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Publications Committee Wants Your Opinion

At Centre Auditorium

Miriam Misakura Concert Jan. 23

Miriam Misakura, the Japanese, Jewish girl, will present the third program in the Community Council Program Series on Sunday, January 23, 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Youth Centre, 10615 - 133 Street.

Miriam, who performed in Israel during the Yom Kippur War at the invitation of the Israeli government, has been a sensation in Jewish communities throughout the country with her one-woman show.

Miriam presents a program that is so refreshingly different, so uniquely charming, and packed with a variety of songs, music, dancing and hilarious comedy.

To begin with, Miriam is a dynamic all-round performer. Her versatility is amazing. She sings in a dozen different languages including English, Hebrew, Yiddish, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Turkish and of



Miriam Misakura

course Japanese. Miriam sings them tenderly or belts them out dramatically with her usual combination of Japanese charm and Jewish heart.

As a comedienne — Miriam is absolutely sure-fire! Her style of comedy is completely new and surprising. You will find yourself exploding with laughter especially at her hilarious stories about being both

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Harry Goldberg, Chairman of the Publications and Publicity Committee of Community Council has announced plans to study and evaluate the community newspaper published by the Council.

In addition to a comprehensive review of the content, format and costs of the publication, Mr. Goldberg and his committee are soliciting the opinions of the community-at-large with a view to improving the quality of the paper.

The committee is examining and seeking your opinion on such questions as: Should the paper continue its emphasis on local activities? Should it digest local news in the form of a

listing of events and carry more national and international news of Jewish interest? Should it carry articles of interest from people in our community who are experts in their respective fields? Should it carry advertising to help defray costs? Should it be published more frequently? Less frequently? Should the format be changed?

Mr. Goldberg, who is General Manager of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, has added two communication experts to his committee. They are Dan Kauffman, Projects Director of CFRN-TV and Jack Stein, an advertising executive with Baker-Lovick Advertising.



Harry Goldberg

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Council Plans Pilot Program At Hillcrest to Begin Soon

Florence Singer President, Jewish Community Council has announced that pilot group work and physical education programs will commence shortly at Hillcrest under the aegis of Community Council.

The decision to introduce such programs was made by the Board of the Community Council following discussions with the Hillcrest Steering Committee and the establishment of a special committee for these

pilot programs.

The Committee consists of Florence Singer Dr. Marvin Weisler, Dr. Bill Meloff, Bruce Mintz, Uri Rosenzweig and Sy Bekoff.

Utilizing budgeted Council funds of its Program and Centre Committee, the pilot programs will involve a wide range of activities for various age groups.

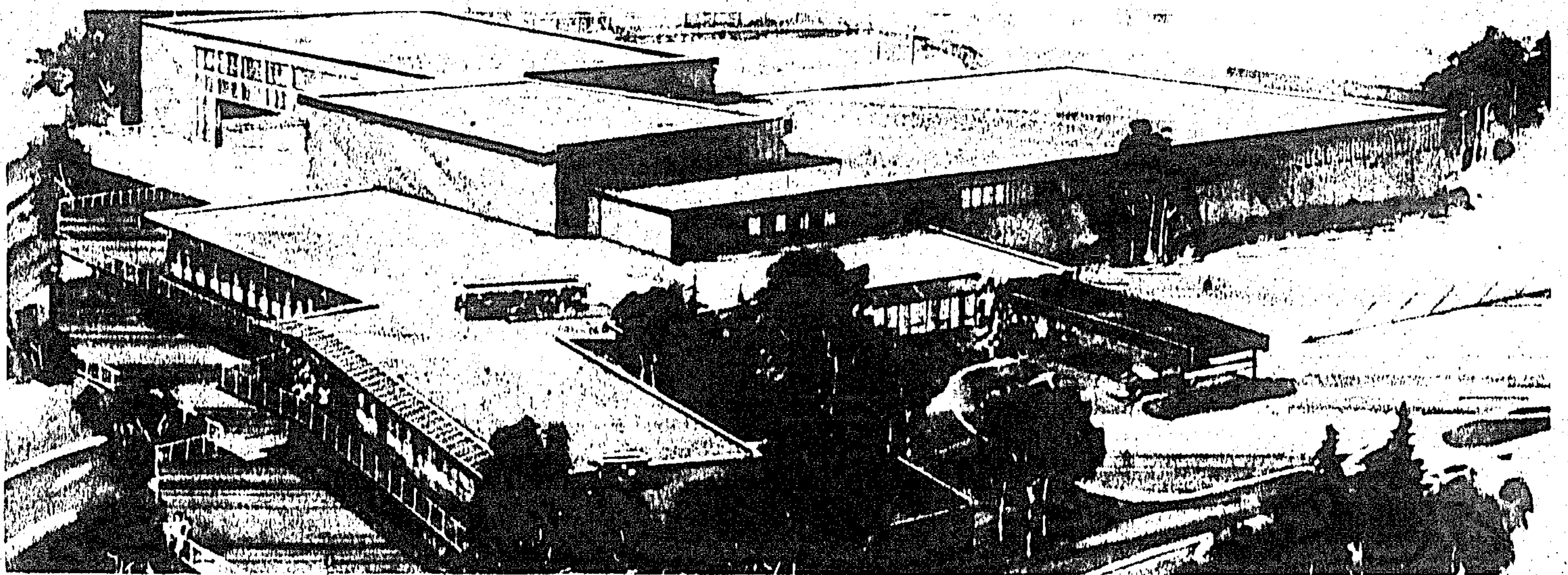
This past summer the Community Council operated the most successful Day Camp in its

history on the Hillcrest site.

Through arrangements and the cooperation of the Hillcrest Foundation, Sy Bekoff, Hillcrest Executive Director, has been made available to Community Council as Program Director for these pilot programs.

Mr. Bekoff, a graduate Social Worker, with extensive experience in Y's and Jewish Community Centres is in the

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Hillcrest Community Rally Jan. 24th - You're Invited

Hillcrest Foundation will hold a community-wide rally on Monday, January 24 at Hillcrest, 7200 - 156 Street. This will be for information purposes and there will be no solicitation of funds. Shown above is an artist's concept of the Jewish Community Centre project.

United Israel Appeal Western Conference At Banff

A U.I.A. Western Regional Conference for delegates of the Jewish communities of Western Canada included in its program some major issues focusing on the people of Israel and the continued development of health, welfare and educational projects maintained by the United Israel Appeal of Canada incorporated.

The Conference was held in Banff, Alberta, November 5, 6 and 7 and was highlighted by such officials as Phil Granovsky, National President of the U.I.A. of Canada; Meyer Bick, Executive Director, Canada Israel Committee; and Jacques Torczyner, member of the World Zionist Organization of America and one of the most inform-

ed experts on the political and economic situation in Israel and Jewish Communities overseas. Al Gelmon, Regional Vice President of the U.I.A., was the Conference Chairman.

