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Mousa Mohammed Abu tion to Israel. Marzook, now being held against Israefis.

to Jonathan Pollard, the for- Jews.

Pollard's continued im- Mine is essentially a plea in the United States, makes prisonment under a life for clemency, for a measure it highly likely that the sus-sentence is unwarranted. of human compassion, es-eral prosecutors promised. Mr. Pollard's release, has pected Palestinian terrorist He has endured enough. It pecially because there are Pollard leniency if he never been made public. It Schindler is the president of leader will go free. In re- is high time that justice be aspects of the Pollard case agreed to forego a jury trial. is about time to bring it into the Memorial Foundation cent days, the government tempered with mercy and that trouble me deeply and He accepted the offer. But the open the bitter irony is for Jewish Culture, the im

released hundreds of Pales- lard's transgressions. He The life sentence he re- pleaded guilty. Was the ceived a Presidential par- brew Congregations, centinians imprisoned for a va- has betrayed the trust of a ceived seems excessive. In government's breaching of don, even before trial, on tral body of Reform Juriety of criminal activities country that has been hos- recent years, those who the plea agreement a true the criminal charge that he daism in North America, pitable to the Jewish people were convicted of spying rendering of justice, or its had concealed vital evi- and a past chairman of the These two developments and exceedingly good to Is- for friendly states - and miscarriage? cannot help but underscore rael. He was grievously even a majority of those. The unilateral scrapping scandal. the sharp contrast between wrong, which he now rec- who spied for America's of a plea agreement by a the treatment of the Pales- ognizes with remorse, and enemies – wee given far judge is exceptionally rare. condemns the crime even tinian prisoners and the ul- for which he was con- less severe terms. tra-harsh punishment that demned by the overwhelmcontinues to be meted out ing majority of American lard remains a security risk

tence commuted.

The argument that Polholds no water. It is absurd

"Do the Right Thing" Award honours teens for moral courage

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First prize will go to Kizzy Guzman, an eleventh grader at Clara Barton High

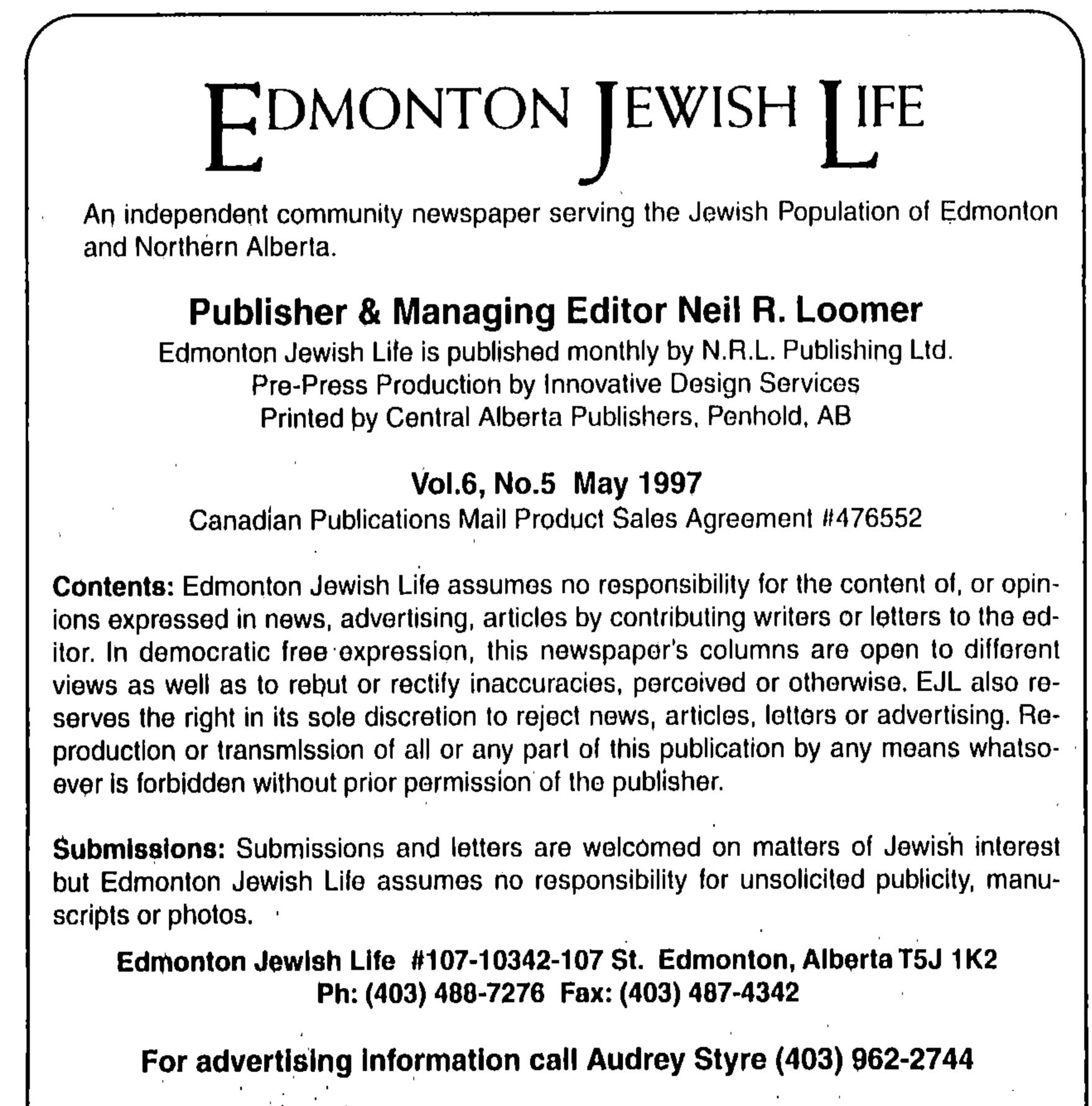
"Do the Right Thing" Con- wrote of saving the life of a Prizes of \$100 each. test, inspired by Holocaust friend at the cost of their It was Dr. Sylvia savior Chiune Sugihara, friendship when she broke Smoller, a professor at the New York City high school her promise not to tell the Albert Einstein College of students show that Ameri- girl's parents of her eating Medicine, who launched ca's youth can lead the na- disorder. Ms. Guzman, who "Do the Right Thing" in tion to a new level of wins \$1500, will appeaedr honor of the man who morality,—if adults would on ABC News' "Good saved her and her parents only know of their exam- Morning America in a spe- from the Holocaust. Chiune cial segment devoted to Sugihara, the Japanese con-"Do the Right Thing."

caust Oral History Project Jose W. Melendez, a se- World War II, went against of San Francisco and New nior at Townsend Harris government orders to issue York, and funded largely by High School, Queens, wins visas to refugees fleeing the Silicon Valley mogul Eu- second prize for his essay Nazis. As a result, he lost gene Kleiner, the contest, about his struggle to end his diplomatic career, expenow in its first year, held an abuse at home, risking fam- riencing poverty and disawards ceremony on Sun- ily and security when he grace. His decision saved day, May 11th, at the home pressed charges against the over 6000 lives. of Japanese Ambassador abuser, fearing his sister Sejichiro Otsuka, in Man- might be next. Third prize will be bi-coastal next year, hattan, honoring essays on winner Michael Berger, a and our goal is to go naseemingly small acts of tenth grader at Townsend tionwide," says Dr. Harris, wrote about resisting peer pressure to help a strengthen every teenager poor old man who stole with the example of Sugifood. They will win \$1000 hara's moral courage. and \$500 respectively. Ten

In winning essays for the School, Brooklyn, who students will win Honors

sul in Lithuania during

""Do the Right Thing" Smoller, who wants to



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Enough is enough: a new look at the Jonathan Pollard case

has been incarcerated in a ment has equaled, if not ex- tion that was confidential in casioned by an unusual and capacity of every living be-Israel's decision to with- federal prison for 12 years ceeded the offense. Pollard 1986 and available to Pol- arguably improper ex parte ing. It is in this spirit that I draw its request for the ex- for passing unauthorized is eligible for parole. He lard then has not been fun- memorandum from the then feel that Jonathan Pollard. tradition of Hamas militant US government informa- deserves to have his sen- damentally changed in the Defense Secretary, Caspar ten years since.

that before his trial, the fed-stand as a key obstacle to of Prime Minister Ben- he too be released. lead me to wonder whether the sentencing judge re- that Secretary Weinberger mediate past president of jamin Netanyahu has also I hold no brief for Pol- justice was fairly applied. seinded it after Pollard himself subsequently re- the Union of American He-

by Alexander M. Schindler mer civilian naval aide who But by now, the punish- to maintain that informa- In this instance, it was oc- as it affirms the redemptive Weinberger. That memo- his transgression, deserves More troubling still is randum, which continues to to be released from prison. dence in the Iran-Contra Conference of Presidents of

Judaism is a faith that Organizations.

- Rabbi Alexander M Major American Jewish

CJC welcomes federal court decision on Israeli law of return

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) have welcomed the decision of the Federal Court stating that Jews should not be denied the right to seek refugee status in Canada solely because they are eligible for citizenship in Israel. "This decision is based on a correct interpretation of Israel's Law of the opportunity to make Return, which requires her claim for refugee staan expressed desire on tus in Canada on the the part of the individual to live in Israel," stated CJC President Goldie Hershon, "the fact that time of the earlier case Jews can gain citizenship in Israel under the Law of Return should not pre-

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clude Jewish refugee claimants from making their case for asylum in Canada if that is their choice."

The decision in the case of Lioúdmila Katkova takes the opposite perspective of the Law of Return from a 1995 ruling in which another Jewish woman, Antonina Grygorian, was denied grounds that she should apply for citizenship in Israel. "We said at the, the Katkova case. CJC that this was a fundamental misreading of the Law of Return, and the Federal Court decision.

current ruling supports our position," observed Ms. Hershon. "The Grygorian decision created the bizarre impression that Canada appeared once again to be saying that 'Jews need not apply'."

These Federal Court decisions are not binding on the adjudicators of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), but the IRB should clarify its position and issue guidelines to its members in favour of the ruing in also respectfully urges the federal government not to appeal this recent



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The Vatican should open its archives

by Seymour D. Reich

have embarked on the long- allowed to recur.

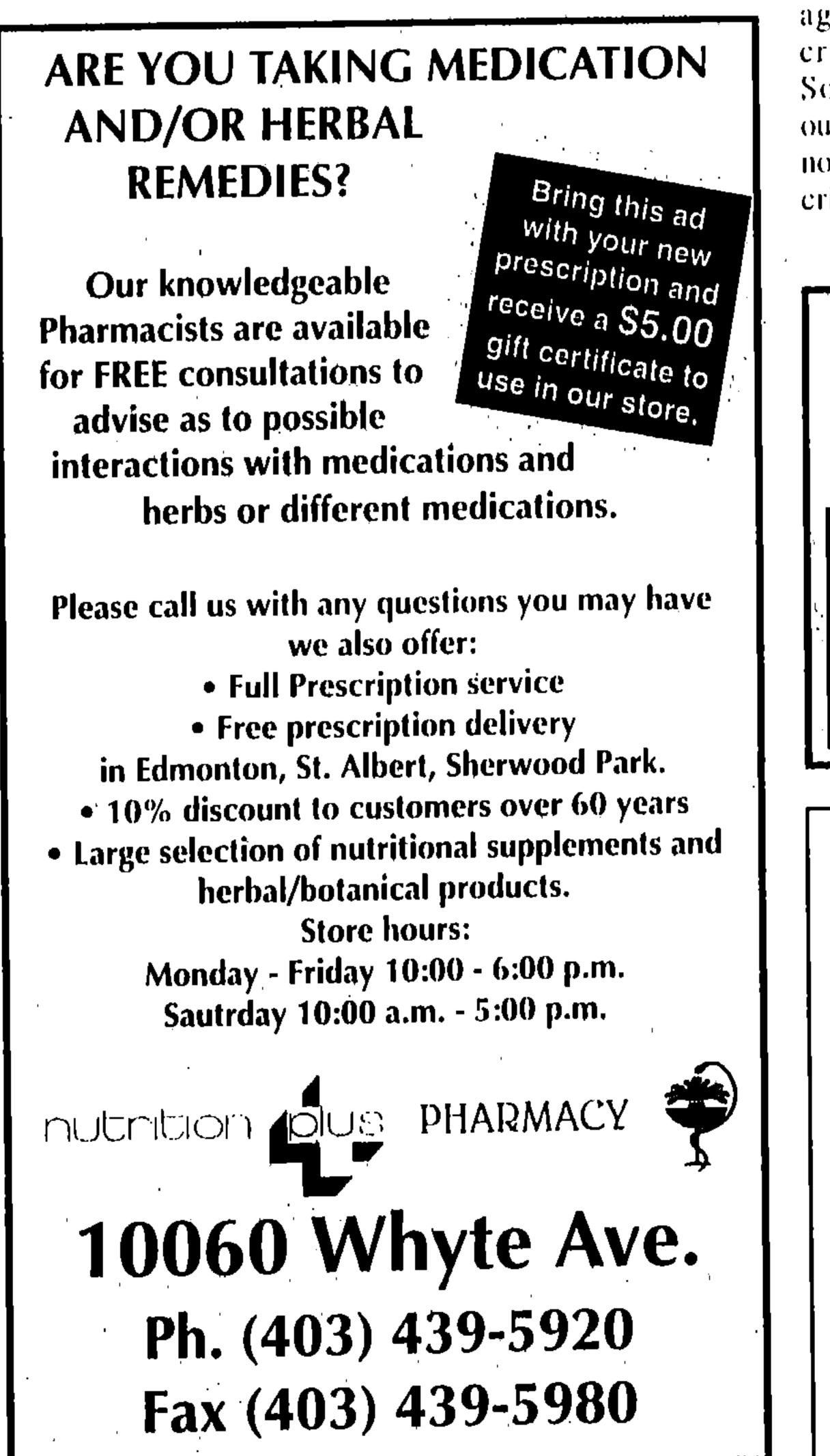
this issue. portunity to take action nar-

peaceful and comfortable lives in Canada.

ic period. Long hidden major void remains: the of Europe after the defeat It may be that one or the meeting in Baltimore berecords are being scruti- story of the Vatican's ac- of Germany. In his book, other version of the Vati- tween IJCIC and the VCR-Switzerland's decision to nized in an effort to trace tions during the Holocaust. "Vatican Diplomacy and can's role in that period is RWJ, the Vatican represencompensate Holocaust sur- the origins and convoluted. The picture is clouded and the Jews During the Holo- accurate. Ironically, it is al- tatives once again agreed to vivors and their heirs for routes of property stolen by obscure, due primarily to caust (1939-1943), Father so possible that both may open the archives. It is now funds deposited in its banks the Nazis from Jews and the Church's reluctance to John F. Morley, a Roman be true. It is not unusual for 10 years later, and this during the World War II Era other victims half a century lay bare its role in World Catholic priest in Newark, competing factions in a promise has yet to be fulhas set off an extraordinary ago. Whether restitution is War II. chain of events. After 50 possible in all cases re- Since the end of the war, Pius XII and the Vatican his pursue competing agendas. and documents of the years of concealment, the mains an open question. the Vatican's officials have erarchy for their apparent. But in the case of the Vati- World War II era remain as Swiss at last have agreed to But the effort itself is need-declined to open its indifference to Jewish suf-can, we will never know. closed as ever to indepenopen their account books ed to enable today's young archives to outside re- fering in the Holocaust. But until and unless files are dent scholars. and review classified docu-people and future genera-searchers. The result has Church defenders like the unlocked and light is alments that expose the dark tions to understand and been a long-standing con- late Father Robert A. Gra- lowed to illuminate the se- Church and Israel institutside of their nation's "neu- come to terms with the troversy. A number of his- ham, associate editor of the crets of the past. trality" in the conflict. events of the past, so that storians have accused the Catholic magazine Americ Another dilemma faced diplomatic relations be-Other countries are now the massive horrors of the wartime Pope, Pius XII, of *ca*, have argued that while by Church officials has to tween the two makes it following suit. A number Nazi era will never again be being a virtual Nazi collab- the Pope did not speak out do with the fact that the more urgent than ever that

Ten years ago this Canada was among the tained) and deportation of criminals should not be respring, the government of most heartless nations in proven war criminals. Canada released the Report opening its doors to Jewish In recent months, Steven and the pursuit of justice of the Deschenes Commis- refugees of Nazi persecu- Rambam has gained an in- should not have a statute o sion of Inquiry into War tion before, during and af- ternational reputation for limitations. Criminals in Canada, in ful- ter World War II. It now tracking down suspected Steven Rambam, frusfillment of Prime Minister stands accused by the war criminals. Rambam trated with the lack of ac-Brian Mulroney's stated world media of being was featured on the CBS tivity in the prosecution of commitment to deal with among the most hospitable program, "60 Minutes". suspected war criminals to its persecutors. The re- The show detailed how had begun to publicize their The War Crimes Unit of ality of the Canadian situa- Rambam came to Canada identities. Rambam told the Justice Department be- tion is that there were an armed with a list of sus- the Canadian Justice Degan its work in earnest in inordinate number of al- pects, and found several of partment that he would be-1986, and launched four leged war criminals living the names on his list merely gin naming suspected War criminal prosecutions and in Canada, most of whom by consulting phone books. Criminals on his list if they one civil proceeding. A were so unworried about Mr. Rambam met with 58 did not make use of the innew administration took being charged or so dismis- of the 62 individuals he formation he provided. over after this promising sive of any serious attempts contacted and, via the use identities.

More than 50 years after Minister Allan Rock an-(where it could be proven it had been fraudulently ob-



orator who allowed Vatican – against the persecution of – Vatican Library continues – remaining barriers of misdelayed process of con- Amid the renewed inter- priests to operate a so- the Jews, he rescued many to hold some 800 priceless understanding and suspifronting their own actions - est in exposing the past to called "rat-line" that helped before they were sent to Judaic documents and relise cion be removed. A key or inactions – during a trag- historical examination, a smuggle Nazi officials out death camps.

criminals from Rwanda. Somalia and Bosnia, but criminals. Suspected war

start. However, it left a at apprehension that they of a hidden microphone, promise and began by rerecord of few accomplish- had not bothered changing obtained several taped con- leasing the name of an Onments as the window of op- their names or hiding their fessions. The RCMP is tario man who is alleged to now examining the first be a former member of a In January 1995, Justice batch of Rambam's tapes. Lithuanian army unit that One successful prosecu- murdered thousands of committing some of the nounced that his depart-tion in 50 years is a pitiful Jews during World War II.



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most heinous crimes in his- ment was pursuing twelve record. Despite these past. Steve Rambam will be in tory, many of the alleged cases using the civil option failures, prosecuting Nazi Edmonton on June 1st to perpetrators maintain of revoking citizenship war criminals should still share the story of his work be a priority. As a country, in bringing Nazi war crimiwe have taken a stance nals to justice. Rambam against prosecuting war will be speaking at fundraiser for Edmonton's - Holocaust Education Fund. our government tries to ig- Tickets are available at the nore the issue of Nazi war Jewish Community Centre.



warded for their longevity.

Rambam kept

NJ, sharply attacked Pope — complex bureaucracy to — filled. The Church's records

the Vatican.

(IJCIC), I and other Jewish nity. leaders met in Prague with high-level officials of the Seymour D. Reich, an Vatican Commission on attorney, is immediate past Religious Relations With president of the American the Jews (VCRRWJ). Zionist Movement and a Among the issues touched former chairman of the upon in our discussions was Conference of Presidents of the unlocking of the Major American Jewish Orarchives. Earlier, in 1987, ganizations. the Vatican had announced its intention to make available its wartime records to *appeared in New York Jew*outside scholars. Two years ish Week, and is reprinted later, at the 14th annual with permission.

