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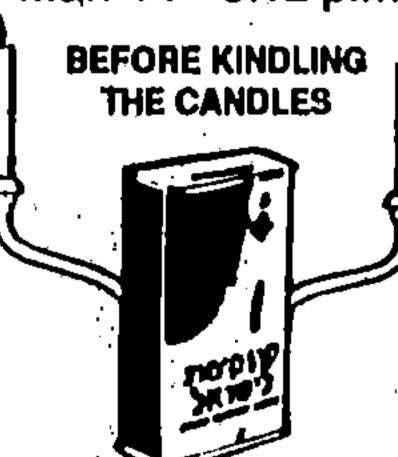
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Canada anti-Israel in UN

At last vear's session of the United Nations General Assembly, Canada lined up with the majority and voted for resolutions generally critical of Israel.

Middle East put before the Nine countries abstained. UN, Canada supported 15 one instance. Canada and Israel backed the same res-

The resolutions, introduced by a coalition of Arab and Muslim countries, the Inalienable Rights of covered the Palestinian the Palestinian People. question, Jerusalem and the

Canada's voting pattern for Middle East Studies.

Rodney Moore, a Department of Foreign Affairs disagreed with this assess-

anced" to both sides.

dian diplomat at the UN, their weight behind a De- by Ben Rose who preferred to remain cember 2 resolution exster the current peace and Iran cast negative bal-

the PLO.

now, since the election of rael and the United States Netanyahu's speech was lem". Benjamin Netanyahu as voted "no." to more over political resolutions," he said.

process produces concrete results on the Palestinian may well become "less overly anti-Israel," Goldberg noted.

An examination of the

on a recommendation of the drew attention to the plight

deals with economic, social mended the distribution of and cultural matters, adopt-grants and scholarships to ed a resolution on the right Palestinian students. Israel of the Palestinians to self- cast two "no"s and one abdetermination. Canada joined 158 nations in voting "yes". Israel and the United

ing the work of the Com-ries. mittee on the Exercise of

On the same day, two

appeared to reflect an in- General Assembly declared creasing tendency to favor that "all legislative and ad-clusively with Lebanon was a European rather than an ministrative measures and passed in April, during Is-American perspective on actions taken by Israel ... rael's massive bombardthe Arab-Israeli conflict, to alter Jerusalem's charac-ment of Lebanon (Operasaid David Goldberg, directer and status ... were null tor of research of the and void." The measure Toronto-based Foundation was adopted by a 148-1 firing and to withdraw its margin with 13 abstentions.

spokesperson in Ottawa, General Assembly called United States. on Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights, to the "We're not moving to- June 4, 1967 border. The ward one group or anoth-resolution, opposed by Is-appeared in The Canadian er," he claimed, adding that rael and the United States, Jewish News and is reprintthe thrust of Canadian poli- was supported by 84 states. ed with permision. cy is to be "fair and bal- Canada was among 71

countries which abstained. process in the Middle East. lots.

said the resolutions were for the creation of a nuclear sion in Israel. unfair to Israeli interests, weapon-free zone in the This was the message of "What we're seeing were eight abstentions. Is- respective federations.

Natural resources of the territories. Canada, among and Syrian fronts, the UN 112 others, supported the resolution.

Canada backed three resolutions on December 13 sions will not be changed, dealing with the Palestinians. The resolutions recognized the efforts of the set" the question of such tions with Syria, Netanyahu United Nations Relief and conversions taking place in said he welcomed a recent Works Agency (UNRWA) Israel and this may not be statement from the Syrian General Assembly, acting for Palestinian refugees, decided for some time.

by Sheldon Kirshner Third Committee, which of such persons and recom-

Also on December 13, Canada voted "yes" for res-Of 21 resolutions on the States cast "no" ballots, olutions regarding the operations of UNRWA, Pales-On November 27, Canatinian refugees' property, and abstained on five. In da abstained on a resolution the need for a Palestinian supported by 104 members university in Jerusalem and and opposed by Israel and Israeli human practices and the United States, endors- settlements in the territo-

Israeli's 1981 decision to impose its laws and administration on the Golan, capterritories, Israeli settle- similar resolutions were tured in the Six Day War, ments, a nuclear-free zone passed by the General As- was declared null and void in the Middle East and sembly. On these, Canada in a December 13 resoluabstained and voted "yes". tion supported by Canada On November 29, the and 152 other countries.

> A resolution dealing extion Grapes of Wrath).

Calling on Israel to cease forces from all Lebanese territory, the resolution was On December 2, the opposed by Israel and the

Canada abstained.

This article originally

anonymous, said that Cana- pressing full support for the Israel will continue to North America are aware

Photo: Neil Loomer Alexa Steiner was the youngest phoner at the JNF annual Tu Bl'Shevat Tree-a-Thon. Next month, she goes

Canada and Israel threw Conversion bill not yet settled: Bibi

America and I refused."

to Israel to plant her Tu Bi'Shevat tree.

da's support for these reso- Middle Eastern peace recognize conversions by that it is the Reform move- said publicly about this, the lutions was intended to bol- process. Syria, Lebanon Conservative and Reform ment that has asked the more possibility there is for rabbis performed outside of courts to rule for the first beginning peace talks." Israel, but the government—time on whether conver-Taking issue with this A December 10, the has not yet decided on the sions carried out in Israel interpretation, Goldberg General Assembly called question of such conver- by Conservative and Re- the majority of the world's form rabbis are legal.

This question is now bepoliticized debate on Arab- Middle East and urges all Prime Minister Benjamin ing considered by his gov- ment with the Palestinians Israeli issues and represent—countries there to place—Netanyahu in a satellite TV—ernment and Netanyahu—is more significant than the ed a shift back to the days their nuclear facilities un- broadcast to 55 Jewish promised to listen to the Hebron agreement itself, when the UN was reflex- der International Atomic communities in North concerns of the North Netanyahu said, "Israel ively anti-Israel, prior to Is- Energy Agency safeguards. America, including one in American Jewish commu- alone will designate the exrael's rapprochement with Canada, along with 154 Toronto and one in Van-nity, but he pointed out tent of re deployment in others, voted "yes." There couver sponsored by their there would be no early de- Judea and Samaria." cision on this "vexing prob-

> arranged by the Conference Netanyahu said he knew they would have no politi-Also on December 10, of Presidents of Major Jew-the contentious subject cal activity in Jerusalem the General Assembly ish Organizations in the would come up when he and that his government is voiced concern at "the ex- United States, at which the was forming a coalition "looking into" a report that ploitation" by Israel of the prime minister will speak government. "I said on this they have re-opened one next month.

tions about conversions in one or two demands on me agreement." Vancouver, Netanyahu said that we would not recogthe status quo on converbut that the courts "have thrown back to the Knes-

Netanyahu said he sus- important to Syria than it is pected that few people in to Israel.

"I sense is that the less

He said that within a decade, it is possible that Jews will live in Israel.

The post-Hebron agree-

The prime minister said Palestinians have agreed point I would not change political office. "We expect In reply to several ques- the status quo. There were full compliance with the

> He said his government nize conversions in North is planing to deregulate communications, cellular On a question from Balphones, and bus transportation and is hoping to privatimore and Toronto on relatize banks.

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Dr. Gerald Gall to speak at Jewish Family Services AGM

Dr. Gerald Gall will be most recent accomplish- promoting human rights mayed that the world conthe guest speaker at the An-ment – the fourth edition of which earned him the tinues to experience atrocinual General Meeting of his text "The Canadian Le-province's highest award, ties with the same scope Jewish Family Services to gal System" - has recently the Alberta Human Rights and nature in the former be held Wednesday, March been translated in Japanese. Award for 1995. This Yugoslavia, Rwanda and 12, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Gall was formerly vice- award is given annually to Somalia. "I honestly feel Seniors Drop-In Center, president of the Canadian an Albertan who has made that the world in a better 10052-117 St. Dr. Gall has been a pro- now serving on its board of in support of human rights years ago, but there is still

fessor of law, teaching civil directors and he is active in in this province. of Alberta for over 22

Canadian Jewish Congress.

years. He has edited and teaching, writing and com-rights was fueled by the From writing articles on authored numerous books—munity activities Dr. Gall—horror of manufactured—human rights and multiculon human rights and the has made a significant con-famines, war crimes and turalism to organizing and Canadian legal system. His tribution defending and the Holocaust. He is dis-

CJC national office to stay in Quebec

by David Lazarus

A controversial proposal two days of meetings Jan. er." 18 to 20 in Toronto with the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Canada, ters in Montreal - also told The CJN.

move," Vineberg said.

to move CJC-national out of Quebec was one of several it had made. Some of ing people into the build- such issues as an ongoing the other proposals includ- ing," he said. ed selling off CJC's Montreal headquarters and Hershon was pleased about time. Ontario and Vancouver re- Toronto and about the deci- conference, Hershon spoke their chief funder last CJC's strategic planning sion-making process.

Vineberg made the proposals in a controversial November memo.

But according to CJC annual budget of \$3 tions," she said. "We share Vineberg, anybody antici- million would remain sta- the objective of being the pating a Toronto show- ble. It is already "[budget- best possible service to the down was in for a disap-

"There was a very good interchange of ideas," Vineberg said. "We had excellent meetings."

and Northern Alberta.

scripts or photos.

The issue of "merger," remained "flat" across he said, "did not even come Canada. up," although much of the ... In that light, he antici-

to move Canadian Jewish weekend discussion for pated CJC's next budget, Congress' (CJC) national cused on how CJC regions which has to be finalized office to Ottawa was a and federations would by June, to be "give-or-take "non-starter" during the "work more closely togeth- the same," although he did not specify how "give-or-The third major issue take" would actually transthe sale of CJC headquar- late into dollars and cents.

Vineberg characterized president Richard Vineberg seemed less likely to occur the Toronto discussions, since CJC had plans to off- which broke up into three "Nobody is interested in set the cost of maintaining strategic planning sessions some of its offices to Jew- focus on how CJC regions CJF-Canada's proposal ish organizations, Vineberg and federations could "pool resources" and establish a indicated. "cooperative agenda" on

"CJC is looking at bring-CJC president Goldie thing finalized at any one

merging CJC's Quebec, the "healthy exchange" in gions with their respective sion to keep CJC-national of CJC's attempt to "infederations. As a result, in Montreal. "I think mov-volve federation represen-CJC officials were gearing ing out is now a dead is- tatives at the national and up for a showdown with sue," she said, although regional levels in our decicommittee is looking to enhance CJC-national's Ot- ing relationships between

tawa presence. Hershon hoped that the ship in CJC and federaed] at the bone," she said, Jewish community memand any further paring bers, wherever they rewould necessitate cutting side."

