Return to Poland Brings Back Rush of Memories

experience for me to once again step upon Polish soil. The last time I was in Warsaw I walked amongst hundreds of thou- were engaged. By that token their fate had been sealed, Nazi sands of Jews, and today only a fraction of them remain. plans envisioned that nobody could remain alive, apart from During our stay, we met with the Jewish Community and themselves of course, who had seen the camp and who could Rabbi, we paid tribute to the heroes of the Warsaw ghetto, and witness the crime of genocide. Inside, the camp was divided a special meeting was arranged for us with the Minister of into two parts. In the first which occupied nearly five-sixths of Culture, 24 intellectuals and the Bishop of Warsaw.

from Warsaw. Much to my surprise my father's bakery is still high hedge and barbed wire fencing gas chambers were standing and operational. Today there is not a trace of a Jew constructed. They had an area capable of accommodating in Otwock, they all perished. Memories of my childhood took more than 2,000 people at one time. us to the school I attended as a youngster and we also visited the house where I was born. What memories I have of this emotional experience in my life.

had not seen each other for 44 years.

*To the memory of my family. My father Shlama Burstyn, my brother Meyer Burstyn who all perished at Treblinka 50 railway station had been made in the ramp inside the camp. years ago on July 22, 1942.

Treblinka

By Isadore Burstyn

the site which became the synonym of cruelty, bestiality and had been prepared for them. martyrdom, the synonym of genocide.

death factory.

to insert pine branches in between the wires. It was made with burning bodies and ashes loomed over the entire area. the view that people would not be able to see what was going

After 44 years it was a very emotional and dramatic been built every several scores of meters. For finishing the interior of the camp only Jewish inmates the entire area, barracks for the Nazi crew, store houses, Otwock, which is the place of my birth is only 20 kilometres gallages and workshops were built. In the second, behind a

The extermination camp in Treblinka was ready in mid-July of 1942. Ever since that day trains carrying people left not only from Poland but also from many countries of the occupied Glupianka, is the village where I was sheltered and found Europe arrived at the ramp in Treblinka. Here it was a terminal good, humane people. They gave me a job as a shepherd and station for them, in the exact horrible meaning of that word. kept me hidden from the Germans for 5 years. The woman's The perthity of Nazi criminals reached its peak in Treblinka. daughter Gienia met me at the Warsaw airport upon my. They did everything they could to deceive and mislead the arrival. This was a tremendously emotional moment since we victims doomed to death as to the real reason for their arrival here. In it they had a double objective. Firstly, misleading the victims nearly totally excluded the possibility of a mutiny and secondly, a factor of major importance in the Nazi practice my mother Necha Burstyn, my brother Chaim Burstyn and that it did not disturb the cause of extermination. A fictitious There were arrows here which showed the alleged ways in and out to other platforms, to waiting rooms, snack bars, booking offices, and other station facilities to completely Isadore Burstyn places a wreath on the site of the gas chamconfuse people brought here. There were also doors and exits bers at Treblinka Look around, Look at that stone forest which surrounds but all of them led in one direction only, to the gas chambers, you. You are on the site of one of the biggest crimes ever to crematoria, to death. That was also a part of that perfidious Factory". The Nazi plans also included the appropriate safecommitted in the history of mankind. This soil covers the camouflage. Many transported especially from the west of guarding of the victims property. Clothing, shoes, furs and ashes of 800,000 people. Nazi victims from Poland, Austria, Europe arrived in Treblinka in a passenger train. The victims other valuable things were carefully selected by special groups Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Yugo- whose fate had been forejudged were given slips of paper with of inmates whose lives were pardoned for the time being. They slavia, Germany and the Soviet Union. You are on the site of numbers of non-existant hotels, buildings, rooms. Only be- collected jewelry, took off rings from the fingers of those murthe former Nazi extermination camp in Treblinka. You are on hind the door of the gas chamber the victims realized what fate dered and extracted their golden teeth. All that was then transported to the Reich.

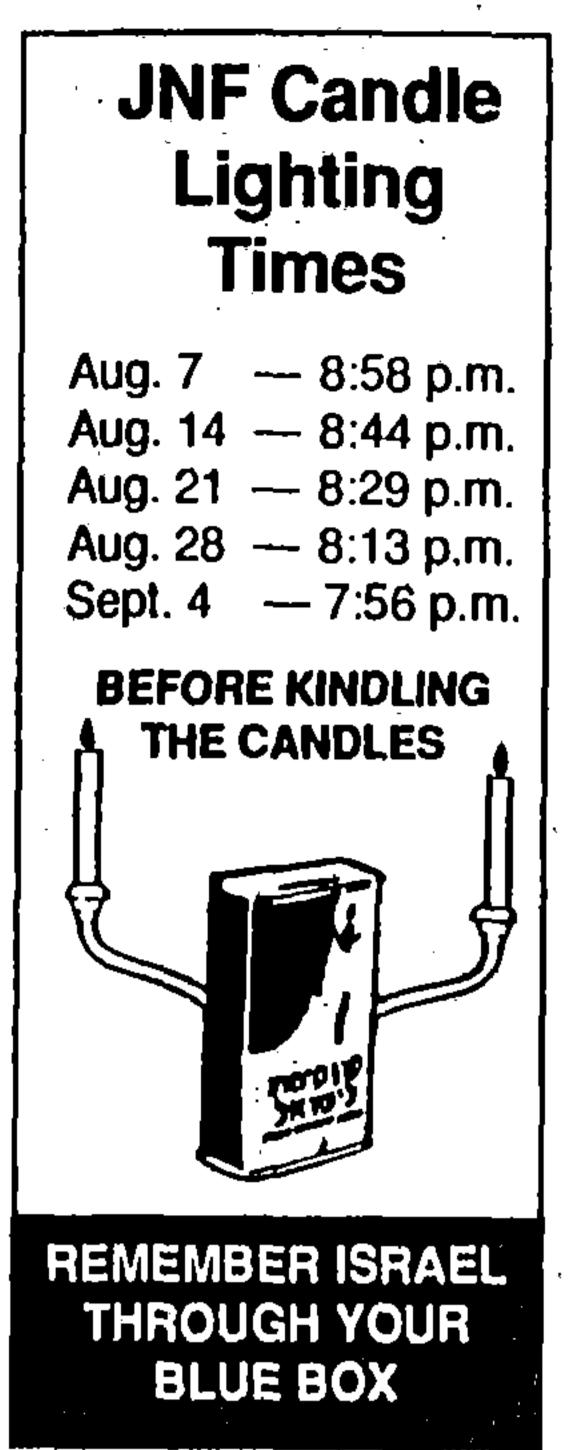
After the arrival of the transport the women and men were According to the railway consignment lists which form During the Nazi occupation of Poland the word Treblinka unloaded separately. Immediately after the separation all only a part of the camps documentation, it has been stated that had a particularly ominous meaning. It meant only one thing, victims were ordered to strip naked. Loud speakers announced between the 2nd and the 21st of September, 1942, as many as death. In the genocidal system of the Third Reich this camp that everybody was going to take a bath and would afterward 200 goods wagons loaded with shoes and clothing were sent placed a special realm. Here the system of exterminating receive new clothes and documents. Meanwhile the old docu- to the Reich from Treblinka. More or less, every two weeks people was nearly perfect. The victims had only a short time ments together with money and jewelry had to be deposited. special trucks left Treblinka loaded with boxes full of jewels, of life ahead of them. Two hours after unloading the transport In the case of men, ten minutes were scheduled for stripping gold, foreign currencies, watches and other valuable things. on the ramp human bodies were already burning in the ditches and reaching the gas chambers. For women, prior to being Treblinka functioned for a comparatively short time, from of death. Time was not measured here by clocks. In Treblinka murdered they had their hair cut off for the needs of the July, 1942, to August, 1943, but more than 800,000 people it was measured by the thousands of human beings gassed in German industry, fifteen minutes were scheduled. Then the perished there. Treblinka passed down in history as one of the chambers and burned to death at the stakes. Hours were whole transport composed of naked men, women and children most horrible places of Nazi genocide. But not only that, on changed into hundreds and thousands of exterminated vic- was herded to the gas chambers. They were told of course that the 2nd of August, 1943, an armed mutiny of inmates broke tims. Black smoke raised to the sky every day. The glow of they were going to bathrooms. In the gas chamber the inmates out. It had been prepared and planned well in advance. The stakes of human bodies could be seen every night. This is how had to stand with their hands up. In this way the gas chamber opportunity came on that August day. A few of the survivors Treblinka worked. Hastily, feverishly, tirelessly, a horrible could accommodate a bigger number of people at one time. managed to sneak into the armory taking out a certain number of guns, pistols and some hand grenades. Shooting started at Children were thrown in on top of the thronged adults. It was set up in late Autumn of 1942 as the second penal Gasification lasted about fifteen minutes, then the door was 3:45 p.m. and spread quickly all over the camp. Eighty five labour camp next to the one which had already existed in opened and a detachment of Jewish prisoners removed the Nazi guards and eight hundred Jewish workers died in the Treblinka. It was just inmates of that camp who were used for bodies preparing a place for the next victims. Exhaust fumes fighting. Only some two hundred inmates managed to escape the construction of the later extermination plant bearing the produced by engines were installed in a special building used from the burning Treblinka. Many of them died in fighting name of Treblinka II. At that time nobody knew what role was for killing. Bodies of the victims were next transported by the with the Nazis who gave hot pursuit. After the mutiny the assigned by the Nazis to that camp and Treblinka II was to inmates detachments to a place where special steel grates were camp in Treblinka started to be liquidated. In November, serve the implementation of Nazi plans of what was known as installed. Wood was put on top of each layer of bodies, petro 1943, the camp practically ceased to exist. Gas chambers were the final solution to the Jewish problem in Europe. It was was spilled and a fire set. This was in the first stage of destroyed, wooden barracks dismantled and facing taken off. precisely here where the insane and criminal decisions of Nazi Treblinka's existence. Later, as the number of people sched- The camps area covering ashes of hundreds of thousands of so called ideologists concerning the total extermination of the uled to be buried everyday increased, the grates were not people was partly plowed and young trees were planted.

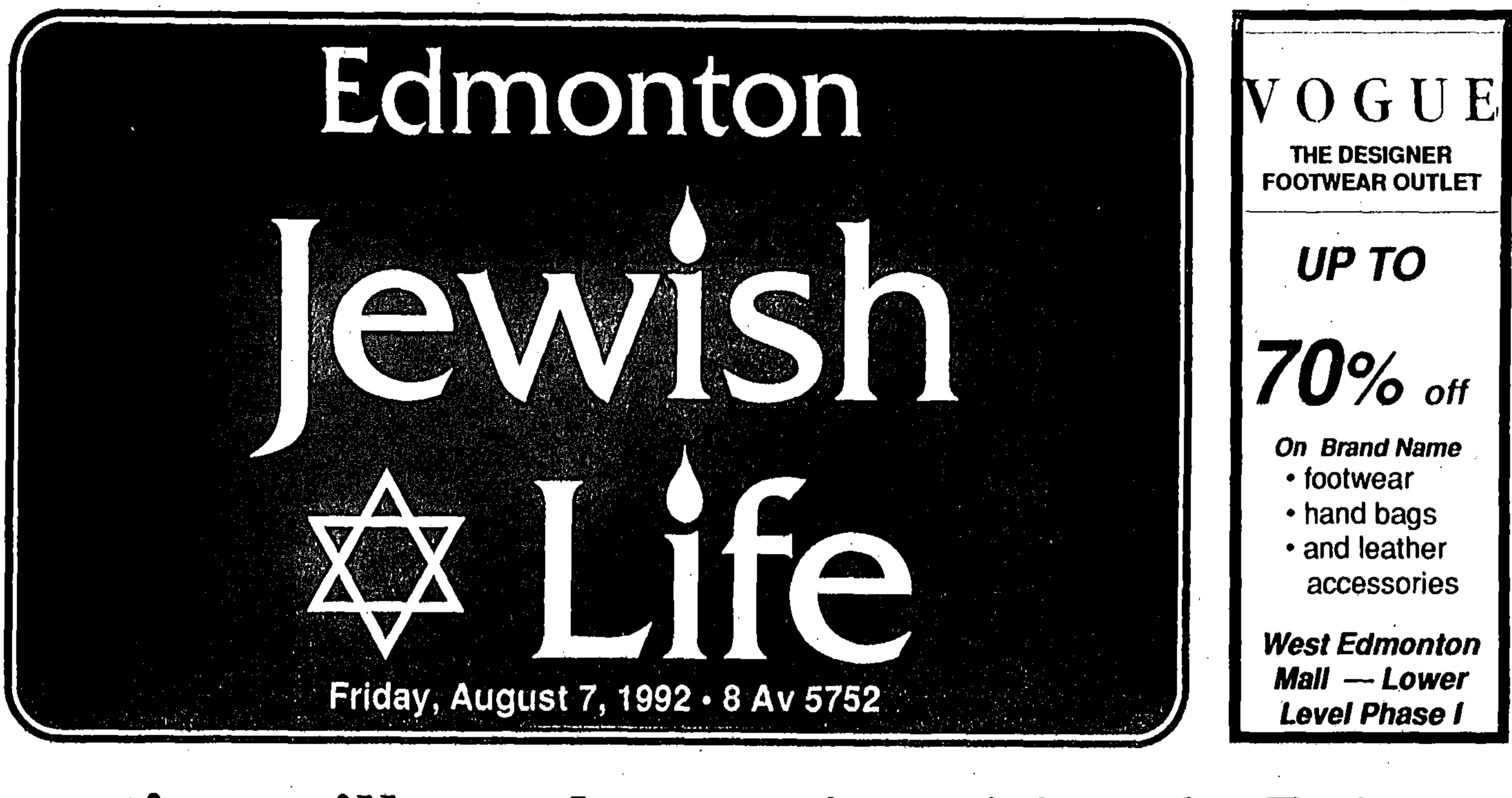
Jewish nation were implemented. The new camp had a fifteen enough anymore. Then an enormous ditch was dug in the Treblinka, the small station somewhere among the woods and a half hectare area. It was surrounded by more than five camps area for throwing in bodies of the victims. This enormous ceased to exist as a death camp. As a place where the number meters of barbed wire fencing and the inmates were ordered grave burned day and night, never extinguishing. The smell of of people equal to the population of a big town suffered martyrs death. But Treblinka will forever remain the docu-There were days when between fifteen and eighteen thou- ment of Nazi genocide. Treblinka where the soil is seemingly on inside the camp. Apart from that the whole area has been sand people were murdered in the gas chamber and burned. In the same as anywhere else and yet so different. It is soaked surrounded with wire entanglements and watch towers have deed, Treblinka fully corresponded to the notion of a "Death with tears and blood and is a grave of 800,000 people. It is here that we are now on that soil. Just look around, look at that stone forest surrounding you. It is here that all of that happened. It was here that each day thousands of people dicd at the hands of the Nazis. The only fault of those people was that they belonged to a nation, a race which according to the Nazi insane decision was to be totally exterminated. Look at the monument mausoleum. This block of granite resembling a tombstone stands on the spot where during the existence of the camp there were ditches in which bodies of the murdered victims were buried. Just past along those, several thousands of granite posts which form a symbolic cemetery of victims of Nazi barbarity. On many of them there are names of towns where the murdered Jews came from. On others you will see names of states from which transports with Jews came during that tragic time, and when you approach the block of Basalt, be aware that it was here that grates on which human bodies were buried stewed. And when you go along the reconstructed stone road of death be aware that it was just here that hundreds Carly Marine Marine of thousands of people proceeded to meet their death. This road will lead you to city where day and night transports arrived. Just look, concrete thresholds run from the ramp. These symbolize the former railway tracks on which wagons full of victims, children, women, and men rolled. Have a good look and never forget.