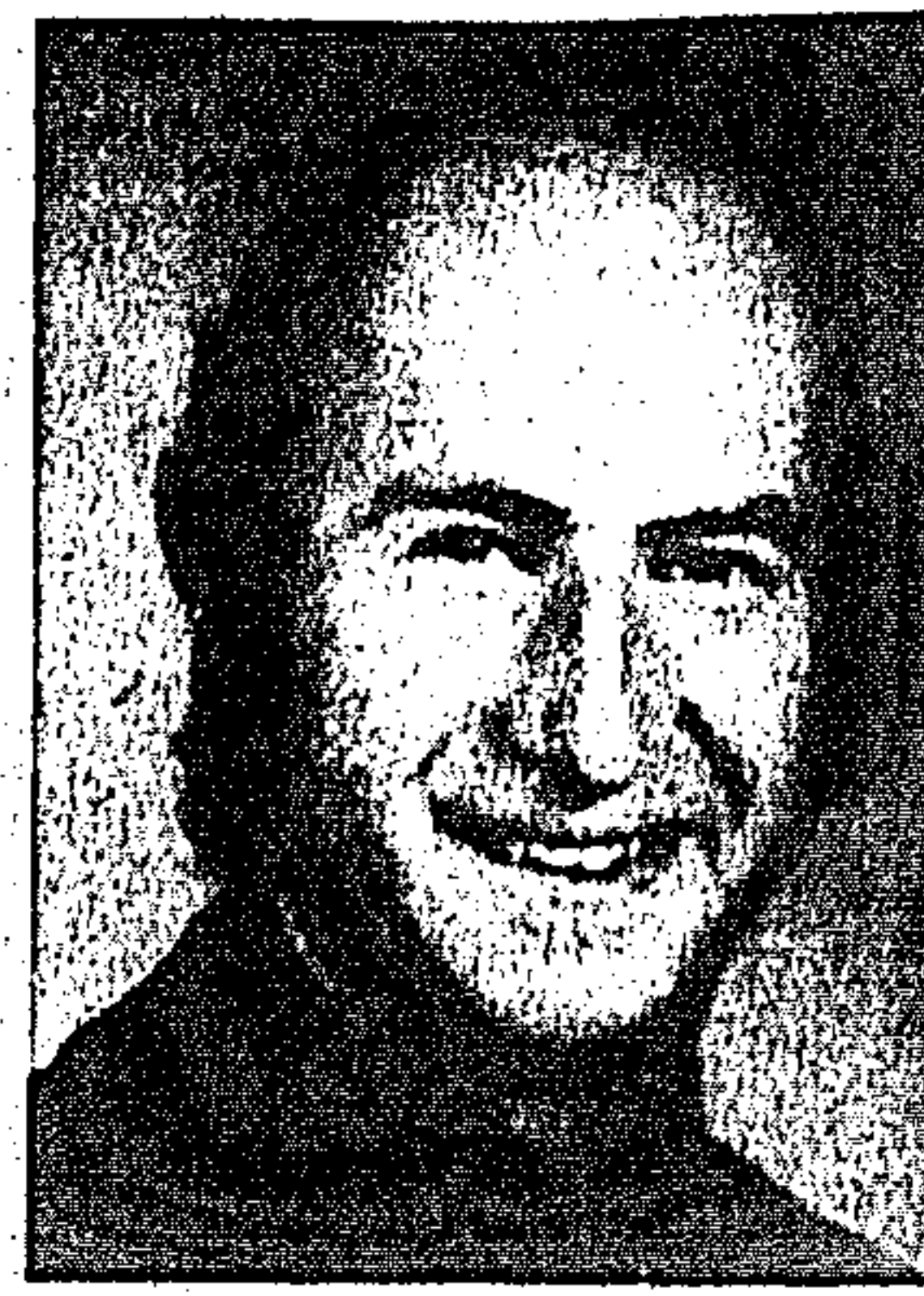
The Workshop sessions focused on campaigning: setting community standards; campaign structure and functions; recruitment, standards and worker wind-up; rating review and action; women's campaigns in relation to the overall campaign effort; and missions to Israel.

The Conference passed a resolution giving support in principle to the National President of the U.I.A. of Canada, Phil Granovsky, in his concerns for the erosion of funds allocated to Israel, and that the 9 point resolution presented to the U.I.A. Annual Meeting be circularized to and considered by each community.

The Conference further resolved to continue



Harry Friedman



Aaron Shtabsky

the Western Regional Conference on an annual basis to be held at Banff with each community taking a turn serving as host. It was agreed that each community will include in its delegation an experienced campaign worker, at least 2 or 3 young and new campaign workers, and their professionals.

It was also agreed that this Conference and the Women's Western Regional Conference will be combined with provisions for particular Women's sessions if necessary.

The delegation from each community included: Vancouver: Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Raphael and Mrs. N. Frankenberg. Edmonton: Mr. & Mrs. A. Shtabsky, Mr. & Mrs. U. Rosenzweig, and H. Friedman. Calgary: Mr. & Mrs. S. B. Green, Mr. & Mrs. M. Cohos, Mrs. A. Dancyger, Mrs. G. Chetner, A. Shapiro, L. Ryder, M. Cohen, Wm. Kohn and H. Shatz. Regina: Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Mathews. Winnipeg: A. Omsen, R. Hamovich and I. Peltz.

We Love You Rosa!

Editor's Note: The National Council of Jewish Women conducts a Hospitality Party for new Edmontonians every two months. A sixty-six year old, newly arrived Russian immigrant, Mrs. Rosa Krasilshchikova, attended the last party. She was greatly impressed by it and wrote a small summary of her feelings about it.

It was not a usual meeting. In any case as to me it was for the first time in my life that I had a chance to be present at such a meeting. The meeting of the Jewish women!

First of all I thought there would be only elderly women, would share with each other with their misfortunes which were piled (accumulated) during their long lives and when I was invited at such a meeting I was a little bit puzzled.

I don't know the Jewish language. My generation alas! Now not young, remained completely without Jewish education.

In Russia, in Leningrad there were no Jewish Schools, nor Jewish manuals and in the latest years even the wish to study Jewish had been persecuted.

These women do not know Russian, I thought. I do not know Jewish, would it be possible for me to express in English my feelings which I should wish to share with them, would they understand me?

With such thoughts I came to the house of J. Goldsand who let her flat at the disposal of the Jewish women with cordiality.

But I was agreeably surprised a little bit later, afterward.

Certainly the elderly women were present at this meeting. But the predominance took the female youth. And what a spiritually and versatility educated youth it was!

I have left my favourite work, translated poems from French and English into Russian. I came here with my daughter's family, with her two year old son and eight year old girl in order to help her as much as I can.

Here I feel lonely of course. I am not young, in my age it is difficult to find new friends and therefore I am very glad that here are such a community of Jewish women but how to make acquaintance with them? My spoken English is so poor.

Among the Jewish young girls and women there were people of different professions and interests. Women engineers, teachers, musicians. There was a dancer from Israel, a blond beautiful girl with blue green eyes, there was a girl of the island Cyprus, a young cheerful black eyed Jean from Johannesburg and many, many others. This meeting was organized very witty. We were sitting on the floor of the synthetic carpet in a circle, and had spoken about our neighbours all what we knew of them, of their life work.

Different destinities, different biographies. We changed with our addresses and telephone numbers. Heartily friendships were born and cordial attachments!