Vineberg said federation appreared in The Canadian campaigns have essentially

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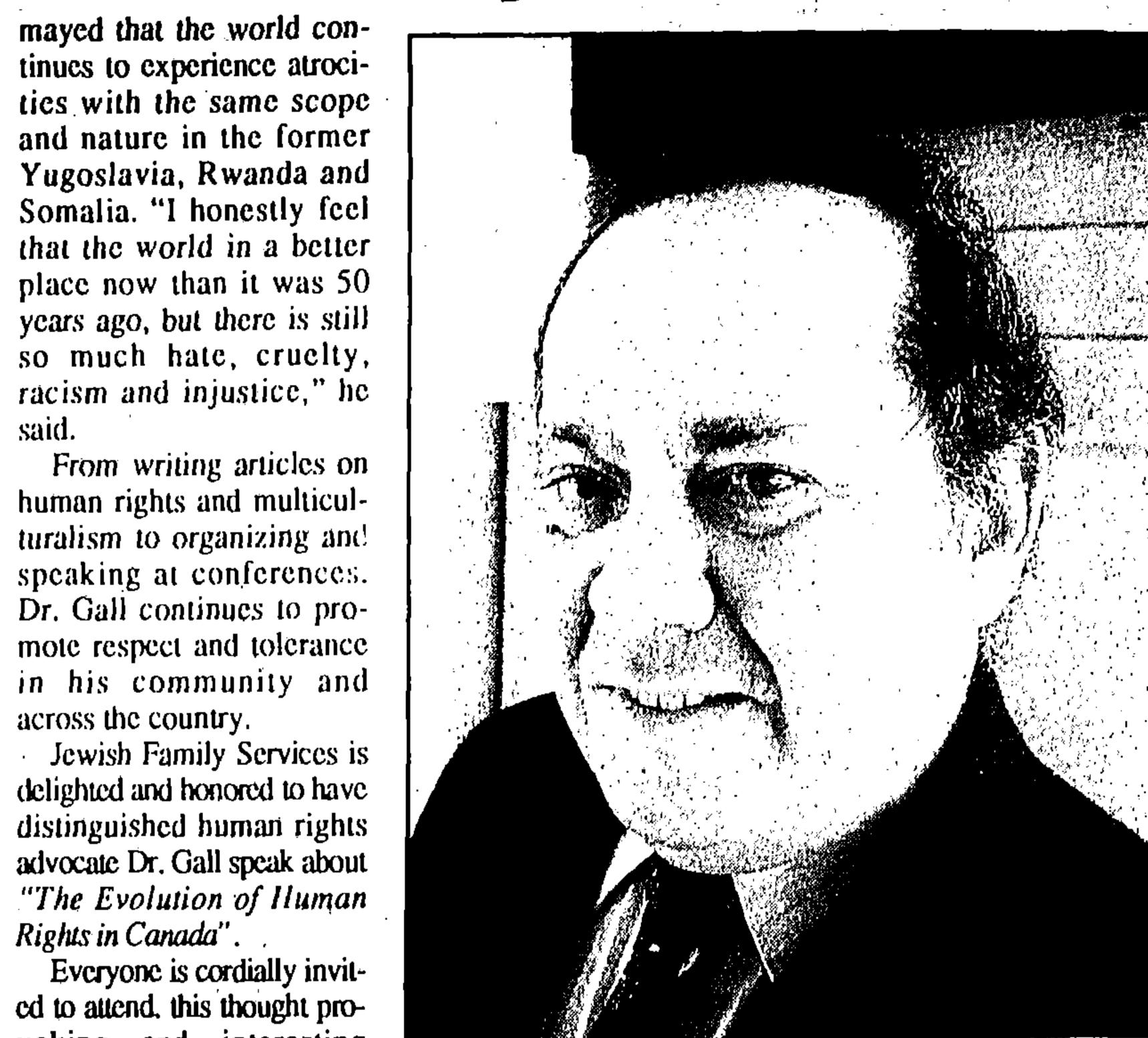
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Dr. Gerald Gall

moving. CJC will not the building by renting as "productive," with the ESTAP STAPKMAN SECURES federal Liberal nomination

Prominent Edmonton been acclaimed as the Liberal candidate in the federal

erning party," she says.

"Young people need to feel hopeful and optimistic. When I graduated from university, jobs were plentiful, prospects were good – ture. It's not the same for their hope."



the youngsters I meet. We. have to develop the infrastructure that will give them the skills to be suc-I felt I could plan my fu- cessful - and thus restore form as the Liberal candi-

Esther's nomination signals the beginning of the

CJC not surprised by report on alleged

having recently committed war crimes and acts of torture are living in Canada. These individuals reportedly include former senior officials of murderous gov-

ernment regimes. "While we do not find

ways been our contention from Latin America, country, to deal with the Iraq. Afghanistan and

educator and former school trustee Esther Starkman has riding of Edmonton South-

Esther, a career educator and long-time Liberal believes that Edmonton South-West really needs a voice in government. "The people of this community deserve a representative who can make a difference, who has a voice in the gov-

Her main areas of concern for her constituents and for the nation are: the important balance between fiscal restraint and support for citizens who need social services, a call for national education curriculum standards, and the critical need to address the issue of youth unemployment.

pre-election campaign to raise awareness of her plat-

present-day war criminals in Canada

this revelation terribly surprising, given Canada's dismal record in bringing suspected Nazi war criminals to justice, it is a definite cause for concern."

Orthodox Jewish women hold first world conference

hall, according to the plan- for the dead - acts until the Drisha Institute, a tor of the Jewish Week of ners of a two-day "Interna- now traditionally reserved school for advanced Jewish New York, the largest circutional Conference on Femi- for males? nism and Orthodoxy" - the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

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ters of halakha, can Ortho- past two decades that have ish women's prayer groups. dent of Religion News Serdox women gain relief affected Orthodox Jewish from her status as an agu- women. It also enabled par- known author and speaker baum Cohen of the Jewish nah, a wife "chained" ticipants to consider appro- on Jewish issues, chaired Telegraphic Agency. against her will to a failed priate mans of achieving the conference, which fea- A number of prominent marriage., imprisoned by greater participation, within tured presentations by such rabbis – all male, since Or-

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on the world of Orthodox husbands primary rights in fal Jewish law, as the world ual bath) and women's Judaism has given voice to religious divorce matters? enters a new century. "respectful but persistent" Are there halakhic interpre- The Conference spon- were discussed. The role of calls for the expansion of tations that would permit sors were AMIT, the the media in influencing women's roles in the home, women to don tallit and re- largest mainstream Ortho- change was also examined, synagogue and the study cite the Kaddish, the prayer dox women's organization; with Gary Rosenblatt, edi-

According to the plan- EDAH, a think-tank of the country, serving as first of its kind - Sunday ners, the conference pro- Jewish scholars aligned moderator at a panel conand Monday, February 16 vided an unusual opportu- with modern-Orthodox Ju- sisting of Ari Goldman, and 17 at Manhattan's nity to examine and debate daism; and the Women's former religion writer of such questions and to as- Teffilah network, a world- The New York Times; Ira How, within the parame- sess the changes over the wide confederation of Jew-Rifkin, national correspon-

Shakdiel and Dr. Alice permit the ordination of Shalvi of Israel and Dr. Ra-women - joined women mar Ross of the US, Dr. scholars; academics and Sylvia Barack-Fishman and communal leaders from Eu-Rivka Haut.

lead to more meaningful versity. roles for traditionally obgogue as well as in higher Jewish education.

The issues were taken up at a series of conference sessions. The program also included special workshops on such feminist concerns as domestic violence and the political empowerment of women. Personal religious expression women, such as the use of

tefillah (prayer groups), learning for women; lation Jewish newspaper in

Blu Greenberg, a well-vice, and Debra Nauss-

noted women as Leah thodox Judaism does not rope, Israel and across the Sociologists and psy- United States as particichologists have noted that pants in the conference. while secular society has They included Rabbi Irving opened up a new range of Greenberg, president of the roles and psychological ex- National Jewish Center for pectations to women, the Learning and Leadership; religious status and life of Avi Weiss, spiritual leader many Orthodox Jewish of the Hebrew Institute of women has remained cir- Riverdale, NY; Rabbi Saul cumscribed by a narrow in- Berman, who teaches terpretation of Jewish reli-courses in Torah at Stern gious law. The Conference College and the Columbia explored halakhically ac- University Law School, ceptable possibilities avail- and Dr. Emanual Rachman, able to women that may chancellor of Bar Ilan Uni-