The pact between the ing long-delayed formal gious artifacts seized from step in that direction would synagogues, Jewish Institu- be the opening of the Vatitions and individuals by can archives and a policy of European rulers and noble- restoring the Church's Jumen down through the cen- daica holdings to Israel and turies. These manuscripts other institutions within the and other items were pre- worldwide Jewish commusented by the looters to the mity. Such an action by popes as gifts. Many feel Pope John Paul II would rethat they constitute stolen solve once and for all the property that is being held - controversy that continues illegally and should be re- to surround the Vatican's turned to Jewish sources by role during the Holocaust. Is would also represent an In 1990, while serving as — important step in further chairman of the Interna- cementing relations betional Jewish committee on tween the Church and the Interreligious Consultations worldwide Jewish commu-

This article originally

Devorah Patterson recipient of JNF service award.

"We are proud to announce that the Jewish National Fund's James F. Kay utive Director Sharon medal will be presented to Cairns. "Devorab is my Devorah Patterson at this right hand – and my left year's Negev Dinner" an- and I couldn't do without nounced Edmonton JNF her." president Phyllis Adler.

"Her 20 years of devoted service to the State of Israel through her work as the c fice administrator in the Calgary and Edmonton A fices has been exemplary."

"She truly deserves a medal!" said Alberta Exec-

The James F. Kay medal, awarded in recognition of the service of JNF staff members, will be presented to this outstanding employee at the Negev Dinner honouring Valda Levin on June 16.

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Viewpoint We are all Jews

By Rabbi David Eliezrie

close or distant. At times – do not get the recognition – clare anyone as not Jewish 📄 🌌 🛌 there may be great differ-that they want. The Ortho-simply because they disences but still a strong dox Jewish world, invigo- agree with them. sense of kinship. Some- rated with it's growing intimes the chasm can be so fluence, has reacted unique challenge in the how was fillence. large between one part of strongly to the increasing light of it's renaissance the family and the other attacks against it. One over the recent decades.

around the world is held to- ence, large in the ability to ment detached from the rest deeply with but I have broader collective. gether by many ties.

There is history, family, tradition, religious belief, various liberal groups as and spiritual courage to en- changes they have made to the Jewish people to vali- effort to befriend a Jew common land, and shared spiritual destiny. The ties that link Jews have been their haste failed to note strained in recent years. In that that declaration did not twenty years of my life in have dedicated their lives to with pejorative after pejora- themselves from their liber-Israel, Jews are profoundly say that Reform and Con-such an engagement. The the Jewish people. split about how to deal with servative Jews were not challenges have been many. Two forces are on a col- against Orthodox Jews. deed will not be bridged. the Arabs. One group sees Jewish. Rather the group First to raise my own chil- lision course that could re- They need to learn that They say that to keep a hope with the Oslo Ac- challenged the ideology dren as loyal and observant sult in a permanent rupture Jews who are stubborn marriage strong you must cords, many others fear that that has rejected many of Jews despite living in a to the Jewish people. It will about their beliefs are not work hard. The same is Oslo will only give the the fundamental beliefs of neighborhood with there not be the first time. There fanatic or extremist, they true of the unity of the Jew-PLO the foothold to fulfill Judaism. the promise of it's unchanged Covenant.

between Jews who are loyal port Peace Now or Ameri- richness of Judaism as times centuries, moved out Park or Fairfax disconnect- sions should cause all of us to Jewish Tradition as prac- Cans for Safe Israel. If we taught for centuries. ticed for millennia and are members of a Reform have been growing in inten- Still we can not fool our- themselves as members of sity. Reform groups have selves. The ideological dif- Orthodox Synagogues. I vances from all segments of nies the Divinity of Torah, ple. I have also met liberal larger. They must realize the community. The more the foundation of Judaism religious, greatly troubled since the dawn of Jewish by these changes, have re- history with those that rejected this demand.

In recent months the batform leader in Israel even changes

One Good Deed is

stated that Reform would attempt to limit American Families can be very Foreign Aid to Israel if they they have no right to dethat the break may be fatal. group of Orthodox Rabbis, Are Orthodox Jews going The family of Jews small in number and influ- to create an insular environ- rabbis whom I disagree that they are part of a capture headlines, has an- of the community ? Or will come to admire their devonot Jewish.

The headlines writers in

ject that principle. Liberal groups need to understand tle has heated up. Reform that as they make changes leaders have labeled obser- to Jewish observance and from a visit there. I arrived more tangible, and it has ishness to my life that I had vant Jews as "ultra, fanatic tradition they cannot expect and extremist." One Re- others to validate those

Orthodox Jews must understand that they are not the only ones trying to get closer to G-d by through practicing Judaism. While they may disagree to the modifications to Judaism by liberal Jewish groups

Orthodoxy faces a spite their differences ?

Along the way I have



Jerusalem back."

It was June of 1967 and I buried our dead. And, at great deal of pride in their was just six years old. I re- times, I have been angered country and in themselves. member it as if it were yes- and shamed by the actions. They work hard and refuse what her fate will be. In terday. We had listened to of a government that I have to give up. the radio and watched tele- never elected, but yet feel vised newscasts every day should somehow be respon- altering year and I cried as the war raged on. Things sive to me. I am a Jew after from Tel Aviv to London hand lose its cunning. Just had looked bad. Israel was all and Israel is my home- and from London to Calso tiny and to terribly out- land too. gunned when one consid-Six years ago, as the ered all of the Arab nations Gulf War was finally drawthat surrounded her. I re- ing to a close I travelled to member my mother looking i my homeland for the first da was home again. For I won't forget. I can't forvery anxious and my father time. It was my first year of months my parents smiled get. constantly shaking his head rabbinical school. At that tolerantly as my daughters and muttering under his time, the only Hebrew I and I perpetually referred insignificant. It is important breath. And then came the knew came out of the sid- to Jerusalem as "back to remember how much we day when Jerusalem first dur of the Torah – I could- home." students of the great Rabbi into practice. It is only reached out and touched n't have asked for a glass of Israel turned 49 this cost. Who knows how Akiva, who was the epito- through the actual perfor- my soul. My mother's water to save my life. It year. And last year, things will be ultimately me of love and concern for mance of mitzvos that we tears, the enormity of her was just me and my two Jerusalem turned 3,000, settled? In the meantime, I the Jewish people, could struly make ourselves better relief impressed upon me in girls. No family. No distant The time paradoxes that are continue to hope and pray fall short on this most basic and more committed lews. a way that no religious relatives. We were all a way of life for us never for "peace in her gates, Even if one does not yet school lesson or quote from alone. For about three days, cease to amaze me. It goes without saying understand or appreciate the Bible ever could. We The shock of our transition With the Intifada and the her inhabitants." Ken vihi had won, she said. We had wore off and Jerusalem be- Gulf War continuing to re- ratzon may this (soon) be gotten Jerusalem back. gan to spin her magic. The cede into history, peace or God's will. Just as we had retraced city, the synagogues, the at least a state of not being our steps from Egypt at the neighbours in my dirah actively at war is increas- B'vracha v'shalom seder a month ago, I was (apartment building), the singly becoming the norm Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph once again vicariously liv- merchants at my makolet for Israel.

ing Jewish history. But this (corner grocer) or in the

Worth a Thousand sighs

Many of us are familiar with the story of Rabbi Akiva, how at the advanced age of forty he began studying Torah to the extent that in 24 years he amassed 2400 students. Unfortunately, in the span of 33 days between Pesach and Shavuos, all but five were stricken with a fatal disease.

Our sages explain that their death was on account one another.

tenett of Judaism?

nately, they failed to incor-positive effect. porate it into practice. which leaves an important message to us: that as important and as noble it is to



of the lack of respect for study, understand and contemplate about Torah and The obvious question mitzvos, we fall short of arises, how was it that the our mark if we fail to put it that they were very well why we do the mitzvos it aware of this idea. Unfortu- will none-the-less have its

> Rabbi Ari Chabad 4-TORAH-4

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those who have made Temple or a Chasidic discovered many wonderful simple, but I think there are Jewish Group had a con- Torah and Judaism. changes in that tradition Shtieble in Boro Park. Jews who never counted two basic points to remem- vention in New Jersey ber. First as long as liberal where there was a debate in Yorba Linda, California Jewish groups continue about dealing with secular where he observes Judaism been demanding recogni- ferences are real. It is im- have encountered great loy- their policies of modifica- Jews in Israel. One delegate to the best of his ability tion for their unilateral possible to reconcile theo- alty to Jewish values, to Is- tions to Jewish belief and stated 'we cannot bridge with his wife and six chilchanges to Jewish obser- logically one group that de- rael and to the Jewish peo- practice, the rift will grow the gap it is impossible"

When they act unilateral- secular Jew to his Shabbar nounced a plan to declare they have the intellectual tion. While I feel that the ly they can not expect all of table? Did he ever make an gage Jews of all stripes de- Jewish observance has en- date what they do. Much whose ideology and belief dangered Judaism, I must less when the words of was different than his.? If I have spent that the last respect the fact that they their leadership are laced Orthodox Jews detach tive in attack after attack al brethren that gap will inare almost no observant have been many groups that are loyal to Judaism. A ish people. It is fragile and One thing must be clear. Jews. Secondly to transmit have come along in Jewish quality that should be re- has been damaged many We are all Jews, no matter with dignity and respect to history, made changes, and spected not reviled. Ortho- times throughout Jewish The two century battle were we belong. If we sup- all Jews the beauty and then even though it took at dox Jews cannot sit in Boro history. The raising tenof the Jewish mainstream. ed from others. A few to pause and reflect about The solutions are not months ago an Orthodox the greater good of the

Jerusalem Still Jouches the Soul

My earliest memories of was history in the making. shuk (market) all added a Jerusalem are quite vivid, This was happening now, dimension of colour, texalthough they do not come The connection was all the ture, spirituality and Jewhome from school to find proven to be lifelong. At never experienced before my mother waiting for me thirteen, I held my breath, and haven't since. at the front door. Her eyes like everyone else, and were filled with tears. At helplessly watched the Yom first, I thought something Kippur war take its toll. I all in this together" seems terrible had happened. But have rejoiced and cried to pervade life there. then she told me. "It's all tears of joy as peace ac- Everyone grumbles and over. We won. We got cords have been reached; complains, just as we tend wept and mourned as we to here, but Israelis take a

Life is difficult, but an immutable sense of "we're

It was an incredible, life- writes: If I forget thee, O gary when our year was up and we had to return.

It was a long time before we began to feel as if Cana-

My question to that fellow is did he ever invite a

David Eliezrie is a rabbi dren. His email address is DavidE7848@aol.com.



But Jerusalem remains the centre of attention and contention between differing world views and political agendas. Who knows Lamentations, the poet Jerusalem, may my right before leaving Jerusalem, 1 bought a simple silver ring. It has just one Hebrew word carved in it Yerushalayim - Jerusalem.

Yom Yerushalayim is not have battled for and at what tranguility in the hearts of

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by Lori Silverman

Leah Schlesinger just can't get any sleep.

dox Jewish maternity pa- in an inconvenience she is the sign that greets all visitient has trouble resting willing to accept. when large families and "I would come back here well." children, many from her any time," Schlesinger said. Maimonides toutes itself sents special challenges at sign paperwork because of Jewish patients on Friday own religious community "I feel at home." in Brooklyn's Boro Park, Center's maternity ward.

the needs of Brooklyn's The 24-year-old Ortho- Schlesinger, the disturbance for public relations, noting nity services.

The medical center, pital with entirely kosher hospital's solutions: visit Maimonides Medical named after Moses Mai- kitchens, and prides itself • Special Sabbath eleva- employees fill out their ad- death are also handled acmonides, the 12th century on services oriented to the tors automatically stop at mitting forms. Yet this hospital's open physician and rabbi, was Jewish community – from every floor so passengers • Staff scheduling allows Maimonides provides a visiting hours are one of the founded by Jews in 1911, cradle to grave. unique features of Mai- who specifically chartered "We have actually tion against using electrici- cians to switch shifts with stances performed on all monides, which caters to it as a kosher hospital.

tors with the slogan "be

as the only New York hos- Maimonides. Among the the ban on writing during afternoon.

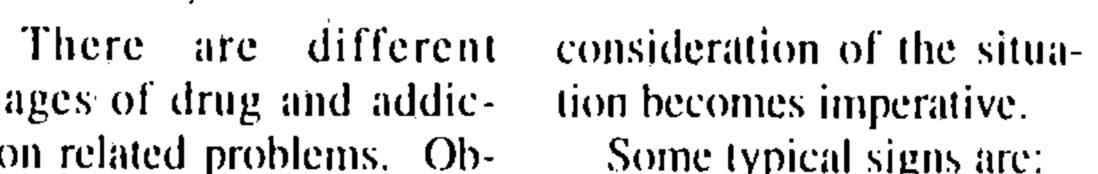
brought a minyan into the ty by pushing the buttons.

by Martin Stern

tion were not automatic. ent areas. When the blinders finally Among these are family; iour;

Zusha and Chana accept- stages of drug and addic- tion becomes imperative. ed that there was a serious tion related problems. Ob- Some typical signs are: problem when Shale's viously, with time and use • A decrease of social- drug paraphernalia; stealing became undeni- the problems become both ization with friends and/or able. Even in the face of more severe and more per- an alienation from non-user and vocal efforts at abstiobvious larceny, though, vasive. Indication of prob- friends in favour of in- nence; confrontation and vital ac- lems can surface in differ- creased contact with others

came off, however, quite a social; physical, occupafew indicators were seen tional, behavioral and legal. demands use even in the moreover, can be at various with finances; face of escalating difficul-levels of intensity at the • Sensitivity to comsame time. Problems in ments about other people ognize behavioral and atti-To recognize these diffi- any or all of these areas and their drinking or drug tudinal changes. If you culties at the earliest possi- should evoke concern and use; ble time will show that motivate further inquiry • Irritability and other don't seem to know you there is a problem and al- and possible corrective, marked behaviour changes any more!," there is some low options for action to be supportive action. Prob- which follow the consumpconsidered. Also, the earli- lems in any of these areas, tion of alcohol; er awareness surfaces, the however, are not necessarivere consequences of ad- number and severity of diction might be avoided. problems increases, serious



displaying problem behav-

• Physically abusive behaviour within the family; and recognized. Addiction Dysfunction in these areas, • Difficulties in dealing

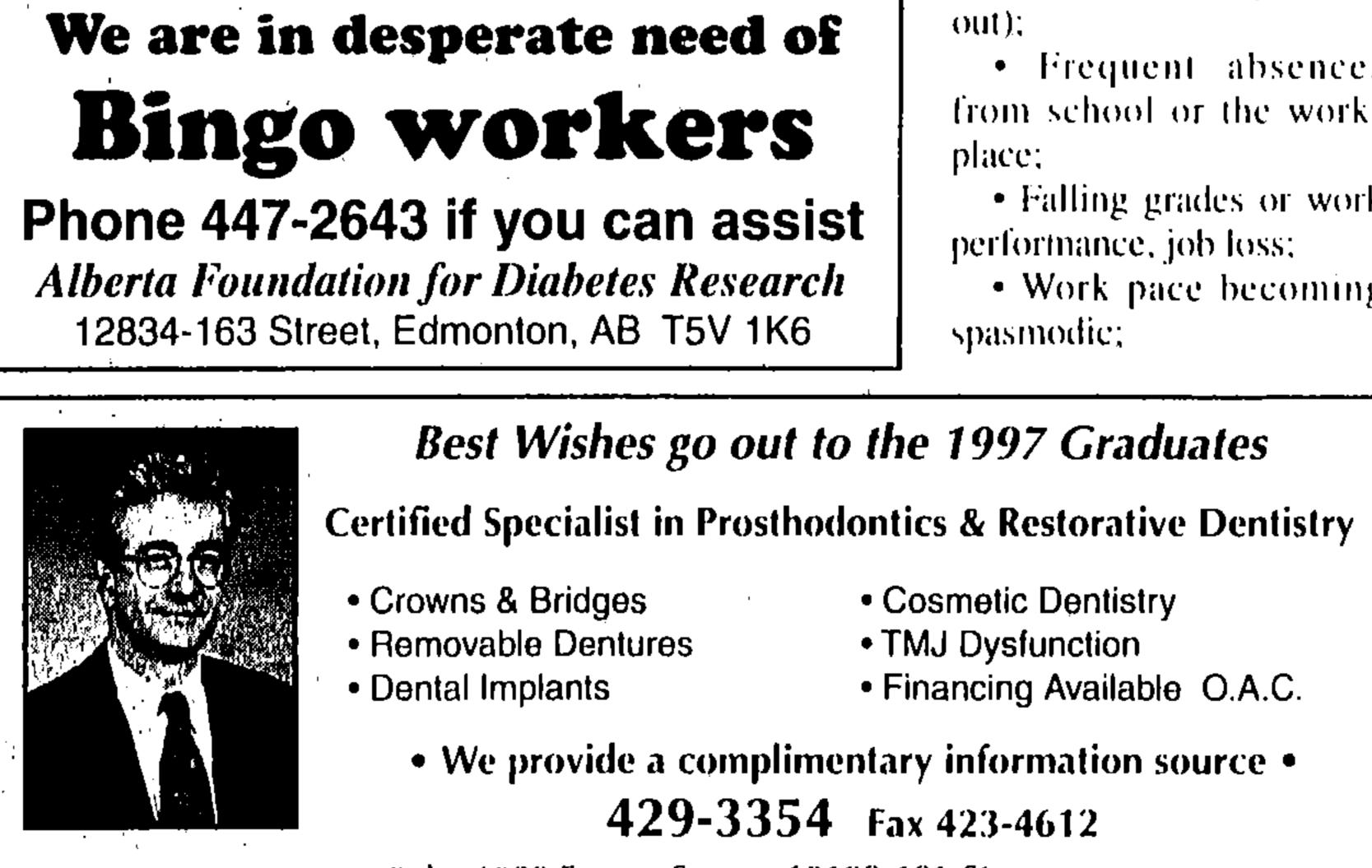
more possibility there is I y indicative of a drug or change, poor judgement, quick to draw conclusions. that the worst and most se- addiction problem. If the inability to concentrate or Most important, avoid supmemory impairment;

• An increase in acci- fear. dents or other injuries especially when seeking treatment is delayed;

Blackouts (no memory,

• Frequent absences from school or the work-

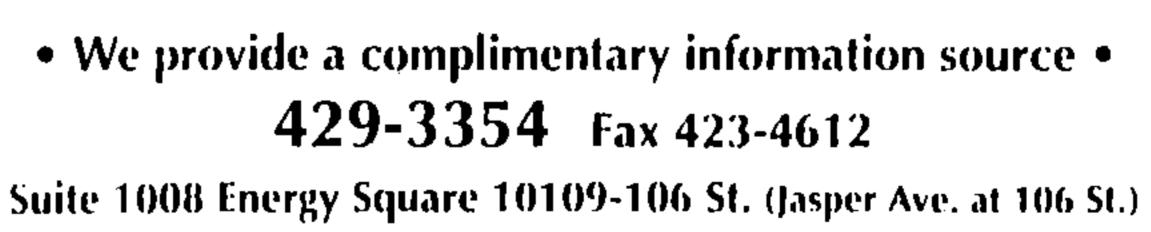
• Falling grades or work performance, job loss; • Work pace becoming



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"The mission was very ICU," said Dr. Marcel large Orthodox and Hasidic clear," said Vicki Ciampa, Biberfeld, vice president substitute for wax candles tains a small lounge for pa-Jewish community. And for Maimonides vice president for psychiatry and commu- that Jews use to usher in the tients' relatives, who can

The Jewish Sabbath, ob- hospital fire codes. served for 25 hours begin-



• Neglect of normal household tasks;

Hiding bottles, drugs or

Repeated conscious

Intoxication:

dents;

• Frequent legal offenses of almost any kind.