It was a very joyfully to see and to know that these were the Jewish girls, the Jewish women.

They left their native lands forever and in the cold northern Edmonton they agreed themselves heartily and warmly met each other.

R. Krasilshchikova

Hillel Israel Week January 24-28

Hillel B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Canadian Zionist Federation, is planning their annual "Israel Week" at the Students Union Building on the University of Alberta campus. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 24 through Friday, January 28: Information Booth, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at S.U.B.

Monday, January 24, 12 noon: Full length Israeli feature film, "Three Days and a Child" at S.U.B.

Tuesday, January 25, 12 to 2 p.m.: Israeli short films.

Tuesday, January 25, 8 p.m.: Meeting with the director of "The Arab Jews", Mark Dolgoy, at Hillcrest (for students only).

Wednesday, January 26, 12 to 1 p.m.: Israeli Folk Dancing at S.U.B.

Wednesday, January 26, 8:30 p.m.: Israeli Evening at Hillcrest.

Thursday, January 27, 12 to 2 p.m.: Israeli short films at S.U.B.

Friday, January 28, 10 to 2 p.m.: Israeli food, jewellery and handicrafts at S.U.B.

All those interested in

the above activities, can call the C.Z.F. office for more information — 487-0901.

Hillel Announces Programs for New Year

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL takes pleasure in announcing the following plans for the New Year: **Jan. 23 - 30 — Israel Week** — planned in cooperation with the Canadian Zionist Federation office, the program will include both short and full-length films, guest speakers, an information booth in the Student's Union Building on campus, Israeli dancing, etc.

Jan. 29 — CABARET at Hillcrest — arrangements being made for a live band. A dinner and dance at one of Edmonton's major hotels is being planned for sometime in the middle of March. Further details about this evening will be announced in January.

Our discussion group plans to meet once a month with guest speakers from the community. Notification of these events and others will be done by mail in January. We would appreciate any help in the organization of the above; if you are willing to lend a hand or have any questions or suggestions about our plans, please call Jonathan Berkowitz — 434-2626.

Family Services Annual Meeting At Beth Israel January 25

Jewish Family Services will hold their 22nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be a program discussion on the "One-Parent Family — A New Phenomenon?" Father William Irwin, Executive Director of Edmonton Catholic Charities will be the Moderator. Panelists will include Dr. Julius Guild, Psychiatrist, Mr. Leonard Pollock, Lawyer and others.

Officers will report on the activities of the Agency and nine members will be elected to the Board of Directors. Refreshments will be served following the meeting, under the convenorship of Mrs. Jean Oshry.

Invitations have been issued to the entire Jewish Community as well as Officials of Public and Private Agencies in the community-at-large.

Jewish Family Services is a member agency of the United Way and is also funded by the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith Lodge #732 and the Edmonton Section, National Council of Jewish Women

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Japanese and Jewish. All of her material is wholesomely, clean and excellent taste.

Mahzel Tov to Ethel Marliss

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Ethel Marliss who recently received an Alberta Achievement Award from the Provincial Government.

Mrs. Marliss was hailed as "a respected authority of consumerism who has spoken on behalf of the consumer on countless occasions." Having served with various boards, commissions and task forces during thirty years of activity in the Consumer Affairs field, Mrs. Marliss currently is a member of the Jury to evaluate submissions to the Canadian Design Council.

And... What a stunning surprise is her piano artistry! Miss Misakura was trained and performed in Japan as a concert pianist. Her interpretations of current tunes will bring out the "bravos" from even the severest critic.

Then, there is her story. An important story. It is heart-warming to hear her relate how she and her entire family embraced Judaism when she was a little girl in Kobe, Japan.

As for Miriam's total impact upon her audience, there is only one word to describe it — electrifying!

From the moment her jewel-box figure tippy-toes to the stage, it is an instant love affair between Miriam and the audience. Her princess-like personality lights up the entire place. The people LOVE her — and she shows clearly — she LOVES them back! They laugh with her — and when she has done her last number, the ovation is simple overwhelming!

Miriam Misakura has performed her own one-woman show for Jewish community centres, synagogues, temples, colleges. Also for Jewish organizations: the B'nai B'rith, Israeli Bonds, A.J.A.I.E.F., Knights of Pythias, Hadassah, Ort and others, just too numerous to list.

Aside from her appearances on television (Johnny Carson Show, Ed Sullivan, Hollywood Parade, etc.) and in night clubs (Eden Roc, Miami Beach; LaConcha, Puerto Rico; Playboy Club, etc.) Miriam has entertained in the finest resort hotels from Tokyo to Las Vegas to New York.



The Miller Family

With the generous assistance of Mrs. Osoas (Jennie) Davis pictures such as this of the Miller family are now on file with the Jewish Historical Committee. Shown here is Mrs. Miller (Muhlstock) just prior to leaving for Canada with her daughter Jennie Miller (Davis) and sons Abraham Miller and (Dr.) Louis Miller.

All photographs can be copied and returned. Please contact Eve Pascoe at 488-6843 or the Jewish Community Office.

Friedman Scholarship Fund Seeks Applicants for 1977

The H.A. and I.R. Friedman Scholarship Fund, established last year, is interested in hearing from applicants eligible to participate in a summer program in Israel.

Young men and women between the ages of 15 - 25 are eligible to apply. While current, active participation in Jewish organizations or activities is preferable, it is not mandatory.

The Scholarship Fund provides up to \$1400 toward a summer program in Israel. These programs are selected from those offered by the American Zionist Youth Foundation and include among others, Adventures in a Kibbutz, Hebrew University Seminars, Folk Dance, Drama, Art or Field Work projects.

Programs begin in June 1977 so act now. Contact Mrs. Eva Weisz at 483-5751 or Harry Friedman at 436-5049.

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From the Director's Desk

By Uri Rosenzweig

The Dilemma of Soviet Jewry

Since 1967 about 120,000 Soviet Jews have received exit visas for Israel and most have indeed settled there.

Within the last 12 - 18 months, an increasing number of Soviet Jewish emigres, in excess of 40%, have chosen, upon reaching their stopover in Vienna, to migrate elsewhere, principally the United States.

The Jewish Agency, which is responsible for organizing and facilitating the immigration of Jews to Israel, has expressed great concern about this increase of "Noshirim" or dropouts who choose not to go to Israel.

The concern is not merely about a reducing aliyah of Soviet Jews to Israel. Such a reduction has already been compounded by the fact that fewer Jews are permitted to leave the Soviet Union today than before the Yom Kippur War.

The greater concern is that the increasing number of dropouts may in fact not only slow the emigration of Soviet Jews, but also be used by Kremlin propagandists to demonstrate that Soviet Jews do not want to go to Israel. Furthermore, since Soviet Jews are permitted to leave the Soviet Union on the basis of Israeli visas, Soviet authorities could claim that such visas are issued under false pretenses and use this as an excuse to curtail even further Jewish emigration.

There is reason to believe that the Soviet Union has been manipulating issuance of exit permits, allowing those Jews who are potential dropouts, to leave in greater numbers than those who want to make Israel their home.

Emigres who arrive in Vienna and desire to settle in countries other than Israel are placed under the care of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, an American based organization, and assisted to emigrate to the U.S., Canada or other countries of Western Europe.