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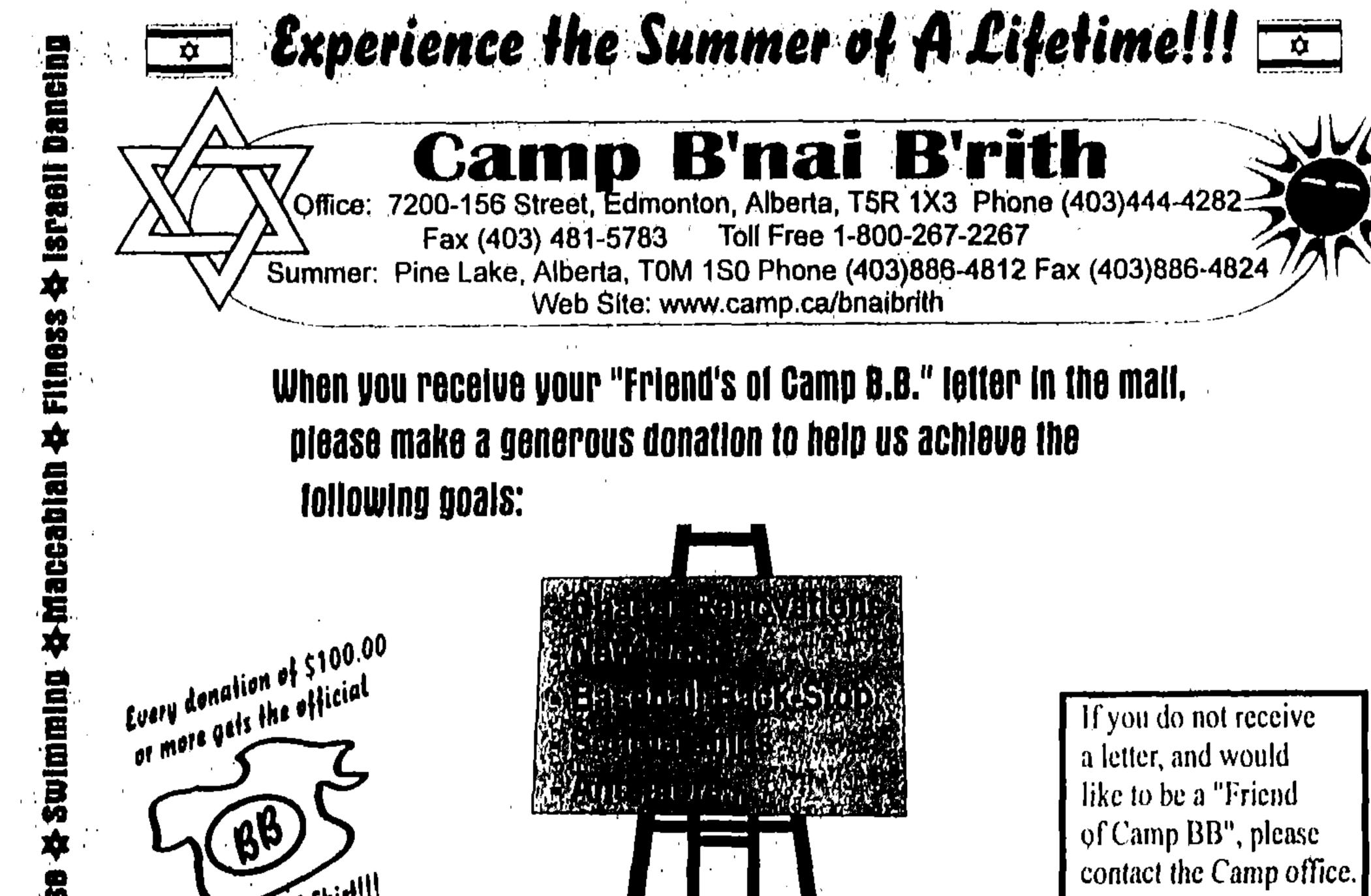
Uncle Moishy assisted by Zale Newman, Yossi Ovics

servant women in the syna- Moess Chittim Tea scheduled

the world. The Edmonton community has proved to be generous to this cause the past and organizers hope that this will continue

This year's tea will be held March 30 from 2 to 5pm at the home of Esther

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Canadian Jewish Con-stated CJC War Crimes der to have more credibility gress says it is not sur- Committee Chair Professor when focusing on those prised by a report stating that at lease 250 individuals allegedly responsible for that if we are unable, as a Bosnia, Serbia, Somalia,

war criminals of the past it Haiti. will be even more difficult to do so with those who committed heinous crimes and found safe haven here

nately this prophecy appears to have come true." Professor Abella said that CJC is urging the federal government to deal more swiftly with the Nazi as well. war criminal dossier in or-

Irving Abella. "It has al- with blood on their hands "Canadians are losing

respect for the system when stories like this arise," said Professor Abella. "How more recently. Unfortu- can we have any confidence that our government intends to deal with Nazis from World War II when war criminals of the present day now call Canada home

Viewpoint

Lifelong learning: a fundamental principle of Judaism

by Bruce Elman

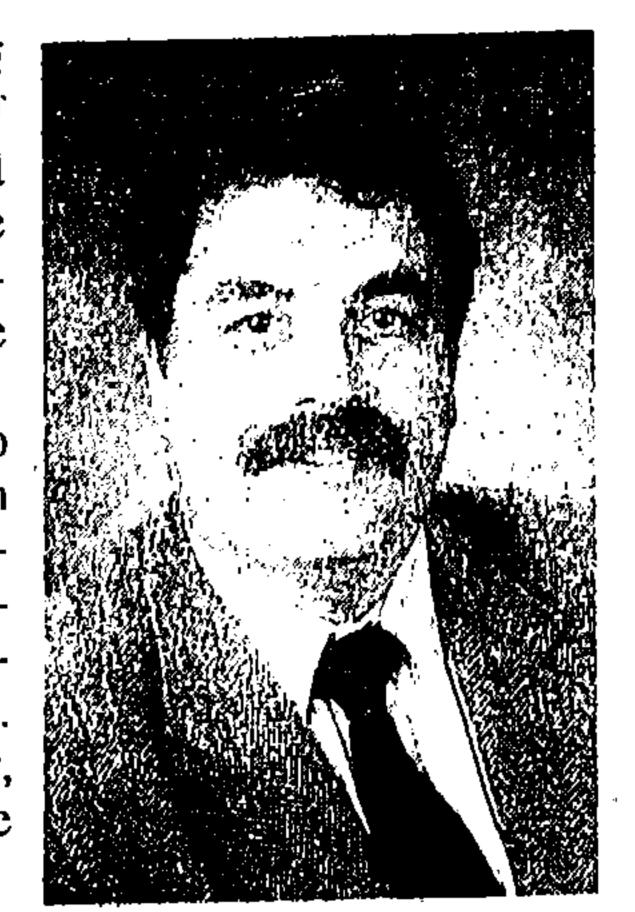
stitutions and their profes- Jewish continuity, we sionals believe they have should be particularly vigihit upon some brilliant new lant about undertaking the idea when they declare that mitzvah of Torah study. they are going to become involved in "Lifelong fulfill this mitzvah than in Learning Programs." Jerusalem. The opportuni-"Life long Learning" is a ties for regular and occabrilliant idea, but it is not sional study, both in Heparticularly novel. Indeed, brew and English, abound. it is a fundamental princi- During my sabbatical year, ple of Judaism that every I studied regularly in three Jew must continue to learn Talmud classes.

throughout his/her life. ple, in the first chapter, ners out at Hashpudia and Tractate Megillah i Acquire a colleague for classes were the highlight

ited throughout the Pirkei Avot and in these days of heightened concern about

Nowhere is it easier to

I attended a class on the Pirkei Avot in many re- classical ethics text of Rab-



spects provides us with the bi Chaim Luzatto, "The Jerusalem – neither talmu-ties for study here in Edmoral and ethical underpin- Path of the Just" and also dically nor gastronomical- monton. One just has to nings of all Jewish Law. participated in a study ly. There are, however, lots take advantage of them. Throughout its text we are group on the Parshat of opportunities to fulfill admonished to continue the Hashavuah (The Weekly the mitzvah of Torah study. study of Torah. For exam-Portion). Other than din- I am currently studying verse six, it states: "Select a the felafel and shwarma at Chabad with Rabbi Ari in master-teacher for yourself; Adir on Emek Refaim, these his Wednesday evening "Gamorra for the Serious Minded". This has been



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The 613 mitzvos of the Torah are divided into three categories. The first group, known as mishpatim, are laws which had not G-d given them to us, we as a society would have incorporated them ourselvessuch as the prohibition against theft, murder etc.

The second group, known as eidut- testimonies, are laws which had G-d not given them, we would not have known to and linen, and the laws of institute them. However, now that they have been given, we can appreciate their rational, such as keeping the Shabbas, celebrat-

The final category are what is known as *chukim* statutes. These are laws which, to our understanding, have absolutely no rationale and are simply performed because G-d has coupled with the same encommanded us, such as the prohibition against wearing a garment made of wool

purity and impurity etc.

should strive to perform the dom. ing the holidays, etc.

> Despite the loftiness of this approach, our sages tell

greater. We should really be performing the mitzvos that we do understand in the same manner that we perform those which we do not. The reason being that when we perform mitzvos that we understand we are limited by our own intellect whereas, if we perform mitzvos simply because Gd told us so then we are not subject to our own limitations and thus will maintain Yiddishkeit because of our

Rabbi Ari

Chabad

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P.S. Purim baskets will

Our sages tell us that we appreciation of G-ds wis-

mitzvos which we don't understand with the same enthusiasm as those we do. For just as a person is encouraged to do something that he understands and ap- once again be for sale. Call preciates, likewise, the per- Chabad and leave the rest formance of mitzvos that to us. defy rationale should be

P.P.S. JUST DO IT! Now is the time to enhance your seder table. Order your shmura matzas by us the reverse is even calling 4-TORAH-4.

both stimulating and enjoyable - a good break in the middle of the week.

cha/Parshat Hashavuah Say About ..." this class shiur at Beth Shalom on will provide an exploration

tee of the Jewish Federa- sequent sessions will be led tion of Edmonton is now by other Alberta rabbis and beginning a new program scholars. This will be a fasat the end of February enti- cinating series. Please plan participation in the Min-tled "What Does Judaism to attend. Shabbat afternoon. What, of fundamental concepts in lem of Jewish continuity is could be better, - we daven Judaism through the classi- Lifelong Jewish Learning. a little, we eat a little, we cal texts. The first session, Find yourself a teacher; discuss the portion of the led by Rabbi Drelich of find yourself a friend; be-

week, we sing and we con- Chabad, will be on Thurs- gin to Learn! clude with Havdallah. But, day, February 27 at 7:30 as we can see from the p.m. at the JCC. It will be Centre Piece in this on What does Judaism Say of the Edmonton UJA Cammonth's Jewish Life, there About ... G-d?" Rabbi Ger- paign, is a member of the Now Edmonton is not are significant opportuni- shon Kaplan, Principal of Jewish Federation of Ed-Menorah Academy, will monton Continuity Comlead the session on March mittee.

The Continuity Commit- Say About ... Torah?" Sub-

The answer to the prob-

Bruce Elman, Co-Chair

Getting sost in the details

didn't ignite on the first

candles and recited the

off any further embar-

rassment of my young

congregant, I somewhat

loudly recalled the previ-

ous Shabbat in my own

home when I had a suc-

cession of matches break

on me before successful-

ly lighting the Shabbat

My daughters, taking

my cue, chimed in with

similar tales of their own.

Together, we reassured

her that eventually the

candles get lit – it just

takes practice. Neverthe-

less, I couldn't help but

feel that candles blessed

anger truly weren't

intended to usher in

peace, extra light for the

In the Torah portions

Terumah and Tetzave the

text goes into great detail

sacred or kosher.