This is not, of course, an exhaustive list. Most important is to be open to recfind yourself saying, "I cause for concern.

Do not, however, make • Apparent personality assumptions and don't be pressing reality because of

If there seems to be great energy to your concern. there is likely a problem. The problem may be what not necessarily passing you fear or expect or it may be something else.

Whatever it may be. when such happens consult a competent, objective helper and activate your own support network. When those around you have problems and you might be part of the solution, self care becomes a necessity.

All these, unfortunately, are signs of the times.

• Electric candelabras Maimonides also main-Sabbath but that violate sleep there on Sabbath,

ning Fridays at sunset, pre- admitted without having to grape juice and challah to the Sabbath. Non-Orthodox

> non-emergency tasks, such Biberfeld said. are forbidden.

Biberfeld said. "Non-Jew- forbids, Biberfeld said. ish patients are not always happy to eat matzo crackers," he added.

On other holidays, volpital to read the traditional database. Purim story and, on the The community's Ha-Jewish New Year, perform — sidic families have an averservices such as blowing age of four to eight chilthe shofar.

hospital coordinates blood ward one of the hospital's drives every Sunday with busiest places. Orthodox community Schlesinger, pregnant members, and rarely has to with her second child early rely on outside supplies, ac- this year, lay in her hospital cording to Douglas Jablon. bed wearing a head turban, special assistant in the hos- to comply with the dictate pital's community affair's that Orthodox women cover office. The hospital con- their hair. tends its blood is exceptionally safe because its reli- experience at New York gious Jewish donors have a Hospital-Cornell Medical low AIDS and drug abuse. Center where she was

Jews, several Brooklyn be allowed to fill out admit-Jewish groups have formed *"bikur cholim"* or visitingthe-sick societies that visit the hospital patients daily.

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when travel is prohibited. • Orthodox patients are The societies also distribute

> Matters of birth and cording to Jewish law.

do not violate the prohibi- observant Jewish physi- free bris, the ritual circumnon-observant Jews or gen- eight-day-old Jewish males, tiles, as occurs in many to infants and adults alike New York hospitals. Jewish from the large immigrant law mandates the saving of population. Many come a life over keeping the Sab- from countries where Jubath, Biberfeld said, but daism was suppressed,

as filling out patient charts. When patients die, a 24hour on-call benevolent so-Jewish holidays are ob- ciety ritually prepares their served with fanfare year- bodies for burial. In cases round, presenting even where autopsies are remore complicated require- quired. Maimonides' comments during the eight days munity liaisons ask the • Frequent auto acci- of Passover, when a ban on medical examiner's office bread products is observed. to use X-rays and blood "The entire hospital is tests in lieu of mutilating made kosher for Passover," the body, which Jewish law

> To ensure that medical practices do not conflict with Jewish law, doctors and rabbis consult the hosunteers come into the hos- pital library's computerized

dren. Jablon said, making For its blood bank, the Maimonides' maternity

She described a previous forced to sign paperwork Because visiting the sick on the Sabbath. At Maiis a major obligation for monides she was grateful to ting forms after the Sabbath's conclusion, she said.

Maimonides already has addressed her only complaint - the difficulty of resting with the constant din of visiting families nearby – having since set more restrictive visiting hours for maternity patients, "We've tried to capitalize on the fact that the place is so family-oriented," Maimonides' Chief **Operating Officer Pamela** Brier said.

Although Maimonides is a unique institution, it also pays attention to religious needs of its non-Jewish patients, who comprise 60 percent of the hospital population. There are both Jewish and non-Jewish chapels, and an interfaith hospital religious observance committee.

"We're all the same person," said Jablon "We're all there for one thing - to get the patient well."

Yom Hashoah million Jews at the hands of ations.

dance.

Colette Frohlich and oratory. Lauren Gayle Pearson pro-

Holocaust Education Symposium

by Mary Fehr

I have accumulated numer- neighbours, or national ry that is best forgotten. Holocaust; both through not be forgotten. reading and from the teachspeak.

the 6,000,000 Jews that happen again. perished as real people; Already, people are for-

vided the background on "Linking the Past, Pre-the significance of the sent and Future", was the Holocaust. Steven Shafran, theme of this year's Yom Francie Cyngiser and Dalia Hashoah, Holocaust Wolinsky, all children of Memorial Day. On Sunday, survivors - the second gen-May 4, 1997, 200 members eration, provided the words and friends of our commu- of Remembrance and the nity gathered together to importance of passing on mourn the murder of six the lessons to future gener-

the Nazis. It was also a day Rabbi Lagnado's voice to pay tribute to the sur- rang out as he sang El vivors of the Holocaust Moleh Rachamim to a who, against all odds, silent crowd. The candle found the strength and lighting was introduced by future generations involve- vivors lit the memorial can- the Holocaust Education Symposium. ment in Holocaust Educa- dles. Ben Korda, Issy Hannah Burstyn, deeply moved all in atten- Rowena Schwartzberg provided the candle readings



courage to live and to rec- Rabbi Lindsey Bat Joseph (L-R) Issy Burstyn, Jerry Spinak, George Sheppard, nity could speak so pas- Shawn Burstyn. ognize the importance of and a procession of sur- Gayle Tallman, Fanya Wedro and Florence Burstyn at signately on their behalf.

Jeanette Hoffman read "The Victims and Witness- video, "Survivors of the back to the main auditori-Our morning service be- Sturmwind, Annette Uram, an Elie Wiesel poem and es." Holocaust." This film, um where we present the gan with friends of the and Abe Zottenberg lit can- Neil Loomer led Kaddish. To close the program, chronicles the events of the story of the Third Generacommunity marking the dles in memory of the chil- Marilyn Bercovich read the Debbie Goldsman and Sam Holocaust as witnessed by tion. This year, 1994 significance of the day. In- dren, the partisans, and all poem "From that Fire". Lucky sang the Song of the those who survived. The March of the Living Stuvited speakers this year the victims and as a pledge. The Talmud Torah grade 5 Partisans and Nora Lyman program weaves together dent, Ur Barzel provided were the Honorable Anne to remember. Jory Born- and 6 students sang three ended the emotional pro- archival footage with sur- the realities of today. Ur McLellan, Member of Par-stein, a March of the Living beautiful songs that moved gram. vivors' personal testimonies told about his experiences liament, Howard Sapers, participant lit the final can-the audience. A special thank you to and photographs, chroni-on the March of the Living

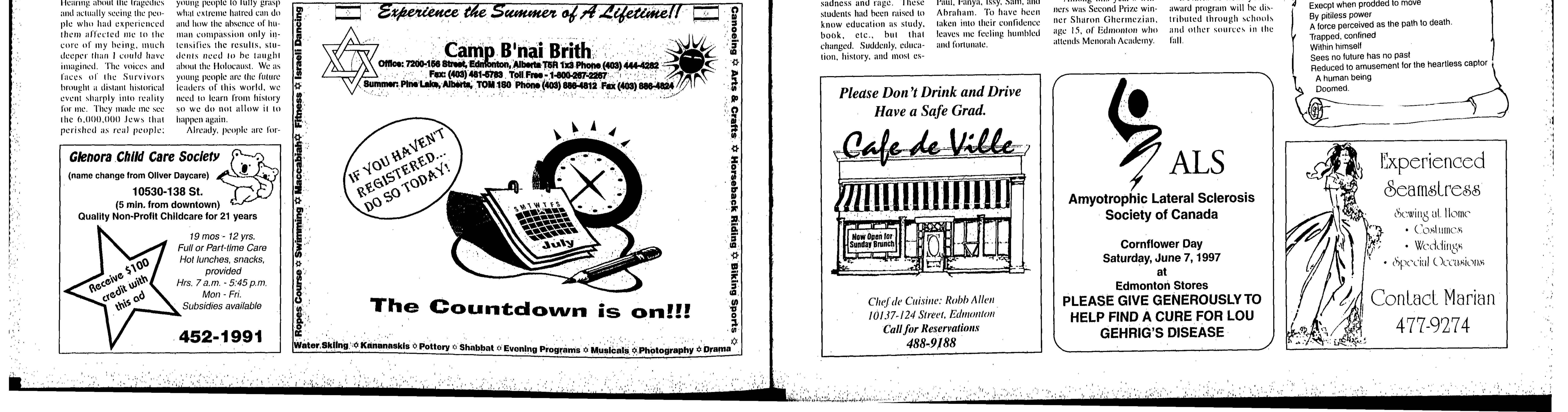
MLA, and Councillor die as a reminder to the The final readings in the Holocaust Committee cling life in pre-war Eu- and the importance of Michael Phair. Each speak- Third Generation that the cluded the participation of members: Colette Frohlich, rope, the devastating im- "Never Forgetting the er provided insights into memory of the Holocaust Valda Levin, Jory Born- Lauren Gayle Pearson, pact of Nazism, the libera- Lessons." His words the significance of Yom must be passed on from stein. Michelle Isaacson Evelyn Schayer, Debbie tion of the concentration moved many to lears. Hashoah. Their words generation to generation. and Jack Schwartzberg. Goldsman, Rowena camps and life fifty years Dasha Zottenberg passion- Schwartzberg, Valda Levin, Jater. As survivors relive each one received a copy of ately read a Yiddish poem Jeanette Hoffman and Fed-their stories on camera, Elie Wiesel's book "Night". described as the voices of eration staff member Gayle many for the first time. It is our hope that the stu-Yom Hashoah program.

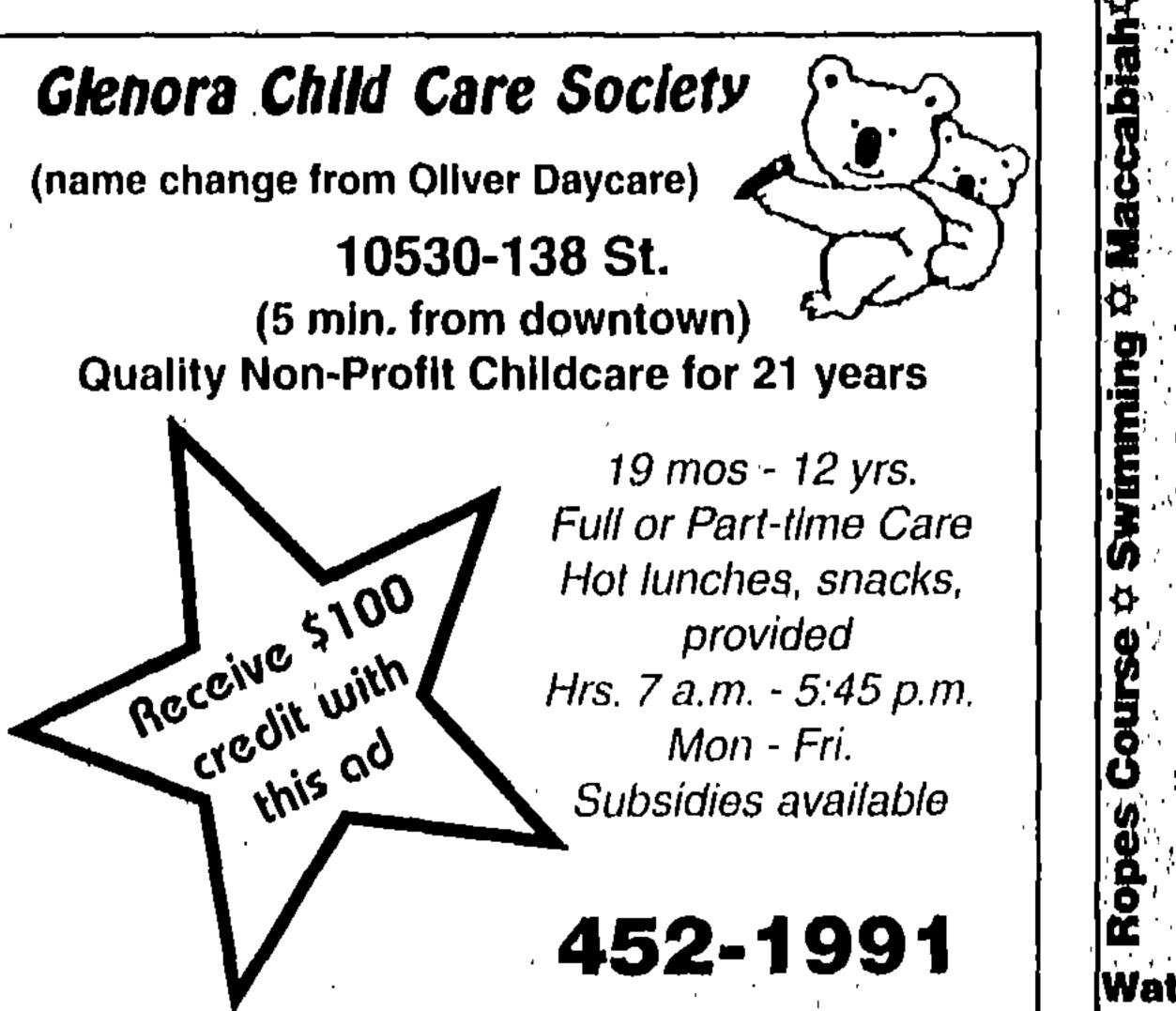
with names, faces and fam-getting the million of mur-

The Symposium was an who organized the Sympoin. I felt confident that I man hatred and compassion again. ple who had really been study of the Holocaust. student from La Crete, Al-I was wrong. I was not extreme, and continue to Symposium Program prepared. How could I be? fail mankind today. For Hearing about the tragedies young people to fully grasp and actually seeing the peo- what extreme hatred can do \mathbb{Z} ple who had experienced and how the absence of huthem affected me to the man compassion only incore of my being, much tensifies the results, studeeper than I could have dents need to be taught imagined. The voices and about the Holocaust. We as faces of the Survivors young people are the future brought a distant historical leaders of this world, we event sharply into reality need to learn from history for me. They made me see so we do not allow it to

ilies. People that might dered Jews, thinking its an Over the past few years, have become our friends, "unpleasant event" in histo-May 7 and 8, 1997. marked the fifth anniverous facts concerning the leaders. Their plight can- am so thankful to the wonsary of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton's Holo- Each Survivor uses a differ- Rosemary Kitay, Michelle derful, dedicated people caust Education Sympo- ent approach, and has a Isaacson, Helen Contoy, sium. Each year, Grade 12 different story to tell, but Steven Shafir, Gillian Horings of my social studies ingenious idea to forward sium; they stand up for teacher, Mr. George Shep- this message to young peo- what they believe in and students from Edmonton the effect always has the witz, Jenny Singer. pard. When he informed ple. The large theater al- that is to educate the world and surrounding area- greatest impact on the stu- Stephanie Hendin, Nicole Catholic and public high dents. With each survivor, Oshry, Miriam Katz, Nora me of a Holocaust Sympo- lowed for hundreds of stu- about the Holocaust. Toschools are invited to par- a Second Generation takes Lyman, Rabbi Lindsey bat sium coming up in Edmon- dents to be exposed to an gether, those of us who beticipate in a half day pro- a few minutes to describe Joseph and Lauren Gayle ton, I decided I needed to invaluable learning experi-lieve in this must forward gram of education on the his or her unique upbring- Pearson. go to expand my knowl- ence through one of the the message, in remaining edge on a subject I was be- history's most atrocious silent, we would be perse-Holocaust. This year, 1300 ing as the child of surcoming deeply interested events. The lessons of hu- cuting the victims all over Grade Twelve studentsfrom vivors. A special thank you the Holocaust Education 11 different schools partici- to our Survivors who so Chairperson Valda Levin was prepared to meet peo- are most prominent in the Mary Fehr is a grade 11

The program began with there and listen to them Two concepts that failed berta who participated in an overview of the Holo- Issy Burstyn, Sam Lucky, forts on behalf of this prothe Jews, each in their own the Holocaust Education caust provided by George Abraham Goldberg, Saul gram. Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard is Reichert and friends from





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Jewish Federation's Holocaust Education Committee has a busy month

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berta whose great interest Zuckier and Fanya Wedro. in Holocaust Studies gave Also, our Second Generahim the incentive to drive tion participants who not 800 kilometers to deliver only act as facilitators but his address. Mr. Sheppard often help the Survivor ease spoke with a strong pas- through the pain of telling sionate voice that carried their stories, deserve a spethe message of the signifi- cial thank you. They incance of Holocaust Educa- clude: Joe Shafir, Anita Vition to all people. The nokoor, Jerry Spinak, Comoving presentation set the lette Frohlich, Ivan Steiner. tone for the day. As sur- Dalia Wolinsky, Jeanette vivors left the auditorium, Hoffman, Debbie Goldsthey seem deeply moved man, Ron Vinokoor, that a friend of the commu- Michael Zabludowski, and

Tallman for a very special those who watch can not dents read at least one book come away without being on the Holocaust, and deeply affected.

Students were then directed by volunteers to not have taken place withsmall meeting rooms where out our wonderful volunthey had the opportunity to teers: Evelyn Schayer, Emipersonally meet and hear ly Hanson, Rivie Bondar. the stories of Survivors. Rowena Schwartzberg. bravely share their stories: and Jewish Federation staff Annette Uram, Paul Kagan, Gayle Tallman for their ef-

a teacher in La Crete, Al- Calgary, Aron Eichler, Eli-

After the meeting with Students then watched survivors and second gener-The Shoah Foundation's ation, groups are then led

> As the students departed. "Night" is one of the best,

The Symposium could

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Remembering Exodus 1947 - 50 years later

by Abraham Goldberg

raphy of a remarkable ship to the Promised Land, in- On July 18, at 2:30 in nearly three hours, we sufsymbol of hope and deter- British Navy. on the shores of the ed in Hebrew Yetziyat On our deck we had a lenced, bruised, sad and was born. 1947.

by George Sheppard

and madness that Holo- under the dedication and tively, "Never Forget"!! caust studies entails. How-organization of Valda Levin that moved me to my very been able to, in a very specore. Not only did I have cial way, "bear witness". the opportunity to discuss, If the eyes are the windebate and publicly speak dows of the soul, in the about the Holocaust, I had March of the Living speakthe opportunity to meet it, er, Ur Barzel, one was But unlike the mountains of quickly reminded that the books, countless films and pain is still very much piles of pictures I have alive. Ur's presentation poured over for years, this touched all who heard it; it was different. Suddenly, was real and it was a perthe Holocaust had become living history.

and children of survivors, 1 devoted to the preservation was able to sense the pain of the lessons of the past. and fear that has followed them for a lifetime. Yet, to address 1300 students there was a smile, a wel- and teachers, in the prescome and kind smile, from ence of those who survived, those who are the "real was indeed remarkable, teachers" - the Survivors.

two day Symposium, it was of the Holocaust is of the remarkable to see some utmost importance to me. 1300 students, with their yet, now it has become the changed. Suddenly, educa- and fortunate. tion, history, and most es-

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Exodus 1947 is the biog-southern France on our way sang Hatikvah.

lish Exodus 1947.