The site of the former extermination camp in Treblinka has been commemorated forever by the Council for the Protection of Monuments of Struggle and Martyrdom. It is supported by the entire Polish nation. An eternal homage was paid to all of those whose ashes rest under the concrete slabs of this symbolic cemetery, here among the stone forest in Treblinka. One of the most tragic monuments of martyrdom in Poland. The memory of them is and will still be alive in the minds and hearts of the Polish.





Only education will combat antisemitism in Poland

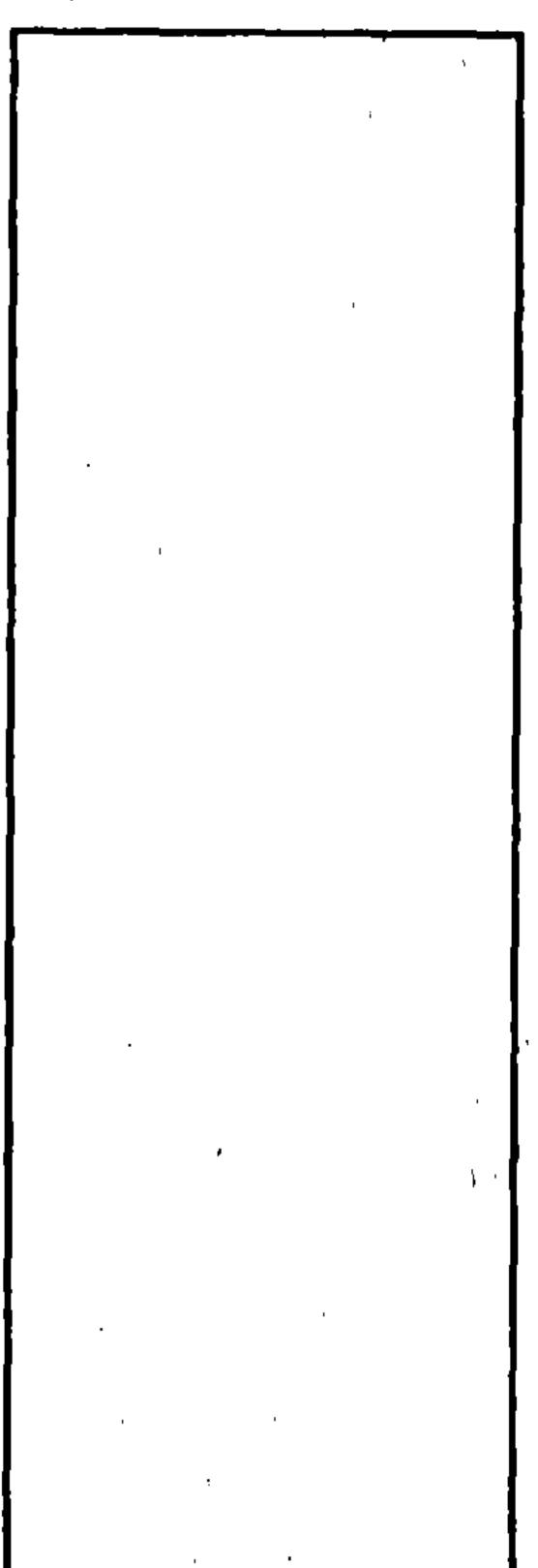
By Carol Ritch

Poland's new consul in Vancouver, Mr. Krzysztof Kasprzyk, says he has personally fought antisemitism "for over 20 years" and claims that school textbooks are being revised to reflect the truths of the Holocaust. However, he also admitted that people in Poland are "busy making ends meet" and in hard times, issues such as antisemitism become less of a priority, dealt with only in intellectual circles.

Mr. Kasprzyk was in Edmonton on July 26 (he is reand the Yukon) to address a ish Consul meeting of the Auschwitz Polish members.

sand Jews in Poland today. did not win any seats. When asked why Jews get However, three students ' Polish nation.

It disturbs him that Poland



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Photo by Carol Ritch sponsible for B.C., Alberta, Mr. Krzysztof Kasprzyk, Pol-

Awareness Society, which is of antisemitism within Eucomposed of both Jewish and rope, and he noted that the neo-Nazi parties which ran There are only a few thou- candidates in the last election

wrong. Mr. Kasprzyk became March of the Living wherever he goes". He re- Linetsky, Hadley Marcus ---sponded that he represents the told of their experiences ----Polish government, not the they spoke of the hostility and bears the brunt of accusations emitic graffiti on walls and gravestones, the bottles --- all just a few months ago.

Some of the Polish-Canadian participants admitted that what they had learned about the Holocaust while young students in Poland was vastly different from what they now have all been recipients. In know to be true history. Sigmund Sobolewski, founder laureate. In Toronto David and coordinator of the Bloom was so honoured. In Auschwitz Awareness Soci- Winnipeg the grand dames ety, on a visit to Poland two Bessie Buchwald and Rose years ago, asked some school Raby have the distinction and children, "What happened to in Vancouver Dena Wosk. It the Jews" The reply, "They is into this illustrious comleft".

lic, spent over 4 years in Auschwitz as a political pris- they are awarded with the oner. Now living in Fort Torch of Learning Award at Assiniboine, Alberta, he has worked for several years to gain official recognition from the Director of the Auschwitz Museum and the Polish Minister of Culture of the obvious the victims of that notorious death camp.



Delicious food, great entertainment and informative displays drew crowds to the Israel exhibit at this year's Heritage Days August 2 and 3rd: Line ups began at 10:00 a.m. for Falafel, Homous with pita, Jerusalem punch, watermelon and other Israeli delicacies. Community volunteers filled positions in the kitchen, taking cash, and helping with set-up and take down. blamed when something goes who participated in the 1992 Coordinator for the Israel exhibit was Yehudit Kam. Maya Goldberg presented a wide array of Israeli dances which included many different styles and costume changes. Dancers this year included Donna Saron, Shai Staav, Temea Chatoni, Irene upset, saying he is "attacked Michael Goldstein, Alex Chatoni, Julius Chatoni, Heather Konn, Miki Kam, Sara Freiman-Bavly, Iris Sharir, Maya Goldberg, Jill Goldberg, Avi Goldberg, Tanya Gordon, Aharon Galil, Kara Halpert, Shari Levine and Gary Nahornick. Kara Halpert and Jill Goldberg **T** represented Israel in the official opening.



onard Bernstein, John Lindsay, Max Kampelman, Nelson Rockefeller, Ronald Reagan, and Frank Church Montreal Allan Bronfman is a pany that Associate Chief Mr. Sobolewski, a Catho- Justice Tevic Miller and Arliss Miller will be inducted when the upcoming Hebrew University of Jerusalem Tribute

> ment of the Associate Chief University of Jerusalem. Cont. on P.2 Scholarship Endowment in Hebrew University have not that is the symbol of the He- tor reported.

Heritage Day Celebrations

tension they felt while in Po-d land, they noted the antis-mitic graffiti on walls and Miller Endowment in Law to be thrown at them, and the antis-emitic slurs shouted at them — all just a few months ago. — all just a few months ago.



Joseph Shoctor

very successful dinner and En- The Millers have been acdowment campaign. Almost tive supporters of Hebrew Uniall of Israel's lawyers, judges versity for the past decade. and political leaders are gradu- The award will be presented at ates of the Hebrew Univer- a dinner in their honour, Ausity. A gift to the University supports its students who represent the future leadership of Israeli industry, commerce, society and culture. In honouring the Millers through the establishment of this Endowment, we are investing in Isracl's growth and develop-

The Endowment being es-

had a major project in Edmon- brew University. Each statuton in a number of years," said ette is numbered and signed Mr. Shoctor. "Already the by Mr. Chaim Gross, the noted momentum is building for a artist who designed the award.

gust 26th at the Westin Hotel.

The guest speaker for the tribute dinner, renowned appeals lawyer and Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz, has been a member of the Law Faculty at Hebrew University. Mr. Dershowitz is the author of Chuizpah, Reversal of Fortune and The Best Defense. tablished by the Edmonton His clients have included Law. The annual interest from community in honour of the Claus Von Bulow, Patricia Joe Shoctor, dinner chair- the Endowment will provide Millers complements the Hearst, Mike Tyson, Leona man, has announced that from yearly scholarship grants to Torch of Learning Award with Helmsely, Natan Scharansky, the Community point of view deserving and promising which they are being recog. Jonathan Pollard and Rabbi the focus of the tribute to the "Miller Scholars" pursuing nized by the University. The Meir Kahane. "The participa---- that Jews made up 90% of Millers will be the establish- legal studies at the Hebrew Award is in the form of a tion of a speaker of this calibre handsome bronze statuette of is also generating consider-Justice Tevic and Arliss Miller The Canadian Friends of the a young man holding the Torch able enthusiasm," Mr. Shoc-

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By Neil Loomer

For those of us who participated in the Edmonton UJA or family background. Mission to Israel, June 1-12, The tour certainly gave us the most asked question has an opportunity to see all as- the Dead Sea, Massada, the $\frac{1}{2}$ been "What was the highlight peets of the country in a short springs at Ein Gedi, the Jorof the trip?" Of course each of 12 day period. the 16 people who toured the Some of my highlights the Galil.



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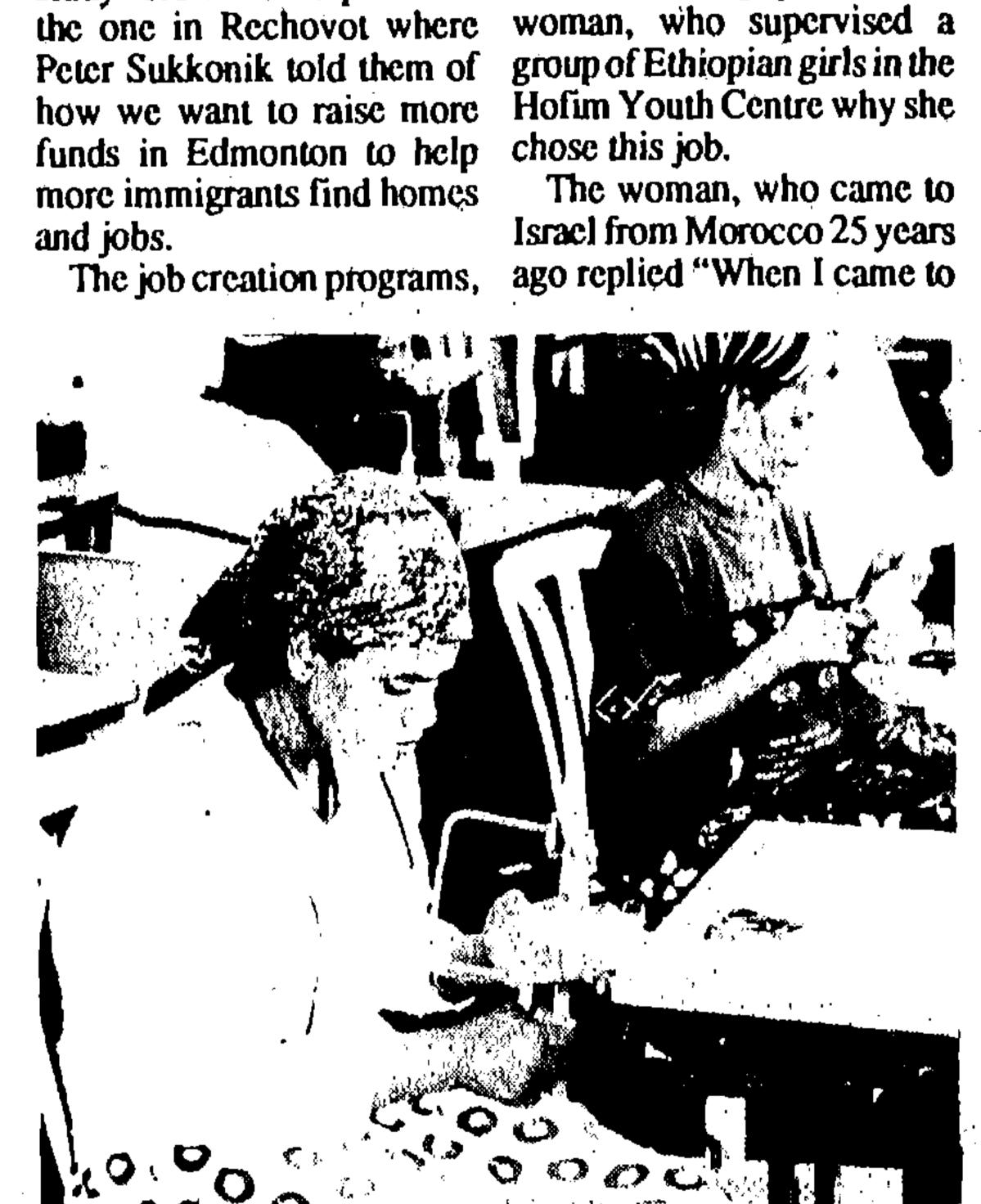
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rockets.

I'll remember floating in dan River, the lush fields of

country would give different would include walking to the But as I continue to reflect wailing wall for Shavuot on the tour, as I flip through services at 4:30 in the morn-over 200 photos that I took, it ing and then davening with is not the land, the religious Eric Shloss and an Israeli sites, or buildings that catch congregation. I remember my eye. It is the faces of the standing at former Syrian gun new Israelis that I remember. Peter Sukkonik talks to olim about life in Canada and fundraising efforts in the Jewish positions at the top of the Ethiopian women learning to Golan Heights and seeing how make jewelry, while babies community vulnerable Israeli settlers were are cared for in day care Ulpans, day care centres and this country I was helped, now ment will live up to their elecwhile working in the fields centres funded by Canadians. schools depend on the gov- it is my turn to help them". tion promises to create more below. Canada Centre in The sparkling faces of Ethio- ernment, the Jewish Agency, Today's newspapers and opportunities for immigrants. Mettulah has greatly im- pian boys and girls always and other diaspora organiza- T.V. news show us the trag- Better relations with the proved the quality of life for smiling at us during our visit tions for funding. But the edy of Croatians and Mus- U.S. will renew the chance Israelis on the Lebanese bor- to Hofim, north of Haifa, money would be wasted if it lims from Yugoslavia being for loan guarantees. der who have spent many where they spend a year learn- were not for the administra- turned away from safety in ing Hebrew and adapting to tors, teachers and volunteers other countries. Only Ger- participants will share my Israeli society. Immigrants who run the programs. We many so far has accepted large feelings that one of the highfrom Russia anxious to suc- saw no resentment in these numbers of refugees. ceed in a free country work people who try to fulfill the Israel has received hundreds front line workers who are hard in a kibbutz shoe factory, near impossible task of set- of Croatian Jews. Israel will helping to fulfil the dream of knowing that government and tling 400,000 Soviets and keep its borders open. An- every Jew to return to their the Jewish Agency are busy 40,000 Ethiopians in a new other story in this issue tells of homeland. Our goal now is to creating new opportunities for country. We only saw love the frustrations that have help them continue their work small business and entrepre- and admiration for people who occurred in the Jewish Agency and ensure that Israel is strong neurs. More recent arrivals chose to return to their land — due to cash shortages. Per- and safe for ourselves and our study Hebrew in Ulpans like Israel. Len Dolgoy asked one haps the new Labour govern- children.