27 on "What Does Judaism

We Jews are a very ten joke that we have a brachah for everything, but we usually have a ritual too. Indeed, the very recitation of a brachah is a ritual in itself.

Rituals are an important part of the human experience. They convey culture, belief, mystery, wonder. They invoke all sponses. From awe to nostalgia to wonder to boredom and everything in between. We all respond on one level or another to the rituals that make up both our daily experience and our reli-

Rituals have the power to enrich and enhance our lives, but they can also diminish it, because of the inherent danger in rit ual is that we get so lost in the details of its performance, that we forget the impetus and the reasons which prompted its performance in the first

Here's an example. As a student rabbi, I was often at the home of congregates for Shabbat meals during my weekend stay at my student pulpits. One particular evening, we were hosted by a family who have a daughter about the same age as my eldest. She was about ten at the time and was given the honour of lighting the Shabbat candles at home that

soul, warmth, joy. On that particular night, their message had been lost She was nervous because the "rabbi" was over undue concern present and because this about making a good impression on the rabbi. was the first time she had lit the candles. Matches The meaning and purcan be such fickle things pose of the ritual had gotten lost in the details of and on this particular evening, they just didn't how to correctly perform cooperate. One match broke. Another blew out

after only lighting one

candle. And as she pro-

are to bring before God and in even greater detail as to how they are to be brought together in the construction of the mishkan. Indeed, the lever of detail is meticulous. Even the haftarah for Terumah echoes this concern over detail with the step by step instructions of how King Solomon constructed the first Temple. And scholars pour over these sections with great vigor. What Chumash is complete without a detailed diagram of what the mishkan must have

looked like? These details, of course, are fascinating. But it is the opening words of the parashah that matter the most:

"Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts: you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him."

It is not the items that go into the building of the mishkan that matter. It is the fact that those items come from whose love of God has created within them the desire to create a dwelling place for God here on earth. It is the fact that God's love for us has manifested itself in the desire on God's part to dwell among us. It is the movematters, not the movement of hammer and

As we embrace our traditions and enhance our lives through ritual, prayer and deed, let us remember that the offerings God desires, the offerings that God ultimately accepts are those of the heart. And may our hearts so be moved.

L' vrachah v' shalom Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph

Federation Centre Piece

Representatives from across the broad spectrum met recently at the J.C.C to begin development of a comprehensive strategy for the celebration of Israel's programming process is 50th Anniversary of Inde- most welcome. Call Lesley

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pendence in 1998. Though an overall theme Shoshana Pollack (H)481has not yet been chosen, it 1977 to volunteer, or call will cover an eighteen one of the individuals listed month period of remem- below who have committed brance and celebration themselves to chairing a highlighting events over the committee. There are, and last 100 years. Beginning will be, many opportunities with Yom Hazikaron and for involvement. Yom Haatzmaut this year, highlights will include the 100th anniversary of the first Zionlst Congress in Basle, Switzerland (August 1897), recognition of the struggles for independence, a major celebration for Yom Haatzmaut 50, and culmi nate in a special salute to Israel during Heritage Days

All Zionist organizations in the community, as well as service groups, special interest groups, and individuals have expressed an enthusiasm for working together to make these events a true community effort. To quote Theodore Herzl "If you will it, it is no

ish community, and in the

Tet's get together MAY 24, 25, 26, 1997

Yvonne Karijo

FALL 1997

FROM RUSSIA

WITH LOVE

- a concert

A Salute to our

Diverse Origins

CO-CHAIRS:

Asya Ferenbok

Mila Plots

Tanya Kaplan

FALL 1997

From the FIRST ZIONIST

CONGRESS to the

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

Anyone wishing to partic-ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL ipate at any stage of this CO-CHAIRS: Shoshana Pollack Mindy Jacobs Jacobson at (B)487-0585 or **AUGUST 3, 4, 1997** ISRAEL PAVILION Edmonton's Heritage Days CO-CHAIRS: Carmella

"The day is short, the

It is not our responsibility to complete the work

But neither are we free to refrain from it."

Pirke Avot

(Ethics of the Fathers)

MAY 11, 1997 YOM HAZIKARON Memorial Service for Israel's fallen

CHAIR: Vicky Barclay MAY 12, 1997 YOM HAATZMAUT

Israel's Independence Day - "49" CO-CHAIRS: Gerry Emas

STATE Fifty years of triumph and tragedy CO-CHAIRS:

Abraham Goldberg Phyllis Adler Gadi Avishai

Federation Endorses CJF Resolution on Religious Pluralism in Israel

presented at last November's General Assembly in The resolution states. continuity of the Jewish ship of the Council of Jew- Jewish traditions with pride, people and the mainte- ish Federations to convey nance of strong Israel-Dias- to the political leaders of Ispora relations, the Federa- rael, in the most vigorous tion has endorsed the immediate and continuing ment was passed with 24 Council of Jewish Federa- way possible, that they votes for, none against, and tions Resolution on Reli- must not risk dividing the one abstention. gious Pluralism in Israel, as world Jewish community".

There is only one Israel and it is to there Jews of all persuasions turn to pray. It is the Israel that inspires us to carry on and develop our and it is our Judaism which unites us to Israel.

Edmonton's endorse-

Immigration - A Boon to any Country

According to research learn English and fit into a done in many countries, im- new lifestyle. any nation. Though Canadians in general may ques- ly. They need friendship the wisdom of welcoming newcomers.

this country his/her unique immigrants, be it first, sec-over 4,000 years old. As talents in their quest to build ond, third or beyond gener-those before us "kept the a new life and enrich their ation. We come from all covenant" in providing munew community. Often over the world. Our lan-tual aid and support these talents are not imme- guages - English, Hebrew, throughout the ages, it is diately apparent as the Yiddish, Russian, French now our responsibility to newcomer struggles to and Spanish - reflect our di- carry on this tradition.

Socially, our newcomers are often isolated and lone-

and conversation to help—community that meets our Their children need to be with children of similar age. that enrich our lives. They need jobs to become Here in Jewish Edmon-

Each immigrant brings to ton we are a community of sharing of a common bond

verse origins and unique upbringings. We all strive to find for ourselves and create for our children a strong sense of identity, a Jewish needs, and an enduring knowledge of the traditions

Federation/UJA is a vital component in the building of Jewish community, in the

Committees will continue to be set to develop the 1998 celebrations. Jessica Benjamin has volunteered to chair a community Youth Committee to be part of the overall Yom Haatzmaut 50

Tell us how like to be involved call us!

organizational group.

Schindler's List on TV Plan your evening! Check your VCR's record-

INTERRUPTION. The NBC television net-

Edmonton.

event, which will include two brief commercial-free ing capacity and stock up intermissions during the on a four hour tape. Get the movie (Bathroom break!) dinner ready and the TV ta- Although its sponsorship inbles in place. "Schindler's cludes eight minutes of List" is coming to your TV commercial time, Ford will screen and there will be vir- present less than two minturally NO COMMERCIAL utes of advertising during the evening: a one-minute spot before the movie and a

on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY credits. 23, 7:30 - 11:00 PM East-

exclusive sponsor of the fore and after the film.

50-second announcement "Schindler's List " nationally following the movie's end Prior to the movie, a 30ern Time. Check time for second introduction will be made by Ford's Vice Presi-There will be no com- dent. The Ford Motor Com-

mercial advertising during pany has also made it posthe film's telecast. The Ford sible for Steven Spielberg Motor Company will be the to address the audience be-

In Memory of Israel's Most Recently Fallen

Bleak Night

(By Ya'acov Erez, Editor of "Ma'ariv", 05.02.97 p. 1)

Just as it was with the Rabin murder, the Beit Lid attack, the Dizengoff Center explosion — the initial report was low-key. "Two Cobra Helicopters have apparently collided in mid-air," said the report. It later became clear that two "Yasur" helicopters were involved, and reports spoke of twenty casualties. Then thirty. And fifty. And seventy, and more.

And you then try to turn that horrible number into something comprehensible, tangible. You search for a name, a face, perhaps an acquaintance. You search for all those things you do not want to find.

And you always do.

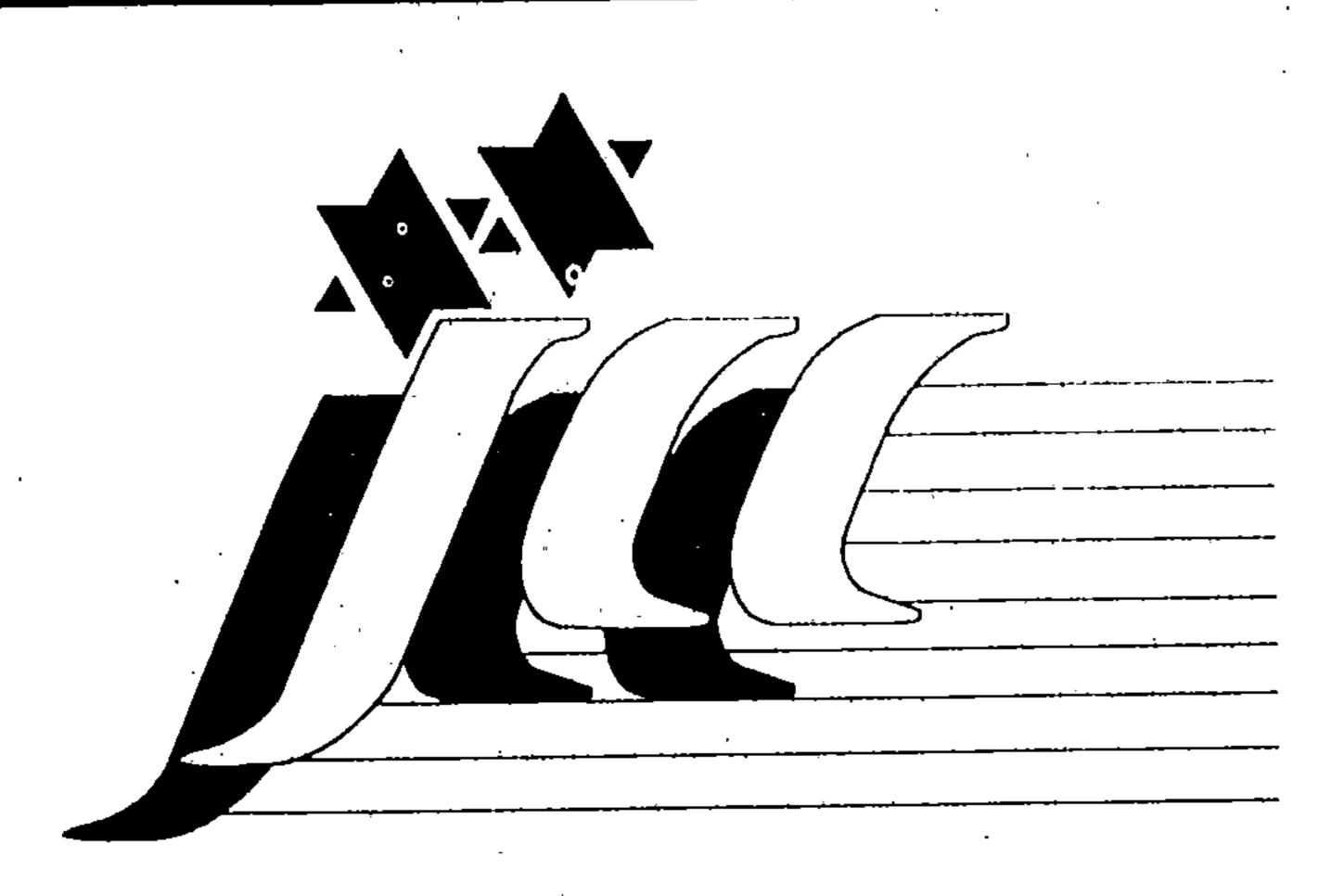
Because all those who are called the best of our boys are the best of our children. This night you searched for them. First, your own children. Afterwards your I friends, and then their friends, and their children, and the friends of their children. An entire nation trembling by the phone. These are the moments when Israel is not a nation. It is a shared home.