Hanna, our son Aharon and was replaced with the flag

sonal testimonial from a young man who was proud In meeting survivors, of his culture, his religion

The opportunity for me My dedication to the Over the course of the preservation of the legacy

I, a family of three boarded of the Star of David. Spon- scription: "England! This is the *President Warfield* in taneously the entire ship your enemy."

whose desperate flight to stead we landed in Ham- the morning, suddenly the fered three deaths and 150. the shores of Palestine. burg as a family of four. Af- whole sky lit up, we were wounded. We were in dancrowded with 4500 Holo- ter leaving French waters facing eight British de- ger of sinking, we had no caust survivors, became the we were greeted by the stroyers. In pairs they came choice, but to surrender. We up on each side of our ship spent a whole day in the mination for a scattered At sea we removed the and began to squeeze us. Haifa harbour, looking with people. The British navy two signs with the name cracking the Exodus like a sadness at the beautiful city and the second prevented the Exodus 1947 President Warfield, We re-__ nuteracker until a wall in and up to Mt. Carmel. from landing her refugees versed the signs and paint-front of us was ripped off. On the dock sat 4500 si-August 29, our son Hillel - battle had been fought. On

Promised Land, on July 18, Eiropa Tasha's and in Eng- huge canvas with a drawing disappointed people. We On September 8, we are had flown. Even though we of a woman holding a baby were so close to seeing a rived in Hamburg. The har- lost the battle, in Israel she On July 9, 1947 my wife The Salvadorian flag in her arms with the in-dream become a reality, but bour was sealed off from is not remembered as hav-

Fifth Annual High School Holocaust Symposium

pecially the Holocaust had In my six years of teach—ships, that we thought was—nored by the passengers. and the Patria and other a face, a mind and a heart - ing, attending the High to take us to Cyprus. In re- Three hundred troopers had small boats were not as On May 7 and 8, 1 had a very human heart. In all School Holocaust Sympo- ality we were being re- to carry each passenger off lucky. They sank with their the profound honour to at- the years I have been teach- sium has been my most turned to Germany. the ship. A wild battle human cargo, because the tend, and speak at, the Fifth ing the Holocaust, I have memorable experience. To Near me stood a man broke out leaving many se-British blockade denied Annual High School Holo- yet to be able to create that the students, volunteers, with a tattoo on his arm riously wounded, including them entry to their own caust Education Sympo- kind of educational envi- teachers, Valda Levin, who, with his last look at me. sium. As a teacher and ronment. Due to the efforts Gayle Tallman and, most Haifa said "I feel like Our doctor was so conlifelong student of history, I of the Jewish Federation of especially, the survivors, I Moses before his death - "I cerned about the safety of try to Israel, my chance did always considered myself Edmonton, and its Holo- thank you for your caring will let you see the land, the newborn babies that he come, when Israel became well versed on the details caust Education Committee that allows us to say collec- but you shall not go over personally carried the ba- a State on May 14, 1948

ever, during those two days and Gayle Tallman, stu- George Sheppard is a Aharon and I were trans- the dock. I experienced something dents of Edmonton have *teacher from La Crete, Al-* ferred to another ship with berta who was the Symposium Keynote Speaker.

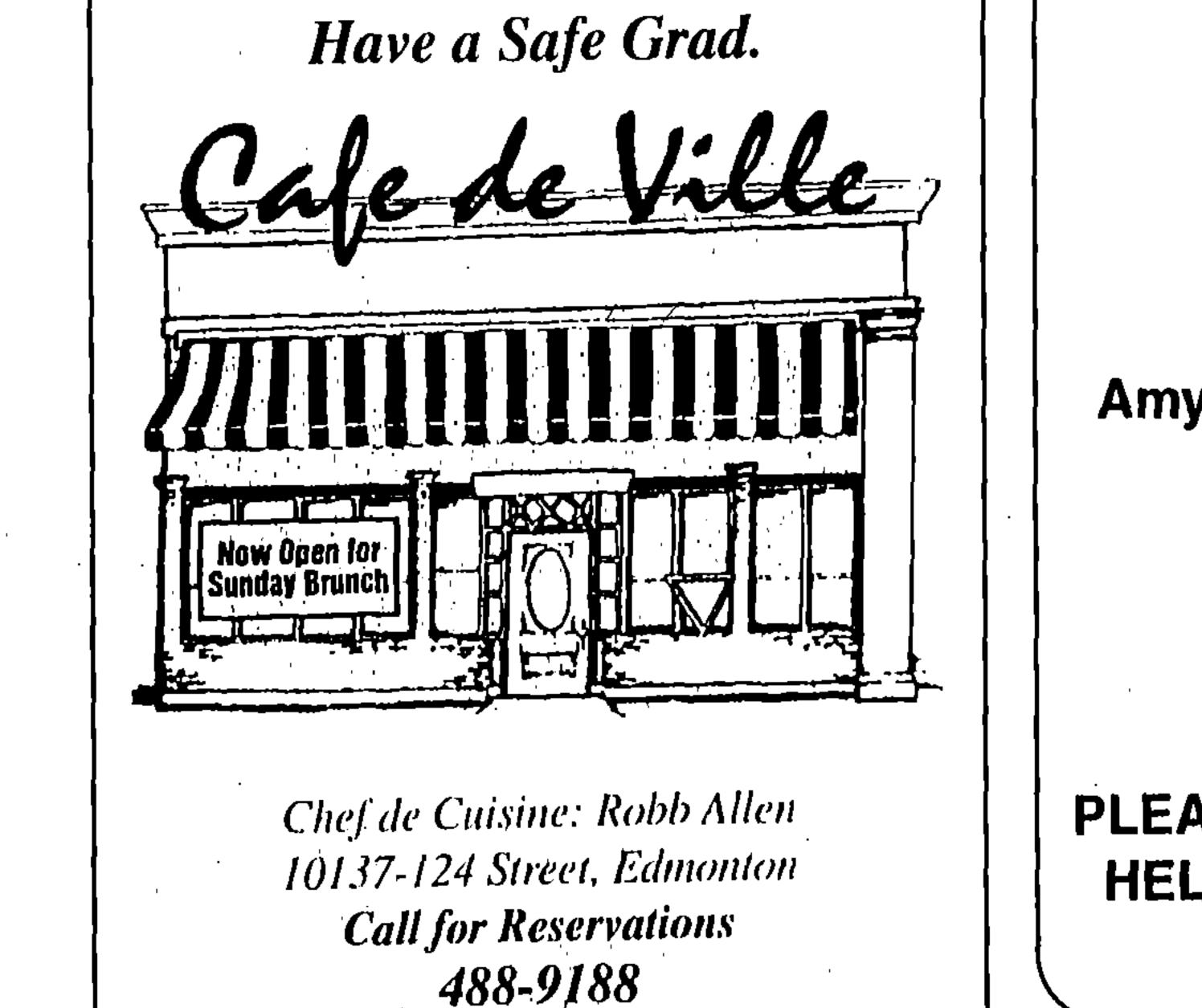
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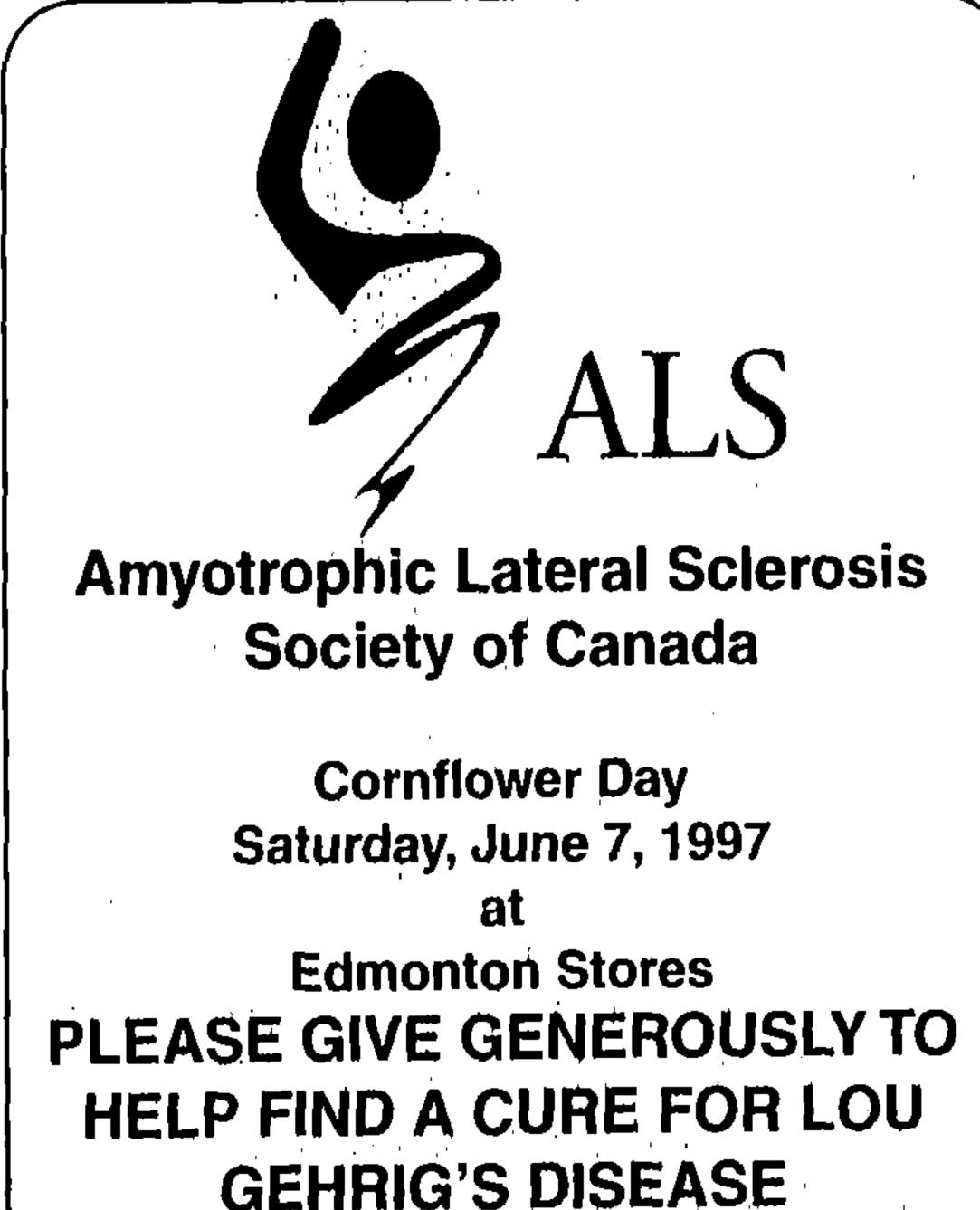
from their families ... from feedback from those stutheir peers ... and from the dents studying the Holo-

sions of the Holocaust hope to preserve the memo-Awards program is a pilot ry of the Holocaust and project conceived to elicit those who perished because those responses in creative of it, and to keep that memand artistic works.

Among this year's winners was Second Prize win- award program will be disner Sharon Ghermezian, tributed through schools age 15, of Edmonton who and other sources in the attends Menorah Academy. fall.

teachers, gain insight into a preservation of the stories topic that evokes such pain, of Saul, Aron, Annette, sadness and rage. These Paul, Fanya, Issy, Sam, and students had been raised to Abraham. To have been know education as study, taken into their confidence book, etc., but that leaves me feeling humbled Please Don't Drink and Drive





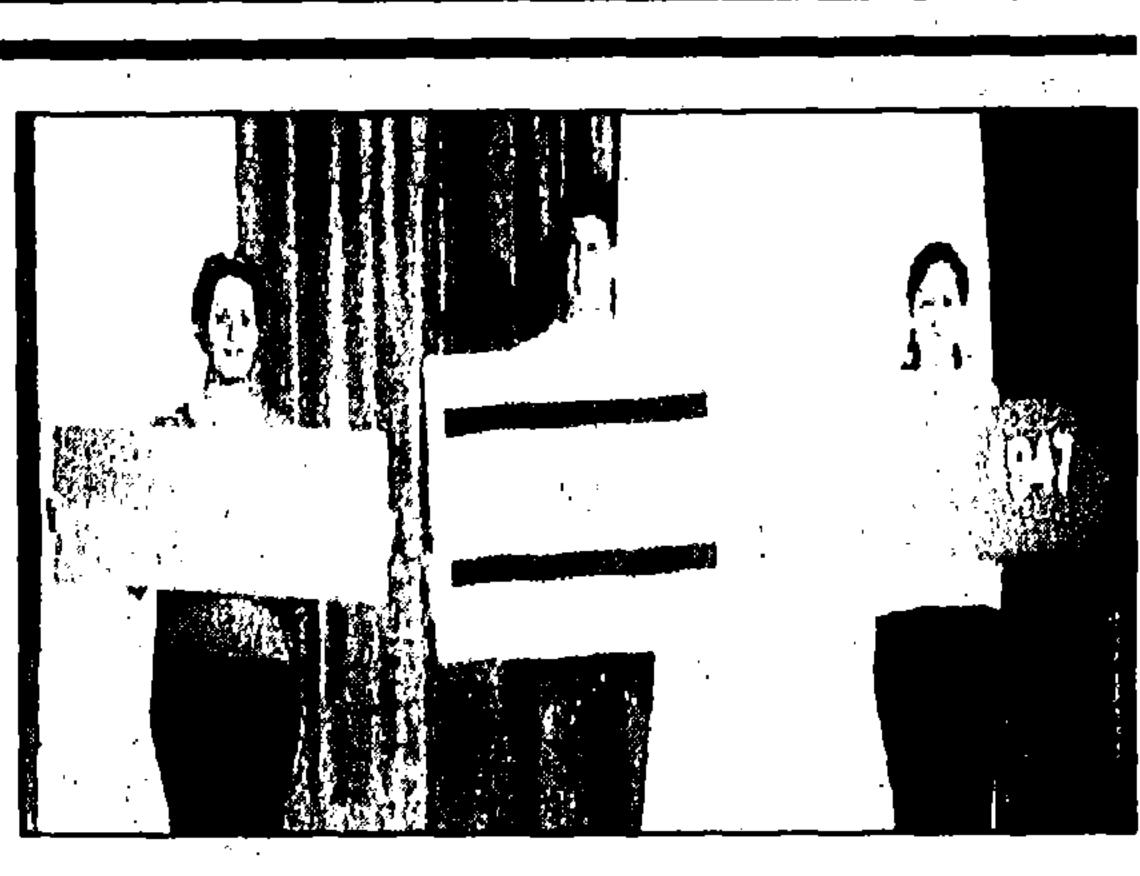
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We were waiting to the British army to leave having won the war. board one of three cargo the ship peacefully was ig- The Struma El-Salvador.

bies, one at a time, from the In Gibraltar, my wife, ship to the waiting train on

"Exodus 1947" is a nation- rael. after leaving Gibraltar, on al symbol. On her deck a

her staffs the Star of David the media. An ultimatum by ing lost the battle, but as

Despite being denied en-

On August 14, 1948 my dream became reality, when my family and I became In the State of Israel the citizens of the State of Is-

Local student among the Yad B'YAD "Expressions of the Holocaust" Award Winners It is the hope of Yad Holocaust by Sharon Ghermezian Just another bean Brown and harmless Seemingly lifeless Except when coaxed to move At the hint of false hope A warmth perceived as a means to freedom. from their studies ... prise seeks out personal Trapped, confined In its shell Sees no light, hears no sound caust as part of their cur-A form of entertaiment to the uncaring The Yad B'YAD Expres- riculum. In this way, we Mexican jumping bean Doomed. Just another Jew Innocent and harmless ory vivid, real and true. Seemingly hopeless Details of next year's Execpt when prodded to move By pitiless power A force perceived as the path to death. Trapped, confined Within himself Sees no future has no past Reduced to amusement for the heartless captor. A human being Doomed. Experienced ALS Scamstress Sewing at Home • Costunes Weddings Special Occasions Contact Marian 477-9274



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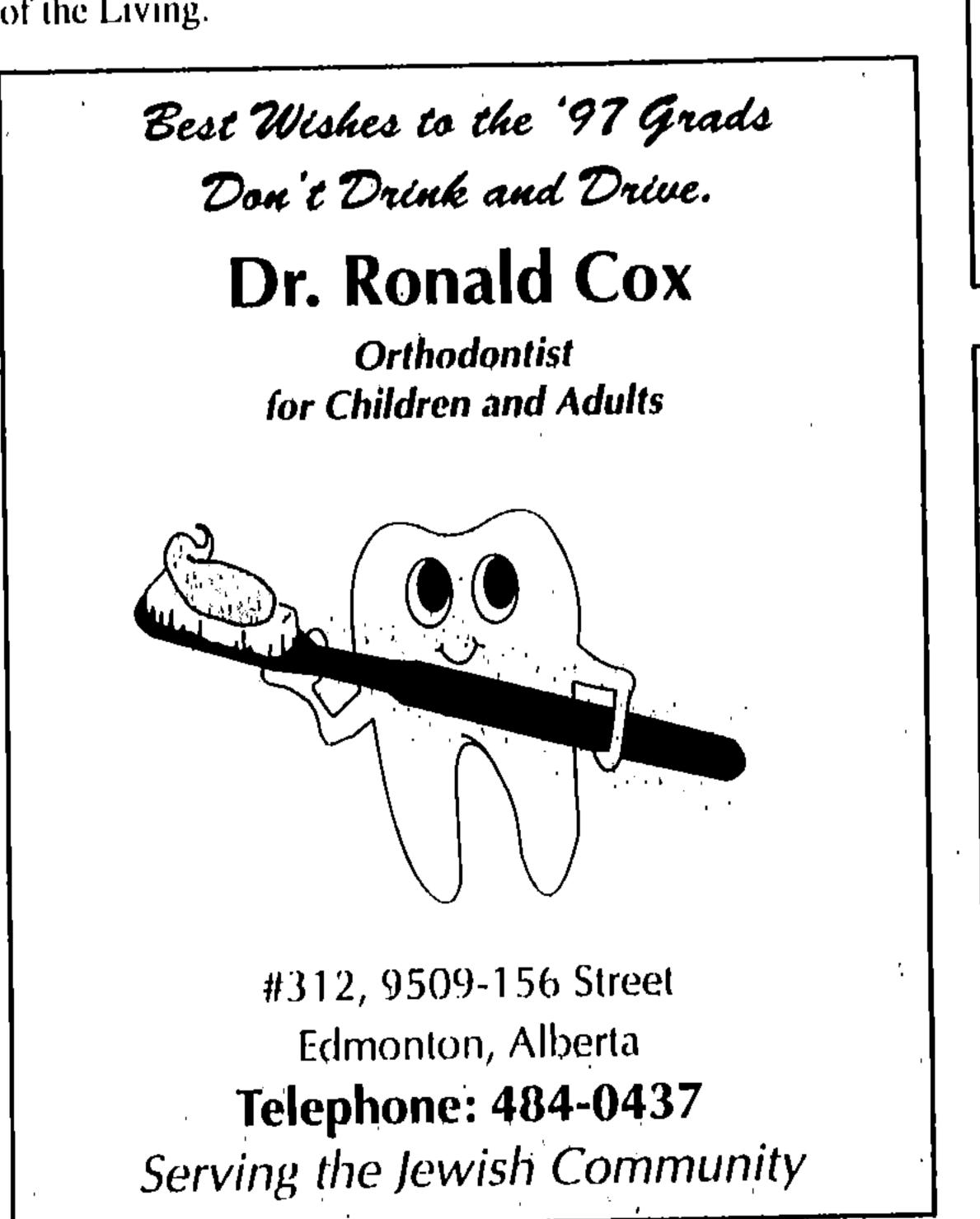
one week in Israel.

Students from Edmonton da delegation that includes family. British Columbia, Alberta, spend one week in Poland touring of large cities and tre. shtetls. Students tour once the "March to the 487-0585. Death" becomes the March of the Living.