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Ethiopian immigrant learns to make jewellery in Jerusalem

Only education will combat antisemitism

almost single handedly under-Mr. Sobolewski, who has taken the improvement of Polish-Jewish relations in Alberta, believes that the Polish Catholic Church bears much responsibility for their lack of action during the Holocaust. Nor, he says, have they ever shown any contrition, While Mr. Kasprzyk says that he has not heard any expressions of antisemitism from the Polish clergy, Mr. Sobolewski maintains that there are still those in the church there who do not want dialogue with

> Though examples of good relations between Poles and Jews were cited — Isadore Burstyn had his life saved by a Polish family during the Holocaust, (yet he could not bring himself to return to Poland until 1990) - both sides acknowledge that only intensive education will eradicate a centuries-old problem.



Mikhail Gorbachev plants a tree in the Jewish National Fund's sitive to the special needs and announcement of our first Peace Forest flanked by JNF world chairman, Moshe Rivlin position of young Jewish men function in the near future. We and mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek.

Gorbachev plants a UJA; and (3) to foster the attend. You can learn a bit tree in the Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest year by Nancy Elman and Louise Macrov.

"Planting a tree is too serious a matter to be disturbed by posing," responded Mikhail Gorbachev to the many photographers who asked him to raise his head from his work and pose ORT closing for a picture in Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest in Jerusalem. The former leader of the Soviet Union gave his full attention to the task of expertly setting a sapling into the Jerusalem soil during his recent visit to Israel.

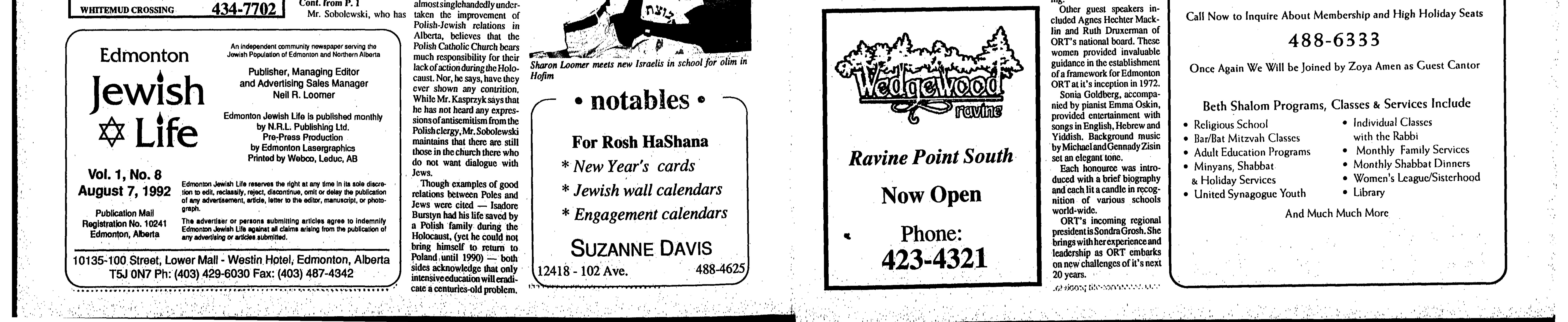
Also participating in the tree planting ceremony were mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek and Jewish National Fund World chairman Moshe Rivlin.

Gorbachev would not settle for a symbolic gesture, but got down to the real job at hand and planted his tree "like a real farmer", according to Rivlin. Gorbachev was not done until he celebrated it's 20th anniverhad watered the sapling and then went to help Raisa, his wife, complete the planting of hers.

Teddy Kollek explained to the guests that for each child born in Jerusalem, a tree is planted in the JNF's Jerusalem Forest by the municipality and the certificate is sent to the family.

Mr. Rivlin presented tree planting certificates to the Gorbachevs who were visibly moved. This makes them a part of the long list of illustrious guests who have planted trees in JNF Forests, including kings and queens, prime ministers and government representatives, scientists, musicians, sportsmen and more.

On their travels throughout the country, the Gorbachevs had many opportunities to see JNF work: in desert afforestation work throughout the Negev, in land reclamation such as at Kibbutz Ein Gedi along the Dead Sea and in the preparation of land for immigrant housing in towns all over the country.



Young Men's Division of

By Ellery Lew

The newly reconstituted Young Men's Division of the on Thursday, June 25, 1992. United Jewish Appeal Cam- The Young Men's Cabinet inpaign has taken its first baby cludes: Chairman — Stephen steps on the road to becoming Mandel, Marty Zell, Harry a vital community institution. Kipnes, Steve Livergrant,

UJA has recently sanctioned Grant Vogel, Ellery Lew, the reformation of this branch David Superstein, Morris with a mandate to educate and Grojecki, and Randy Soifer. target young Jewish men in The immediate goal has our community between the been to educate the commuages of 18 and 45. Stephen nity about the group and to Mandel has been charged with plan our first function. Of both the duty and honor to course, input in planning funcdirect the formation of this tions or on any aspect of UJA

group are three fold: (1) to the UJA office. provide an interest group sen- You can expect to seen an in our community; (2) to edu- encourage all young men becate young Jewish men about tween the ages of 18 and 45 to growth of new UJA leader- about our community, our

Young Women's Division ting. with a similar mandate which has been functioning for several years, and is directed this

luncheon honours founders

Edmonton Women's ORT sary with a scholarship lunch-' eon June 28th at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. The " special event honoured founding members past and present.

Attendees were addressed by Nicholas Ameyaw of the Alberta Department of Multiculturalism. Mr. Ameyaw emphasized that good citizens are the result of skills which come from training. Edmon-" ton ORT is part of the vision of "ORT which makes possible vor 900 schools worldwide which provide such skills train-

Other guest speakers included Agnes Hechter Macklin and Ruth Druxerman of ORT's national board. These women provided invaluable guidance in the establishment of a framework for Edmonton ORT at it's inception in 1972.

Sonia Goldberg, accompanied by pianist Emma Oskin, provided entertainment with songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. Background music by Michael and Gennady Zisin set an elegant tone.

Each honource was introduced with a brief biography and each lit a candle in recognition of various schools world-wide.

ORT's incoming regional president is Sondra Grosh. She brings with her experience and leadership as ORT embarks on new challenges of it's next 20 years.

we also to blo-son that and a

So, if you could use some intellectual stimulation; if you are tired of television re-runs and need a shot of social and cultural interaction, come check out the Young Men's Division of United Jewish Appeal.

A recreated

The Young Men's Division had its first Cabinet meeting is encouraged and can be di-The purposes of this new rected to Stephen Mandel or

institutions, and others, in a There already exists a comfortable and social set-

But this is not all work. We intend to have fun too.





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Every Saturday afternoon I host an open line talk show on 930 CJCA.

Usually my topics are of the lighter fare.

The discussions are about vacations, music, television or six) white papers of June 3, junk mail, however a few weeks ago I spent an hour discussing 1922, effectively ended the the outcome of the Jim Keegstra trial. The comments made by hope of a Jewish State under many of the callers on my show as well as on other CJCA open the British mandate. It also line shows lead me to believe that we need to spend more time caused a continuous Arabon Holocaust education for the general community and not just Jewish confrontation in Palesour own.

I do not question the funds used to subsidize expenses for has been drawn to the Holy-March of the Living participants or Yom Ha'Shoah com- Land through two motives: memorations. From articles written by our students who took Religious and Political. One part in the March we know that what they learned and saw will stay with them forever and they will be invaluable resources for our community now and in the future.

Albertans I suggest that we may want to consider allocating The defence of the Suez Ca- Balfour as foreign secretary

Because of an order by the appeal judge in Red Deer little of oil fields. able to avoid another 4 months of the revisionistic drivel that help of the Jews) entered of Nations. Jim Keegstra passed off as fact to his unsuspecting Eckville Jerusalem in 1918, succeed- The mandate system was set purpose was the establishment allowed the British to remove High School students. Fortunately Keegstra was again con- ing where Richard the Lion- up after W.W.I. by the League of a national home for the TransJordan from the Jewish victed of willfully promoting hate against the Jewish people Hearted (with no Jewish help) of Nations for the administra- Jewish people in Palestine. Homeland and become the and was fined \$3000 or 90 days in jail.

We have now learned that Mr. Keegstra plans to appeal his days troubles were planted Empire. Its purpose was to tion of "the historical connec- putes and partitions in Palesconviction. Lawyer Doug Christie who has previously de- long before the founding of prepare the countries to be able tion" of the Jewish people with tine. fended Keegstra as well as other hate mongers Malcolm Ross

and Emest Zundel is expected to once again act on his behalf. Once again members of our community who survived the Holocaust and/or lost loved ones will be subject to debate on the airwaves and in newspaper letters columns on not only Keegstra's innocence but whether or not the events we know are factual even took place.

Among the issues our community's leadership should be prepared to comment and act on are as follows.

The cost of legal proceedings

In this year of Novatel and MLA expense disclosures there lations, I was distressed by its dialogue is apparently not responsibility" for the Holo- sees in this exchange, but it is little patience among some in the general public to continue manner. I expect a response to granted to me. I am not even caust. But how can Jews dia- becomes disrespectful when to persecute at public expense a man who some consider has my ideas, but not to have ac- allowed to disagree with Franz logue with Christians without participants become personal "suffered enough". We must let the public know that there is no tions and attitudes attributed Rosenweig's motivation, these elements? Indeed, the targets of negative innuendo

price too high to pay for the truth. If the 1985 guilty verdict to me that are alien to my being then accused of disre- Catholic historian Malcom and intemperate and unwhich was overturned due to a technicality was left to stand, beliefs as a scholar. I stand by spect for the dead. It does not Hay in his book Thy Brother's founded accusations. future historians could have use this case as proof that Keegstra's what I wrote in my previous occur to Dr. Landy that dis- Blood, places a heavy onus on Dr. Landy was offended by teachings were correct. The costs involved in the next appeal reply. Let us examine Dr. agreement and difference do Christianity for laying a foun- my response and this was not will be due to Mr. Keegstra's refusal to accept the verdict of a Landy's current comments: not mean disrespect. jury of his peers which he approved. Freedom of Speech

Many people including Jewish civil liberties spokespersons argue that there should be no controls on what a person can say or print. We should remind these people that Keegstra's teachings were in a high school class where there was no opportunity to question him. Students who made the effort to research information on Jews and the Holocaust in respected the view that Christian-Jew- Christians must learn to re- its theological implications, discuss the matter and clarify publications had their essays returned with failing grades and ish theological dialogue, es-spect Jews is as unwarranted Jews and Christians cannot our views. We may not agree, a suggestion that they be rewritten using notes from Keegstra's pecially relating to a "comple- as it is untrue. I have the right dialogue and be unmindful of but at least we will know where materials and lectures. This country's freedom of speech mentary" relationship, as I to address hurts and injustices these shared elements of our each of us stand on the topic. legislation does not permit spreading hatred against identifiable groups.

Holocaust Information

Years of education and commemoration of the events of the matter does not give him and injustices done to them. Nazi era have made Jews aware of the tragedy. Our community grounds to claim that I am This also is not disrespect. as well as others has had displays of photos and journals which against dialogue in general and My views about Christianoffer proof that the events took place. Many of us have visited to claim that I teach this to my ity are most recently reflected Yad VaShem in Jerusalem. We have March of the Living. We students at the Faculty of in the article "Helga's Dihave community members who bear the physical and emo- Education. What nonsense. lemma. The Dark Side of tional scars of concentration camp incarceration. Despite this Second, Dr. Landy places Kohlberg, "(Social Education callers phoned in to question the numbers killed, the existence himself in a very weak posi- January, 1991) and editorial of gas chambers, the participation of non-Nazi collaborators, tion. He claims we can learn comments on crucifixion and and the motive of Jews in keeping the memory of the Holocaust from each other. But that does resurrection in Canadian Soalive. One caller questioned how 6,000,000 could die in a 4 year span. "That's 4000 people per day, 7 days per week," he boasted, proud of his mathematical ability. "Impossible" he said, "the numbers are exaggerated." We know that unfortunately they are not. When 800,000 died in Treblinka alone in a 13 month period (2000 per day) we know these numbers are **ROLLINGHER** possible

The gentile community cannot conceive that an atrocity like this could take place in modern times.

I urge our community leaders to immediately examine our Holocaust education programs. Jewish youth must know the facts but let's not just preach to the converted.

Calgary uses Yom HaShoah to present educational programs in high schools and Mount Royal College. Let's learn from them. Spokesman should be ready to call or write the media when revisionists are allowed to speak or print letters unchallenged. A permanent Holocaust educational display should be built. Such a display is part of the Vancouver JCC's. expansion plans.

We cannot take knowledge of the Holocaust among the general population for granted. While some like Jim Keegstra have their own twisted agonda for denying its existence, others simply question our motives and the numbers that seem impossible to believe.

If we do not educate them with the truth than we will continue to suffer at the hands of those who educate with lies. a set a Nell-Lowner a set a set a set a set a set a



Abraham Goldberg

Winston Churchill's first (of tine. From early times Britain Mannay No. has a consience owed to the • people of the bible, the other After reading and listening to comments by non-Jewish was the strategy of empire: the modern State of Israel, A.J. more funds and energy on holocaust education towards them. nal, the road to India and the was the begetter of the decla- Syria ended in 1932 & 1936 that converting the country as ration which he was to sign, respectively. The mandate for a whole into a Jewish National the daily transcripts of the trial made it into the press. We were General Allenby (with the and was adopted by the League Palestine differed from the Home. This interpretation not

By Dr. Joseph Kirman When I read Dr. Landy's agree with each other's ideas. chooses not to respond to the are often essential elements to reply to my response to his. We are entitled to our differ- relevance of Christian anti- seek the truth or clarify views. ideas on Jewish-Christian re- ences. But this corollary to semitism and the "alleged It is often controversial, as one First, Dr. Landy complains Third, Dr. Landy lends to In 1978 the Cathedral Church have some fundamental difthat I am against dialogue, but paint with a wide brush. To of St. John the Divine in New ferences about the meaning he totally ignores the range of write that there is "a great deal York City convened a sympo- and process of dialogue, I subjects for Christian-Jewish of evidence that Dr. Kirman sium on the Holocaust that invite him to join me for cofdialogue in my response. I am does not respect Christians,", brought together Jewish and fee when we are both on entitled to believe and advance because I emphasize that Christian scholars to examine campus this September, to



The 70th Anniversary of Britain's White Paper



had failed. The seeds of to- tion of the former Ottoman That is related to the recogni- source of all subsequent dis-

By Abraham Goldberg

"To Stand Alone".