During this bleak night. Between the thunder and lightning and snow storms. During this foggy night, in which we skipped a number of heartbeats; during this morose and bitter night, in which all has been forgotten and in which we returned — for a single moment — to that which we truly are. One people.

Our sages tell us: "He who gives quickly, it is as though he gave twice." - 16th century Venetian Rabbi Leon de Modena

If you have not aiready made arrangements to do so, Please pay your UJA pleage. Today.

Jewish Federation of Edmonton • Jewish Community Centre 7200-156 Street Phone 487-0585 Fax: 481-1854 Executive Director: Lesley Jacobson



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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS SESSION II MARCH 3RD - APRIL 18TH

KIDS R US

Preschool extravaganza!! For three hours twice a week your child will take part in a variety of exciting activities at the JCC. Upon arrival we will lunch (brought from home) with our pals, read stories, sing songs, make crafts, cook, swim, and if we're not too tired play in the gym.

4 Year Olds Tuesday & Thursdays 10:00-1:00 5 Year Olds Tuesday & Thursdays

Minimum registration of 5, Maximum 10. Cost: \$120

PISHER PALS

This programme is designed to provide your child with the opportunity for socialization, creativity, and curiosity with a little help from our moms and dads. So come out and make new friends or spend more time with old pals. Snack provided.

Grandparents and nannies welcome.

Ages: 18 months - 3yrs. Wednesdays - 9:30 - 11:00 Minimum registration of 5 Cost: \$45

DAYCAMP SHALOM PREVIEW

As the snow starts to melt, and the sun begins to shine we often find our thoughts drifting to those fun filled days of SUMMERI

The Director of Daycamp Shalom is busy planning camp for the summer, and wanted to let all of our campers know that they are in for an exciting time.

Camp starts on July 7th this year and we will be having three two week sessions, and if there is enough registration we will be having a specialty camp held in the seventh

We will be offering more out trips this summer, overnights at Camp B.B. for the older campers, and camp outs for middle campers. We will be offering a program for two year olds for this summer as well.

Session Dates: I - July 7 to July 18 II - July 21 to August 1 III - August 4 to August 15 Specialty Week - August 18 to August 22

Watch for upcoming camp information in the paper, as well as at the JCC.

For more information call Alissia at 487-0585.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

FEBRUARY 28, 29 MARCH 1st

BBYO Snoboy/Sisterhood/ Sweetheart & Beau in Calgary. If you would like more information about the convention call Alissia at 487-0585.

MARCH 7,8,9

Hillel/JSA Western Canadian Campus Conference in Whistler, BC. For more information call Alissia at 487-0585.

SUNDAY MARCH 23RD

BBYO will be having a Purim Carnival at the JCC from 2-5p.m.

> Watch for upcoming information at the JCC, and in the paper.

Rebounders - Cost \$35

Tumble, flip, and balance your way to the JCC. This is the fastest growing program at the JCC. Body awareness, movement education and basic tumbling are the bases for this program. Trampoline, flips, and fun in a safe and progres-

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	4 - 5 yrs	•
Friday	1:00 - 2:00 pm	March 7 to M
Thursday	9:30 - 10:30 am	March 6 to M
Madaaaday	2:00 . 4:00 pm	March 5 to A

Beginne	er / Intermediat	te 5 yrs and up
Tuesday Thursday	6:00 - 7:30 pm 6:00 - 7:30 pm	March 4 to April 29 March 6 to May 1
Wednesday	4:00 - 5:30 pm	March 5 to April 3

Learn to play Floor Hockey Cost \$35.00

Learn how to stick handle and develop skills in a fun and exciting way. Boys and girls are welcome to become future NHLer's.

March 4 to April 27

4 -5 yrs	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
6-8 yrs	Tuesday	4:30 - 5:30 pm

Learn to play Soccer Cost \$35.00

Kick, pass, shot and score with this program. Prepare your kids for that spring soccer season.

March 6 to May 1

4-5 yrs	l hursday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
6-8 yrs	Thursday	4:30 - 5:30 pm

Come out and try our Aerobics classes, you don't know what your missing.....

Coupon	
Free visit to JCC Aerobics	
Good for one FREE	
aerobics class	

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class
expires
March 31, 1997
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Aerobics Schedule					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:15-10:15am Step it up		9:15-10:15am Step it up		9:15-10:15am Just pump it
	10:30-12pm Dee's Dynamos		10:30-12pm Dee's Dynamos		
11-12pm Sweatworks	·	1-2pm Stretch'n'Tone		1-2pm Stretch'n'Tone	
		7-8 pm Step'n'Tone		7-8pm Power Workout	

MEMO

To: The Community, From: The Jewish Community Centre, Recreation Department

Re: Aquatics Programs For All

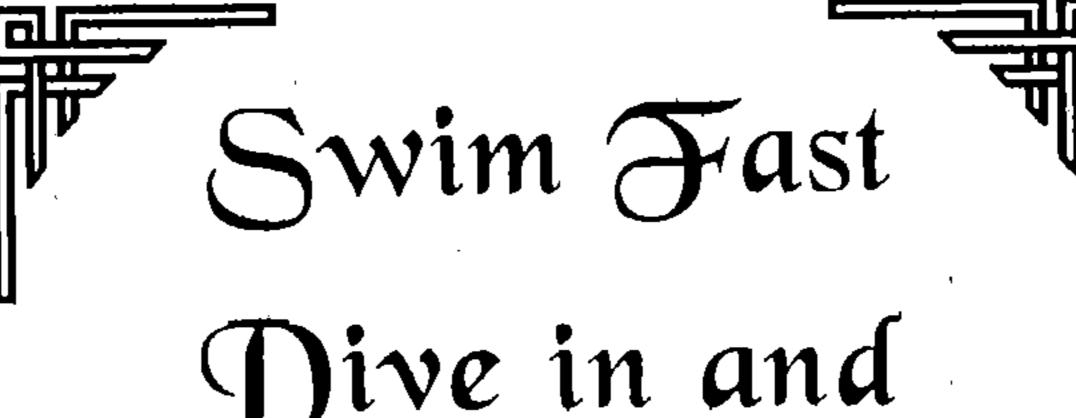
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On behalf of the Jewish Community Centre we would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to come and take advantage of our swimming pool with a view.

Did you know that we offer a Men's and Ladies only swim? Ladies only swim is on 11:30-1:00pm Monday nights between 9:00 & 10:00 pm. 7:00-9:00pm Men's only swim is Wednesday nights between 7:00 & 8:00 pm.

Enjoy the fun and comfort of our pool, and don't forget to bring your friends. We would also like to offer you more services. If you are interested in swimming lessons or renting the pool for a birthday party or family function please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

If you would like more information or have a request for a special swim or program please Call 487-0585 and ask for Andy or Jennifer



Synchronize

Swimming

Call and ask for

more details

Help us set direction for the future. Call me or come over for coffee and we can talk. Andy 487-0585

Private Swimming Lessons

A qualified and experienced aquatic 'instructor will book lessons at your convenience and work on the skill(s) of your choice.

Private Lessons \$40.00 for 4 * 30 min. Semi-Private Lessons \$30.00 for 4 * 30 min.(per child)

Swimming Pool Schedule

Lane Swim Times

Monday 11:30-1:00pm 7:00-8:30pm

Thursday 7:00-10:30am 11:30-1:00pm 5:30-9:30pm 8:00-9:30pm

Sunday, 7:00-10:30am 9:30-1:00pm 12:00-1:30pm

Public Swim Times

Tuesday

Wednesday

5:30-9:30pm 5:30-7:00pm 8:00-9:30pm

Sunday 7:00-10:30am 9:30-4:00pm 12:00-1:30pm

Special Swim Times

Mond ay 9:00-10:00pm Ladies Only

10:45-10:15 am

10:00-10:30 am

9:30-10:15 am

Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm Men Only

1:00-4:00pm Birthday Party Rentals

Saving someone's life is the greatest gift you can give!

The JCC offers Programmes in lifeguarding, standard first aid, CPR, Bronze Medallion, Senior Resuscitation, Bronze Cross and many fitness skills. Train to be prepared for an emergency. Call 487-0585 for course information.