Students then travel to grade 10,11 or 12 next Israel to see the beauty of the Jewish homeland. Students will have the oppor-The March of the Living tunity to meet Israeli stubegan in 1988. Every two dents, visit Massada, Dead years since, thousands of Sea, Metulla, and many Jewish high school students other incredible sites. Sturepresenting 42 countries dents will observe Yom have joined together for Hazikaron with Israeli stuone week in Poland and dents and then celebrate in the streets on Yom Ha' atzmaut. Students will also will travel as a delegation have the opportunity to in the Coast to Coast Cana- spend one Shabbat with a

information Saskatchewan, Manitoba, evening for the 1998 Ottawa and Atlantic March of the Living will Provinces. Students will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 1997 at 7:00 pm. at the which includes extensive Jewish Community Cen-

This Parent and teen Auschwitz, Birkenau, Tre- evening is the only inforblinka and Majdanek. On mation night that will be Yom Hashoah, Holocaust held. Don't miss this op-Memorial Day, students portunity. For more informarch from Auschwitz to mation, call Gayle Tallman Birkenau when what was at the Jewish Federation,





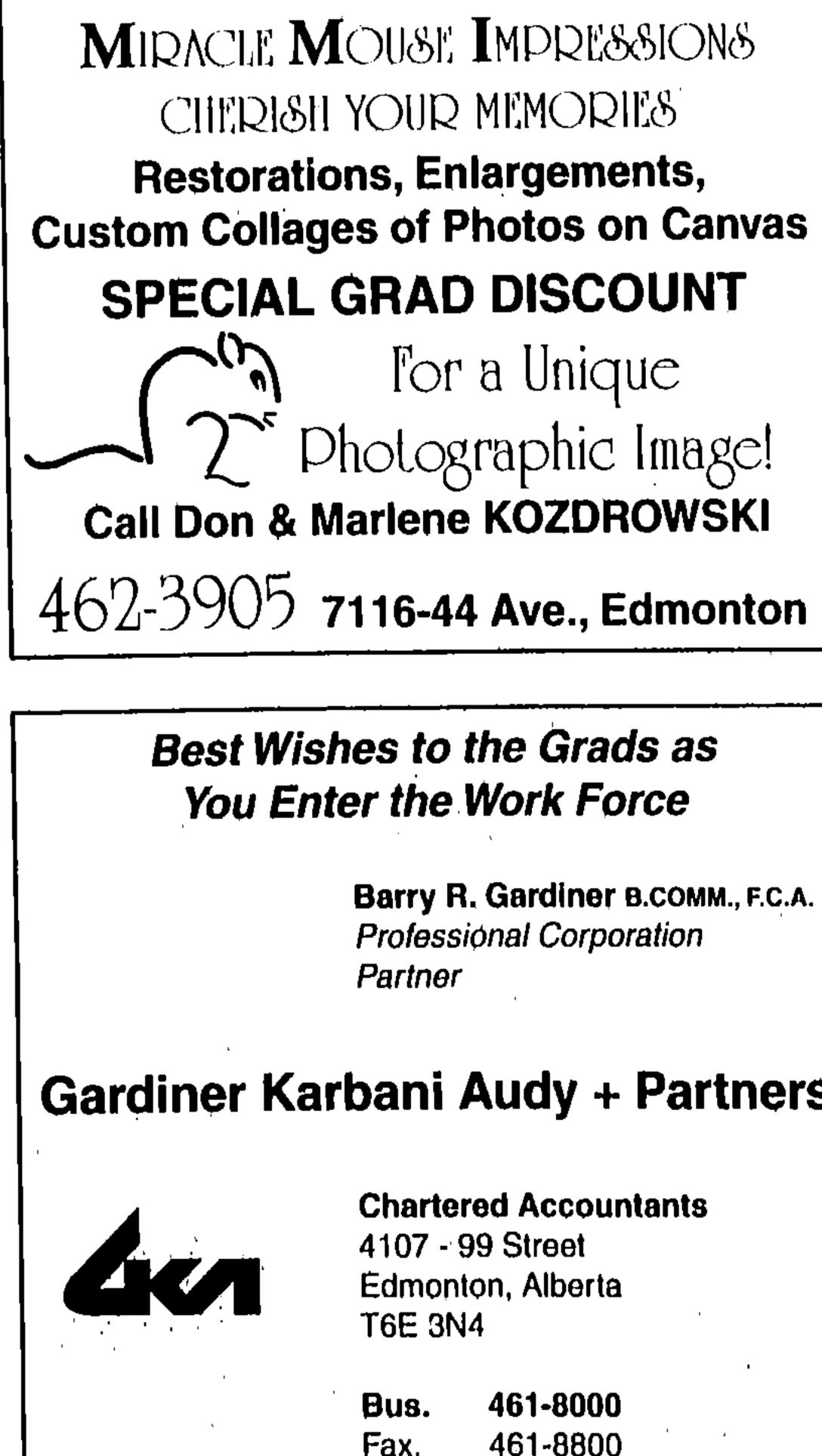
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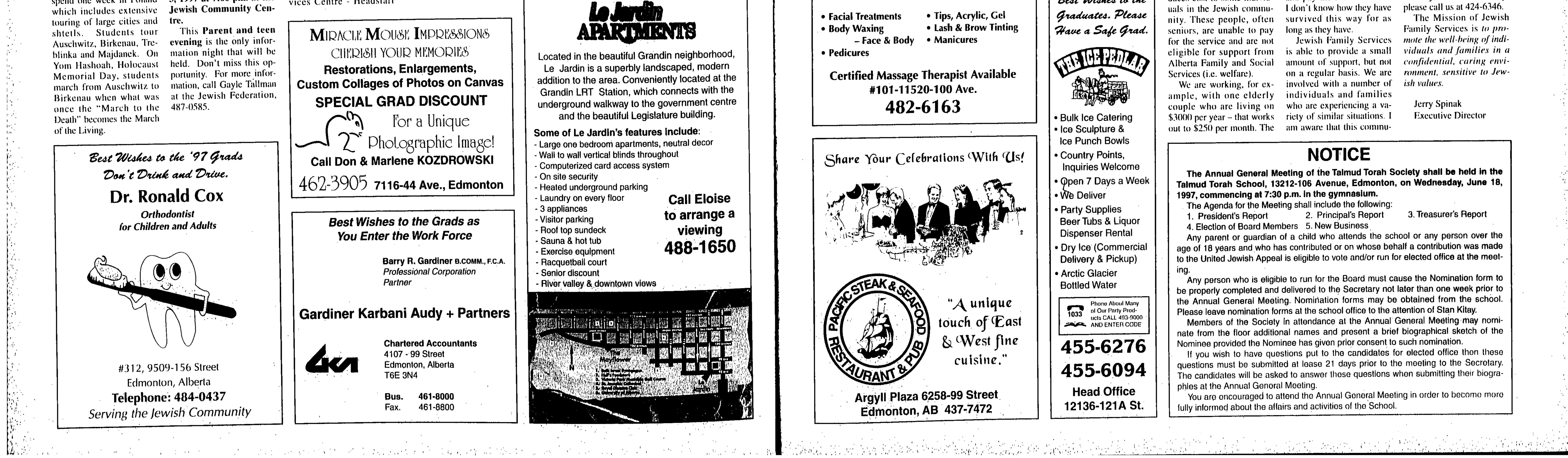
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The "modern-day" Yoms Camp Gan Israel expands

by Lesley Jacobson

They are termed the "modern-day Yoms" - those quintessential events in modern Jewish history which define for many their relationship to things Jewish. Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom Hazikaron - Israel Memorial Day, Yom Haatzmaut Israel Independence Day.

It has been said "if it is not safe to be a Jew everywhere on earth it is not safe. to be a Jew anywhere on earth; and if it is not safe to be a Jew it is not safe for any rational human being."

And so we, the Jews of Edmonton observe the memorials of these defining moments in Jewish history. Jewish suffering is our people's tragedy, but it is not our rationale, and our observance of Yom Hashoah remembrance, and the op- mourn the ultimate sacri- of our own destiny." portunity to avow "never fice of those young people teach the lessons of tolerance and understanding to all people.

We live in a time when there is a free independent painfully maintained. Yom ple. In Israel, in our land,

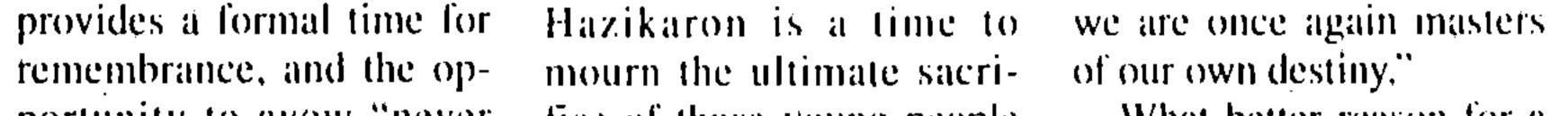
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1997 Graduates

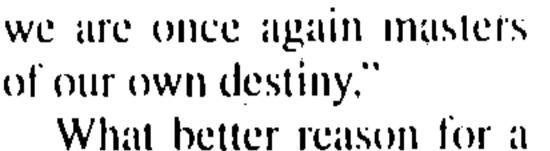
Mary's Place

Yom Hazikaron co-chairs Vicky Barclay and Gerry Emas with the Yom Hazikaron memorial designed and built by Robert Lederer and Gerry Emas. Materials donated by Norman Schayer.

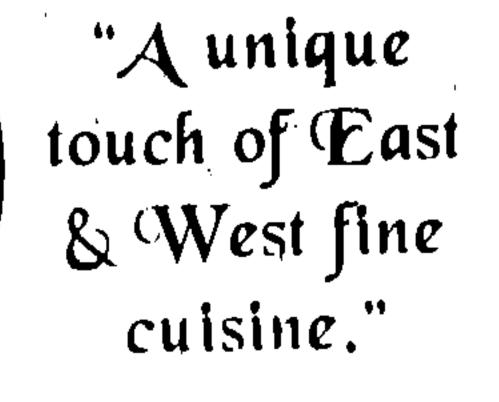
for us; for all of us.



again." It inspires us to who defended that privilege celebration! To all the many volunteers who en-Former Prime Minister sured the success of our Yitzhak Shamir said "Our "Yom" programmes. I exgreatest treasure is the Jew- tend a "Yasher Koach" and ish state. It is our security, the heartfelt thanks of our Jewish State. Generations our safety, our future. It's entire community to of our parents dreamed and existence has brought about Shoshana Pollack, chairprayed for this privilege. It a great transformation in man of the Federation Culis a privilege hard won and the life of the Jewish peo- tural Arts committee and her programme chairmen; Vicky Barelay, Gerry Emas and their committee for the Yom Hazikaron programme; Shelley Alexander, Gerry Emas, Yossi Ovics and their committee for the Yom Haatzmaut programme. To all the Jewish organizations which worked with the volunteers, proving once again that this be greater than the sum of its parts, "Todah Rabah."



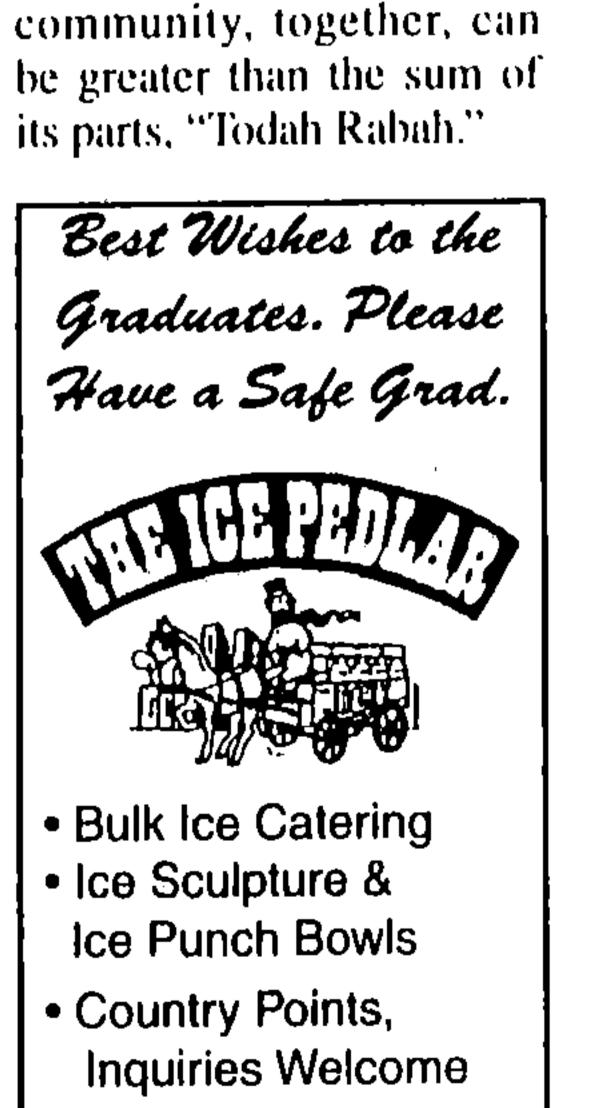




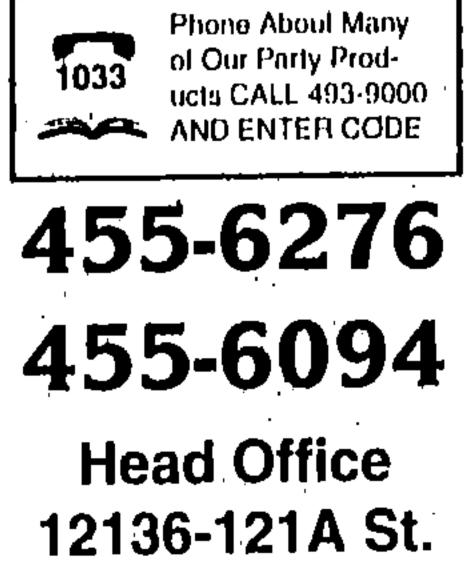
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Beginning on Monday **June 30 through Friday** August 8, boys and girls ages 3 - 11 can enjoy a fun-filled summer including sports crafts field trips etc. all in a sètting that fosters a deep appreciation for Yiddishkeit.

An open house is scheduled for Sunday June 1 from 2-4 pm. at Rabbi Ari and Rivka Drelich's home - 6003-172 St. For further information please phone 486-7244

A group of Jews from the former Soviet Union studying English with Cindie (Lister) Thompson held a Passover party on April 25.

The students who live in -423the Ansgar Villa Apartment at 120 St. & 102 Ave. study English with Cindie every Friday afternoon.

At the party, Cindie explained the story of ing students now enjoy in Passover and reviewed the Canada. four questions with the stu-

between the freedom experimentation included a prayer for the fresh fruit as well. The next rienced by the Jews who freedom of the Jews in party is promised for Rosh escaped Egypt for the Russia and now you are Hashanah in October. Promised Land and the here, and how happy we all freedom the Russian-speak- are."

Jewish Family Services man needs \$100 for impor- nity has been supportive to is looking for professionals, tant medication each month its own in the past and I besuch as dentists and op- and requires some dental lieve that it will be in the community, together, can tometrists, among others work. At present, he does- present and future. who, once in a while, might n't buy the medication nor be willing to provide their is he able to fix his bridges pass this information on to services at a greatly re- so that they are able to eat friends and acquaintances duces cost to some individ- and pay the subsidize rent. uals in the Jewish commu- I don't know how they have nity. These people, often survived this way for as seniors, are unable to pay long as they have. for the service and are not eligible for support from is able to provide a small viduals and families in a

> Services (i.e. welfare). We are working, for ex- involved with a number of *ish values*. ample, with one elderly individuals and families couple who are living on who are experiencing a va-\$3000 per year – that works – riety of similar situations. out to \$250 per month. The am aware that this commu-

Any person who is eligible to run for the Board must cause the Nomination form to be properly completed and delivered to the Secretary not later than one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school. Please leave nomination forms at the school office to the attention of Stan Kitay. Members of the Society in attendance at the Annual General Meeting may nominate from the floor additional names and present a brief biographical sketch of the Nominee provided the Nominee has given prior consent to such nomination.

After six successful vears of summer day camping, Camp Gan Isract will be expanding to six weeks.



ESL students celebrate Passover



Cindie also told the stu-

Cindie hosted the party which included Matzoh. Passover cake and cookies. dents that "when she was tea and apple cider. Some A comparison was made younger, her seders always of the students brought

Professional Help Needed

I encourage the reader to and if you are able to help, please call us at 424-6346.

The Mission of Jewish Family Services is to promote the well-being of indi-Alberta Family and Social amount of support, but not confidential, caring envion a regular basis. We are *ronment, sensitive to Jew-*

> Jerry Spinak Executive Director

NOTICE The Annual General Meeting of the Talmud Torah Society shall be held in the Talmud Torah School, 13212-106 Avenue, Edmonton, on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Jewish Family Services

The Agenda for the Meeting shall include the following: 2. Principal's Report

. President's Report

4. Election of Board Members 5. New Business

3. Treasurer's Report

Any parent or guardian of a child who attends the school or any person over the age of 18 years and who has contributed or on whose behalf a contribution was made to the United Jewish Appeal is eligible to vote and/or run for elected office at the meet-

If you wish to have questions put to the candidates for elected office then these questions must be submitted at lease 21 days prior to the meeting to the Secretary. The candidates will be asked to answer these questions when submitting their biographies at the Annual General Meeting.

You are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting in order to become more fully informed about the affairs and activitios of the School.



(L-R) Ron Gold, Alicia Ruby, Linda van Wilde Rode, Anita Nadler, Olga Birney, Linda Ruby, Shelley Malkin, Gloria Golbey. Missing from photo are: Shawna Kotler and Irmgard Tirschler.

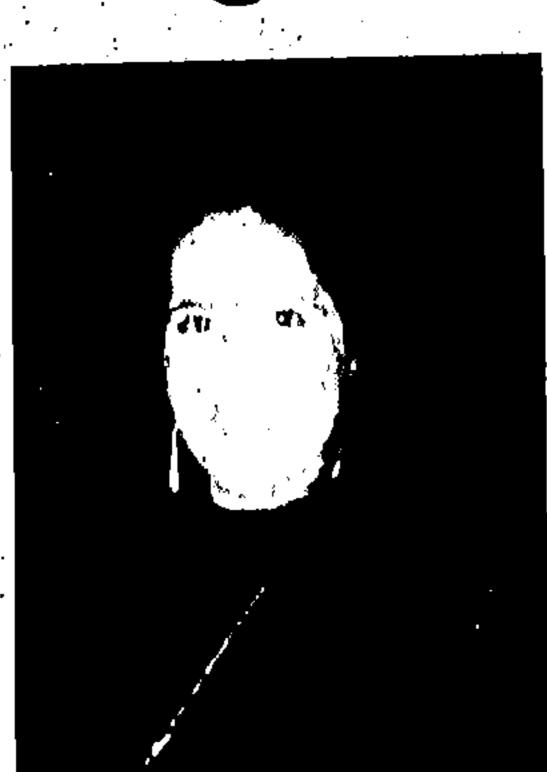
B'not mitzvah celebrations in the Okanagan valley

Tucked away in the heart of the British Columbia interior, the Okanagan Valley has a tiny but growing Jewish community, ... growing not only in members, but also in its commitment to opening avenues through which its members can identify and express themselves as Jews.

And so it's not surprising that when the idea was proposed, of having a community "B'not Mitzvah" for woman past the traditional age of Bat Mitzvah, the Okanagan Jewish Com- being called to the Torah. and supported it.

A call was put out to gauge interest. The result was incredible!

Nine women ranging in age from 14 to 67 years retion) the process of study-



Shawna Kotler

munity/Beth Shalom Syna- And in this community munity: gogue willingly endorsed which has no Rabbi, male ing and guiding as needed.

The joy of learning tosponded and began (with gether in a forum where more than a little trepida- care and support is unparalleled, has made this an ex-

usual boundaries separating • the young and the "not so young" quickly dissolved as these nine women $\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{x}}$ lighted in witnessing each other's progress.

nity as they affirm their heritage.