Palestine. Until the white paper of 1922 it was obvious that no Arab National rights existed in the Balfour declaration or in the mandate. From then on it was easy for the Arabs to cite the White Papers interpretation of the Balfour Declaration and the mandate to justify their claim for independence in Palestine. The White Paper also introduced the concept of partition referring to the fact that the declaration spoke of founding a The mandates for Iraq and "Home IN Palestine" rather other mandates. Its primary based on reasons, facts or laws

Dialogue and Kespect

defined it in my response, is done to the Jewish people just history. unnecessary. Because I dis- as Natives and Black people Where dialogue is possible, each other. agree with Dr. Landy on this have the right to address hurts BS'D

cial Studies (Summer, 1992). These items are the antithesis of disrespect and complement my system for ethics teaching published by McGill Univer-

Fourth, Dr. Landy claims that I did not address the substance of his article. I have no disagreement with his view that Judaism and Christianity have developed differently and that both have a rich heritage. It was apparent that my disagreement, in particular, was with his use of the term "complementary," which was basic to the substance of his article. Because of that I was quite specific about the definition of "complementary" that I used. Dr. Landy should realize that his writings can be viewed from more than one perspective.

not mean we have to accept or Fifth, I regret that Dr. Landy disagreements and criticisms

dation for Hitler to built upon. my intent. Since we appear to Perhaps we may learn from

בס"ד Will the real Moshiach please stand up

Lately there has been much publicity about the concept of Moshiach, so I therefore felt it appropriate to explain at least briefly what we as Jews be-

The Rambam (Maimonidies) divides moshiach into 2 categories; one who is presumed to be moshiach and one on whom we can say for certain is moshiach. In order for someone to be presumed as moshiach they must meet at least 3 basic criteria.

They must trace their lineage to the House of King David, they must be erudite in the study of Torah, and they one person whom, if that genmust wage the battles of G-d eration merits, will be permiti.e. promote his will now by ted to reveal himself as ingathering the Jewish people moshiach. let us hope and pray from the four corners of the that having been through this earth and rebuild the 3rd and long and difficult exile that we final temple on its place in finally merit to witness speed-Yerushalayim.

Our sages tell us that in each moshiach. and every generation there is



Rabbi Ari Drelich

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Rabbi Ari 4-Torah-4

Edmonton Jewish Life August 7, 1992 p. 5 **Tisha b'Av Liturgy - Finding a Place for the Holocaust**

By Lisa Samin

grotesque tragedy of them all, Tisha b'Av. in the Holocaust, is now find- Israel, the authoritative body tional observance," says Gold- country to commemorate this ing and lamentation." movements.

Liturgy

caust," says Arych Goldberg, congregation."

modem-day events in a relig- requested that kinot be added the Center for Conservative given a renewed impetus to outlook has been that the (WZPS) Throughout his- ious context, each movement to the prayer book for Tisha Judaism in Israel. "At the the commemoration of Is- Temple was destroyed for our tory, calamity and disaster has sought an appropriate b'Av. Israel's Chief Rabbis Center we read a special cu- rael's suffering generally, and sins. Few Jews feel that this is have befallen the Jewish official addition to the moving decided to publish Holocaust logy in memory of the Holo- of this, the culminating trag- true about the Holocaust... people on Tisha b'Av, includ- kinot, or poems of lamenta- kinot separately and distrib- caust, written some 15 years edy in particular... Tisha the relationship of Tisha b'Av ing the destruction of the First tion, written mostly in the ute them to synagogues ago in the style of Tisha b'Av b'Av, as the traditional anni- to the Holocaust is not yet and Second Temple. The most Middle Ages, and read on throughout the country. "*piutim*" - liturgical poetry. versary of the destruction of settled."

"In no way is reading these



(Did You Hear!!!)

Excitement builds at BI Heather Ritch, Oren again... Mazeltov to as Rabbi Asher Vale and Katz, Judy Heilik, Dan Missy and Rod Kirk-Family arrive in Edmonton Levy, Oren Sagee, patrick on the birth of their honour September Sheppard students from Michael Bachu the same 11... Back in town about our comunity continue to day at Beth Israel. the same time will be Beth make us proud. Recogni- August 28 and 29 is the Shalom's Jacob Rosner. tion for excellence goes celebration for Daryll ' Jacob, Sari, Akiva and out to these deserving and Natalie Siemans at Ghetto. Malka spent time in Israel youth: Michael Goldstein, Temple Beth Ora... this summer as well as their Micha Seaberg, Amy Amanda Davies has her other homeland - Brook- Binder, Ben Comer, Ur Bat Mitzvah August 29 Jewry under the Nazis has lyn... Meanwhile, Rabbi Barzel, Robin Camp- at Beth Israel and Liat Ari holds the fort in bell, Rachel Comer, Habinski will chant her Edmonton while he and Jennifer Friedman, haftorah September 5 at Rivka await the birth of Dena Heilik, Ramm Beth Shalom... Leo child number three in late Hering, Seth Margolis, Lyman was inches from August... Belated mazeltovs Anat Ovics, Amy Berg- a hole-in-one at the to Joe Shoctor, winner of a er, Harriet Comer, Maccabi Golf Tourna-Great Canadian Award in Hadley Markus, Tamar ment but maybe he'll Junc... Jean Oshry was Mayer, Shea Pertman, have better luck at the named a winner of an Kinneret Sagee, Ira Talmud Torah Invita-Alberta Achievement Cooper, Cass Litman, tional September 4 at the Award... Zane Feldman Rachel Miller, Uri Links. Organizer Bernie topped a great year when he Peliowski, Gennady Estrin wants golfers of was named to the Order of Ferenbok, Arlo Lit- any or no experience to Canada. Previously, the man, Alisa Mintz, register by calling him at West Edmonton Chrysler Aubrey Uretsky, 433-2091... While her owner was recognized by Michelle Marcus, Maya friends spent the summer the Alberta Motor Dealer's Plotz, Danny Robson, in exciting locales like Association with a lifetime Irena Gerzon, Lianne Red Deer, Starlight, Pa., achievement award and the Kacew, Milana Levin, Baltimore and Israel, Edmonton Oilers, who Vadim Sherman, Adam Amy Berger was home named their most valuable Maerov, Mark Halpert, getting ready for her player award after him... Jacques Katz, Nicole Fringe debut. Amy, the Special winners in our Oshry and Anna Shul- daughter of Ron and community are our youth man... Special congratu- Joanne, stars in a douwho are excelling in acade- lations to Paul Alpern, ble feature titled Neckmics, athletics and service son of Dr. Michael and breaking Car-Hop and in our schools. Among Sylvia Alpern, who was Women in Bed. Watch many we would like to admitted to the bar June for her at the Fringe mention Crestwood's Saul 30... If any names were starting August 15... Warhaft, who won numer- left out, please contact That's it for this month, ous academic awards and us and we'll make sure except to wish a special special recognition for his that proper recognition Refush Shleims to comachievement in a nation- is given next month... munity veteran Nate wide math competition. Lovers of Jewish music Siegel. You should be Other Crestwood winners will be pleased to know healthy for the holiwere: Rachel Mintz, that Boston-based days... Remember to Aaron Slawsky, Sara Safam, featuring former help your favourite char-Amato, Ari Katz, Stephen Edmontonian Joel Suss- ity by sending a New Shafir, Pam Abugov, Sara man, is scheduled for a Year's greeting through Dolman, and David Alka- return appearance March Edmonton Jewish Life lay... Dana Kathnelson 15, 1993 at the Jubilee see the ad on page graduated with honours Auditorium. If you 8...until next month, from McKernan Jr. High... missed them on their last Top Achievers at Parkview visit, you won't want to

include Neri Moss, make the same mistake

By Nachman Ben Chaim

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tional than fundamental."

memorate this, and other, approached the Rabbinate and Pesach Schindler, director of "It will take longer than Is- b'Av. The traditional Jewish land. racl's 44 years to reach a consensus on where this fits into our religious consciousness. It's still too early to tell." The Reform Service

Conversely, the Movement for Progressive Judaism (Reform) in Israel fully integrated the Holocaust into its Tisha b'Av liturgy ten years ago. Identical prayers on both Tisha b'Av and Holocaust Memorial Day start with a list within the week. The Rab- Tammy Swerling, Trevor son Dustin. Proud of tragedies which befell the bi's first service could be Nathan, Simona Fayn- grandparents are Jack Jewish people on Tisha b'Av J' August 15. BI Sisterhood er, Darryl Markus, Ori and Joyce Geffen ... Bar throughout the ages: the dewelcomes the Vales at an Ovics, Ronnie Ploit, and Bat Mitzvahs com-struction of the First Temple afternoon tea August 30 Ron Sela, Ilya Levner, ing up include: Adele in 586 B.C.E; the destruction and the Congregation will Rachel Mandel, and Sacks, August 15 at of the Second Temple in 70 sponsor an Oneg Shabbat in Ron Vinokoor... Ross Beth Shalom and C.E.: the expulsion of the Jews of England, France, Spain and Austria; the beginning of World War I; the forced ghettoization of Poland's Jews and the destruction of the Warsaw

> The service then explains, "The martyrdom of European

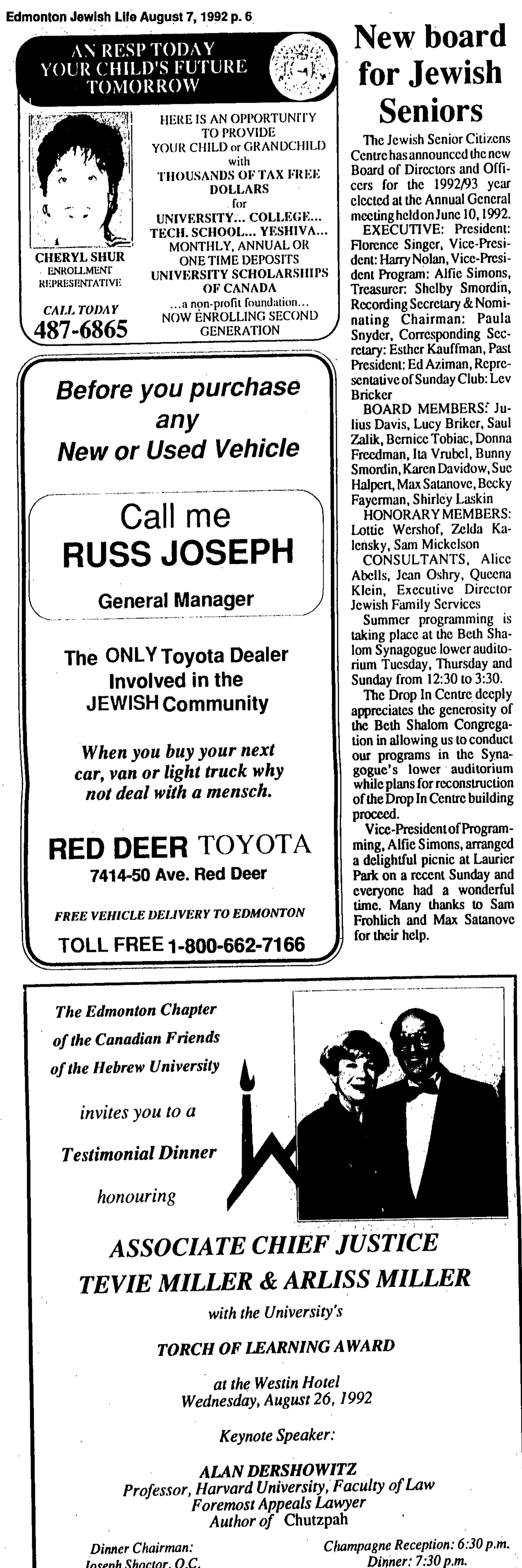
"Since Israel has an official both Temples, has for many

For all its sadness, howthe murder of six million Jews "The Chief Rabbinate of kinot obligatory in the tradi- Holocaust Day for the whole centuries been a day of fast- ever, Tisha b'Av also signifies eternal hope. The destrucing a place in the Tisha b'Av on state religious issues, has berg. "Each Rabbi can decide unfathomable tragedy," Sch- In the "Seasons of Our Joy, tion of the Second Temple led liturgy of Israel's Orthodox, made no formal decision on what to do in his service ac- indler adds, "Its significance A New-Age Guide to the to the birth of the Talmud and Conservative and Reform memorialization of the Holo- cording to the make-up of his on Tisha b'Av is more emo- Jewish Holidays," American a prolific period of rabbinic Jewishauthor Arthur Waskow Jewish thought. The destruc-No Consensus on Holocaust secretary of the Religious Likewise, Israel's Conser- Says Orthodox Rabbi David writes, "For many congrega- tion of European Jewry led to Council. However, he says, a vative Movement has left Rosen, Director of Interfaith tions, however, there is a the establishment of the State Since there is no formal few years ago a Holocaust commemoration to local crea- Relations for the Anti Defa- major problem in connecting of Israel and the return of the consensus on how to com- survivor of Polish descent tive discretion," says Dr. mation League in Jerusalem, the Holocaust with Tisha Jewish people to its home-



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New board for Jewish Seniors

The Jewish Senior Citizens Centre has announced the new Board of Directors and Officers for the 1992/93 year elected at the Annual General meeting held on June 10, 1992.

EXECUTIVE: President: Florence Singer, Vice-President: Harry Nolan, Vice-President Program: Alfie Simons, Treasurer: Shelby Smordin, ' Recording Secretary & Nominating Chairman: Paula Snyder, Corresponding Secretary: Esther Kauffman, Past President: Ed Aziman, Representative of Sunday Club: Lev Bricker

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CONSULTANTS, Alice Abells, Jean Oshry, Queena Klein, Executive Director Jewish Family Services

Summer programming is taking place at the Beth Shalom Synagogue lower auditorium Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 12:30 to 3:30.

The Drop In Centre deeply appreciates the generosity of the Beth Shalom Congregation in allowing us to conduct our programs in the Synagogue's lower auditorium while plans for reconstruction of the Drop In Centre building proceed.

Vice-President of Programming, Alfie Simons, arranged a delightful picnic at Laurier Park on a recent Sunday and cveryone had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Sam Frohlich and Max Satanove for their help.