The position taken by most Israeli authorities is generally as follows:

While Jews leaving the Soviet Union should have freedom of choice as to which country they wish to settle in, the practice of securing Israeli visas and then going to countries other than Israel should be stopped, because secured under pretext, such practices endanger future emigration.

To enforce this policy, Israel suggests that any Soviet Jews who drop out in Vienna, carrying Israeli visas, should not be assisted to go to countries other than Israel by any Jewish organization.

Israel suggests that Soviet Jews be given prior notice of such a policy and be advised that if they do not intend to go to Israel they should apply for American, Canadian, or visas of the country they wish to emigrate to.

These proposals raise several important issues which have divided not only world Jewish leadership, but Israelis as well.

An example of opposing views are expressed by Abba Eban and Yosef Tekoah who aired their opinions in the Jerusalem Post, extracts of which are as follows.

Abba Eban stated in part: "Israelis and American Jews alike believe that Jews who emigrate from the Soviet Union to the United States with Israeli visas do great disservice to the central interests of the Jewish people.

They exchange the idea of a Jewish homeland for the opportunistic notion of individual welfare. They bring discredit on the powerful historic theme in the name of which their deliverance was secured. They reward the state of Israel for their own redemption by reducing the dignity and authenticity of the very statehood which has served them in their ordeal. Every resource of persuasion and incentive should be put to work to bring this moral paradox to an end.

Yet with all the severity of this judgment I hope that American Jewish organizations will reject any advice to withhold aid and compassion from Soviet Jews who reach a free haven anywhere in the world. The deepest issues of Jewish fraternity are here at issue. Since our Jewish relationship is fraternal, it imposes an unconditional solidarity.

Zionism has an absolute obligation to the interests of every Jew, in rectitude or in error, for better or for worse. The obligation is transcendent and all-embracing. It springs to our conscience from the depths of our tragic history. And it is sustained by memories too poignant to discard.

Aliyah is a unique and a irrevocable idea. But it is totally incompatible with any concept of coercion. If it lacks the voluntary impulse it be-

comes drained of its nobility. Nor is there much prospect of durability in a sojourn in Israel engendered by the pressure of deprivation imposed by a docile but reluctant American Jewish decision. The moral implication is intolerable.

American Jews, who have shown an infinitely smaller tendency towards aliyah than Soviet Jewry, have no right to compel Soviet Jews to fulfill an obligation that American Jews ignore with such totality. The American Jewish kettle is not entitled to call the Soviet Jewish pot black or any other color. Whatever the motives for the American Jewish record on aliyah it must surely generate a decent humility towards Soviet Jews who, in their fatigue and confusion, are unable to fulfill the dictates of our national history.

Nothing could be more tragic than to embark on a policy that would cause division between American Jews and each other, between American and Russian Jews, between Israel and the Jews of the two main Diasporas. If we separate our disapproval of the dropout process from our humane duty to those involved, these discords can still be avoided."

On the other hand, Yosef Tekoah writes. "Israel and the entire Jewish people are deeply concerned about the freedom and welfare of Soviet Jews, whether they desire to leave for Israel, emigrate to other countries, or remain in the Soviet Union. That is not at issue. The problem is what should be the attitude to those who instead of asking for an exit permit to the U.S. or another Western country, leave the Soviet Union ostensibly for Israel, and then drop out on the way and end up elsewhere.

The present service arrangements for dropouts in Vienna, sponsored by HIAS and the Joint (Joint Distribution Committee), with the cooperation of the Israel government and the Jewish Agency, are such as to encourage, legitimize, and increase the flow of dropouts to America. From six percent three years ago, the proportion of dropouts has now reached 60 percent, and it is continuing to move upwards. The full implications of this situation must be examined.

The Soviet Union has never changed its fundamental attitude toward the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate. Under international pressure it has merely allowed a small number of Jews to leave for the Jewish State. Yet their number has been considerably greater than the trickle of non-Jewish Soviet citizens permitted to move to the West. The reason for the difference is obvious. An exception was being made of Jews because they were going to their Jewish State and not just fleeing Soviet society for the capitalist world.

Since the beginning of aliyah from the USSR, I have warned repeatedly that the Soviet government would seize every opportunity to free itself from the necessity to permit Jewish emigration. It has already done so by alleging that the immigrants' absorption difficulties in Israel have resulted in a decrease in the number of requests to leave for Israel. This allegation is being made despite the fact that there are today at least 180,000 such requests that have been submitted to the Soviet government by Jewish citizens and have not yet been approved.

With the increase in the number of dropouts, the Soviet authorities have begun to give publicity

to this new development and to emphasize that Soviet Jews do not in fact want to go to Israel. Indeed, the Soviet authorities, when granting exit permits for Israel, have been openly giving preference to potential dropouts. The objective is clear. If Moscow can create the impression that Jews do not seek to emigrate to Israel but simply to leave the USSR, there will be no reason to treat their problem differently from the treatment meted out to requests for emigration by Russians, Ukrainians, or Lithuanians.

Every dropout who has left the USSR on a visa for Israel has taken the place of another Jew who longs to go to the Jewish State and is being denied this right because the quota of exit permits for Israel is limited and is being continuously diminished.

To ignore these facts and call for support of the dropouts instead of concentrating all efforts on the elimination of this dangerous phenomenon is to disregard the interests of Soviet Jewry. This cannot be explained away by invoking abstruse principles."

Those who oppose the Jewish Agency recommendations that assistance to dropouts be stopped, do so not only on grounds of morality, but in consideration of possible consequences in a practical sense.

It is feared by some, that seeking U.S. visas in large numbers by Soviet Jews could open a "Pandora's Box" by encouraging an enormous increase in requests for such visas by non-Jews. This would greatly increase the danger of a total shut-down of emigration by the Soviet Union.

Secondly, there is no basis for assuming that the Soviet Union will issue exit permits for those obtaining U.S. visas, or even that Soviet Jews will be allowed free access to the U.S. Embassy or consular offices in the Soviet Union to apply for such visas, or, have them validated.

Thirdly, the danger exists that applicants for U.S. visas who fail to obtain them, may then be denied permits to go to Israel by the Soviet authorities. Should that prove to be the case, thousands of Jews who might have obtained permission to leave with Israeli visas may be indefinitely or even permanently barred from emigrating.

