

Mothers' Auxiliary

Mother's Auxiliary have arranged to have a paper bin located on the school grounds of Talmud Torah on Wednesday, April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th. We will be holding a paper drive on those dates as a fund raising project. If members of the community would please save their newspapers, old telephone books, catalogues, magazines, etc. and tie them in bundles with string, they could then drop them off at the school on 108th Avenue and 132nd Street.

The Paper Bin will be right in front of the school and the bundles can easily be placed inside it. Further information regarding this Paper Bin Project can be obtained by calling Mrs. Cheryl Giloner at 487-3707.

Pioneer Women

Edmonton Pioneer Women held their Annual Donor Dinner on Monday, March 3rd, at Molson House. Highlighting the evening was a Musical Program with piano selections by Rebecca Abofsky and Stella Aaron and solos by Dasha Zottenberg and Lottie Lande.

Guest Speaker, was Uri Rosenzweig, Executive Director, Jewish Community Council, who gave a very interesting talk on Israel and problems and needs in our community.

The Esther Kramer Chapter, Pioneer Women, are busily engaged planning a Mother's Day Brunch, under the sponsorship of Mrs. J. Grabow, Mrs. J. Shtabelfy, Mrs. J. L. Shaw and Mrs. R. Becker. Certificates will be issued honoring mother, grandmother, or aunt.

The Benot Shalom Chapter of Pioneer Women held elections for the coming year and the new slate of officers is as follows:

President, Trudy Golbor, Corresponding & Recording Secretary, Anita Vinokoor, Treasurer, Pat Singer Jordan, Programme Chairman, Sylvia Alpern, Phoning Chairman, Freda Schnichter, Cindy Liator, Publicity Chairman, Cindy Liator, Co-ordinator, Susan Tolodano.

Programs for the rest of the year include an auction, an outing and a final wind-up. If you wish to join this group or are interested in coming out to a meeting please phone Trudy at 480-4132 or Anita at 452-0054.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS



At left, Aaron Wershof, first principal of the Edmonton Talmud Torah. At right, the late Dr. Eli Wershof, (C.A.M.C. 1917) Zionist and communal leader in Edmonton.

Jewish Historical Society

The Jewish Historical and Archives Committee of Edmonton is continuing in their search into our background and heritage.

Books and cherished possessions brought by the many that came long ago have

found their way into the collection.

Photographs and Minutes of meetings, Land Titles, and Charters of Organizations are being shared with us. Recollections of days gone by are being taped and stored with

pride. These are stories of practicing Medicine in rural Alberta, the development of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, homesteading with little more than hope and a prayer, keeping house and raising a family during the

Depression. Many more details have come to light of the efforts made by those who saw the need for Jewish education and religious institutions. If you have memorabilia to share please call Eve Pascoe 488-6843.

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ISRAELI FAMILY COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION SPONSORED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

By Gloria Aaron

The Israeli Family Counselling Assn. in Tel Aviv has been a project of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada for two years. Up until that time there was no private agency devoting itself to family counselling in the country — the only services available were those extended through the Social Service Departments of the hospitals — already overtaxed, and one agency in Herzlia subsidized by the Department of Health and Welfare, but serving only the people in that community.

I called the offices of the Israeli Family Counselling Service when I arrived in Tel Aviv and spoke to its Director, Mrs. Furst, who very kindly offered to come to our hotel. She came that very afternoon and we talked for about an hour over coffee in the lobby. Mrs. Furst is a Professor in the School of Social Work at the Tel Aviv University, and has been interested and active in family counselling for years, but she feels that our agency is the first time that the service has been offered in a proper manner and in the right facilities. She divides her time between the University and the Counselling offices and has been looking for a Director for the Counselling Service because the demands are too great on her.

The staff consists of 15 part-time social workers and volunteers, 8 social work students in training and 2 fourth years students from the School of Social Work who are doing a type of in-service training. They work four and one half days a week and receive a grant — not from us — so the office is serving as a training ground as well. There is also a full time secretary and a part time typist. And Mrs. Furst was very pleased that they had finally found a consulting psychiatrist to work with them.

The offices are open 3 full days a week, 2 afternoons and one full day through till 9:00 p.m. They have approximately 250 interviews a month in four consulting rooms so that scheduling is extremely tricky.

They charge clients according to their ability to pay and see them as a rule once a week. Following the devaluation of the lira they noticed a falling off of visits — clients would either ask if they could come once every two weeks instead of once

a week — or if both partners of a marriage had been coming — why could they not come together. It became apparent that the cost was becoming a burden, and Mrs. Furst said they therefore lowered the fees for some of these people so that they could continue coming.

The clients come from all over the country — not just the Tel Aviv area, which is one reason the offices had to be so centrally located. They are just two short blocks off Dizengoff Square. People have all kinds of problems which they bring, but interestingly a great many of them turn out to be marital discord, though the couple, or wife or husband, come in complaining of problems with children or other things. The agency has started doing quite a bit of pre-marital counselling as well.

I asked if there were ever clients from the kibbutzim, and she said there most assuredly was. The closed community tends to accentuate some problems, and these people often come to the agency furtively, asking for help and that the kibbutz not be told about them. Mrs. Furst says that the kibbutz will pay for their therapy just on the basis of the service telling them that some of their members are clients — no questions asked.

I also asked how people know about the service and she said they are referred from the different agencies in the country, from the kibbutzim through ads in the Health Insurance Bulletin but mostly by word of mouth.

An interesting sidelight — she said they are usually busier in the summer and will have to try

to engage another half time worker then. Even now there is a waiting list to get in.

Mrs. Furst was very anxious that I see the offices, so the following day my daughter and I walked over to Ruth Street where they are located. They are in an apartment building and I was really proud to see a brass plate on the fence in front of it saying "Israeli Family Counselling Assn., sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada."

The offices are on the fourth floor and you ring to be admitted. The secretary showed us around a very clean, spartan set of rooms, each one equipped with one large table and several chairs and decorated with a few posters. But they are not depressing looking — just efficient. The office, of course, has filing cabinets and the usual accoutrements of an office. There is no waiting room — just two or three chairs near the door and when we were there one couple was sitting and waiting and one interview was taking place.

We have all heard about the housing situation in Israel, so I am sure it was extremely difficult to find such a great place in such a convenient location. It apparently took a long time to find it and now I am told that the rent has gone up 35%.

I really got the feeling that very important and needy work was being done there in an efficient and humane way, and that the \$12,000 yearly we have been able to send in the past could be increased and should be.

To remember that special person or occasion and to have their names permanently inscribed in the Book of Honour at the Association in Israel please phone Miriam Lutsky . . . 488-6065.

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EVA PRAGER, one of Canada's outstanding artists has donated her original drawing for this card to the National Council of Jewish Women. This drawing is framed and ready to be raffled. This will take place during the Biennial in Calgary, May 26 to 29th.

For tickets and information please call Ethel Fried 482-4203.

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