincluding members of the UJA management trayed and seek justice by resorting to vioteam and of the Top Gifts Division were able lence," warned Rothschild, He also warned of to either attend the Churchill Society lunch- impending and current problems faced by con or to meet with Mr. Rothschild at a dinner Jews and other minorities in the reunified held at the Westin Hotel.

Mr. Rothschild, a member of the British via. branch of the family, who for many years have During the private dinner at the Westin, Mr. made their home at Exbury, spoke about his de Rothschild shared with those assembled family's history and their involvement in the his experiences during World War II in the founding of the State of Israel, as well as his army and his participation with the Jewish association with the late Sir Winston Chur- Brigade. He provided some analysis of the chill. His uncle, Baron Lionel Rothschild won effects of the signing of the Israeli-Palestini-Britain's backing for establishing the State of ans to develop their infrastructure. A joint Israel in then British Mandated Palestine. In Israel/Arab water diversion plan and desalti-1875, the family provided the British govern-fication projects are projects his family is ment with the funds to become the principal involved in. Mr. de Rothschild also spoke of stockholder in the Suez Canal.

His speech to the Churchill society, which Jewish community.

aims to commemorate the memory of the Edmund de Rothschild, former chairman of great man, was amusingly peppered with meeting of the Winston Churchill Society. Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan. "There could Thanks to the generosity of Jake Super- be a short period of euphoria, as those who, Germany and the war-torn former Yugosla-

the responsibility to maintain a strong local

Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal

Rosh Hashana, 5754 To: Campaign Chairmen

with personal warm wishes that we extend and contributors and to educate the younger to you, your families and to all Keren generation of what is expected of them. A Hayesod volunteer workers in your com- concerted effort must also be made to remunity our greetings for a Shana Tova. ceive outstanding contributions as speedily

The historic opportunity of saving Jew- as possible. ish lives and of bringing hope and a prom- It is in our hands to make the new year, a

Jews in the former Soviet Union who hold rection and response. initial documents enabling them to immi- As we gather in prayer for our welfare grate to Israel. We dare not forget the small and that of our families, may we, the world Jewish communities still existent in par- family of Keren Hayesod, pray for all our ticular countries of distress, who plead to be people. In unity and solidarity, with resolve redeemed. We must continue to plan and and determination we can and will fulfill act on their behalf to ensure that those who our responsibilities.

voices and meager arms in defiance of the Tova. Nazi hoards in proclaiming "Am Yisrael Chai". There was no Medinat Yisrael then; nor was there the means of saving the millions who perished. The Talmud states...

"He who saves one life, it is as though he

has saved an entire universe".

Today it is within our united power to Campaign Directors and Keren Hayesod save, absorb and bring security to Jews who seek help. We must exert all our energies to As we approach Rosh Hashana 5754, it is increase the number of volunteer workers

ising Jewish future to almost half a million good year for those who depend upon us. brethren was achieved thanks to your ac- The resounding call of the Shofar in its tion. You may be proud of your role in that message of "Am Yisrael Chai" must be heard loud and clear. It can best be heard There are still more than one million and felt through your dedication, your di-

wish to come to Israel will be able to do so. Much personal and communal happiness Just over 50 years ago, a handful of Jewish and naches to you and yours. May the entire martyrs in the Warsaw Ghetto raised their. House of Israel be blessed with a Shana

> Shlomo Hillel --- World Chairman Julia Koschitzky --- Chair, World Board of Trustees Moshe Gur — Director General

Almost 100 years of Zionist Endeavours

Zionist congress in Basel, Switzerland

1917: The issuance of the Balfour Decladonations". ration, stating that "His Majesty's Govern- 1967: The Six-Day War. World Jewry ment views favourably the establishment of rallies in support of Israel. a Jewish State in Palestine".

1920: KERENHAYESOD—UNITED Hayesod campaigns raise over US\$300 principal aim is to finance Zionist activa Jewish State.

the Keren Hayesod becomes its main finan-

1947: The United Nations decides on the partition of Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish State.

1948: The State of Israel is established. The Jewish Agency now carries total responsibility for Aliya and absorption.

1949/1952: 750,000 new immigrants, survivors of the Holocaust and immigrants from North African and Mid-Eastern countrics, arrive in Israel.

1950: The Israeli Knesset adopts the Law Israel and receive automatic citizenship. 1956: The status of KEREN Hayesod and the U.J.A. (U.S.A.). HAYESOD — UNITED ISRAEL AP-

1897: Theodor Herzl convenes the First authorizing it to act in "strengthening the State of Israel, the ingathering of the 1902: J.N.F. (K.K.L.) is established; its exiles and the unification of the people of principal aim is to purchase the land of Israel... to appeal for and receive contributions, loans, gifts, legacies, estates and

1973: The Yom-Kippur War. Keren

ISRAEL APPEAL is established; its million, the largest campaign in its history. 1977: Answering the call of the Prime ity directed towards the establishment of Minister of Israel, Mr. Menachem Begin, Keren Hayesod campaigns assume respon-1929: The Jewish Agency is established; sibility for twinning Jewish communities with Project Renewal neighborhoods. Over a period of 15 years, Keren Hayesod communities invest US \$ 160 million in the rehabilitation of 35 communities.