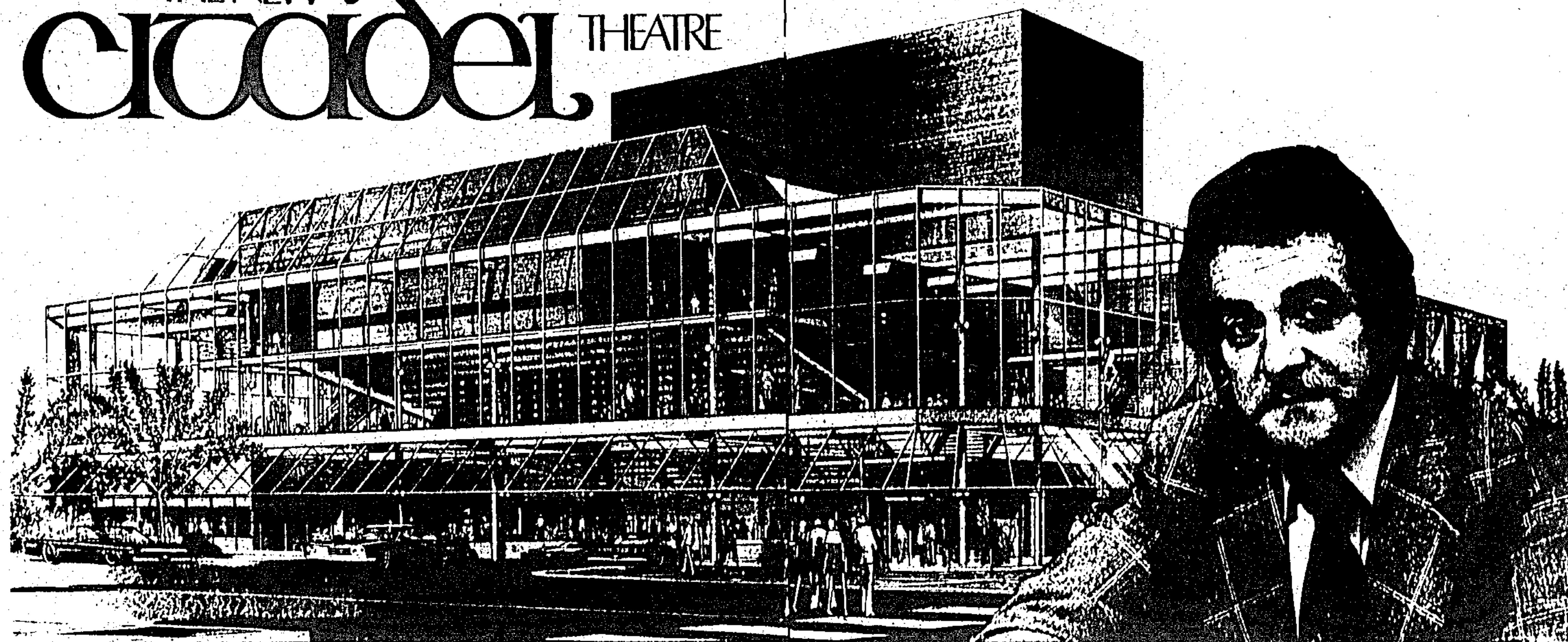
Fourthly, the denial of further assistance to Soviet Jews who leave Israel after having lived there for a time, can have the effect of discouraging some from going to Israel in a good faith effort to make aliyah, by making that choice seem an irrevocable one.

Obviously, the Soviet regime will make decisions affecting Jewish emigration according to its strategic and tactical objectives at any time, on whatever pretext seems to it most plausible or convenient.

The really dilemma is which course is less hazardous of the two. The present one, where Israeli visas are used by Soviet Jews who do not intend to go to Israel, the practice of which may cause severe restriction of Jewish emigration, rationalized on the ground of fraud? Or the proposal of Israel, that Soviet Jews be required to try and secure visas of the country they truly intend to emigrate to, with all the risks involved in that approach?

Only time will tell how successfully this dilemma is resolved, if at all, by either course of action.

THE NEW CITADEL THEATRE



The House That Joe Built

By Uri Rosenzweig

Even before it reached its Bar Mitzvah status the Citadel Theatre, which began its first season on November 9, 1965, came of age when it opened its magnificent new home a few months ago.

It was the kind of miracle that only Joseph H. Shoctor, Q.C. could perform.

But Joe is an old hand at performing miracles.

1967 found Joe Shoctor leading the way in mobilizing the Jewish communities of Western Canada in response to the Six Day War. His remarkable achievement at that time, which saw undreamed of sums raised for Israel, prompted the comment that his effort was "Joe Shoctor's finest hour". It may be coincidence, but when the St. John's Report carried Joe's picture on its November 15, 1976 cover in tribute to the opening of the new Citadel Theatre, the cover headline read, "Joe Shoctor's finest hour".

Joe Shoctor has a habit of surpassing past achievements. For example, in the Yom Kippur War of 1973, when he was called upon again to help mobilize our efforts on behalf of Israel, nearly twice as much was raised as in 1967. It's quite probable therefore that Joe Shoctor's "finest hour" is yet to come!

There are some interesting comparisons and similarities between Joe Shoctor and his biblical namesake Joseph who went from the land of Canaan to the land of Egypt.

Joseph had a coat of many colours. Joe Shoctor has worn many different coats (and hats) in a multicoloured, career of communal service. Joseph, because of his wisdom and perception became a leader in the land of Egypt, outside the Jewish community — yet he did not forget his own brothers when they came to him for assistance. Joe Shoctor has a distinguished record of leadership and service in the broader community, as the founder of the Citadel, as a founding director and first secretary of the Edmonton Eskimos, as the first person of Jewish faith to head the Edmonton United Way in a record-breaking campaign. Yet, when the Jewish community needed Joe Shoctor during Yom Kippur 1973, despite his retirement from its leadership after many years of service — he responded to the call.

Just as there "arose up a new king over Egypt who knew not Joseph," so are there probably new generations within the Jewish community who know not of Joe Shoctor's many achievements on behalf of Jewish causes.

In paying tribute to his singular achievement with the Citadel, it would therefore be fitting to remind ourselves of his record of service to the Jewish community not only here in Edmonton, but on the national and international scene.

A life-long Zionist, Joe Shoctor was for many years a member of the Edmonton Zionist Council, a national executive member of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Chairman of the Z.O.C. Western region, national Secretary of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, National Vice-President of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Chairman and member of the UJA Board of Directors and UJA Campaign Chairman on several occasions.

In addition to the various Zionist and fundraising activities, Joe Shoctor served as President of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council and was a member of the Beth Israel Board of Directors and a Trustee. Among many various honours accorded him by the Jewish community were the B'nai B'rith Lodge Citizen of the Year Award and in 1967 the Jewish community paid tribute to him as the Negev Dinner honoree.

Joe Shoctor's achievement in building and raising funds for the magnificent new Citadel Theatre has been hailed across Canada. It has already become an aesthetic landmark in the cultural life of this city which Joe Shoctor has so ably enhanced. The Shoctor Theatre within the structure will testify in perpetuity to his tremendous contribution. But equally as impressive as the Theatre itself was Joe's feat of raising \$6.5 million to build it. That will surely be a hard act to follow, even for Joe Shoctor.

"Behind every successful man . . ." But Kayla Shoctor doesn't just stand behind Joe, she has earned a place alongside him.

Active in many activities both in the Jewish and general community, Kayla has demonstrated her leadership ability in her own right.



She has been an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women for many years, serving as its President, and was a member of their national board. She served as Chairman of the UJA Women's Division with distinction and as Vice-President of the Golda Meir Chapter of Hadassah.

Sharing Joe's love of the theatre, Kayla was President of the Citadel House-lighters group, serves on the Board of the Citadel Theatre, is actively involved in fundraising for the Citadel and played in a major role in the arrangements for the gala opening of the new Theatre.