Learn to Swim

Session March 3 - May 5 Swimming Lesson Package

\$ 40 for 8 lessons, one private lesson, free swimming on the day of the lessons

Parent & Tot Sunday Tuesday

4&5's Beginner 9:30-10:00 am Sunday Wednesday

10:30-11:00 am 5:45-6:15 pm Wednesday 6:15-6:45 pm Thursday 10:30-11:00 am Friday

Aquaquest 1,2,3 Sunday

11:30-12:15 pm Sunday 3:45-4:30 pm Tuesday 5:00-5:45 pm Wednesday 5:30-6:15 pm Thursday

Aquaquest 6,7,8 Wednesday

Lifesaving 1,2,3 Sunday

Wednesday

10:45-11:30 am 6:15-7:00 pm

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3yrs old Guppies

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4&5's Advanced

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Aquaquest 4,5

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Aquaquest 9,10,11,12

10:00-10:45 am Sunday 5:30-6:15 pm Thursday

Speed Swimming

11:30-12:15 pm Sunday 5:30-6:15 pm Thursday

Coupon

FAMILY SWIMMING PASS : 'Good for one FREE swim i Sunday, March 2, 1997 1:00 - 4:00 pm

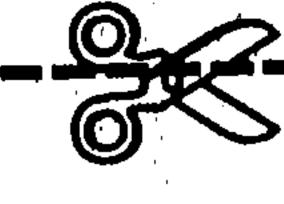
Try usyou'll like us!

Coupon

One free visit to our Men's or Ladies swim

Men's Wednesday 7-8pm

Women's Monday 9-10pm



celebration of upcoming

milestones in Jewish histo-

Unfortunately, there are

Peek Into My Office An invitation from Lesley Jacobson Federation's Executive Director

Tuesday, February 4

 Met with officer of Ed- ing. monton Police Service Culcuss information received meetings (6 pm, then 7:30 by National Intelligence Ser- pm) vices and passed on to the R.C.M.P. Together we de- Jewish member of Edmonthe Federation should take of the Israel Defense Force and what our local law enforcement might do.

 Drafted fax message to son. all Jewish institutions concerning this meeting and advising extra caution vis-àvis security.

 Called all staff and tenants of JCC to a meeting to plication. discuss security issues in our facility

 An article in the Edmonton Sun related how the out and prosecuting Nazi war criminals.

 Several members of our community called to ask young man who expressed what Federation was going his "disgust" at Canada's into do about it.

 Discussed issue with Chairman of Community Relations Committee and decided on course of action.

ish Congress to discuss and numbers.

Called CTV Network in

 Drafted letters to CFRN Television in Edmonton, the CTV Network in Toronto, and the producer of "60 Minutes" in New York.

 Discussed draft letters with Community Relations days mail. Started to devel-Chairman and received ap- op articles for this Federaproval of content.

 Faxed completed letters to above, with copies to Canadian Jewish Congress, from 630 CHED wanting and to the concerned com- commentary on the news munity members who asked what action we would take. banks has set up a memori-

 Chatted with member of all fund for survivors and Continuity committee re heirs of Holocaust victims publicizing all education—who had been denied acprogrammes being offered cess to family assets de-

H.A. and I.R. Friedman Scholarship Fund

If you are between the Summer happening, Arages of 15 and 25 years, live—chaeology seminars, and in or within 25 miles of Ed- college summer programs. monton and are interested. Those planning to enroll in in traveling to Israel to these programs should aplearn Hebrew or to partici- ply to: pate in one of the programs of the Zionist Youth Feder- 609 Wolf Willow Road Edation or the Youth and Hechalutz Department of Israel, you may be eligible for a scholarship.

The H.A. and I.R. Fried- Torah School, the Canadian man Scholarship Fund pro- Zionist Federation office, vides grants towards the the Jewish Community cost of these summer pro- Centre. grams. Various programs are available, including Adventure in Kibbutz, Israel

helicopter crash and telling

 Received fax from Talmud Torah reminding me of February 5 meeting to discuss major grant application and asking me to review ap-

me he is praying for my

Wednesday, February 5

 Early morning call from news director of CFRN non Jewish woman - her chose to become the arbiter husband's Jewish business of what Edmontonians associate is coming into should or shouldn't view town - she believes he is When he decided not to air observant - what are the the segment of "60 Minutes" food rules so she can feel dealing with Canada's comfortable inviting him to shameful record in seeking dinner. Gave her a 5 minute crash course on the basics

of Kashrut. Call from non Jewish action in dealing with alleged Nazi war criminals in Canada. What can he do? advised him to write letters to the Justice Minister and Called Canadian Jew- his own MP, demanding immediate action, and to ento get contact names and courage his friends to do

> Another call from our non Jewish community this time to offer "sincere condolences " for the tragic accident in Israel.

likewise.

 Reviewed budget and finance documents to take to meeting. Dealt with two

Chuck Mozeson

monton, Alberta

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obtained from the Talmuc

The Deadline for

Applications is

April 15, 1997

Application forms can be

tion Centre Piece. Met with program staff. Spoke with reporter that a consortium of Swiss

> Tuesday, March 25 7;30 p.m. Location TBA The Sacrifice

> > Thursday, April 24 Beth Shalom Women's League:

487-0571

Rabbi Kaplan Alternate Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Conference Rm #6 Fantasyland Hotel Bible Classes

cussed format for publish- ing the Nazi era.

 Gathered together monton Public School tural Resource Unit to dis- of previous evenings' two fax relating to Israel tragedy directed staff to lower flag to half-mast - set up memo-Received call from non rial board for lobby.

this summer.

The question is sometimes asked - "What do you actually do as an executive in the Jewish community?" The following two days might give you an idea. Drafted agenda for

 Proofed draft of minutes news articles coming over Board to discuss application tors bidding on the JCC renfor Covenant Grant and ovation project - extensive in-

plan strategy for implemen- Met with Western Re- from CFRN - faxed it to ap- never enough hours in the gional Campus Coordinator propriate Individuals.

JCC Maccabi Youth Games August 17-22, 1997 Seattle

Canada-Edmonton are mittee for the Seattle graphic proximity our local pected 5,000 Jewish ath-Games expect to host over 800 young people from nu- will participate in the Seattle will be sponsoring a delegamerous countries abroad as Games. tion of young Jewish athwell as from the western rearea (13-17 yr.) at the upcoming JCC Maccabi Youth Games to be held in Seattle The Youth Games are a

joint effort of The JCC Association; Maccabi Canada Penny & Percy Lerner & Maccabi USA and are ofwill head the delegation to Seattle and be chaperones ten a stepping-stone to parfor the other young athletes ticipation at the World Maccabi Games in Israel (held Their 13 yr. old son Rob will every 4 years and next upcompete in the tennis tourcoming this July).

Regional Youth Games The Youth Games offer are being held in 5 other local Jewish athletes the U.S. cities in addition to gotiations, they will move to opportunity to meet and Seattle this summer - a permanent home annually compete with their counter- Kansas City; Milwaukee; at the new Disney Sports parts from around the Sarasota; Pittsburgh; and Complex in Orlando, with

in our community. Dis- posited in Swiss banks dur- • Met with Talmud Torah plus our campus rep and Judaic representative at Ed-staff. Thursday evening meeting to address the community's

 Hosted group of contracspection of recreation area.

The Coca-Cola Company

effort to ensure that our

young people enjoy them-

The co-ordinating com-

Youth Games will be held at

12 noon

Jasper Ave. & 103 St.

Lunch & Learn for

Business People:

"Pirke Avoth-Ethics

of our Fathers"

Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

Chabad at Lessard Mail

Talmud for the

Serious-Minded

Anvtime

Choose a Class

Rabbi Arl will begin a

class on any Jewish

subject for groups

of five or more

selves to the hilt.

Received response

world. The organizing com- Hartford. Because of geo- the ability to house an exdelegation from Edmonton letes world-wide in one lo-

Thirteen different sports will be held in Seattle this gions of Canada and the is once again the major cor-summer, including swimporate sponsor of the Youth ming; track & field; tennis; Games and numerous oth- gymnastics; golf; and table tennis. Our city has been alers will join in the massive located a maximum of 20 spaces for athletes.

All those interested in attending or wanting more information about the Youth Games are asked to contact Howie Sniderman at different sites annually throughout the year 2000

> The Deadline for Applications is April 15, 1997

Tewish Educational Programming

Beth Shalom

Religious School Sundays 10-12 Beth Shalom Tues/Thur 4 - 5 pm

Library Discussion Group Second Monday of the Month - Various Topics 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Beth Shalom **Cantor David Mannes**

Saturday Afternoon following Mincha Services Seudah Shlishit/Torah

Study of Parshat Hashavuah Contact Bruce Elman

Book Club Discussion of by Adele Wiseman Contact Debby

Woman's Seder

451-1837

Chabad Lubavitch Rabbi Arl Dreilich Alternate Thursdays Alternate Tuesdays

8:00 p.m. Chabad House Teens & Torah Rabbi Ari Dreilich 4-Torah-4

Once a Month 12 Noon Ross Shep High School unch & Learn for High

School Students Every 4-5 weeks Chabad House

Shabbatons for University Students

Thursdays 8:00 p.m. Parkview School Weekly Torah Study

Temple Beth Ora Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph Religious School

Sundays 10 - 12:30 p.m. Hebrew In Stages:

Sundays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Starting with the Aleph Bet Tuesdays 1:15 pm

Lunch with the Prophets: Weekly Haftorah Study Alternate Wednesdays

7:15 - 8:45 p.m. (next class Feb. 26) Contemporary Moral Dilemmas A Jewish Perspective

in the first week of every month.