The B'not Mitzvah of the Okanagan Jewish Com-

Olga Birney, Shelley much needed supplies to members of the congrega- Malkin, Linda Ruby, Gloria the olim (immigrants). She works independenttion who generally lead Golbey, Anita Nadler, Irm-Shabbat and High Holyday gard Tirschler, Shawna ly, buying the goods herself or with funds donated by services, assisted by teach- Kotler, Alicia Ruby, Linday people who hear about her van Wilde Rode. mission and offer to help.



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- Youth Aliyah 1997

by Netta Phillet

The Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah-Youth Services campaign have as their honoured 🛀 guest Cora Brisebois, a 🔍 woman whose individual efforts have much in common with the work done by outh Aliyah.

Since 1933, Youth Aliyah has brought 300,000 children to Israel, and helped to care for them . once they had arrived. The "in gathering of exiles" to Israel has been carried out under different names, such as the recent "Operation Dery of Keren Hayesod, Moses" and "Operation Solomon". There are still 80,000 immigrants (olim) rect this work. During her arriving in Israel each year, most recent trip this spring more than three-quarters she was presented with a from the former Soviet medal of honor by Keren Union. Often, they arrive Hayesod officials. ill, not speaking Hebrew, On May 24, 1997 they requiring job (re)training. will stand together, as nine food and housing. The gov-Services projects in Israel proud women wearing their ernment has spent more have been seriously jeopar*tallacim* and *kipot*, are than \$22.3 million just dized by a decrease in called to the Torah to take since 1990, and resources funding. 19,000 children lowed. their place in their commu- are stretched to the limit. are being looked after this An Edmonton woman, Cora Brischois, is co-founder of a local initiative, called "Operation Esther". Mrs. Brisebois has made five trips to Israel to deliver

Each time she has taken two 70-pound suitcases filled with toiletries, kids clothes and simple toys, sewing supplies, diapers, for 1997 is culminating Aspirin, vitamins, etc. On with a lunch on Sunday, the last two trips, she took a June 8 at the Prince of tour group with her, and Wales Armoury. They will each of the others was willing to carry a second suitcase packed with donations. There is no budget for shipping costs since she and her husband are living on their retirement pension.

Mrs. Brisebois has received recognition and thanks for her donations of supplies and money from the Israel Department of Immigration and Absorption, particularly the Centre in Lod, and from Sima United Israel Appeal, who has helped advise and di-

Hadassah-WIZO's many Youth Aliyah and Youth



Netta Phillet

year, and several thousand more are waiting. Their graduates can be found in all walks of Israeli life. shaping society and devel oping the economy and social policy. The country's stability depends in part on rescuing the thousands of young people who are at risk, in need of alternatives to their deprivation, of guidance and direction. Hadassah-WIZO hopes to see many of you at the luncheon on June 8, but whether or not you can attend, please give generously. Further erosion of these vital projects cannot be al-



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Due to the federal election being held Monday June 2, the Annual General Meeting of the

Jewish Federation of Edmonton

Edmonton Jewish Youth Centre Jewish Community Centre of Edmonton Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation Edmonton Jewish Community Foundation and Endowment Fund

has been moved to Sunday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC 7200-156 St.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Federation, the slate of nominees to the Board has been posted at the JCC.

AGM Special Guest Speaker RABBI MICHAEL SKOBAC

Director, Jewish Student's Union, University of Toronto Education Director, Toronto Branch of Jews for Judaism

EVERYONE WELCOME



Ticket Information 487-0585

The Festival is a programme of the Cultural Arts Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton



ple came together to build a on house for everybody to live them safe from the elements. They had solid walls who didn't even notice. that gave strength when

Once upon a time, a one needed protection or strong and dedicated peo- merely something to lean

Community. The inhabitants Community aged. Rebuildlived there happily. They ing began with a group of had a strong foundation that villagers, committed men would not crumble when and women, whose work pressure was laid upon it. changed the lives of the They had a roof to keep members of the Community. including the lives of those

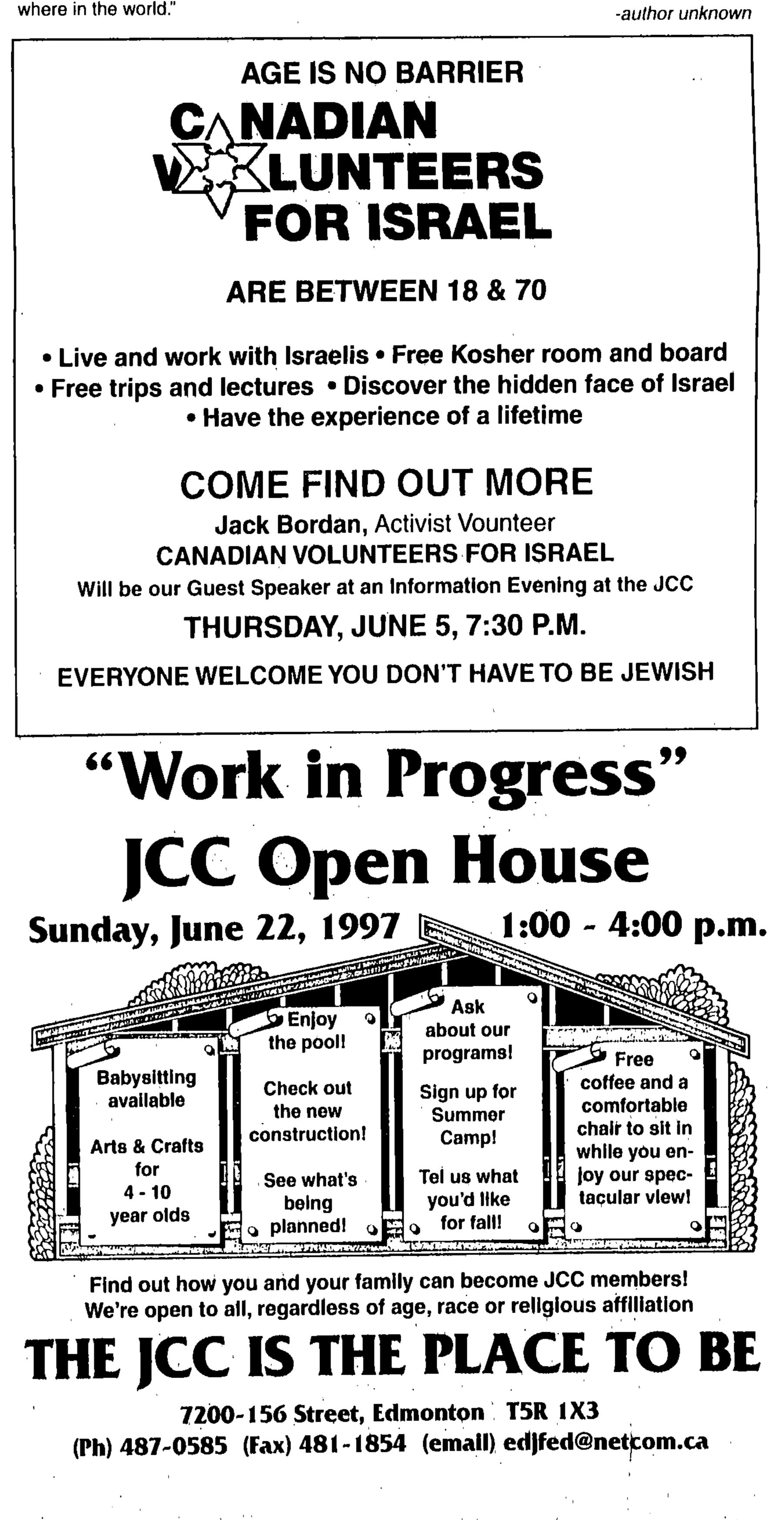
A "Post Pesach" Thought

Malcolm Hoenlein. Execevery area against any still be slaves today." measure, any country, any-

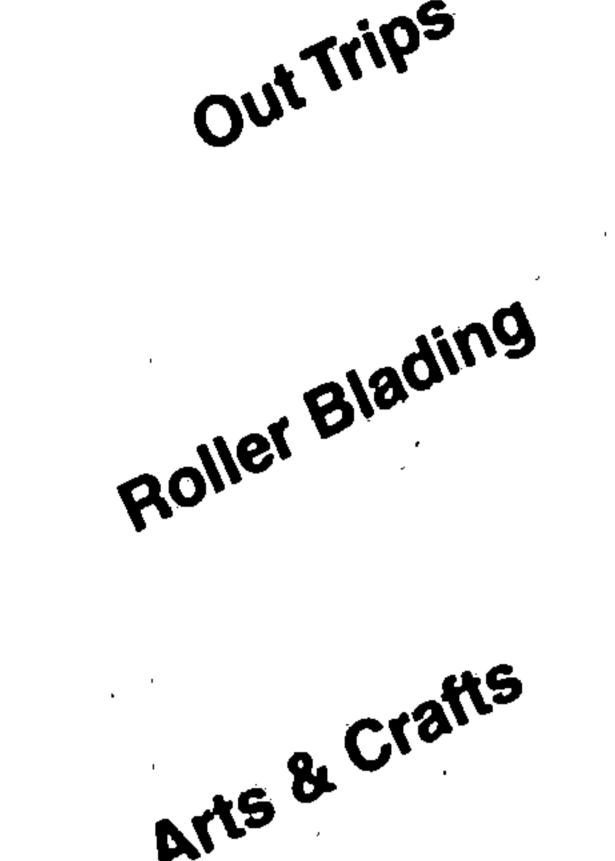
"More Jews have come utive Director, Conference out of the Soviet Union than of Presidents of Major Jew- came out in the Exodus ish Organization: "Israel is from Egypt. And we worried not Disneyland. It is not a how we were going to pay perfect society. It's leaders for it! Think of it. When our are real people who make fathers came out of Egypt, if real mistakes. Despite this, they said how are we going Israel's record can stand in to pay for it, we would all

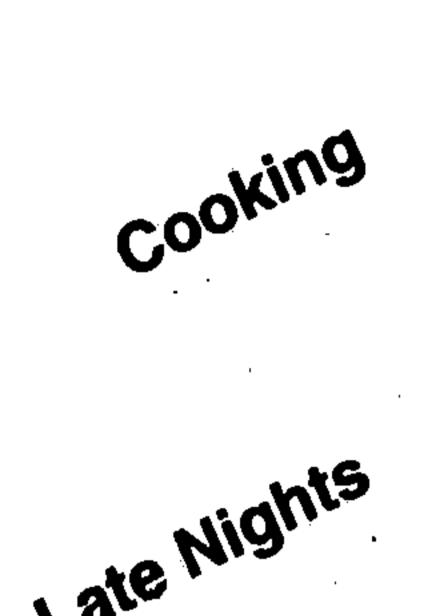
Community was built by many people acting as one. They built structures to care As it happens in time, the for the village elders, to in. They called the house people and structures in teach the young, to integrate those on the outside. to help the newcomer, to counsel the needy, to stimulate Jewish thought, to remind them to remember, to aid in the development of menschlekeit among all the inhabitants of the land.

> Alone, no one could have accomplished any of these things. Together they became a force powerful enough to make a difference and loud enough to be heard. And, they weren't alone. They were all one. One by one, they linked together to achieve wonderful things, and as Community prospered, so did they, and life was beautiful in Community



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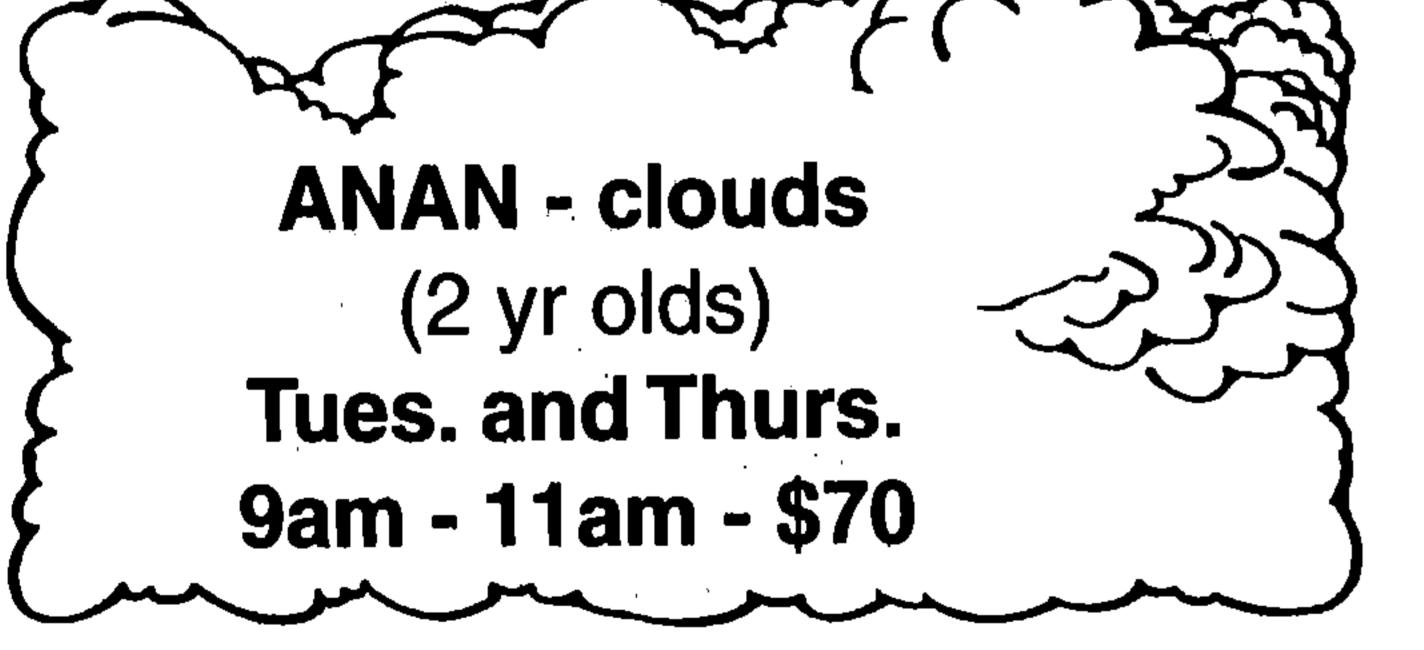




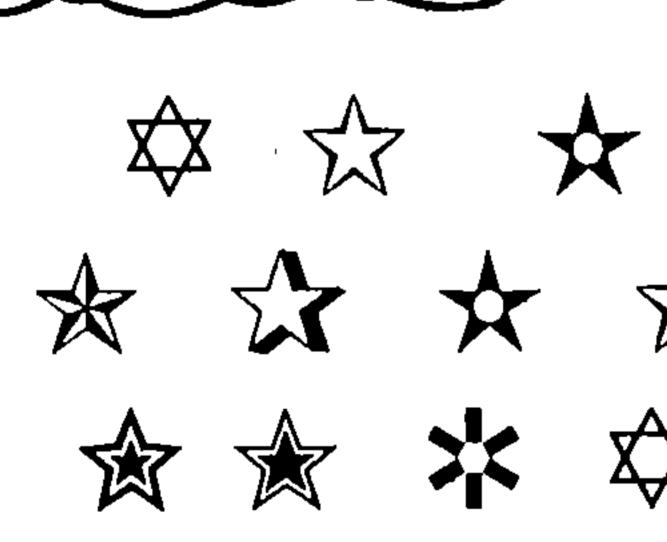


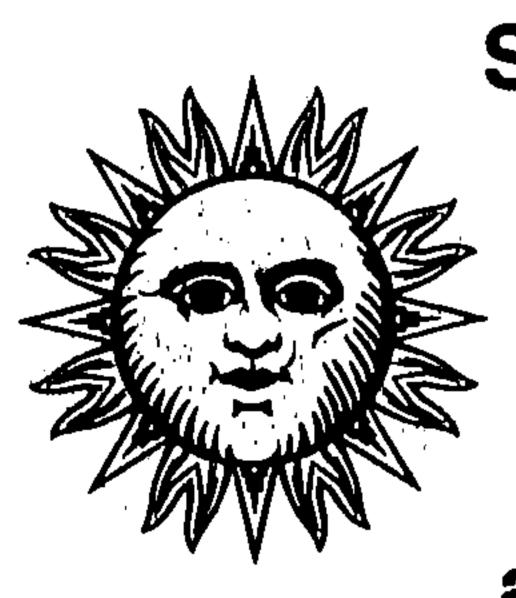


If you are between the ages of two and twelve, we have a fun filled summer planned for you! Session I - July 7th to July 18th. Session II - July 21st to August 1st. Session III - August 5th to August 15th. Specialty week - will run from August 18th to August 22nd if registration is sufficient.



KOCHAVIM - stars (3yr olds) Mon, Wed, and Fri. 9am - 12am - \$90





Daycamp Shalom $\mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{x}$ SHEMESH - sun (4yr olds) $1/2 \, day \, am$ 9am - 12pm - \$100 1/2 day pm **RUACH - wind** 1pm - 4pm - \$100 · · · · all day - 9am - 4pm - \$160 (entering grades 5 or 6) 2 nights at Camp BB-\$250

YAREACH - moon (entering kindergarten) 1/2 day am - 9am - 12pm - \$100 1/2 day pm - 1pm - 4pm - \$100 all day - 9am - 4pm - \$160

Don't Miss Out! Register Nov!

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Swimming, Diving, and Tumbling lessons **Rebounders Daycamp (4yrs to 11 yrs)**

This program offers everything you could want. Flip, swim, and dive your way to fun at the JCC. \$75.00 1/2 day camps

> Mornings 9:30 - 12:30pm Afternoons 1:00 - 4:00pm session I July 7 to 11 session II July 14 to 18 session III July 21 to 25 session IV July 28 to August 1 session V August 4 to 8 session VI August 11 to 15 session VII August 18 to 22

West Edmonton Swim Team is Back!

Looking for a healthy and challenging summer activity?

W.E.S.T. is a Swim Alberta affiliated Summer Swimming Club which was created six years ago with the objective of offering youths the following opportunities:

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☆ practice competitive swimming

The only requirements to be eligible are: be between the ages of 6 & 18 and able to swim one length (25 m.) of the pool

Club practices will be held at the JCC Swimming Pool Monday - Thursday, during the months of June, July and August. Those interested will also have an opportunity to attend swim meets this summer.

> W.E.S.T. Cost \$200 per season or \$100 per month Call 487-0585 ask for Andy.

The JCC Aquatics Department is looking for Volunteer swimming instructors or junior lifeguards. If you are interested or require more information please call 487-0585 and ask for Jennifer.

Drop in Aerobics at the JCC is a step up to meet your fitness needs.....

May to June

Sweatworks Step class 11-12pm

Monday 9:15-10:15am

Wednesday HI/LO Step 9:15-10:15am *hursday*

Power Workout

7:00-8:00pm

Friday Step Combo 9:15-10:15am

Men's Basketball Sunday 12-2pm Book during our open hours Racquetball Book during our open hours Tennis Book during our open hours Walleyball Open during regular building hours Weightroom

Step Combo 7:00-8:00pm



We have something to offer you!

Drop in times for recreation & fitness.....

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Rambam was featured on the CBS program "60 Minutes", embarassing the Canadian Government for not doing their job in bringing Nazi War Criminals to justice.