Described by her husband as the "most down to earth member of the Shoctor family," there is no doubt that her quiet, reserved, but effective approach to her activities compliments Joe's more flamboyant style. Perhaps that's what makes them such a special team. The Shoctor's have three children, Ian, Marshall and Naomi.

The opening of the new Citadel marks the end of the second act in the drama that is Joe Shoctor.

But hold on to your seats folks, because the third act is yet to come, and it's liable to be the greatest!

Council Contributes To Citadel Campaign

In recognition of Joe Shoctor's Citadel achievement the Community Council has made a donation to the theatre's building fund.

The funds have been earmarked to purchase books by Jewish authors to be placed in the Citadel Library on a shelf donated by the Edmonton B'nai B'rith Lodge.

Jewish Community Council Centre Program

Part - time staff openings for new pilot programs to be held at Hillcrest.

College students and grade 12 preferred for recreation, physical education and social groups. Mainly Sunday afternoons. Work with children, tweens and teens. Previous experience in group work or camping desirable.

Call Sy Bekoff 487-0585 for appointment.

Centre Program at Hillcrest Needs

Indoor games, chess, checkers, pool table, etc.

Call Sy Bekoff 487-0585

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Dry Bones

Courtesy Jerusalem Post



Open House At Talmud Torah Feb. 3 - 4 for Community

The Talmud Torah is thriving under principal Rabbi J. Kronenberg and benefiting enormously from its association with E.P.S.B. Great use is being made of the Institutional Media of the Edmonton Public School Board. The new librarian is acting as a coordinator of audio-visual aids for its staff.

The week of January 16th the children will be sitting for Hebrew achievement tests which measures our standards against those of other Hebrew schools in North America.

The Talmud Torah teaches the whole child. On professional development day, January 21, the staff will again meet to stress the correlation and co-operation between the Secular and Hebrew staff. The first week of February the school will have a Jerusalem Exhibit courtesy of Montreal C.Z.F.

Rabbi Kronenberg initiated a very successful "open school day" upon his arrival. The entire Jewish community, not

only parents, is invited on February 3 and 4 to come and visit the school and see first-hand "classes in action".

February is also Tu B'Shuat and the children are given figs and dates by Mothers Auxiliary and encouraged to buy trees or leaves.

The Grade 1 and 2 class enjoyed a field trip to the Misericordia Hospital. Grade one is preparing for Chag Hasidur on February 18, the celebration to mark the

beginning of their Torah study. They have also embarked on a new approach to science in these grades.

Nursery and Kindergarten have not been left out, they too have been enjoying many field trips including one to "The Lucerne Dairy".

Everything is articulating well at our prized Edmonton Talmud Torah. Please come and see us in action on our "guest" days.

J.N.F. Office Moves

The J. N. F. Office of Calgary have moved to new premises. Calgary Jewish National Fund, 213 - 10 Avenue S.W. Phone number is 261-9089

To reach the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OFFICE from any phone in Alberta, dial toll free 1-800-332-1102

The Zionist office in Edmonton no longer sells trees. Please call Calgary or members of Hadaasah, Pioneer Women or Mirzachi.

Mothers' Auxiliary New Phone Book

Diane Jampolsky, President of Mother's Auxiliary, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Bev (Larry) Sheckter to work with Mrs. Sharon (Daniel) Abbott, current Chairman.

Mother's Auxiliary is now ready to begin its brand new 1977 Edmonton Jewish Community Phone Book. Contracts have gone out to past advertisers and we ask that they return them forthwith. Please take special note that this year charitable organizations will be given advertising space at cost. Any person interested in purchasing advertising space please contact Mrs. Sharon Abbott at 483-5321.

Once again, we invite supporters of The Talmud Torah to become a patron or a sponsor. You will be contacted by telephone and we appreciate your continued support. Chairman of this endeavor is Debbie

Card of Thanks

National Council of Jewish Women, Edmonton Section, extend their thanks and appreciation to all the men and women who assisted in the Council Flea Market at Beth Shalom on December 15.

Community cooperation helped to make this a most successful event.

Israel Bonds Office Moves

The State of Israel Bond Office will no longer operate from the Macdonald Hotel and will be relocated. For information on purchasing, redemption, payments, and any assistance, call the Calgary Office 263-3181 or contact: Jack Mayer 422-8684, Casey Dollinko 422-3725, or Dr. Harold Fayerman 484-6512.

Announcement of the Edmonton State of Israel Bond Office address will be made shortly.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

COMMEMORATE EVERY OCCASION WITH Israeli Family Counselling Cards (\$5 \$10 \$25 & up)

(Proceeds go to aid Israeli Families in crisis)

Irene Samuel Scholarship Cards. \$5

(Proceeds go to further education of a young woman in Jewish teacher training)

Fresh Rose (\$3.50)

Flower Cards (\$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00)

(all occasion cards)

(Proceeds go to support Local service programs)

Call MIRIAM LUTSKY 488-6065

New Hebrew Classes Offered by C.Z.F.

Due to the success of the first series of Hebrew Classes, we now offer the second series of classes. This is a four month course, from February to May inclusive, for one and a half hours per week. The registration fee for the entire course is \$20.00. For university students: \$10.00.

Register now by sending your cheque with the attached registration form to the Edmonton C.Z.F. office.

After being registered, you will receive a notice about the time and date and place of the first lesson. No refunds will be given after the first class.

REGISTRATION FORM

To: Canadian Zionist Federation, 7200 - 156 Street, Edmonton

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: Residence Business

HEBREW CLASSES:

..... Beginners Morning Evening

..... Advanced Morning Evening

Young Judaea Camps

We now announce the Young Judaea Camps for the summer of 1977.

WESTERN CANADA CAMP HATIKVAH: 8 to 11 years of age, July 15 - July 29, \$215.00 per child; July 29 - August 12, \$215.00 per child; July 15 - August 12, \$420.00 per child.

KOCHOT: 12 to 13 years of age, July 15 - August 12, \$420.00 per child.

MASSADA: 14 to 16 years of age, July 15 - August 12, \$420.00 per child.

CAMP BILUIM, ISRAEL - A Summer Institute for leaders in Israel. Participants must be 17 years of age as of August 31, 1977.

For further information and application forms, please call the C.Z.F. office at 487-0901.

Israel Programs

Information about, and application forms for long programs, Kibbutz Upan and many summer 1977 programs in Israel are available right now! For information please call Mr. Roth at the C.Z.F. Office, 7200 - 156 Street. Phone 487-0901.

Israel Stamp Collectors Trade Feb. 7

!! STAMP COLLECTORS !!

The C.Z.F. office in Edmonton has a collection of Israeli stamps - and invites anyone who would like to trade, exchange or just view these stamps. A meeting will be held for this purpose on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th at 7:30 p.m. AT HILL-CREST, 7200 - 156 Street. Please bring your stamp collection with you. For further information, call Mr. Roth at 487-0901, or Mr. Bokoff at 487-0585.

Yad Vashem Seeks Names

In conjunction with the Yad Vashem Martyrs and Heroes Authority, a campaign is being mounted to record the names of those who perished during the Holocaust. Surviving relatives or friends are asked to fill out a questionnaire with biographical details. Over 2,000,000 such "pages of testimony" have so far been registered.