Dietary Laws Observed



Jean Oshry Honored

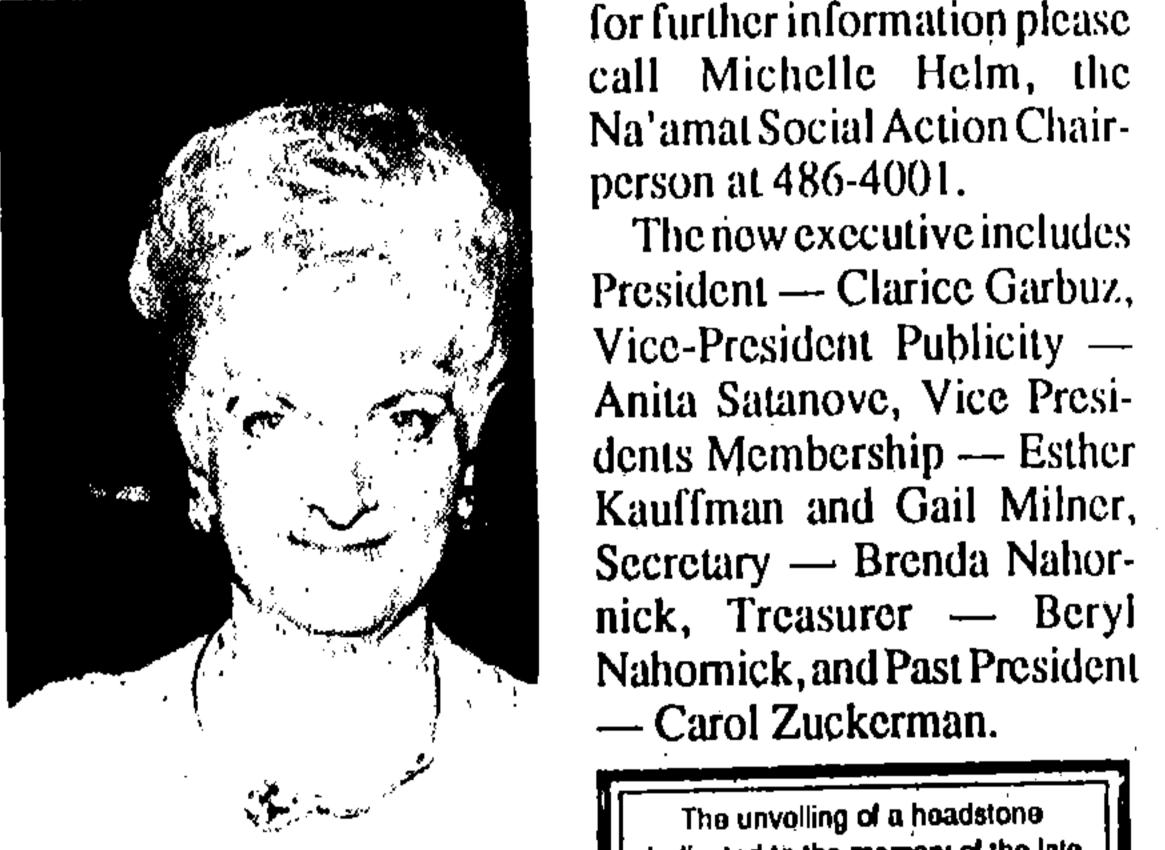
On Sunday, July 19, at the home of Tessa Gordon, National Council of Jewish Women, Edmonton Section, honored Jean Oshry, recipient of the Alberta Achievement Award for outstanding community service. President, Vivian Manasc, and the Board thank all the invited guests who attended and all those who donated funds in support of seniors services and facilities and other National Council projects.



Na'amat's new executive invites you to the Na'amat opening program on August 30th at the Jewish Community Centre. Come and bring a friend. The cost is twelve dollars and includes Brunch. There will be a fashion show with clothes by Coverups and Lady Carmel Fashions. Outstanding volunteers will be recognized, Please R.S.V.P. to Esther Kauffman at 487-0877 or to Gail Milner at 487-0836.

It's The 1990's. Do You **Know Where Your Family**

program on family dysfunc- and strength, and skill buildtion sponsored by Na'amat ing for the healthy family. Edmonton in conjunction with Mark your calenders now. The the Y.W.C.A. Guest speakers program will take place on include: Sari Friedman September 13th the Y.W.C.A. Rosner, a therapist with Jew- 10211 - 105 Street. The proish Family Services, Sherry gram will start at 1 p.m. and Thompson, a private consult- last approximately two hours. ant currently serving as policy consultant with the Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families, and Jason Montgomery, Professor and Associate Dean with the Faculty of Home Economics, Department of Family Studies. There will be a discussion and participatory workshop dealing with various aspects of family life, i.e. family needs and goals, definition of a modern family, family fitness



Clarice Garbuz, new Edmon-The above is the title of a ton Na' amat president

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Radio Ham

By Shoshana Mousalli (JAFI Communications Division)

Michael Komisarchek has made a lot of stint as a radio announcer during the Second ity. World War turned him into an ardent radio enthusiast, giving him a lifelong hobby.

to change the subject to his favorite topic: he is very stubborn. amateur radio. This is clearly a man who He began to talk to people and met Uri in the past.

than his sixty-five years.

look into the possibility of setting up his own able to make his dream a reality. private radio station. To this end, he approached the Nazareth Illit Municipality. Vice wrong. "Michael is a bulldozer," he says. Mayor Edna Rodriquez recalled the meeting. "He's a man who doesn't sit for one minute

"He said he was a radio buff; this had been his hobby in the former Soviet Union, and he wanted to develop his idea in Nazareth Illit. He said he fell in love with the city from the waves since he first came to Nazareth Illit in first day he came here." He then pulled out 1990. The native of Kalynkavychi (near plans and presented his project. She was Chornobyl, in Ukraine) worked as a history impressed and, since then, Michael has enteacher in the former Soviet Union but a brief joyed a close relationship with the Municipal-

The Municipality found Michael a place for enthusiast, giving him a lifelong hobby. Two years ago Michael retired from teach-Two years ago Michael retired from teaching and he, his wife, Lily, and their two sons vided by the Jewish Agency for social projdecided to move to Israel. Today, Michael ects. At first, he used the simple equipment he does not look back. When questioned about brought from the former Soviet Union. But, his life in the former Soviet Union, he is quick says Edna, "When Michael wants something,

prefers to act in the present rather than dwell Malchi, an old-timer in Nazareth Illit, who was also a radio lover. This meeting proved to A short, stocky man with a round, pleasant be fateful. Uri put him into contact with other face, Michael has brown eyes under bushy radio enthusiasts and their organization in black brows and short cropped gray hair. He Israel. He and a few others began to volunteer is energetic and serious and looks far younger at the station and, with the help of donations, they were able to replace their outdated equip-Immediately upon his arrival in Israel, and ment with more sophisticated parts. Uri renot knowing any Hebrew, Michael began to members thinking that Michael would not be

Today, Uri is happy to admit that he was

quietly. He has very little Hebrew, but has no native Israelis. The station is currently in the process of printing I.D. cards which will be problem communicating." Michael and Uri have developed a warm sent to everyone who is in regular radio confriendship and Uri's family has adopted tact with the Nazareth Illit station. Michael Michael. Un describes the bond as akin to a hopes to expand these activities and thereby father-son relationship. "With my own father, make Nazareth Illit's name know to more and more radio enthusiasts around the country and I'm not as close as I am with him."

Michael has established contact with radio around the world. Eventually, he would like to clubs all over the world and once made it have a larger station, and offer courses free of possible for Israelis to talk to their children charge to immigrant children. who were part of a scout delegation visiting Nazareth Illit has absorbed 10,000 immi-Russia, and who had been unable to contact grants from the now-independent republics their parents by phone or fax. But by far the of the former USSR, since January, 1990, in most dramatic broadcasting occurred during addition to Ethiopian and other immigrants, the attempted coup in the former Soviet Union and has seen a 40% increase in its overall last year. Michael was able to keep abreast of population. Vice Mayor Edna Rodriquez notes events there via the radio club in Moscow that Michael's successful absorption speaks whose members were in touch with Russian well for the town. But she believes that people President, Boris Yeltsin. Municipal absorp- like Michael Komisarchek may be doing more tion coordinator Roman Kaitz noted that for Israel than Israel can do for them. "He is a Michael was at the station" day and night" model of integration. he cares. He has contribduring the coup. "It was a very exciting time." uted to Nazareth Illit, in terms of publicity and Today, Michael directs a radio club and awareness. And he has other ideas and projteaches morse code to young immigrants and ects. This is just the beginning."

garnets include Rhodolite, (a deep red) and Today's informed consumer is falling in Tsavorite (a green colour), Garnet was said to love again with coloured gemstones. Their give its wearer guidance in the night, allowing beauty and durability makes them a sensible him to see when others couldn't. Noah report-

Jade — The "Jewel of Heaven" had been treasured for thousands of years for its beauty and durability. Its polish and brilliant hues are said to represent virtue and humanity. The \mathbf{k} terms "imperial jade", "gem jade" and "emerald jade" are frequently used to describe jadeite that is intense emerald green and semitransparent. Other colours of jade include magnificent green stone can be worn with white, and shades of green, yellow, lavender \mathbf{x}

for jewellery and ornamental objects. Lapis is Ruby — The dramatically beautiful red seen cut in dome shapes or carved in beads birthstone for July. Many carly cultures val-and strung with gold beads or pearls for rich Λ

desire. One of the toughest and more durable colour, opal exhibits flashes of different colgems known, it is also among the most scarce. ours called "play of colour". This birthstone Sapphire — The gemstone for those born of October was falsely portrayed in an 18th in September. Many people are only familiar century novel as bringing bad luck. Actually, with blue sapphires, yet, these wonderful gems it has been a treasured gem since early Roman

> Peridot — The August birthstone has a delicate spring-time lime green colour. Legpirate band's secret treasure trove. It was also considered a powerful amulet against all evil.

Topaz — The birthstone for November, powdered topaz was considered a cure for Amethyst --- Durable enough to be worn insomnia. It gave its owner faith and charity, pins. Its sherry colour is so described because Aquamarine — The birthstone of March, it catches light like sherry in a crystal glass. the colour of aquamarine ranges from nearly Topaz may also be found in blue, pale green

stone. A durable stone in relatively abundant Citrine — Often mistakenly labelled To- supply, tourmaline is both beautiful and af-

Zircon — The birthstone for December — Citrine alternates with Topaz as the Novem- this fiery stone promises riches, wisdom and honour. It comes in a variety of colours in-Garnet — Available in all colours except cluding yellow, orange, green, blue, brown,

about coloured gemstones

What you should know

Why coloured gemstones?

fashion investment. The romance and legend edly hung a large garnet in the ark for illumi associated with these gemstones gives them a nation. universal fascination and nothing expresses one's individuality so impressively as a unique coloured gemstone.

The big three

By far the most popular and well known coloured gems are Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire.

Emerald — The May birthstone. This many different outfits and is suitable for all and blue. occasions. Emerald is said to help foretell the Lapis lazuli — Lapis lazuli was in vogue in future and strengthen one's memory and its Egypt as far back as 3,000 B.C. It was, and still colour is considered the most soothing, restful is, valued for its rich shade of blue and used colour to the eye.

ued ruby more than any other gemstone. It is contrast. supposed to end lovers' disputes and rekindle Opal — Seen as white, black or grey in

come in every colour of the rainbow, giving a times, and was a favourite of Queen Victoria. variety of colours from which to choose. Sapphire symbolizes truth, sincerity and constancy.

The rainbow of coloured gemstones

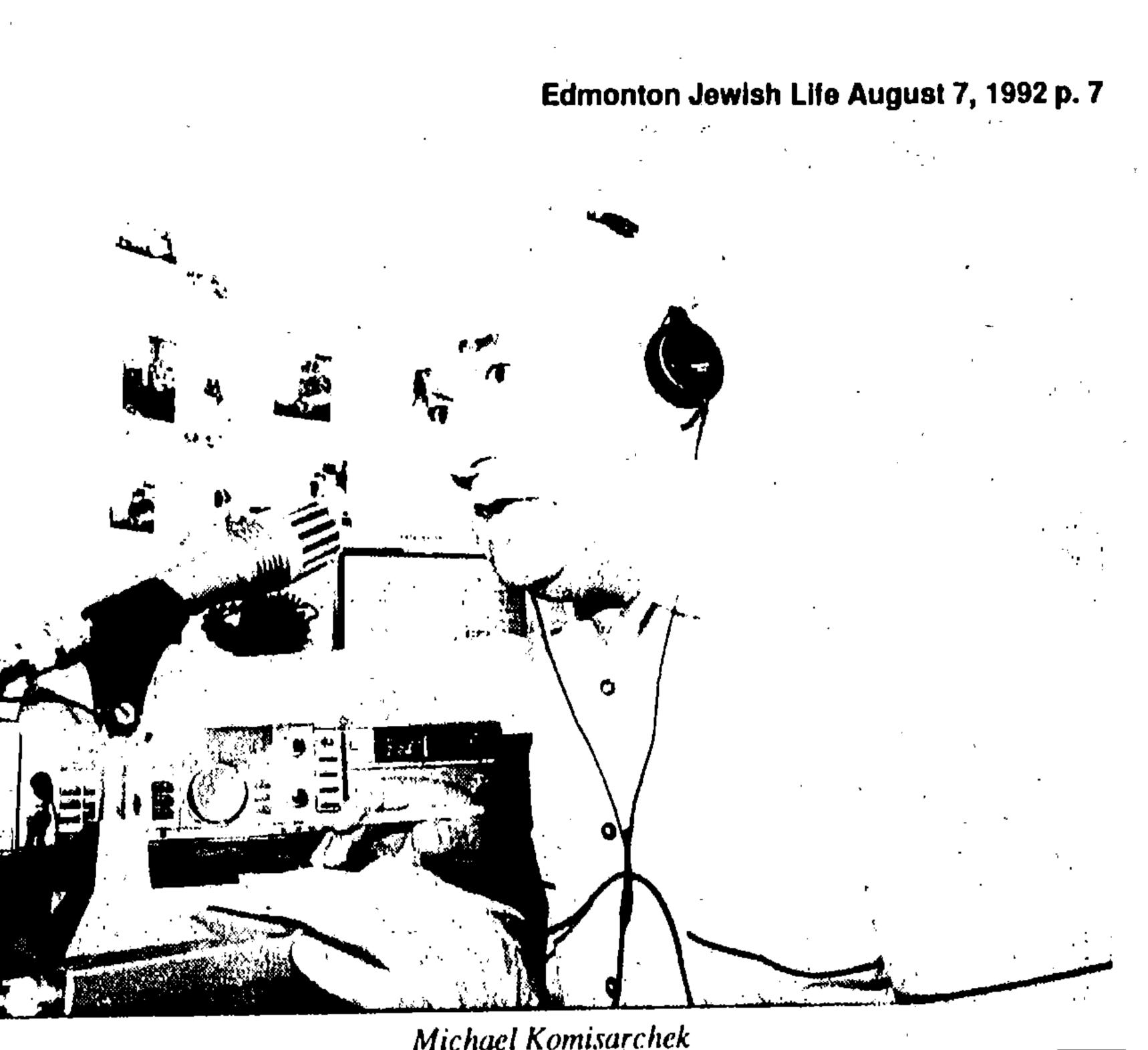
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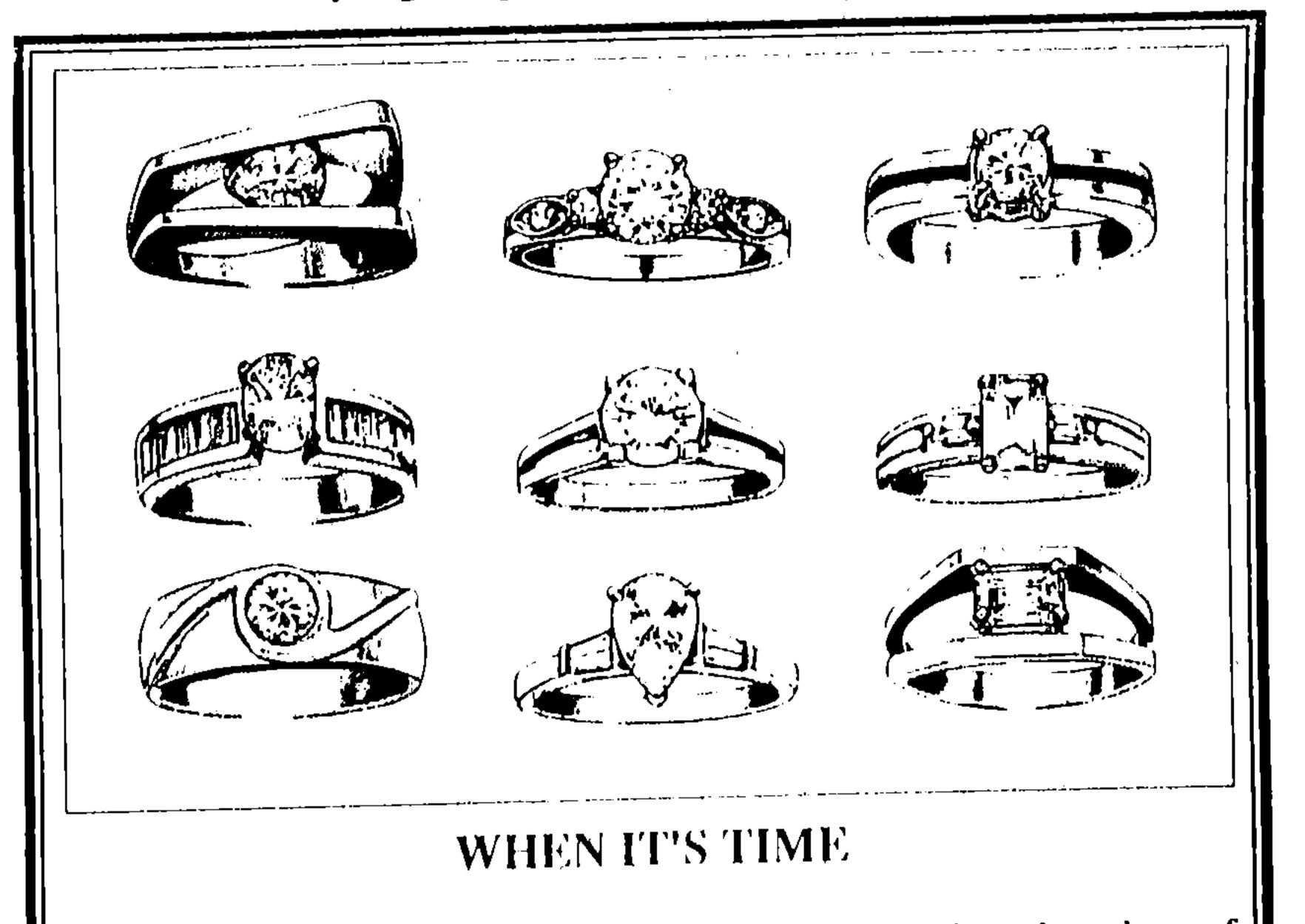
every day, its colour ranges from pale lilac to and symbolized true friendship, lasting love, deep violet. Amethyst symbolizes protection, intelligence and beauty. Today, this elegant peace and tranquility and is the February stone is set into pretty rings, pendants and birthstone.