> Sunday, June 1, 1997 7:30 pm. **Rice Theatre at the Citadel Tickets \$36** available at the JCC

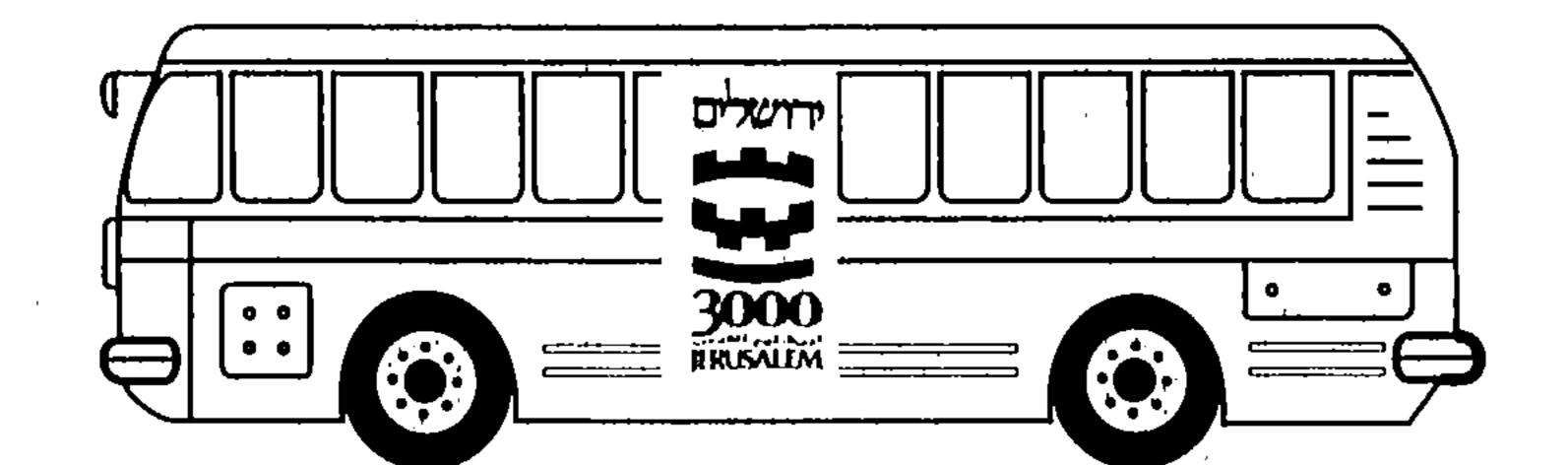
*Reception to follow *Tickets must be purchased in advance

March of the Living 1998

If you will be entering grade 10, 11, or 12 next year, you are eligible to participate in the International MARCH OF THE LIVING Please join Gayle Tallman at the Jewish Community Centre on Tuesday, June 3, 1997 7:00 p.m. for an Information Evening

Teens should be acompanied by a parent.

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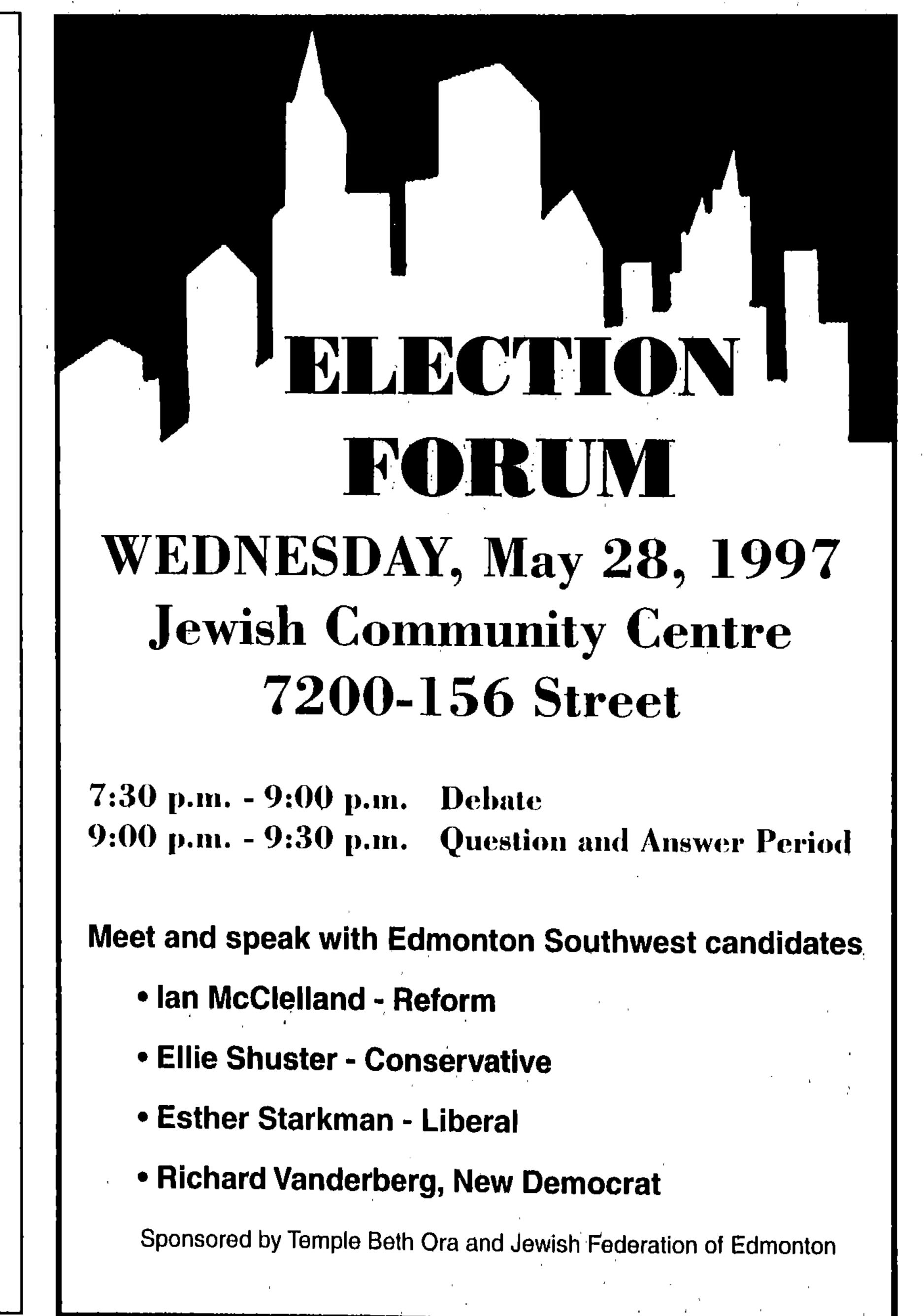
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> For More Information Call Gayle or Lesley at 487-0585

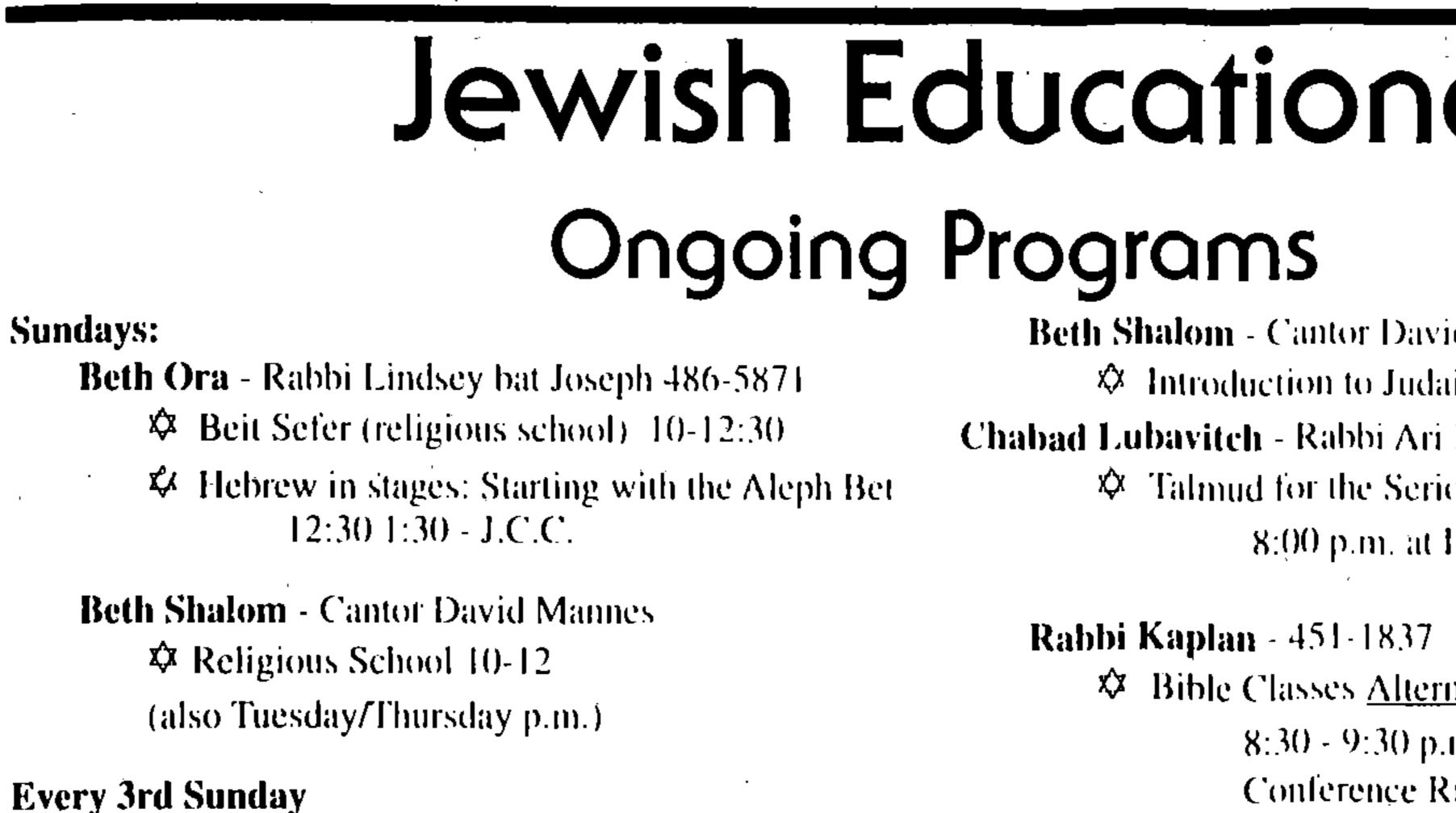
Sponsored by Edmonton United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal of Canada

*No reserved seating



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Beth Tzedek - Harold Rodnunsky 451-1858 Mishna Classes - various locations

Mondays Beth Israel

✿ Young Women's Torah Study Group 7-9 p.m.

Tuesdays

Chabad Lubavitch - Rabbi Ari Drelich 486-7244 ✿ Pirke Avot (Ethics of our Fathers) 2 - 3 Held at Photographic Creations Teens and Torah - <u>Alternate</u> Tuesdays

Beth Ora - Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph 486-5871 ✿ Lunch with the Prophets: Weekly Haftorah Study 1:15 - 2:15 J.C.C.

8:00 Chabad House

Wednesdays

Beth Ora - Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph

- Introduction to Judaism
- Contemporary Moral Dilemmas
- A Jewish Perspective These two classes held on

alternate Wednesdays 7:15-8:45

Special Events Beth Ora Sunday June 1 — Topic is "Israel" Antroduction to Judaism 8:00 Beth Shalom. Chabad Lubavitch Talmud for the Serious Minded
 A Lunch & Learn for High School Students
 A 8:00 p.m. at Lessard Mall 12 noon at Ross Shep High - once a month Jewish Federation of Edmonton Bible Classes <u>Alternate</u> Wednesdays Series entitled "What Does Judaism Say About..." 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. continues - Thursday, June 26 - Topic will be: Conference Rm # 6 Fantasyland Hotel - Rabbi bat Joseph ...Community Pre-election Forum - candidates from Federal riding of Edmonton Southwest ☆ Weekly Torah Study 8:00 Chabad House Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. JCC ☆ Nazi War Criminals in our Midst - Steve Rambam Pirke Avot -Sunday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Rice Theatre - Citadel Ethics of Our Fathers Tickets: \$36.00. Available at JCC. - 12 noon Jasper Ave & 103 St. ♦ Edmonton Jewish Junior Chess Challenge Grades K-6 Co-sponsored Talmud Torah & Federation Rabbis Weekly Study Group Sunday, June 8, 1-5 pm, JCC 1/2 hr before Mincha V Youth Shabbatot - 1 Shabbat per Month Ø Federation Annual General Meeting Led by Post Bar Mitzvah Group Guest Speaker - Rabbi Michael Skobac "Jews for Judaism" Sunday, June 8, 7:30 pm JCC Seudah Shlishit: Torah Study of Parshat Hashavuah Please Note - If you know of ongoing or special ed-Following Mincha Services *ucational* events, please send/fax them to Lesley Jacobson at the JCC, Fax 481-1854 in the last week of each month. Many thanks to Edmonton Jewish Life for Torah Studies publicizing this list as a community service.

Thursdays

Shabbat/Saturdays

Jewish Educational Programming Beth Shalom - Cantor David Mannes Chabad Lubavitch - Rabbi Ari Drelich Chabad Lubavitch - Rabbi Ari Drelich Beth Israel Beth Shalom - Bruce Elman 486-5219 Beth Ora - Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph

Anne Frank through the eyes of a childhood friend: the things Anne can never tell you

by Terry Guild

Wearing a crimson red wool suit with white trim, a personal experiences and partment. recollections of childhood friend Anne Frank.

Anne was not so lucky."

obliged to tell her story to the world not only because of the devastating effects of the Holocaust, but because Anne would never have the

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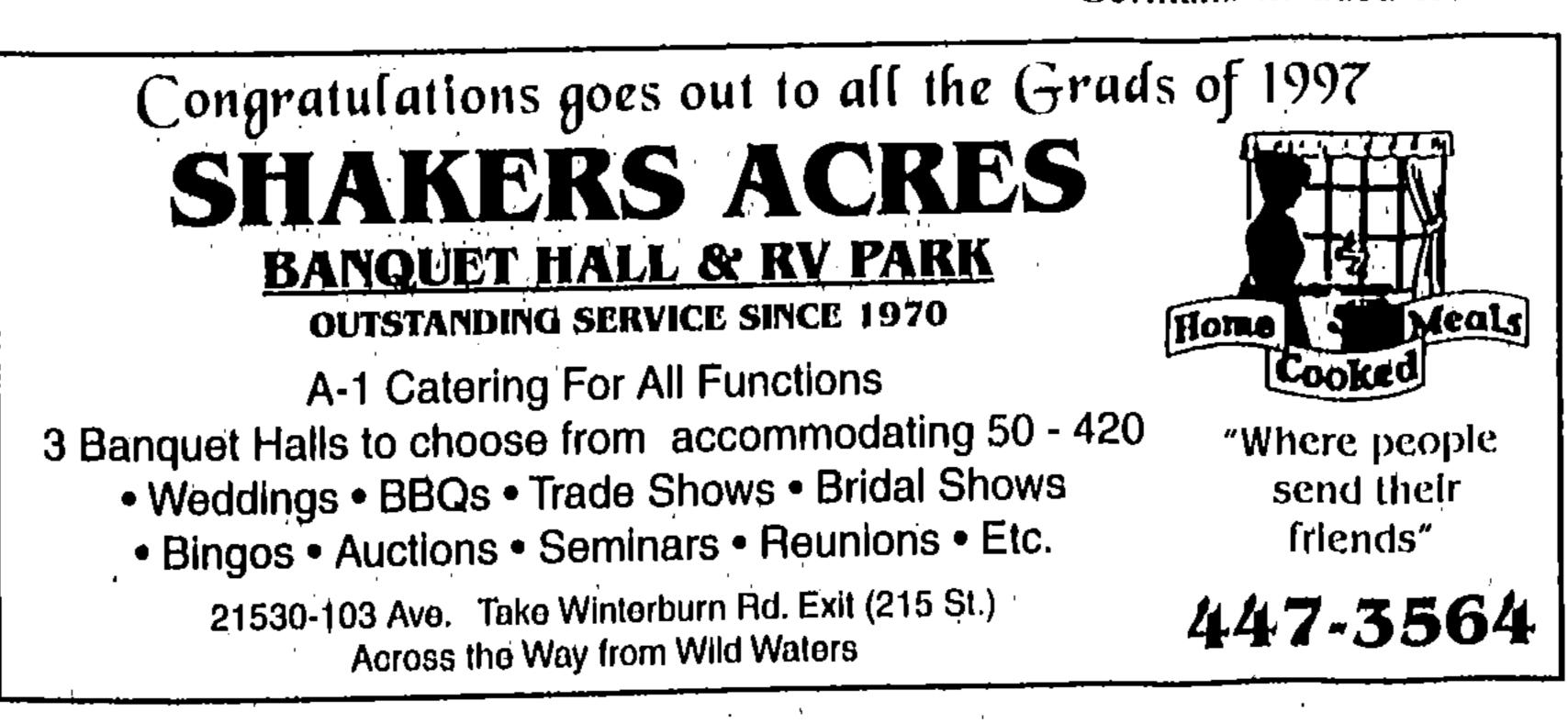
Her talk, "Remembrances of Anne Frank"

Chana's story begins in lies. ian Government.

one of the worst and most unsafe places they could have chosen.

Holland, Chana, purely by self - and all other Jews Early one morning in 1943, aged to arrange a meeting chance, discovered that living in Holland - follow- several large trucks, the with Anne, and was then Anne Frank was her next ing a whole new set of rules S.S., and the Dutch police told about the hiding place black fur hat and black was part of the Near East- door neighbor; the two girls implemented by Hitler's came and took Chana and and that the Franks never winter boots, Holocaust ern and Judaic studies (NE- were in the same kinder- government. She had to her family to Westerbork, a went to Switzerland. survivor Chana Goslar Pick JS) class: "The Destruction garten. These discoveries wear a yellow star, was dis- transit camp in the Netherrecently kept an overflow- of European Jewry," taught established a bond of allowed from using public lands. ing crowd at Brandeis Uni- by Professor Antony Polon- friendship and would last transportation, and ordered As luck would have it, terrible health and spoke of versity, fascinated with her sky, chairman of NEJS de- the next nine years between to leave her beloved school. Chana and her family were having no hope to live bethe two girls and their fami-She had to be home at 8 later not transferred to a cause she believed she had

"I am a grandmother liv- was born into a well-to-do two families would spend only at Jewish stores. camp in Germany. Her fam- that if she had a chance to ing in Israel today," she Jewish family. Her father, Shabbat together, eating, The next blow to ily was not divided and she tell Anne that Mr. Frank said in her talk. "Sadly, Hans Goslar, held the very enjoying one another's Chana's fragile childhood remained in relatively good was still alive, she would high position of deputy company and telling hu- was when she visited Anne health. But it was there she have given Anne hope she Chana said she felt minister for domestic af- morous stories. Chana said one afternoon, as she did would witness the death of so desperately needed to go fairs and director of the that her mother used to each day, and was shocked her father, and the influx of on living. press section of the Pruss- tease Anne by saying that that the Franks had sudden- thousands of other disease- At the age of 15, Anne while "God knows every- Iy moved to Switzerland. ridden prisoners sent to died of typhus only weeks Chana's family moved to thing, Anne knows every- Chana would come to find Bergen-Belsen from neigh- before the camps were lib-Holland after Hitler's rise thing better." Chana added out later, under incredible boring camps in the east. erated. Chana became ill to power, and her father set that Anne loved being the circumstances, that her Chana recalled the sickly, with jaundice, but was forup a law firm and provided center of attention, espe- friend never moved away, gaunt figures she saw at the tunate enough to be placed aid to Jewish refugees from cially when she could but was in hiding for more barracks adjacent to her in a hospital where she re-Germany. Little did the watch people's reaction to than two years, until the own. family know at the time the popping sound of her Frank family was betrayed. One day, while Chana regained her health. that Holland would become shoulder, which she could and sent to a concentration somehow painlessly push camp. in and out of its socket.