Please forward the completed forms to our National Office of Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 McGregor Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5, and we will register them with Yad Vashem.

YAD VASHEM DAF-ED דף-עד יד ושם

Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority

A Page of Testimony R.O.B.84 Jerusalem, Israel

חוק זכרון השואה הנצבירה - י"ד ושם תשי"ג 1953 קובץ בספר 2		THE MARTYRS' AND HEROES' REMEMBRANCE LAW, 5713 - 1953 determines in Article No. 2 that	
הפקודין על יד ועם חוק לשון אל המלחמה או זכרה של כל אלה שפני הנצח, ונשלו הנסר או נשעו להטו ומרו בטיב הנצח והנצחית, ולתוב עם זכר להם לקולותיהם, שניה ולשמות שזכרו בלל התורה כזה לעם הויה.		The task of YAD VASHEM is to gather into the homeland material regarding all those members of the Jewish people who laid down their lives, who fought and rebelled against the Nazi enemy and his collaborators, and to perpetuate their memory and that of the communities, organizations, and institutions which were destroyed because they were Jewish.	
תמונה Photo		1. שם המשפחה	
		2. השם הפרטי	
		3. שם האב	
		4. שם האם	
		5. תאריך הלידה	
		6. מקום וארץ הלידה	
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Residence during the war		מקומות המגורים במלחמה	
Place and date of death		מקום המות	
Circumstances of death		נסיבות המוות	
Name of wife		שם משפחתה לפני הנשואין	
Maiden name		שם האשה	
Name of husband		שם הבעל	
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I, the undersigned		אני, הח"מ	
residing at		הנ"ח ב (מנוחה מלאה)	
relationship to deceased		קרוב/ה מנ"ח של	
hereby declare that this testimony is correct to the best of my knowledge.		מצהיר/ה בזה כי עדות זו נכונה למי מיטב ידיעתי.	
Signature		חתימה	
Place and date		מקום ותאריך	
Signature of Registrar		חתימת חוקר	

What do YOU think of this Newspaper? We'd like to hear from you! See Back page

Questions, Answers About ORT

Q. WHAT IS ORT?

A. ORT is the largest network of vocational training schools in the world.

Q. WHAT DOES ORT STAND FOR?

A. ORT stands for Organizing for Rehabilitation thru Training.

Q. WHERE DOES ORT OPERATE?

A. ORT operates in 23 countries around the globe: Argentina, Brazil, France, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Uruguay, U.S.A., Venezuela, Switzerland; with scholarship programs for Jewish youth in Africa and Greece, scholarship and guidance programs for youth in Africa, technical assistance projects in Burundi, Chile, Gabon, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Turkey, Zaire, (Congo), etc. In each of these countries — Jewish youth is being given the opportunity thru ORT programs — of a vocational education, the chance of earning a dignified living.

Q. WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE ORT OFFICES TO SUPPORT THIS VAST PROGRAM?

A. Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., Uruguay and Venezuela.

Q. THIS SOUNDS LIKE A VERY LARGE PROGRAM. WHEN AND WHERE DID IT START?

A. In the late 1880s, a small group of Jews living in Czarist Russia realized that without the opportunity of attending schools (Jewish children were prohibited from receiving an education) there was no hope for the future survival of the Jew; and if survival, only a life of poverty. Permission was granted to open a school to teach the young people a trade: ORT was born. As Jewish needs grew in other countries, so did the program — from Russia to the need after the first World War to help after the Holocaust to the need after the birth of Israel to the needs of Jews in no matter what country they live. If Jews are prohib-

ited from or find difficulty in receiving an education, ORT supplies vocational education.

Q. HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO OUR LIFE TODAY?

A. We tend to forget that Jews are a dispersed people, that there are Jews living in countries around the world, even in the remotest corners. Because there are Jews in underdeveloped countries, thousands and thousands are trapped in a life of poverty with no opportunity of attending schools because of lack of funds or discrimination, and in those countries where ORT is permitted to operate, it provides the vehicle of education. By providing the ORT vocational education program, it gives these young people the only opportunity of providing a decent living for themselves. In many cases, a young person, after attending an ORT school, is in a position to help his entire family in upgrading its standard of living — from a life of semi-starvation to a life with hope.

Q. YOU MENTIONED THAT ORT OPERATES IN ISRAEL. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THIS?

A. Yes. In Israel ORT operates a network of schools in the following locations: Afula, Ashdod, Askelon, Bat Yam, Beer-sheva, Benyamina, Bnei Brak, Chof Hasharon, Ein Harod, Eilat, Gan Yavne, Gedera, Givatayim, Haifi, Herzlia, Holon, Iusfiya, Jerusalem, Julis, Kfar Abraham, Kfar Habad, Kfar Saba, Kiryat Bialik, Kiryat Gat, Lydda, Keiron, Netanya, Nazareth, Ramat Gan, Rehovot, Sdeh Eliyah, Sdeh Hemed, Shaar Hanegev, Shafir, Tel Aviv, Tel Nof, Tel Teryham.

The total number of students attending ORT schools in Israel, based on the 1974 figures, is well over 45,000. In the past year the figures have risen over 12 per cent due to the influx of Russian immigrants and Jews leaving South America and some Middle East countries where their positions and security are threatened. In most cases these Jews arrive only with what they can carry, and many of them turn to a ORT school for an education — or in the case of ad-

ults — a re-education to help them in their new life in Israel.

Q. AS A JEWISH WOMAN, I FEEL THAT BY BELONGING TO ANOTHER MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATION I AM FULFILLING MY OBLIGATION. WHY THEREFORE SHOULD I JOIN ORT?

A. The answer is simple. Every woman's Jew-

ish Organizing is fulfilling a vital role in Israel. Canadian Women's ORT supports the Jerusalem ORT School but the ORT Network is vital to the existence of the Jewish people in every country where the ORT program functions. By supporting ORT in Canada, we are relieving the ORT dollars to be used in other countries for education of

Jewish youth. Now ask yourself this vital question:

If you are not one of the 94 women in Edmonton supporting ORT JOIN ORT TODAY. Should you desire any further answers, please contact: Lane Stein 435-7627; Helena Sontz 484-8390. Meetings second Monday of each Month.

What ORT Donations Buy

\$1 - 4 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND — This programme provides needy ORT students with medical care, clothing and a daily hot meal.

\$5 JERUSALEM ORT SCHOOL EXPANSION FUND — The ORT Vocational High School in Jerusalem, one of the most highly rated schools of its kind in the country, is the special project of Women's Canadian ORT.

\$10 LIBRARY FUND — Textbooks and reference books.

\$25 WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT FUND — Up-to-date equipment is required for the advanced training provided in all ORT schools. Attractive donor cards are available to commemorate any occasion on which donations of up to \$25 are made to the ORT Scholarship Fund.

\$50 NIGHT SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP — The ORT night schools —

open to workers from 16 to 60 — combine classroom instruction with home study through correspondence, plus, individual tutoring. This scholarship covers weekly sessions for a one-year period.

\$100 BASIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP — The basic education programme is another innovation aimed at salvaging "lost" children from the lowest depths. There are no admission standards. This scholarship provides a one-year practical course in semi-skilled trades.