colourless with just a hint of blue, to an and violet. intense, deep blue. Historically, it was cher- Tourmaline — This is perhaps the most ished by both the ancient Egyptians and Greek colourful of gemstones, as it is available in cultures. Aquamarine is thought to bring almost any colour and sometimes as many as courage to its wearer and to help establish two or three colours exist in the same cut happy marriages.

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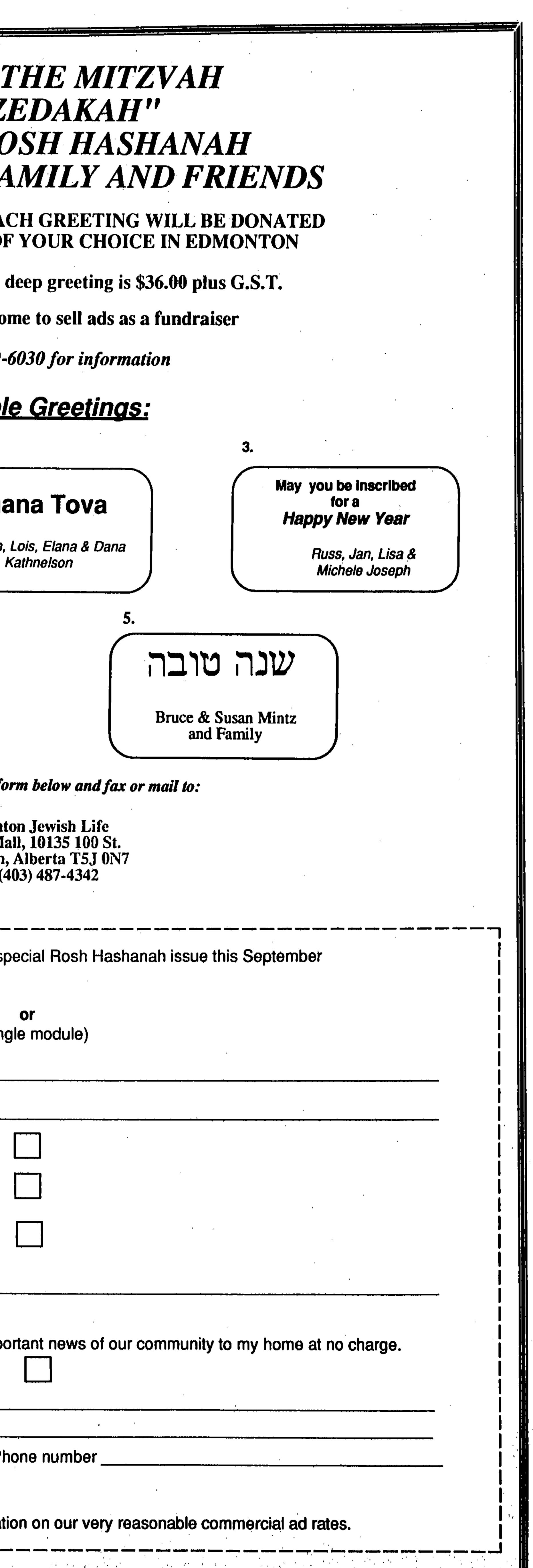
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focused on the need to raise more money and supply of water and electricity at the centers. create jobs for the Ethiopian and Soviet olim c) Regular supplies of food for the 6,500 vears.

sequences of the present Jewish Agency cash ment of a number of them. crisis on both olim and workers. Valda Levin, 2. Operation Opportunity head of the local UJA cash collection cam- Operation Opportunity was launched by mitments.

difficulties for the Jewish Agency in the first employment opportunities. Agency activities.

The impact of the cash shortage

1. Ethiopian Olim in Absorption Centers Agency for their daily bread. Maintenance of employment possibilities. each month.

delays in payment of as much as 2 weeks or more.

The Edmonton UJA mission to Israel in b) Maintenance of absorption centers is the June met with Allan Pakes, a former Edmon- sole responsibility of the Jewish Agency. Lack tonian now the director of Communications of cash and delays in the payment of basic for the Jewish Agency for Israel. Discussions utilities have resulted in interruptions in the

who have arrived in Israel in the cast two olim remaining in hotels are guaranteed, however, the hotels have not received pay-This report prepared by Mr. Pakes and ment for 2 and a half months and legal pro-Barbara Promislow in April explains the con- ceedings have been instituted by the manage-

paign, stresses that unpaid pledges to the UJA World Jewry to contribute to the improveand Operation Exodus campaigns will help ment of the employment situation in Israel. alleviate the resettlement problem in Israel Through this program, funds provided by and urges the community to honour it's com- JAFI are to serve as a catalyst to generate larger investment by government and private A shortage of cash has caused operational industry which would in turn create new

quarter of 1992. The Agency budget for 1992 Although programs have been initiated, was predicated on cash flow projections based JAFI has been unable to maintain cash comon pledges. However, expectations have not mitments, seriously damaging the credibility been met and in programmatic and human required to sustain the leadership position so

basis. The following are some examples of the a) JAFI leadership was essential in the opportunities with Arkady Tubinschlak during the Edmonton UJA Mission to Israel in June way in which this situation is affecting Jewish establishment of a number of orchestras and arrears. At the same time, inability to pay ensembles for immigrant musicians, with Programs for the acculturation and social suppliers has led to the discontinuation of Agency funding to be decreased gradually as integration of new immigrants are an integral some goods and services serving Youth Aliyah other funding was developed. JAFI funds part of the absorption process. Many olim youngsters in these frameworks with an atten-At present, there are 25,000 olim in absorp- provided salaries for musicians. Thus, not lack any knowledge of Jewish customs, tradidant reduction in the quality of care the youngtion center frameworks. 6,500 are in hotels only have salaries been held up for as much as tions and history and most require assistance sters are receiving. and the remainder are either in conventional 2 1/2 months, but the public corporations in understanding Israeli society. At the same Consequences of the cash crisis centers or caravan sites. Families in these established to manage the orchestras have time, in a recent survey, the olim themselves The above examples by no means form an centers are totally dependent on the Jewish begun to disintegrate jeopardizing long-term identified social integration as their major exhaustive list of the affects of the cash crisis problem on the operation of the Jewish Agency and its olim in absorption centers, including hotels b) Teacher retraining programs — The 21/ Due to the cash crisis programs to meet human and programmatic costs. Almost no costs the Jewish Agency almost \$10 million 2 month interruption in the flow of funds to these needs such as trips to learn about the aspect of JAFI's work is unaffected.

two teacher retraining programs in the Gali- country, visits to museums, attendance at a) Families which prepare their own food, lee, at the Migal Research Centre and at Tel cultural events, etc. are being cancelled. in absorption centers and caravans receive an Chai College has placed the very existence of 4. Youth Aliyah Interruptions in the flow of funds to Youth tive means of serving the client population allowance for food, Highest priority has been these institutions in danger as ongoing operagiven to payment of this living allowance, tional costs for maintenance and staff without Aliyah contracted youth villages are causing and as the Agency loses its financial credibil-

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terms, the cash shortage is being felt on a daily vital to the role of catalyzer. Some examples: Allan Pakes (L), Communications director for the Jewish Agency discusses Israel business

institutions despite the 2 1/2 month JAFI in such a situation.

As finding ways to pacify irate and often desperate suppliers takes more and more of management's time, less is devoted to creahowever, the cash flow situation has led to income has undermined their financial basis. serious difficulties for the sponsoring organi- ity its ability to operate effectively in the zations which must continue to maintain their future is placed in jeopardy. Everyone suffers

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Shelby Karpman congratulates Judy Miller, for shooting an 89. Best score for a female golfer at the tourney

Out of Africa

Cont. from P. 12

Jewish Women of South Africa, said that looking after the Jewish community, the young as well as the elderly like Pikoos, is one of her organization's primary challenges. "Jewish education and Jewish awareness are very important," said Stein. But her organization is also involved in aiding blacks and others who were deprived of opportunities under South Africa's racist laws. It is those types of programs that Chief Rabbi Harris would like to see expanded.

constitution," Harris said. "If you don't also affect people's attitudes you end up with things like the Los Angeles riots."

While leaders and student groups are actively attempting to don't need money here. get community members more involved in aiding blacks, they don't perceive much progress. In fact, there is a great deal of concern by Board of Deputies leaders and Jewish liberals that the community may be turning even more inward. A swing toward Orthodoxy is visible among young members of the community and the recent closure of Jewish day schools in Johannesburg to non-Jews is viewed as another sign of insularity by many liberals.

David Cohen, who heads the South African Union of Jewish Students, said students tend to look more at how racial integration of education affects them — bemoaning the lower standards ---- rather than getting involved in activities such as tutoring programs. "Jews have lived extremely well in South Africa," Cohen said. "It's a crime for Jewish students not to give something back." Organizers of social programs said calls for volunteers result in feeble response. Dulcie Jacob, who runs a sewing workshop for black domestic workers, recently placed an ad in her synagogue's newsletter for people to teach maids how to drive. She did not get one response.

"I think at the leadership level there is a self-examination," said Steven Friedman, director of the Center for Policy Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. "I do not get the sense that it's filtered down to the rest of the community

Most Jews have taken a wait-and-see attitude. "We're concerned about our future in South Africa, but for the moment, we are here," said Janice Orelowitz, whose home in Johannesburg was recently burglarized by three men who jumped the wall, attacked the maid and fled with armfuls of stolen goods.

Orclowitz, a 28-year-old mother of three and a law student, said that for the time being her young family plans to stay. "It our home, there's a strong tie," she said. "But it's a conflict. One is anxious about what is happening and that there will program, immigrated from Chicago over 40 years ago. The come a time when we don't have a choice — for our own sakes and our children's."

A 40-year-old teacher and mother of two summed it up this way: "I'm prepared to sacrifice the quality of my life," she said. "I'm not prepared to sacrifice my life." This story originally appeared in Jerusalem Report. It is view Israel as an Israeli." reprinted with the permission of Jerusalem Report:



By Ava Carmel

"What matters at the end of the day is not really the back to class after lunch. In Israel less than a week, they and spending evenings with one's "adopted" kibbutz family. meander barefoot across the broad kibbutz lawn, griping

About 20% of the students eventually opt to settle in Israel. about the "gross" food and marveling about the fact that you Avi Fisher, a wistful 26 year old from Memphis Tennessee, graduated from the program ten years ago. After studying English in college, he returned to Israel to serve in the IDF. Kibbutzniks For a Year Now in his army uniform, with his rifle at his side, he lunches This is this year's "American Class" at Kibbutz Beit on falafel in the kibbutz dining room. "Most of my friends are ' Hashita. An offshoot of a similar one-year program for 10th now studying medicine," he says. "I also started pre-med, but / graders, operating since 1969 at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, both now my priorities have changed. Army service won't give me / programs are sponsored by the WZO Department of Educa- something concrete, but if I ever do decide to make aliya, I'll / tion and Culture in the Diaspora under the supervision of the feel I've done my part. The army is the best way to integrate / Education Authority, B'nai Brith and the Israel Ministry of into Israeli society." | Education, and boast more than 500 graduates.

The U.S. and Canadian students spend a year on kibbutz Open Homes and Hearts and attend the kibbutz high school five days a week. In Kippy Flur, a spunky mother of three, hails from Los An- / addition to Hebrew, Bible and Israeli geography, they study geles. She was in the third class at Kfar Blum in 1971 and later a standard American curriculum in English with veteran returned to marry one of the kibbutzniks. "I came in the early [Israeli educators and immigrant teachers from the United '70's at the end of the Vietnam War," she says, "It was very [States and other English-speaking countries. popular to be unpatriotic in America and I was looking for something to identify with. When I came here I found a very Jewish Values Enhanced healthy peer group. Even the partying was good, clean fun -What prompts a 15 or 16 year old to leave home for a year just letting loose - and no drugs!"

and go to Israel?