> 1984: Operation Moses airlifts 7,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

1989/1993: In the largest migratory wave since the establishment of the State of Israel, half a million Jews, mainly from the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and other countries, find shelter and hope in the State of Israel. Through Operation Exodus, the of Return, permitting every Jew to come to Jewish Agency is responsible for this mass Aliya, with funds provided by Keren

1991: Operation Solomon airlifts 14,000 PEAL is defined by a law of the Knesset, Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Israeli Scholar to Address All Donor's Event on Peace Process

Dr. David Newman, Director of the Urban Studies Division at Ben Gurion University will address the community at the U.J.A. All Donors Function October 27th. Dr. Newman will offer a unique perspective on the Middle East peace settlement as he is currently involved in research examining the role of settlement and future boundaries. Together with Palestinian geographer Dr. Ghazi Falah Dr. Newman has been and Gaza. awarded a major MacArthur Peace Research Foundation done in Calgary where Dr. grant to examine the implica- Newman is spending a sab- tary to everyone who has tions of various territorial al- batical year as Visiting Pro- contributed a minimum of \$18



Dr. David Newman

Much of the work is being Fantasyland Hotel.

University of Calgary as part of the Canada - Israel Academic Exchange Program. Dr. Newman is the author

of a teaching text published recently by Cambridge University Press, entitled Population, Settlement and Conflict: Israel and the West Bank, in addition to numerous papers on the West Bank settle-

The All Donors evening takes place Wednesday, October 27th, 7:00 p.m. at the

Admission is complimenternatives for the West Bank fessor of Geography at the to the current UJA campaign.

UJA dollars aid immigrants

UJA dollars provide language programs, education, jobs and settlement for new immigrants to Israel

Broadway Singer Entertains at All Donor's Function

Jewish Appeal of Edmonton States. All Donor's Function on October 27th. Michele entertainer Yossi Ovics, Miller, a native New Michele will provide an Yorker, now makes her exciting evening of music at home in Edmonton with the Fantasyland Hotel. Those husband Josh and their lucky enough to have already three children.

and musician, Michele has debut before the entire national tour of Fiddler on the Roof which starred Donor's Function is an \$18.00

musician who has appeared Runaways at New York's 487-0585. on Broadway and television Plymouth Theatre. She has will entertain members of also had roles in both the community at the television series and films in Jewish Federation/United both Canada and the United

Together with Edmonton ... seen Michele perform, are An accomplished singer very excited about Michele's

Admission to the All and minimum donation to the played the lead in the 1993 UJA campaign. Please

An actres's and Joseph Papp production of RSVP to the UJA office at



Michele Miller

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History in the Making - Peace Breakthrough

arrived in Jerusalem in formula, to overall agree- way's Foreign Minister mid- 1992, he never ment for limited autonomy Johan Joergen Holst. With dreamed he'd help make elsewhere in the territories, this connection, Larsen was history. The 45- year old and would set the stage for quickly able to get the ball Norwegian sociologist had mutual Israel-PLO recognimore modest goals - he had tion.

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door" channel of secret lead to the breakthrough of research director, Marianne

Alberta Legislature Recognizes Mid-East Peace Accord

resolved that the Legisla- the making for a long time. tive Assembly recognize ed Nations send the organi- gary-East. the Legislative Assembly's

Ms. Leibovici for bringing forward the motion. He Assembly and all the peorecalled the time when he ple of Alberta.

Alberta's legislature was mayor of Calgary and acted quickly in recogniz- had the opportunity to ing the peace agreement rename the road leading to between Israel and the the Jewish Community Palestine Liberation orga- Centre, Jerusalem Way. In nization. During the house recognition of the imporsession on September 13th tance of Jerusalem to only hours after the accord Arabs, he said members of was signed, Karen Leibovi- the Arab community were ci, the MLA for Edmonton also invited to the dedica-Meadowlark, moved the tion ceremony, showing following motion: Be it him that peace has been in

Also speaking in favour the achievement of today's of the motion were Sine Middle East peace accord Chadi, Liberal MLA for between the Israeli govern- Edmonton Roper, Muriel ment and the Palestine Lib- Abdurahman, Liberal, eration Organization by Clover-Bar-Fort requesting that the Canadi- Saskatchewan and Moe an ambassador to the Unit- Amery, Conservative, Cal-