Alternate Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. (next class Feb. 19) Intro to Judaism For those wishing to broaden Judaic Knowledge

Sundays 10-11:30 am Torah V'Ktanim: Tots & Torah

& those seeking conversion

First & Third Saturdays of each month 10:30 a.m. Home Hospitality Torah Studies

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to these exciting ongoing opportunities, many special events will be tak-Ing place. These include a special National Council of Jewish Women exhibit at the Provincial Museum, celebrating 100 years of Canadian Jewish History. If you know of ongoing, or special educational

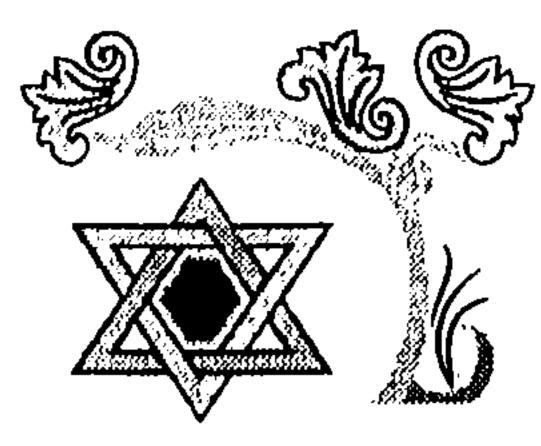
events, please fax them to Lesley Jacobson at the JCC

Rabbi Eli Lagnado Wednesdays, 9:30-12 Noon

Beth Israel

Beth Israel Synagogue Jewish Book of Why used as a basis for teaching English as a Second Language Cantact Naomi Hammer Ray Dolgoy 488-1664

Beth Tzedek **Every Third Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Various locations Mishna Classes Harold Rodnunsky 451-1858



JCC/Federation Continuity Committee

Last Thursday of Each Month 7:30 p.m. "What Does Judaism Say About...? Bruce Elman 486-5219

Beginning February 27 What Does Judaism Say about G-d? led by Rabbi Ari Drelich

> Wednesdays Hebrew Classes for all levels



Community

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Drop-In Centre News

Sunday program features original operetta

ian-speaking seniors comoperetta was enthusiasticaltook part (roles in brack- mistress for the operetta. ets): Dora Naguinskaia

A lively troupe of Russ- (Odarka), Rima Fuxman (Pessa), Lev Briker posed and performed an (Abramovich), Lucy Briker original operetta with the (Sarah), Bronia Tobias title "I want a Husband -A (Raisa), Mihail New Year's Eve Dream" at Shmuilovich the Drop-In Centre, The (Chaimovitch), Emma Shmuilovich (girlfriend of ly received by a capacity Tsperovich), Viktor Shayaudience. The following man (Tsperovich), Mara Drop-In Centre members Lotsova was the concert



A happy troupe - standing (L-R) Dora Naguinskala, Rima Fuxman, Lev & Lucy Briker, Mora Lotsova, Bronia Toblas and Mihall Shmullovich. In front Emma Shmuilovich is sitting on Viktor Shayman's knee.



Sunday program refreshments.



The Drop-in Centre Sunday program honors the January birthdays



Longtime members honoured by JNF

Hannah and David Pollack were recently honoured with the presentation of a certificate commemorating their generous "Lover of Zion" donation toward the establishment of the Keren Kayemeth L'Israel Park 3000 in Jerusalem. The park was created in celebration of the 3000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem. The presentation was made by former Jerusalem Emissary for JNF to Alberta Ron Krumer. As David was unable to be present at the Negev Dinner, Mr. Krumer made the presentation at Youville hospital. The Drop-In Centre extends best wishes to Hannah and David.

Talmud Torah News

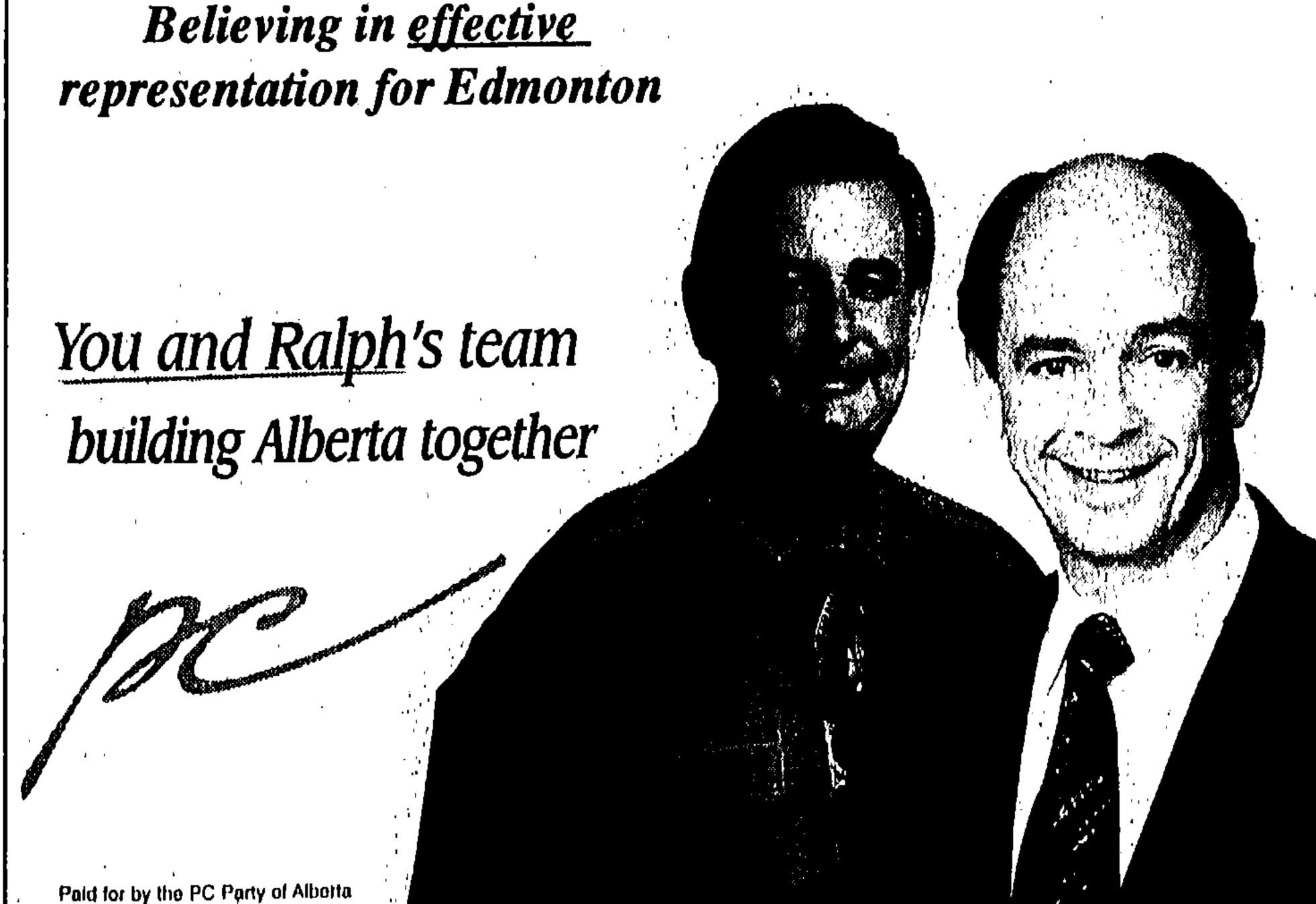
tunity to learn about the program and registration

The Junior High Open House will be held at Stratford Academic High

The Kindergarten Orien-School April 15 at 7:30 tation for parents with chil-p.m. Parents are invited to dren planning to attend attend an exciting presentakindergarten next year will tion by the Junior High be held at the Talmud teachers to explain program Torah School March 12 at plans, highlight successes 7:30 p.m. This is an oppor- as well as collect parent student ideas.

> Mr. Millar and staff are excited about their future and look forward to meeting many parents.

On March 11 ELECT Kim Mackenzie EDMONTON-GLENORA



What Does Judaism Say About...? For anyone who has ever

pondered this question The Continuity Committee of Federation takes great pleasure in presenting

What Does Judaism Say About G-d?

Led by Rabbi Ari Drelich **Edmonton Chabad Lubavitch** Thursday, February 27 - 7:30 p.m. at the JCC

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St. Thomas Synagogue still active after 200 years

to the Caribbean by air or gogue in 1831. The present cruise ship expects hot sun, Synagogue building was miles of sandy beaches, du-built in 1833 with help ty free bargains and friend- from world-wide Jewry and Thomas in the US Virgin ty. Islands also means the opportunity to learn more of the synagogue is the about some of the first Jews sand on the floor. The sand

The Hebrew Congrega- the Marranos, Jews who tion of St. Thomas was were forced to convert to founded in 1796. It is the Christianity during the oldest synagogue in contin- Spanish Inquisition but can flag. A religious ser- daism. Since practicing vice has been held every their religion was punish-Shabbat since 1833 with able by death, they met in the exception of September secret places with sand cov-served as the mechitzah to 52 are single members and 15, 1995 when the island ering the floors in order to separate the men and 38 are family members. was devastated by Hurri- muffle their sounds.

cane Marilyn. belonged to the congrega- since its original congre- synagogue is the only one do not live in St. Thomas tion in 1801, but by 1803 it gants came from Spanish on the Island they pride but donate yearly dues of had increased to 22, with backgrounds. In Sephardic themselves on striving to \$18 or \$36 to help maintain arrivals from England, architecture, the scating serve the many religious the beautiful and historic France, and the Caribbean permits congregants to face needs of the diverse Jewish synagogue so that it can islands of St. Eustatius and one another, instead of the-population. Curação. In 1804 the small atre style as in most Ashke-Synagogue was destroyed nazi and North American by fire and replaces in synagogues. Also in the tra- The religious school cur-1812. The congregation dition of Sephardic archi-rently meets weekly with ary there is a small museum grew so large that in 1823 tecture, the bimah, where 20 children. The sisterhood and a gift shop. it was dismantled and a the rabbi or reader stands is is active in both the congrelarger one erected in its opposite the arc in which gation and the community. current location on Syna- the synagogue's six torahs Services are held to mark gogue Hill. It was named are housed. Congregation of "Blessing Today the synagogue is as well as weddings and and Peace and Loving a member of the Reform bar/bat mitzvahs. Deeds" (bracha veshalom movement and has a full

Anyone planning a visit fire destroyed the Synathe entire Island communi-

The most unique feature

is a remnant of the days of The synagogue was built

Only 9 Jewish families as a Sephardic synagogue and was orthodox. As the composed of people who



uous use under the Ameri- continued to practice Ju- Originally Sephardic Orthodox, St. Thomas' synagogue is now affiliated with the Reform movement.

women in the days when The synagogue also has the synagogue was built over 1000 Chai members

Erev Shabbat services are held every Friday night. all holy days and festivals,

The community has apvegemilut hassadim). The time rabbi ordained at the proximately 115 member work displayed under the congregation numbered 64 Hebrew Union College. units. About 25 are part—title 'Camille Pissaro in the that helped found the synafamilies when a city-wide The synagogue has retained time island residents. Of Caribbean 1850 - 1855: gogué.

the low wooden wall which the 90 full-time residents, continue to serve its members as well as the needs of

In addition to the sanctu-

Across from the synagogue there is a building known as Lilienfeld House which the congregation uses for social gatherings. Until March 14 it is the home of a collection of art-



Hebrew congregation of St. Thomas is a "must visit" on any Carribean vacation.