\$200 APPRENTICE SCHOLARSHIP — The one-year ORT apprentice programme gives students the opportunity to "earn while they learn", enabling them to continue their education while helping to support their families.

\$300 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP —

one year of 4-year course in aeronautics, avionics, computer and other technological skills.

\$400 TEACHER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP — ORT operates its own teacher training institutes for top ORT school graduates. This amount pays for one year of a two-year course.

\$500 BOARDING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP — Dormitories are provided for needy students living too far to make the daily trip, as well as those living in local slum areas. This scholarship pays for one year's room and board.

\$2,500 - \$3,000 — Full secondary level education. Certificates, plaques, scrolls are issued to donors of the above amounts. Information: Raye Dolgoy, 488-1664, Elaine Bookhalter 483-5558.

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process of interviewing and hiring part-time staff for the various programs and activities and

would be interested in hearing from those interested as group volunteers or part-time staff

positions. Mr. Bekoff may be reached at 487-0585.

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At Riviera

Pioneer Women Israeli Dinner Dance Feb. 6

Pioneer Women - Na'amat Annual Israeli Dinner Dance will be held Sunday, February 6, 1977, at the Riviera Motor Hotel at 6:00 p.m.

The evening will follow the format which has evolved over the years of dinner and dancing — a maximum of enjoyment and a minimum of spea-

ches. Anne Shapiro, Chairman of the Dinner-Dance Committee, extends an invitation to all members of the community to attend an enjoyable evening. Tickets are available at the door or by reservation.

Your support assists the many installations sponsored by Pioneer Women-Na'amat, an organization whose main effort is in the field of Social Services. Currently, over 500 class of Day Nurseries in Israel are being supported by the members and friends of Pioneer Women - Na'amat. These classes are for children ranging from 3 months of age to 5 years of age and are instituted whenever a community requests this service.

Many Na'amat classes are held in unobtrusive locations. However, Na'amat offices in Israel are more than pleased to arrange tours of the facilities. If you are in Israel and would like to take advantage of the Tour Offices, please phone any of the following offices, allowing two days to make arrangements. Tel Aviv - 93 Arlosoroff St., Telephone 03-261111 Ext. 290, Jerusalem - 17 Strauss St., Telephone 02-48039, Haifa - 49 Pinsky St., Telephone 04-85728.

Esther Kamer Chapter, the founding Club of Pioneer Women in Edmonton is composed of sprightly seniors. If you are a sprightly senior and interested in stimulating sessions, contact Rae Sorokin at 488-9932.

Fannie Feldman In Memorium



Her life was filled with kindly love, And blessings from her God above, And we who knew her will always say, How Baba brightened up our day. Her smile, her charm, her noble ways, I'll always remember those wonderful days. Oh, I was proud that she was mine, My Baba, gentle and so divine. How strong she was! How full of spark! She worked herself from day 'till dark. But Baba never did complain, She bore no crutch to hold her pain. I'll love my Baba from this day on, And through my ears will ring her song. And every night I'll hope and pray, That we will meet again someday.

Rozanne Campbell — Vcr.

These words express most eloquently the sentiments of both family and friends of the late Mrs. M. (Fannie) Feldman. Her passing is felt by all who knew her for her warm friendship and her tireless efforts for the welfare of the women and children in Israel. She will especially be missed by her chaverot in Pioneer Women to whose cause she devoted a lifetime. As a fitting and appropriate tribute, a fund has been set up through Edmonton Pioneer Women, Na'amat, to perpetuate her memory by inscribing her in Israel, linking her name with the people she loved so dearly.



Pioneer Women Meet Israel's President

Lynne Milner, President Edmonton Council Pioneer Women-Na'amat, recently returned from a Seminar in Israel attended by delegates from Pioneer Women in Canada, Britain and the United States. As well as participating in intensive information sessions and tours, the delegates were able to view just a few of the Pioneer Women-Na'amat Day Nurseries, Vocational Schools and Community Centres.

A photo of the Canadian delegates was taken at a reception held in their honor by Dr. Ephraim Katzir, President of Israel. Shown from left to right: Tillie Margolis, Malka Mirsky, Toronto; Lynne Milner; Ruth Booth, Windsor; Rhona Blanshuy, Montreal; President Katzir; Ericka Bloom, Montreal; Doreen Bodnoff, Ottawa; Sharon Kaplan, Windsor; Susie Shillow, Vancouver; Miriam Wexler, Winnipeg.

Histadrut Supports Vocational Schools

Perhaps the most important development in Israel's educational system is the growth of the Amal Vocational Network with its 42 schools dotted throughout the length and breadth of the Jewish State.

In providing over 20,000 young people with comprehensive training in close to 100 different trades, Amal is perpetuating the skills required by the modern plants and industries on which Israel depends for its domestic and export trade.

The Canadian Friends of Amal, sponsored by the Histadrut, has long recognized the seriousness of this situation and has made great strides in providing financial resources in the form of scholarships to many of these needy youngsters. In the 42 schools operated in the Amal network some 65% of the student population of over 20,000 are enabled to continue this form of education through bursaries, stipends and scholarships provided by good friends in North America and elsewhere. In some cases the total fees are paid for the four year course by sponsors and in others they are partially subsidized from the same sources. The policy of Amal is to take children from the most impoverished families as a priority, in order that they should have an opportunity to become the skilled citizens of the State, and not a burden on their families or their country.

Our campaign will take place from February 13th to February 28th, 1977. We sincerely hope that the community will respond to our appeal to carry on this most important work.

Mr. S. Mickelson is President of the Edmonton Branch of the Canadian Amal Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Histadrut.

DO YOU HAVE COLOR SLIDES OF JERUSALEM?

If you do, the Canadian Zionist Federation office would like to borrow them and have them reproduced for a slide show on Jerusalem. They will be returned to you as soon as they have been reproduced. If you can assist in this, please call Mr. Roth at the C.Z.F. office at 487-0901.

Community News Questionnaire

1. Where should the MAJOR emphasis of your Community Newspaper be?
(Check one)

- A. Activities of the local Jewish scene _____
 or B. National and International Jewish news _____
 or C. Other (please specify) _____

2. Do you think that special —articles written by local experts in their respective fields should be encouraged?

_____ Yes _____ No

3. Are you satisfied with the present format, contents, and graphics of the Community Newspaper?

_____ Yes _____ No

If no, please explain

4. What members of your family DO NOT read the Community Newspaper?

5. Would you oppose occasional or continuing paid business advertising in the Community Newspaper to help reduce publication costs?

_____ Yes _____ No

6. How often should the Community Newspaper be published? (Check one)

- A. More frequently _____
 B. Less frequently _____
 C. As at present _____
 D. Not at all _____

Please return this completed questionnaire to Mr. Harry Goldberg, Chairman, Publications and Publicity Committee, Community Council, 7200 - 156 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5R 1X3.

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Beginning with this issue, the Community News is being mailed to all Jewish students at the University of Alberta listed in the directory prepared by Hillel.

This is being undertaken at the request of Hillel and accounts for more than one copy of the Community News arriving in some homes.