The Flur family now adopts a member of the American Some are children of Israeli expatriates who want their classevery year. Why?"That's the way we are on the kibbutzchildren to experience life in the "homeland". Others, like hospitable. We open our homes and our hearts. My own ' Mitchell Caplan of London, Ontario, wanted to "do somechildren love having a big brother or sister around and some thing supportive for Israel, not just watch the news about Is years we develop really close relationships with the Amerirael on television. Here you can do something about it cans. I am still very close with the family that adopted me." / would have liked to have been here during the Gulf War."

The Kfar Blum class numbers 18 this year, Friday after-Avraham Harris of Hollis, New Hampshire, on the other noon they are cleanig the yard outside their rooms - joking, hand, came purely to "experience the kibbutz, where everylaughing already feeling at ease with one another, but still ' body does his share and is held in equal esteem." awkward in their new surroundings. By the end of the school Pinchas Rimon, recently retired director of the Kfar Blum year they will blend in and speak fluent Hebrew. Most will be ' Able to read the Bible in Hebrew and after 24 days of hiking aim of the program, he says, is to "enhance Jewishness," tours, will know the country pretty well. Jewish knowledge and identity, a sense of nationhood and Pinchas Rimon is proud that during the war not a single ' / Jewish cultural values." He explains that short, summer trips member of either American class left. Kippy Flur adds, (don't give the youngsters a chance to "cast off their tourists "When the war broke out I got a lot of phone calls from for-(mantle." An entire year on kibbutz allows them to "begin to mer American class students we had adopted years ago. It was such a good feeling to have so many people caring about us."

Howie Sniderman, Runner up, low gross with a 76

Casting Off the Tourist Mantle

Participation in daily communal life means working one day a week in the cowshed, orchards or hatchery with other (WZPS) The twelve 11th grade students are on their way young kibbutzniks, eating meals in the kibbutz dining room



Photo courtesy The Jerusalem Report Yael Arad

Israel wins first Olympic medals

Israel has won its first ever medals in Olympic history The first came July 30 when Yael Arad captured the silver in the women's half-middleweight judo competition.

The 25-year-old Arad dedicated her medal to the 11 Israelis slain in a terrorist attack at the Munich Games in 1972. "Maybe now we can avenge this murder," she said. In the gold who will be participating in medal match Arad lost to Catherine Fleury of France on a referee's decision.

She had beaten Frauke Eikhoff of Germany in the semifinals, also on a referee's decision.

Israel won a second judo medal July 31 when Shay Oren Smadga won a bronze in the men's 71 kg. weight class.

Israel had not previously won an Olympic medal in its 44year history.

E.J.B.L. Stats

Photographic Creations continues to lead the standings after 12 games of the Edmonton Jewish Baseball League Season.

Steve Mandel of Zazoo leads the league in both Home Runs and runs Batted In.

Team Standings

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Jasper Auto	6	4	.600
Zazoo	7	5	.583
Henry Singer	7	5	.583
Ice Pedlar	5	7	.417
Advanced Orthopedics	5	7	.417
Compute or Play	4	6	.400
Alberta Bakery	2	10	.167

Batting Average (min. 20 at bats) Hersh Sobel. *Ice Pedlar*

Dave Paull, Advance Ortho.	.818
Andrew Ostashower, Alberta Bakery	.760
Norm Pollock, Photographic Creations	.760
Tom Owen, Jasper Auto,	.750
Jason Uretsky, Alberta Bakery	.750
Brian Wyne, Jasper Auto	.731
Rob Lederer, Henry Singer	.724
Mark Asbell, Jasper Auto	.714
Steve Livergant, Compute or Play	.714

Home Runs and Runs Batted In

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Steve Mandel, Zazoo	7	41
Mark Asbell, Jasper Auto	6	16
Rick Uretsky, Alberta Bakery	5	20
Dave Paull, Advanced Ortho.	· 4	18
Norm Pollock, Photographic Creations	3	22
Steve Levine, Zazoo	3	19
Donny Superstein, Henry Singer	3	18
Warren Book, Zazoo	3	15
Jason Pinder, Ice Pedlar	3	12
Howie Sniderman, Photographic Creations	3 ·	10

Hockey afternoon in Edmonton

While you may be enjoying the sun or those endless days in to search for a new home this season. We are pleased to the yard remember the days are getting shorter and your yard announce that Parkland Arena on Winterburn Road will be will soon become a winter wasteland. But cheer up and never host to the league. There are spectator stands at ice level in addition to an elevated heated lounge for spectators preferring fear because hockey season is near! That's right, the Edmonton Jewish Hockey League is gear-

In order to keep hockey on the usual Sundays we have ing up for another season of camaraderie and on ice excitement, or the ice follies depending on your point of view. There grown used to we have obtained game time ice between 1:00 are a lot of happenings within the league this year and we and 5:30 p.m. We are also aiming this season to be more family would like to tell you about some of them in this article. and socially oriented than ever before. Family events, such as The biggest change is in venue. Owing to the renovations at a family skate at the beginning of the season and fan appreciathe Mayfield arena (as in one sheet of ice) the EJHL has had tion day, are in the works. This year your registration fees will not only include these events but also the year end banquet. Maccabi golf tourney We believe the change in game times will also allow for more family and fan involvement in what is primarily a social

raises funds in the sun

The good weather streak Hanson at 76. continued for Maccabi Golf players as another successful and Neil Warhaft. tourney was held July 24. The new location, Indian Lakes Miller who shot an 89. Golf Club, was in excellent special hole-in-one sizes this won the honour of high gross year but no one took home a foursome. car from Waterloo Mercury, a West Edmonton Chrysler van, or a Canadian Airline trip to London.

Among those taking part in this years event were Michael Goldstein and Dayna Kagan the Maccabi youth games in Baltimore this August. Funds raised will help send Michael, Dayna and 11 other Edmonton teens to the youth games and future world Maccabi games in Israel.

Among trophy and prize winners were low gross — Ron Faithfull - 73 followed by Howie Sniderman and Sid



Jewish women's baseball stats

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The regular season of the ' Edmonton Jewish Women's Baseball League ended July 29th. Mark Katzeff Jewellers captured the pennant. The second season began Aug. 5 with all teams taking part in playoffs. Semi-finals will be played August 12 with the final game scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 16th at Rio Terrace School. The game will be followed by a Bar-B-Que for all league players and families at 5:30 at the J.C.C. Final Regular Season Stand-W

Mark Katzeff		
Jewellers	7	2
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Low net was David Bond at

Now is the time to register for the upcoming season. Please fill out the registration form and waiver below and return same with your registration fee of \$250.00 to the EJHL c/o Mike Hendin at 312 Wilkin Wynd, Edmonton, Alberta, T6M 2H4. tournament organizers and 70 followed by Ron Faithfull If you have any inquiries please contact Mike Hendin (487-8297) or Bruce Tappenden (444-6648). Please also remember Best female golfer was Judy that space is limited. An early return will increase your chances of joining us for the upcoming season. Priority will be The group you'd least like given to returning veterans of the league provided your shape with both fairways and to play behind was composed registrations and fees are received on or before September 5, greens benefitting from recent of Larry, Murray and Abe 1992. Registration will close on September 15, 1992 with rains. Organizers lined up Sheckter and Syd Tapper who preference to registrants in order received.

We hope you will also be excited about the changes we will experience in the new season. See you at centre ice.

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as well as events occurring prior to, during or subsequent to the actual playing of the game and hereby release, indemnify and save harmless the EJHL, its officers and any of its members from any liability what soever and howsoever caused whether caused by their negligence or not. Furthermore, the Player agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association, to which the EJHL is a member organization, as future. Also, the Player recognizes that since the EJHL has been established as a non-contact and social hockey league the Player further specifically agrees that the EJHL will have the right to discipline any Player and member of the EJHL who breaches the rules and regulations governing the operation of the EJHL and agrees to submit to such disciplinary action at the EJHL in its sole discretion may deem necessary, including the suspension or removal of the Player from participation in the EJHL, especially in cases where real or potential threat of bodily harm has been exhibited by the Player, in an effort to better protect all players from harm or injury. The Player agrees that decisions of the EJHL in disciplinary matters will be final and in the event of suspension or ejection from the EJHL there will be no refund or other relief granted to the Player.

Signature:

REMEMBER: Your registration is not complete unless you have provided the completed registration form, executed waiver and payment.

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cratic renewal or to emigrate and start over explicitly rejecting apartheid; the board has 117,000. Barbara Whitaker

Jerusalem Report

Johannesburg

into her Johannesburg apartment — and that's issues. with a door secured by another lock, a dead-the unusual step of calling on Jews to get out and up to 25,000 in Cape Town.

years, the 70-year-old widow had to take a percentage voting yes overwhelming. few security precautions. But in the new South The community must also contend with the Rabbi Gershon Meir Engel, who led several shifts as their children have moved to other

issues of crime and violence.

rocketing rate of burglaries, robberies and Israel's position in the Middle East. robbery-related assaults, perpetrated mostly The PLO connection other restrictive measures.

sacres, attributed mostly to the bitter rivalry actions hostile to Israel. the predominantly Zulu Inkatha Freedom of funds from South Africa's strong Zionist party. The violence is threatening to torpedo community to Israel (about \$50 million a Perelevered and the second se progress towards a peaceful resolution of the year) would be stopped or reduced. Currently, country's racial conflict.

Boipatong squatter camp south of Johannes- leaders have said this policy will be reviewed 1 burg on June 18, and the suspicion that ele- in the future. ments of the police somehow collaborated in Board of Deputies officials say such contalks leading to a constitutional democracy way." allowing blacks to vote for the first time in the In fact, Jewish leaders assert that Mandela country's history.

the ANC and announcing the release of Nel- ious freedom and right to cultural identity. son Mandela from prison after 27 years is That is what guarantees Jewish people their political and social climate has taken its toll on munist party and a top ANC official. the tightly knit Jewish community.

oversees Jewish affairs.

"I'm seriously considering leaving and I it known yet that she was thinking about leaving. to get away."

Time for soul-searching

future which are shared by the entire white said, "people are battling to stay in business. nice homes with swimming pools, schools of out of the country." quality. Now, as many Jews are weighing the How many Jews? possibility of leaving, Jewish leaders are Nobody is sure how many Jews there really debating what role, if any, the community will are in South Africa now. The number could be play in the future of the country.

apartheid the Jewish community voted for with the most recent South African census, in

since urged Jews to cooperate in achieving

primarily the ANC.

As the country turns the corner toward Seymour Kopelowitz, national director of but you can't look after the house of God." Israel and to seek assurances about the safety there is not much that can be done. 114,000 Jews, the concern is with the sky-schools, religious freedom and understanding as happened during the mid-70s and mid-80s, market in apartments and homes.

by blacks from the impoverished townships The ANC's close links with the PLO are a 37,900 Jews left South Africa, Dubb said. The snatch her necklace, said her sons (she has six who now have greater access to white neigh-specific cause of concern. Mandela's em-largest number, 11,700, went to Israel, with --- two in Australia, one in California, one in borhoods since the easing of pass laws and brace (literally and figuratively) of Yasir Arafat 9,700 going to the United States, 6,400 to Cape Town and two in Johannesburg) have in 1990 and the organization's alignment with Australia, 5.300 to Britain, 4,100 to Canada tried to talk her into moving. "I say, Where Both blacks and whites are deeply con- anti-Israel groups raise serious questions for and about 600 to other places. cerned by black township violence and mas- many Jews who fear political and economic There has, however, been something of a Turning inward

the community receives partial exemptions The killing of a least 39 people in the from currency control regulations, but ANC $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

this and other massacres, has led the ANC and cerns are overplayed. "So there will be a PLO IIII cight allies to withdraw from the Convention embassy," said Smith." So? Mandela is not an for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) anti-Semite. Not by word or deed or any other

has bent over backwards to make it clear that The optimism generated by President F.W. the community's future is safe. "The ANC has de Klerk's February 2, 1990 speech legalizing a policy of non-discrimination, right to religdisintegrating daily. At no time in the past 21/ security," said Gill Marcus, a Congress spokes-2 years has the future of South Africa looked man who is herself Jewish, as is Joe Slovo, as bleak as it does today. And the perilous secretary general of the South African Com-

Jewish South Africans are also anxious "The issue of violence is crippling the about the openly anti-Semitic white-supremacommunity psychologically," said Vivienne cist neo-Nazi groups, particularly the Afri-Anstey, a community consultant with the South kaner Resistance Movement. Still, so far, these African Jewish Board of Deputies, which groups have not gone much beyond graffiti and sticking pig's heads on synagogue gates. But the cumulative impact of violence,

have never felt that way before, said a 40- crime, lack of progress in the CODESA talks year-old teacher and active member of the and anxiety about life under an ANC govern-Jewish community, who spoke on condition ment has led to what one Jewish social worker her name not be used because she didn't want describes as "a lot of dinner-table talk" about

emigrating. "My loyalties are deeply with Politics isn't the only thing that feeds that South Africa and I've always had a deeply talk. The severe economic recession in South optimistic outlook. But I find myself wanting Africa provides both an incentive and an impediment to emigration. Inflation has almost doubled grocery bills over the last nine Beyond the fears and concerns about the months. "Money's tight," the social worker population, Jewsare facing unique challenges But emigrating costs money and a lot of and dilemmas. For years they enjoyed the people feel they just can't afford to leave, comforts afforded to whites: cheap black labor, particularly with restrictions on taking money

anywhere from 90,000 to 114,000 said Allie Soul-searching has led to self-criticism that Dubb, a demographer who studies the counthe community has been self-centered and try's Jewish community. The problem in espathetic for too long. During the years of tablishing a more precise figure, he said, lies

Out of Africa?

dwindling Jewish community, anxious about tions, was silent about the system of race require respondents to list their religious af- more may have entered on visitors' visas and surging violence and an uncertain political segregation and discrimination. One of the filiation. According to the government survey stayed. future, are debating whether to become in- more important exceptions was a resolution only 59,000 respondents acknowledged being volved in the country's struggle for demo- passed by the Board of Deputies in 1985 Jewish, compared to the 1980 figure of professionals and their absence has left the

is time for Jews to set an example for other steady movement of the younger and more tion. Ella Shapiro has to open three locks to get whites by becoming more involved in social prosperous from outlying towns to the urban. The picture is not totally bleak. Officials

son put one on every doorpost," she says. on how people voted by religion, turnout was rural communities where many Jewish immi- numbers the aged population for the first time The victim of three break-ins-in under two large in predominantly Jewish areas and the grants, mostly from Eastern Europe, settled in in more than a decade. the late 1800s.