Drawings from the Collection at Olana.'

French Impressionist ship piers. Cabs and tour school of painting was born buses are also available but in St. Thomas in 1830. He with the narrow congested was born into a Sephardic streets of St. Thomas walkfamily of French descent ing is probably faster.

The synagogue is a short walk uphill from downtown Pissaro, a founder of the St. Thomas and the cruise

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David Linde and Shari Cooper Proud parents are Bev & Barrie Cooper of Edmonton and Merie & Ivan Linde of Vancouver. The wedding will take place in Vancouver on July 13, 1997 at the Share Tzedek Synagogue.



Howard & Karen Davidow are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Robyn to Joel Magainick, son of Dianne Magainick and Elliot Magainick of Denver, Colorado. The wedding will take place this July.



Marvin & Linda Horwitz are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alissia to Michael Oshry, son of Aaron & Jean Oshry. The wedding will take place this summer.

Reminder

The Candlelighting times for February and March in the Chabad Calendar are transposed.

To insure correct times, refer to the insert mailed in the January issue of Edmonton Jewish Life or contact Rabbi Ari at 4-TORAH-4

Beit Horim

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Separation From Disputation to Dialogue

March 15, 8:00-10:00 p.m. March 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m.

> Cost before March 7: \$10 per session (students/seniors \$6 per session) Cost after March 7: \$13 per session (students/seniors \$10 per session)

For more information, phone (403) 447-2993 15611 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta

Deadline Extended to March 14 Ntc

Temple Beth Ora Third Annual Auction

Sunday, April 13, 1997

Fantasyland Ballroom

West Edmonton Mall

Doors open 6:00 p.m. Live Auction starts 7:00 p.m.

Door prize, Live Entertainment and Refreshments

Admission \$15.00

Tickets available from T.B.O Board members and congregants

Live Classical Duo

Violist David Rhein and pianist Donnalee Inglis

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Contact Albert Switzer 487-9866 for further information

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Draw Date - March 14, 1997

Proceeds in support of Beth Shalom Synagogue Arson Restoration Fund, Educational & Community Projects

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In "Aftershock", a

Christianity and Judaism nars and he is involved in in Dialogue is the title of ecumenical work. the 1997 Anthony Jordan Annual Lecture Series at "Aftershock" to Newman Theological College. Rabbi Asher Finkel, guest speaker, will present debut on CBC three sessions: Jesus Within the Jewish Context; The First Three Centuries: Leading to Separation; and From Disputation to Dialogue. The Lecture Series monton in April of 1996 ings about a tragic event in takes place on March 15 will be broadcast nation- their past - a terrorist atwide on CBC's "Canadian tack in Tel Aviv. The film (8:00 p.m.) and 16 (9:00 Reflections" on Friday, was written and directed by a.m. & 1:30 p.m.) at Newman Theological College, located at 15611 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton. Everyone

Asher Finkel was born in Jerusalem and was educatgroup of young people at- Budnarchuk. Music is by ed in America and in Europe. He received the rabbinic degree from Yeshiva their agoraphobic friend, tribution from such popular University-Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Semapartment. Tammy's lack and ¡Maracujah! inary (RIETS) and he obtained the doctorate in Philosophy and in Comparative Religion from Tuebingen University.

is invited and welcome to

He held professional positions at Tuebingen University, Brown University, New York University and Amherst College. He also taught at Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Rabbinic Studies in Jerusalem and at Maryknoll School of Theology as a visiting professor of Scriptures. He is currently a visiting professor of Scriptures.

He is currently a visiting professor at Seton Hall Law School and a full professor at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, where he co-founded the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies. He held rabbinic positions in London, Heidelberg and Stuttgart as well as in New York City.

Asher Finkel is an active member in the World Congress of Jewish Studies, the Society of Biblical Literature and the International Congress on Medieval Studies. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Jewish Arts and Science, holding also the Lindback award for excellence in teaching. He lectures in North America and abroad. heads workshops and semi-

Club Z now stands for Zaida

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volunteer and activist, stores. All points accumu- gram, 390 Bay St., Suite Jaima Geller, has put to- lated go towards the com- 201, Toronto, Ontario, gether a program with mon Club Z community ac- M5W 2Y2. Zeller's Stores which will count. It may also be possisee Club Z points go to- ble to have points on your da card and help in the winwards the purchase of win- personal Club Z card transter boots and other needs ferred to the Club Zaida Jaima at 487-3328. Some for underprivileged chil- card. To have your current cards are also available at

A dedicated community make purchases in Zeller's Club Z Community Pro-

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Parent's Auxiliary of the Talmud Torah are currently working on the 1997-99 Jewish Telephone directory

If you have a listing change or are not presently in the directory contact Penny at 444-3463

To become a patron, benefactor or sponsor contact Arlene at 483-2788

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Hebron agreement is JNF honours restoring confidence Valda Levin

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March 14 - 6:12 p.m.

March 21 - 6:16 pm.

March 28 - 6:37 p.m.

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American corporate exccutives are carefully reappraising the potential of making an investment in Isracl, in light of the Hebron agreement. The doubts of the recent past, which temporarily placed investment plans in Israel on the back burner, are now starting to fade. The Hebron accord is providing the following self to assist in the building confidence builders for of the Palestinian economy American companies:

Minister Netanyahu and Yasir Arafat. It sent a legislature, leading to final Middle East.

 In reaching accord with Arafat on Hebron, Prime agreements with the Pales-

Arab nations, in addition to the ones [with whom] we have signed."

 Arafat, for his part, in Hebron, "We do not want confrontation – we want a joint peace."

 Israel has committed itby participating in the creclearly placed the peace the borders between Israel states. process back on track with and the West Bank and its overwhelming 87-17 Gaza. The park will be lo- Israel remains high. In a revote in support of the cated at Karnik for which cent letter to Mr. Neagreement between Prime - Israel will contribute \$14 tanyahu, key legislators |

 By restarting the peace strong message to Ameri- process, the Hebron agree- (N.Y.) recently described \ can investors that future ment renewed the prospect Israel as a "strategic and | agreements between Israel of an opening for American moral ally of the USA and and the Palestinians are companies to sell products a constant and trusted likely to be approved by the to 200 million Arabs in the

 Israel has announced a \$50 billion infrastructure development program, Minister Netanyahu has re- opening up new opportuni-

tinians and perhaps with Algeria, and eventually, Saudi Arabia.

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 The International Mon- 1 etary Fund was provided a further confidence builder seems to have changed his for American companies by threatening tone of the past. announcing that Israel - 1 He no longer calls for Jihad based on its standard of livand told the Israeli settlers ing and economic and financial development – will no longer be considered an emerging country but one that has attained the status of an industrialized nation, along with the United States, Canada, Great ation of industrial parks on Britain and other advanced

US Congress support for Sen. Jesse Helms (N.C.) and Rep. Ben Gilman

Mr. Netanyahu has sent i a further encouraging signal to American companies by indicating his intention to step up his privatization solved doubts about his ties for American compaprogram. Israel intends to willingness to commit to nies. The plans include the self all its profit-oriented | Edmonton JNF President Phyllis Adler is pleased to thanked the Knesset after linking Israel, the West Yozma Venture Capital its vote of support, saying: Bank, Gaza and Jordan. Is- Corporation, Israel Chemi-"I hope in the future, dur-rael is also studying the cals, the Israel National Oil ing this government's term, possibility of buying natur- Company, Zion and the to bring complete peace—al gas from Egypt, Qatar,—Dead Sca Region Develop-

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the Oslo accords. He building of a railroad chain companies, such as Bezek, announce that in this, the Centennial year of the First Zionist Congress, held in Basel, Switzerland, the esteemed honouree of the 1997 Edmonton Negev Dinner will be Valda Levin. Her lifelong commitment to Zion-Ism makes her a most appropriate honouree at this I time in our history. Plans are underway for this June

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Synagogues explore new fundraising ideas

A group of synagogues in the city of Shushan are planning a new means of raising funds for their congregations. If successful it could become the practice in synagogues in this area as well.

Called a 'Behaviour Tax' it will see those who practice unacceptable behaviour in synagogue levied with fines that will be payable before high holiday seats are issued. Because most of the infractions occur on Shabbat and Yom Tov when writing is forbidden, the Board of Shushan Synagogues (B.S.S.), is bringing in famed memory expert Kevin Trudeau to train gabbaim to remember who they fined so that they can send out notices after Shabbat.

The infractions and amount of the fines follows -

Surcharge if evictee uses cane

Surcharge if evictee uses walker

Sleeping during the Rabbi's sermon	\$10.00
Surcharge for snoring	5.00
Checking watch during sermon	15.00
Finishing the Amidah after the Rabbi	8.00
Duchening - socks not fresh	10.00
Duchening - no socks	15.00
Taking a bite of candy before throwing it	10.00
Harmonizing with the Baal Tefillah - off key	20.00
Singing with the Baal Tefillah - different melody	25.00
Complaining about the heat/air conditioning - non-men	nber 50.00
Complaining about the heat/air conditioning - member	
Taking seat of a person called to the Torah	100.00
Taking the seat of Rabbi during sermon	50.00
(Fine waved if sermon longer than 30 minutes)	
Nudging Gabbai for an Aliyah within 5 years of last ali	iyah 75.00
Kicking person out of your seat (arrival during Musaf)	90.00

Saving seat for someone coming during Musaf Saving a seat for someone you know is not coming Talking Lashon Hara Talking Lashon Hara, person 2 scats away can't hear Remaining in shul with crying baby First minute Next 60 minutes Kol Nidre surcharge Communicating with spouse across mechitza Hand signal Placing tallis in bag before davening ends Placing someone else's tallis in your bag Leaving lipstick imprint on siddur Leaving lipstick imprint on siddur, men's section Cellular phone in shul Receiving a call Making a call Ordering pizza by phone during Yom Kippur Neilah service 200.00

Synagogue presidents were delighted with the new source of revenue. We may be able to keep our annual dues increase to 25% if this is successful as I think it will be said one.

A member of a liberal synagogue was heard to suggest that he was in favour of installing a mechitzah if it would mean more revenue from fines. Another possibility is that the fines could be used to regulate unacceptable behaviour in kiddush buffets such as holding up the line by talking, butting in, taking an extra plate for someone else, and complaining that the fish the previous week looked fresher.

Of course G.S.T will be extra on all fines.