The motion was passed letter of congratulations on by the house unanimously. The following day a letter was sent by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly ing the motion, Leibovici Stan Shumacher to Louise noted that she had person- Frechette, Canadian ally seen the devastation Ambassador to the United created by the war between Nations, asking that letters Israel and her neighbours. of congratulations be sent In response, the Premier, to the organizations signing the accord on behalf of the Members of the Legislative

Larsen established a

When Terje Roed Larsen the "Gaza and Jericho first" Heiberg, is the wife of Nor-

Larsen headed a Norwe- warm rapport with Israel's of Palestinian living condigian trade-union research Deputy Foreign Minister team and in the course of Yossi Beilin, 45, and later But when he left a few his work established close with Uri Savir, 40, then months later, the "back-contacts with Israeli and head of the Foreign Min-Palestinian officials. He istry's European desk and meetings between Israel sensed that both sides were now ministry director genand PLO officials had been interested in setting up a cral. Both urged their menfirmly established. In bare- secret channel for Israel - tor, Foreign Minister Shily a year those talks would PLO talks. His team's mon Peres, to give the "back-door" idea a try. Savir, Prof. Yair Hirschfield, a Haifa University Arabist, and Yoel in May 1993 when Israel hand in the drafting of every Israeli-Arab accord since the 1974 disengagement agreements with Egypt, were assigned to test

> Norway and other Euro- given control of at least a bad blood between them, in Washington last spring. pean countries soon after small part of the West Bank Peres got full backing from At the time, Israel hoped the June 1992 Labour elec- as well. The negotiations Prime Minister Yitzhak this would give the "inside" tions victory. PLO chief intensified. Over the next Rabin for the secret talks. — the Palestinians from the Yasir Arafat appointed a three months, 11 secret He also opened a second territories – enough clout to Karah, known as Abu Alla, way - and the result was the making frequent quick trips That didn't work. But by to take charge of the contacts with Israel.

The turning point came

wider agreement. Ararat secret meeting in Oslo on Jerusalem Palestinian jumped at it, with the pro- August 24. viso that the Palestinians be meetings were held in Nor- conduit through Cairo, cut a deal without the PLO. agreement for "Gaza and

Jericho first".

Architects of the deal: Despite their history of rivalry, Peres and Rabin cooperated fully Although much of the between Israel and the kid lawyer, who had had a raised the "Gaza first" idea- groundwork was laid by PLO. offering to grant "full men in their 40's, Peres 70,

autonomy" to the 750,000 pulled the strings. And it Peres- again in consultation

late August framework there himself. Indeed, Pres- seeming to bolster the ident Hosni Mubarak "inside", Rabin and Peres played a vital liaison role were able to make the Tunis-based PLO leader-

In a parallel move,

residents of the Gaza Strip was Peres who dotted the with Rabin - was instruas a first step toward a i's and crossed the t's in a mental in getting East leader Faisal al- Husseini Despite the history of into the "front door" talks

ship, the "outside," more eager to come to terms. Ararat, for his part, also cleverly used the official "inside" delegation, giving the constitutional crisis in motivated President Boris Mr. Rose told the it impossible instructions

The whole process went public on August 27, when Alan Rose, World Jewish Counsellor stated that The CJC delegation also Peres flew to California to Affairs Committee Co- democracy cannot be estab- met with Romanian Valeriu update Secretary of State Chair Rabbi Reuven Bulka, lished in a state which does Pop, newly installed Ger- Warren Christopher. At Director of Legislative not have the means to look, man Ambassador Dr. Hans- that meeting, Peres also Analysis Eric Vernon and after law and order on the Gunther Sulimma, outgoing asked the U.S. to help per-National Director of Com- streets. Mr. Botcharnikov Hungarian Ambassador suade Morocco and other munications Mike Cohen said there is no reason for Kalman Kulcser and Polish "fringe Arab states" to met with Russian Embassy the estimated 500,000 Jews Ambassador Tadusz Diem establish ties with Israel as soon as Israel and the PLO formally recognized each

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Canadian Jewish Congress Meets with Russian Embassy

Ottawa In the wake of CJC officials that what regardless of their religion. Russia, a Canadian Jewish Yeltsin to dissolve Parlia embassy representatives and signalling to Israel that Counsellor Oleg Krokhalev in Russian to be concerned to discuss issues of comand First Secretary Valeri noting that if anything neg-mon concern.

Mr. Krokhalev told the sians would suffer together,

Congress delegation met, ment and call new elections that the Russian govern- it would be far easier to cut with officials at the Russian was to clear the way for ment must continue to deal a deal directly with him. Embassy in Ottawa. CJC advancing his economic harshly with anti-Semitic Executive Vice-President reform. Furthermore the groups such as Pamyat.

ative were to occur all Rus-