Africa, Shapiro's measures seem piddling uncertainty of a future once blacks are granted such communities, said his saddest day was in countries or to big city suburbs. The staycompared to middle-class homes in the sub- the vote. Blacks outnumber whites by at least Ventersdorp, about an hour's drive west of behinds have become known as the "old age urbs, with their 3.6 meter (12-foot) walls 28 million to 5 million, and it is widely be- Johannesburg, when he had to demolish his orphans." topped with ivy-decked razor wire, their elec- lieved that the ANC would be the dominant second small-town synagogue — the first was Once thriving Jewish communities, partronic gates and guard dogs, and their "panic party. Jewish leaders are taking steps to de- in Heidelberg to the southeast of Johannes- ticularly on the fringe of downtown Johannesbuttons" hooked up to private security com- velop stronger ties with black organizations, burg - after it fell into disrepair. "The gentile burg, have slipped into a new racial composiresidents said, 'You've all got beautiful homes, tion.

place a society in which one's personal status the board had three meetings with ANC officies has hired a traveling rabbi to fill in where nesburg's Berea neighborhood. To make was always determined by one's race, South cials. Board President Mervyn Smith said the needed in the rural areas. But aside from matters worse, the landlord told her that he Africans of all colors are preoccupied by general goal is to educate the ANC about making the decline less painful, officials said was thinking of selling her apartment. De-

population exchange with Israel. Over the last between the African National Congress and One concern is the possibility that the flow nine years, Dubb said, 9,000 Israelis have

Members of South Africa's well-to-do but more liberal candidates but, with few excep-1990, which, unlike previous ones, did not officially immigrated. And as many as 11,000,

Many of those who emigrated were young community contending with a brain drain and What is certain is that emigration (almost a lack of middle-generation leadership, as non-violent reform. Jewish leaders now say it 40,000 over two decades) coupled with a well as an out-of-proportion elderly popula-

centers of Johannesburg and Cape Town, has note that the Jewish day schools have never before she gets to her own front door. If During the March referendum on whether fragmented many Jewish families. Jewish been fuller, partly because of a growing someone does succeed in getting through the constitutional talks toward a multi-racial Board of Deputies officials estimate that if movement towards Orthodoxy, partly because lock and two padlocks on the wrought-iron democracy should continue, for example, 114,000 or so Jews live in South Africa, parents fear that the integration of white security gate out front, they then must contend Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris and the board took 60,000-65,000 of them are in Johannesburg schools would lead to lower standards. Dubb also said he was encouraged by indications bolt, a chain latch — and her mezuzah. "My and vote yes. Although there are no statistics The shift has left in its wake dead or dying that the Jewish working population now out-

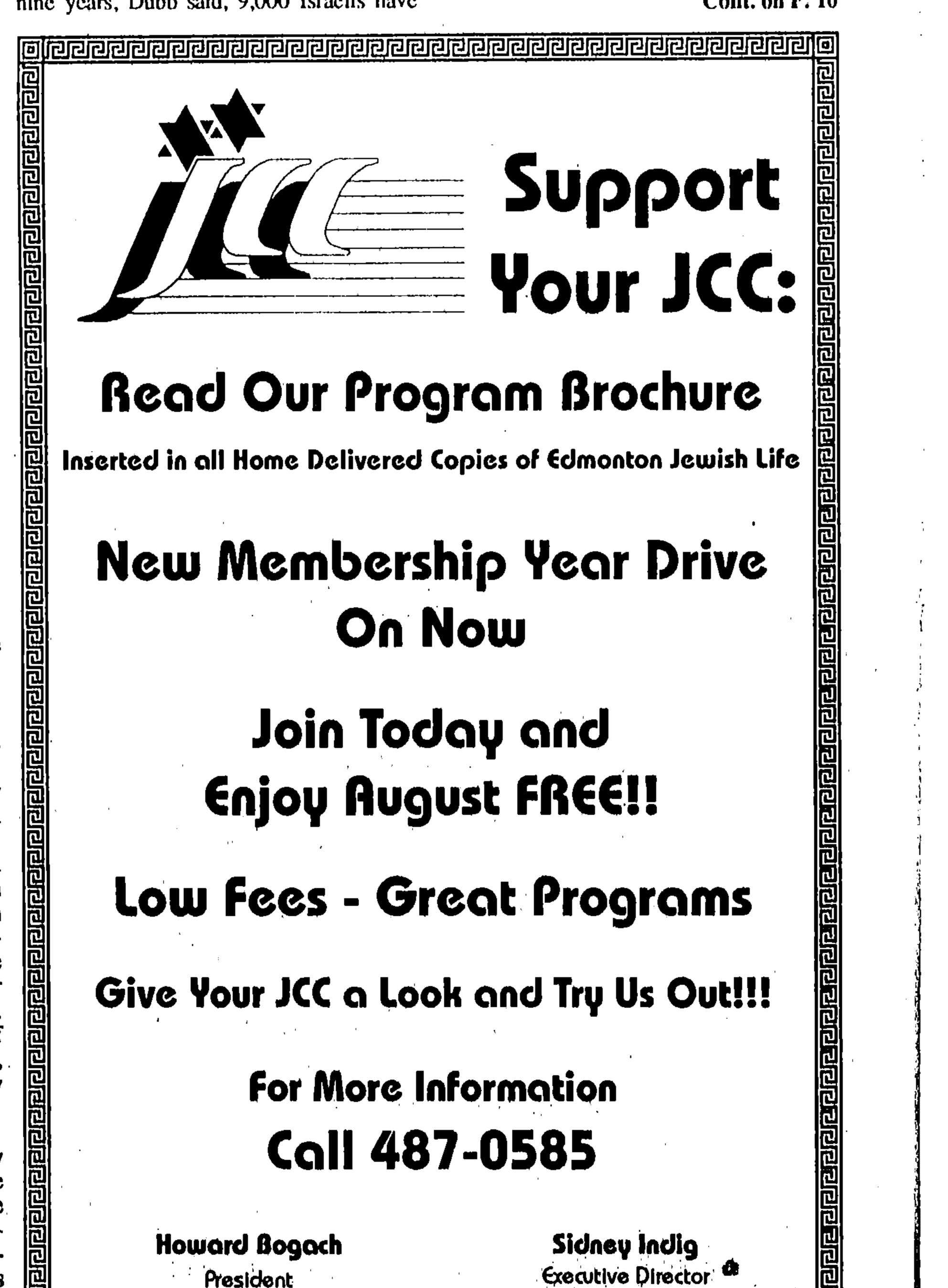
Still, the elderly have been hard hit by the

Sybil Pikoos is 74; recently her landlord becoming a multi-racial democracy, to re- the Board of Deputies, said that in May alone To ease the transition, the Board of Depu- doubled the rent on her apartment in Johanmand has leaped following the demise of the For middle-class whites, a category which of Jewish institutions and culture in South Of more immediate concern is whether Group Areas Act, which designated where includes most of South Africa's approximately Africa. The talks focus on maintaining Jewish large numbers of Jews will leave the country, people could live by race, and there's a seller's

when the political situation was in turmoil. Pikoos, who recently stood her ground Between 1970 and 1991, an estimated against a young black man who attempted to

am I going to go? the rents are so high."

Miriam Stein, president of the Union of Cont. on P. 10



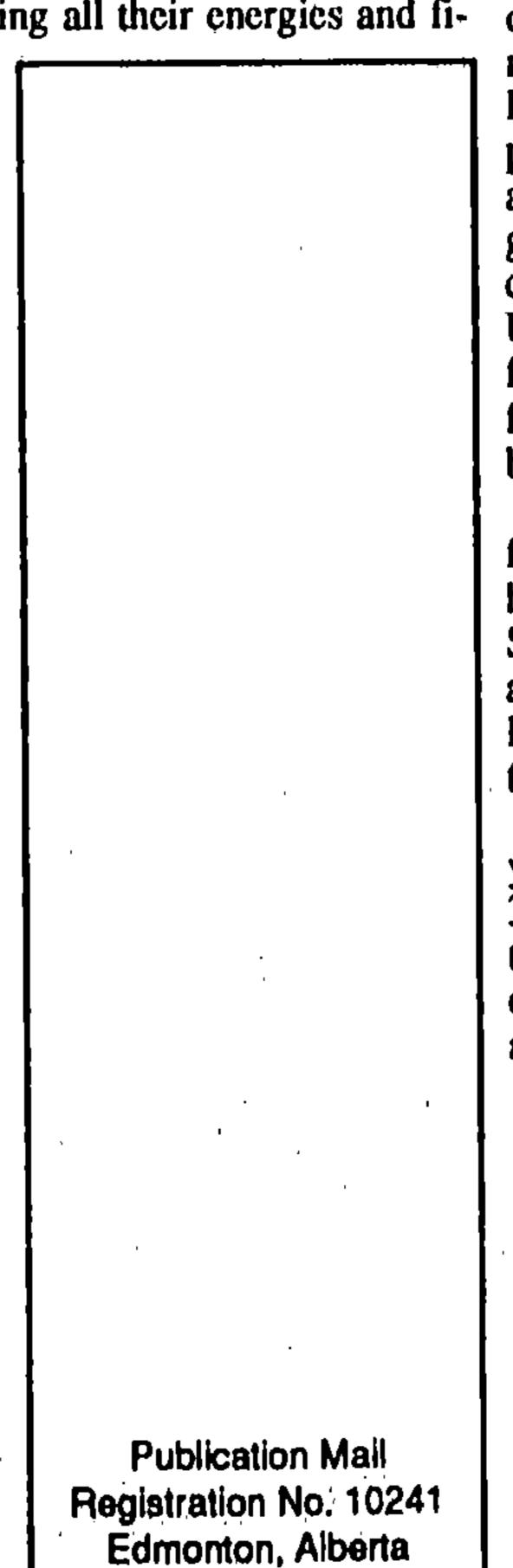


has been in prison since 1985 serving a life sentence without parole for passing American defence information to Israel. He is in solitary confinement in Marion Penitentiary in Illinois.

recognize that Pollard's punishment in no way fits his crime. Pollard's sister Carol will speak in Edmonton in November to bring our community up to date on efforts to reduce his sentence. The following article by well known journalist Simma Holt originally appeared in the Jewish Western Bulletin in Vancouver and is reprinted with their permission.

justice for her brother By Simma Holt

Carol Pollard gave up an behalf.





savings to rescue her brother 20 Carol Pollard will be in Ivy League in her home city Jonathan Jay Pollard from a Edmonton. Pollard will speak of New Haven, Connecticut. life sentence without parole. here in local synagogues re- Now she spends every minute Carol and Jonathan's par- vealing the truth behind her of the day and half the night ents — Dr. Morris Pollard is a brother's cruck and extreme working for her brother's highly respected microbiolo- punishment. Though he was appeal. gist who heads the Lobund never convicted of treason, leg-shackled. The Marion has cost her \$8,500 a month. ated two floors below the or over a half a million dolground, contains the worst lars. criminals apprehended in the Although one of this gen-United States, including the cration's most brilliant law-I fiend on whom the book and yers, Alan Dershowitz donates film Silence of the Lambs was his time as head of Pollard's based.

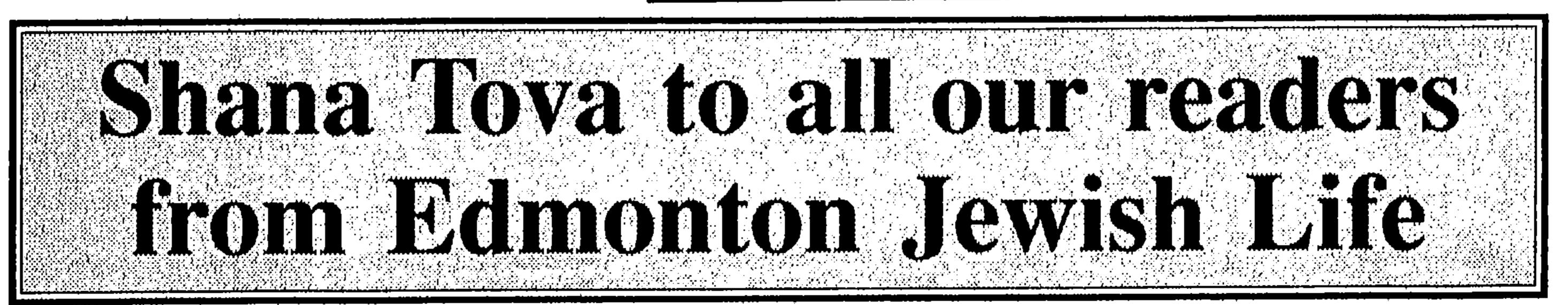
factors behind this sentence ing bills for legal fees and has been attributed to raw anti-strategic consultants total Semitism, anti-Zionism and more than \$420,000. And the military.

younger brother Jonathan now and staff salaries factors in 37 is at least given equal jus- these costs because Carol uses tice with sentences levied on her own apartment, with other Americans spying for family, friends and volunteers an ally in peace time. Sen- serving as staff.

tion and was a concert musi-11-year career and her entire The evening of November cian and artist linked with the

Since she took on the lead-Laboratory at University of Jonathan serves what can be ership of the international Notre Dame — are expend- described as a sentence with- committee of Citizens for ing all their energies and fi-out hope, in solitary confine-Justice for Jonathan Pollard ment 23 hours a day, often in 1985, her brother's case prison where he is incarcer- more than \$100,000 a year —

> current appeal team seeking a One of the most pervasive court trial for him, outstandanti-Israel bias at the highest none of these figures include levels of U.S. government and all the informational material required to carry on this life-Carol will not stop until her saving campaign, nor are rent



Rabbi Asher Vale of Beth Israel Synagogue gives daughterElisheva a chance to blow the Shofar as the community prepares to celebrate the New Year 5753.

Shana Tova

United Jewish Appeal Targets \$1 Million

mendous need this year for increased fund- contributions.

present to talk about how Israel is strug- investment in our kids, said Shelly Maerov. gling to cope with the resettlement needs of Norm Hansen, president of Talmud Torah, 400,000 new citizens who arrived during emphasized the role of the school in providthe past few years. In addition to transpor- ing Edmonton children with Jewish values, tation costs, the initial expenses for hous- a sense of history, a grounding in religious ing, education and retraining, finding pro- concepts, a love of Israel and a knowledge ductive jobs and other social service re- of the Hebrew language. quirements average approximately \$10,000 Maintaining Jewish identity on the large per person. Karen Hayesod has operated for University of Alberta campus is the aim of 72 years as the centralized agency working our Hillel organization, said Dan Kauffman, for the survival of the Jewish people, said Chair of the Hillel Advisory board. Mr. Medzini, and will do its best to continue

Leaders of all Jewish agencies and or- to meet the enormous challenges. There is ganizations that are beneficiaries of Ed- not a separate appeal this year for Operamonton's United Jewish Appeal, met re- tion Exodus, but Mr. Medzini expressed cently with Sheldon Maerov, Tulane Rol- the hope that Jewish people everywhere lingher (Campaign Co-Chairs) and other would keep those dollars committed to Campaign leadership to talk about the tre- Israel and include them in their 1992 UJA

UJA support for the Talmud Torah, Hillel, Ron Medzini of Karen Hayesod was and Camp B'nai Brith scholarships is an

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