During the first week in in 1940, Chana found her- worst nightmare came true. each night and could shop death camp in 1944, but to no family survivors. Berlin in 1928 where she — For almost ten years, the between 3 and 5 p.m., but Bergen-Belsen, a holding — To this day. Chana feels

Shortly after the discov- at the new prisoners, she But two years after the ery of the Frank's mysteri-was told that Anne was on Germans invaded Holland ous "relocation," Chana's the other side.

was wandering along the barbed wire fence peering

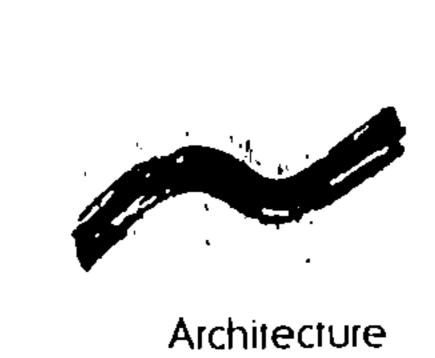
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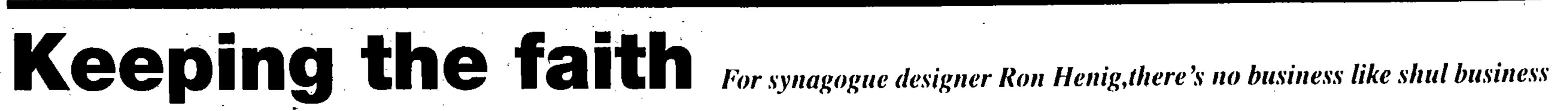
Much to Chana's despair, young Anne was in

ceived adequate care and



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by Gil Kezwer

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sions in Toronto including stained glass windows for North York shuls.

the most lucrative and artis- of my childhood." neck, New Jersey.

ally at woodworking and with me for many years." cabinetry, stained and sandsilk, metal and stone sculpture, wood carving, calligraphy and graphic design.

Henig's hybrid existence places him at the cutting edge of the material culture of the Jewish diaspora. While his art has been heavily influenced by Canada's contemporary crafts scene, it also follows ancient traditions rooted in the Jewish people's biblical homeland. His windows tend to be semi-representational, incorporating Judaism's iconic images like the menorah - the sevenbranched candelabrum which burned in the Temple in Jerusalem until it's destruction by the Romans in 70 C.E.; and the shofar the ram's horn representing the sacrifice Abraham offered in lieu of his son lsaac.

His cabinetry varies from an ornate, almost Victorian style to a sleek Scandinavian one in which exot-

brother attended.

Sick Children's Hospital, member them well. So occupation."

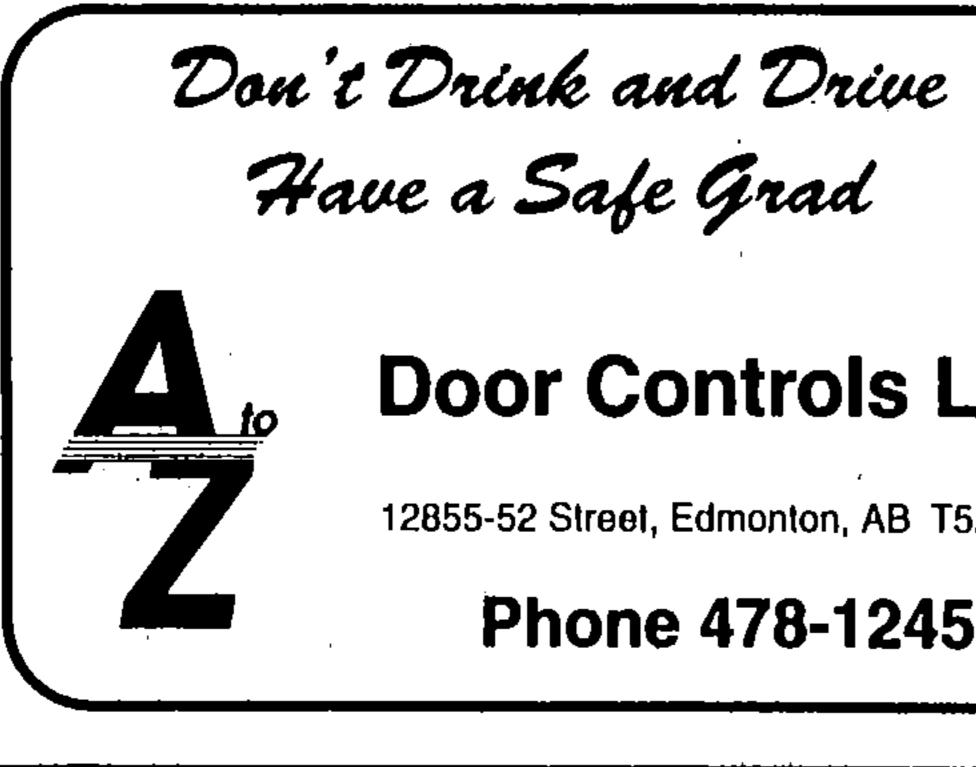
his complex career. An au- attended a private religious todidact who dropped out school in which art was of architecture and then en- simply not on the curricugineering after less than a lum. "Art was seen as a semester, Henig's formal waste of time. Anybody I education is in Talmudic told that I wanted to be an studies. But the yeshiva artist said, 'Artists starve.' graduate works profession- And that perception stuck

Following primary blasted glass, painting on school in Brooklyn, he attended a secondary school for pre-rabbinical training in Baltimore. In 1972 he transferred to Ner Israel

ic woods are combined. Yeshiva's affiliate campus. His first shul commis- up my first shop directly he has taken four graphic with brass inlays and sand- in Toronto from which he sion came in 1975. Like so above the sanctuary. As it design courses at Humber TORONTO -Ron Henig blasted glass to create graduated. Despite a total much of his life, it seemed turned out, one of my College to refine his technipauses from his whirlwind streamlined contours. One lack of artistic stimulus fated - an Orthodox Jewish workers got sick, and an- cal expertise. Though he activity of juggling two and of Henig's favourite pieces throughout his high school precept he is very much at other got a better job and doesn't intend to demean three tasks at once. "Don't is an imposing ceremonial years, Henig's sense of art home with. While he was left I was alone. I ended up school, he insists that you write that," he glares as I circumcision chair of remained strong. Deciding renting a basement apart- doing the job myself, work- should have a broader base. take down some relatively carved oak with red leather to funnel that talent into a ment from the president of ing around the clock, sleep- "You don't get a practical innocuous quote about back and seat. In this chair career that was socially ac- the B'nai Torah Synagogue ing four or five hours a foundation in school. You Jews. He is apprehensive the godfather holds an ceptable in his cultural mi- in North York, the shul was night, making each piece, get it in hands-on training the gentile world may mis- eight-day old infant while lieu, he applied to architec- undergoing renovations. carrying it downstairs and on the job." construe his remark in an the ist brought into the ture school at the Universiter "They asked me to design installing it." Henig's hyperactivity, anti-Semitic manner: covenant of Israel. Henig is ty of Toronto. some aspects of the interior. The oak wall is 60 ft. creativity, artistic virtuosity It's a characteristic mo- proud of the piece's bas-re- "I found the culture woodwork - the Aron ha- long by 12 ft. high, with a and flair for the mechanical ment for a hard-to-classify lief carving, but few of his shock too much to take. Kodesh, the Torah cabinet." lot of brass inlay trim and have led him to another voartist who bridges two clients are willing to pay. The lectures were antitheti- "A couple of years later, detailing. As well, he fash- cation as an inventor. He is worlds, one the traditon-for the time-consuming cal to my upbringing. Com-the same shull hired me to ioned the 8 by 10 by 2 ft. currently patenting a pneubound way of life of the ul- labour. munist ideology was very design their stained glass. Torah Ark, the cantor's matically operated nail gun, tra-Orthodox Jew, and the Henig traces his artistic hot then. I couldn't survive. windows. That was my first podium, the candelabrum which unlike such existing other the creative lifestyle vision back to his child- I couldn't reconcile myself stained glass commission. I and the eternal light. "It tools, automatically locates of the craftsperson. At the bood in Alba Iulia (White to that environment." had never touched glass be- was all hand cut brass, I sil- studs and then fires. He is age of 41, the Toronto artist July), a town in Transylva- Henig dropped out in the fore. But necessity is the ver soldered the pieces and also designing a combinahas carved out a niche as nia in northwest Rumania. first semester. He tried en- mother of invention. They wired the lamps electrical- tion scarf and hat. "It's the Canada's foremost syna- "I have very clear recol- gineering at the U of T hired me just to design ly. most versatile headgear you gogue interior designer. He lections even though I was next, but withdrew when them. I designed one of the "I was never taught to do will ever find," he promishas worked on nearly one only a child of four when 1 his mother was killed in a windows at no charge. I any of these things. When I es. "I want to make it a disthird of the more than 100 left. My sense of aesthetics car accident. "I had to make subcontracted with an arti- was a kid, I used to love to tinctively Canadian prodsynagogues in Toronto, as and beauty are rooted in the a living. I supported myself san, and got on-the-job read a lot and work with uct." well as several houses of statuary and the classical by doing calligraphy for in-training. By the time we my hands. I always had a "It sounds ridiculous," worship in the United architecture, the spires of vitations and ketubot (illus- finished, I was confident fascination with how things he says of his multi-faceted the citate (citadel) - which trated Jewish marriage con- enough to take on other work. I just do things. I can career. "People won't be-So far this spring he has was a special school for tracts) - then an ancient art projects.

completed four commis-gifted children that my form undergoing a rebirth. "The same thing with Not surprisingly for take karate, and am a

Before long I got a reputa- woodwork. In 1984, I was someone self-taught, Henig marksman. What can I tell "The lush, green moun- tion, and was kept very hired by Rabbi [Zalman] stresses the importance of you?" the meditation chapel at tains - it was beautiful. I re- busy. That was my fulltime Grossbaum, the director of learning by doing, although the Lubavitch Centre in the synagogue at Sunny- when I see something beau- Marrying young, as is Thornhill, to design the inbrook Hospital and two tiful, I compare it in my the custom among many terior of the sanctuary. mind's eye to the Carpathi- Orthodox Jews, the Henigs Then he asked me if I want-In late April Henig inked ans and the classic beauty soon had a baby - the first ed to handle the contracting of their eight children. Eco- as well. I told him I had tically challenging design The family left Rumania nomic necessity forced him never handled a job of that contract of his career - a in 1958 and moved to Beer- to raise his ketuba prices. size before. Up to that U.S. \$200,000 commission sheva, Israel. Henig recalls At the same time, other point, all I had in my for the interior of B'nai the jerrybuilt city in the artists entered the burgeon-garage was a small shop Yeshurun, a U.S. \$6-mil- Negev Desert as a "waste- ing field of custom-illus- where I built lecterns and lion shul project in Tea- land." trated wedding contracts. small tables. Rabbi Gross-In 1961, unhappy with Henig's market share baum had overwhelming Interviewed in his garage the bleak conditions and shrank, but by now the em- confidence in me, which studio in an aging postwar tension of life in the Middle phasis in his work had encouraged me to accept. suburb near Bathurst and East, the family immigrated shifted to synagogue interi-So I hired a couple of wood Lawrence, Henig discusses to New York. There Henig or design. workers. I bought my first table saw at Sears, and set





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Israel Hebron-holy city and home of the bogeyman

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and 500 Jews) whose most the Rock. turies ago.

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the only Jewish customer of have my throat cut. casbah. And I slept over in er by a cruel geography of God's name" For 22 years I've been Sa'id, a barber in Old Yet when it came to He- Qiryat Arba - the adjoining joint shrines to their com- A shop keeper in the row visiting Israel regularly. Jerusalem's Muslim Quar-bron, the city's reputation post '67 Jewish town, mon ancestors. There is of stores alongside the park One stay lasted five years. ter who moonlights as a for terrorism and vigilan- ringed by concertina wire, neither dialogue nor com- took a more prosaic view: During all that time I never custodian on the Temple tism was too daunting even home to 8,000 Israelis - merce to bridge this Middle "In the final analysis, every visited Hebron, the holy Mount protecting the al-for a dove like myself. half of them immigrants East version of apartheid. murderer is a murderer." city (pop. 94,0000 Muslims Aqsa Mosque and Dome of This winter before the from the former Soviet Communication takes Hebron's fanatically na-

torturous IDF redeployment Union. important citizens Abra- Friends and family I finally visited Hebron, I In Hebron, I found an pitched yelling or by cover- in the shadow of heavily ham, Isaac and Jacob and would shake their head at met the impoverished city's all-consuming and irra-ing up the other side's tags fortified Israel Defense Sarah, Rebecca and Leah what they considered my well-spoken mayor tional fear. Hebron is home in a bizarre Arab-Israeli Force soldiers, garbed in were buried there 37 cen-recklessness. I would re- Mustafah Abdul Nabi Nat- to the Israeli version of the graffiti war. The paint pro-bullet proof keylar vests spond that Arabs are truly sheh who spoke eloquently bogeyman. I was afraid to visit He- hospitable people, bound about coexistence. (The set What is Hebron like? color in what is truly a drab bags their guns at the ready. by their code of honor to tlers in Hebron call him. Mississippi in the 1920s and treeless Third World. The IDF's roadblocks have Not that I'm a coward. In protect guests. In vain did I "Nazi.") I toured the four comes to mind. Like blacks dump. the days before the intifada plead peace is between enclaves where 500 Jews - and whites in that era of The two faith communi- in a warren of Do Not Enter erupted in 1987 Lused to people and not just govern- the great majority children, racial inequality cemented ties are embraced in a streets. hike and bike around the ments. They remained con-young mothers and yeshiva by the menace of lynching, macabre detente of threat- For Jews and Arabs, He-West Bank villages sur- vinced that one day while students - live in the Hebron's two tribes live in energy violence. Like the bron has become a vast jail.

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Glory to (Allah) who did vision, others an actual ry the image of the Cru-the Qur'an acknowledge edge each other's potential intolerance. take His servant for a Jour-' event. It is one of the most sades has come to symbol- that the reference is to the for lethal outbursts and ney by night from the Sa- significant bases on which ize hated European (and "site of the Temple of property damage. cred Mosque to the Far- it is said that Jerusalem is American) intrusions into Solomon ... on the hill of Ancestral memories - Tamimi, a 20-year-old thest Mosque, whose Islam's third holiest city. Islamic space. This is the Moriah" (Abdullah Yusuf and grudges - run deep. In Palestinian youth who acprecincts We did bless - in (after Mecca and Medina). same energy that Zionism Ali). The place had energy the basement of Bert costed my girlfriend and I order that We might show It is a fact, however, that, has as Jerusalem has be-for Muhammad specifically him some of our Signs: for for Muslims worldwide, the come the symbol of "occu-because it was a Jewish yet searing memorial to the city. Insisting on carrying He is the One Who heareth intensity of feeling for pied' Islamic space.

and seeth (all things). Mecca is greater than for Jerusalem, on the other How ironic that Muham-Medina (home of the hand, has been a consistent mad, seeing himself as the This Qur'anic verse does - Prophet's tomb) and far symbol of Jewish holy heir of Biblical prophecy. not name the city of greater than for third place space throughout the time asserted Jerusalem's sacred Jerusalem but, according to Jerusalem. In this century, of exile which began with status because it was Jew-Islamic tradition, "the Far- it is true, Jerusalem has en- the destruction of the first ish while his contemporary Vashem, Christian saviors three-year jail term for thest Mosque" refers tered Muslim conscious- Temple in the sixth century followers attempt to deny of Jews during the Holo- throwing stones when he specifically to the Temple ness to a far greater degree. B.C.E. Jews speak of Jewish claims while press- caust are memorialized as was amnestied last January. Mount. It is the sole refer- This has been more a result Jerusalem every time they ing ancient Islamic claims. ence to Jerusalem in the Is- of anti-Western, anti-impe- pray. Jews connect with Perhaps Israel needs to lamic scriptures. The story, rialist feeling than greater the hope of a rebuilt holy press Jewish claims to the reported after Muhammad's religious awakening. In the city each time they eat and city of Medinah which in sanity are forgotten and ob- killed in the intifada. death in great detail, speaks colonial and post-colonial say grace. It is woven into the sixth century was alof a magical journey of the period old references have almost all manifestations of most exclusively a Jewish Prophet of Islam overland taken on a new life. The Jewish piety and spirituali- town which offered hospito Jerusalem and from there Crusades made little impact ty. Modern Jewish political tality to homeless pagan to Heaven. Some Muslim on the Muslim world of the nationalism, Zionism, has tribes. These refugee Arabs changed some Jews' ideas from Yemen would later in- Purim opened fire on Mus- people should live in Heabout the Land. The power vite Muhammad to Medi- lims worshippers in the bron. Tzahal (the IDF) of Jerusalem as a symbol, nah and help him rid the Mosque of Abraham / Cave should be able to go outside however, still retains its in- city of its Jews. timate connection to the continuing religious and tal of the ancient Jewish Uzi machine gun jammed

It is very interesting to focus of Jewish yearning, note that the Qur'anic ref- pious and national. In all erence to the "Farthest of history it has never been Mosque" (al-Aqsa) could the capital of any Arab or not possibly refer, as Mus- Muslim state. Palestinian lim militants sometimes aspirations are real enough say, to either of the and powerful but they flow Arba. His tombstone, at the tion when an IDF patrol mosques now found on the primarily from recent de- center of a landscaped stopped us the previous Temple Mount. The Dome velopments. Medinah, I of the Rock and al-Aqsa think, can remain Islam's mosques were not estab- number two, "Next year in Baruch Kappel Goldstein, Qiryat Arba. After 15 minlished until more than half Jerusalem", however, is and a century after the death of has always been a Jewish Muhammad. Traditional prayer. Islamic commentaries of



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(and Christian) holy place.

Jerusalem was the capitribal traditions of Judaism. commonwealth. It is the

scure. But its tributes to hate are neatly cultivated.

of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, had also learned a pragmatwho three years ago at ic respect for Israelis. "All of Machpela, killing 29 and the Israeli zone. I want wounding 125 before his there to be good conditions allowing a survivor to crush rity for the Palestinians too. the American immigrant's If they (the settlers) want to skull with a fire extinguisher.

Dr. Goldstein is buried to a prison for us." atop the crest of a hill in Meir Kahane Park in Qiryat bered our mutual humiliaplaza proclaims, "Here lies night as we were innocentburied the holy doctor ly walking together toward who dedicated his life to utes of interrogation the the people of Israel, its soldiers - flabbergasted that Torah and land – clean of a Jew and Arab could simhands and pure hearted -

rounding Jerusalem. I was getting a shave I would squalor of the medieval parallel worlds tied togeth- murdered while sanctifying

place either at the level of tionalist Jewish settlers live vides a curious splash of and positioned behind sand tied up the entire downtown

Cold War MAD Junacy of The only escape is for both **Udaism** mutually assured destruc- sides to exorcise the bogey-tion, both sides acknowl- man of historical fear and

> That message was brought home by Hamza Hadassah is an understated on our stroll through the 69 defenseless Jews mur- my bags, he graciously indered in the 1929 pogrom. vited us for lunch the next Nowhere are mentioned the day. There in a pleasant ex-Arabs who sheltered their tended family compound. Jewish neighbours and we learned that our host friends. In Jerusalem's Yad had served two thirds of a Righteous Among the Gen- Flipping through his family photo album he pointed out Hebron's symbols of several high school chums

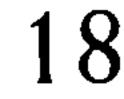
Tamimi's time in Ashkelon Prison had taught These include the grave more than a fair Hebrew; he here. There should be seeulive here, then live - please. But don't make Hebron in-

> As he spoke, I rememply be enjoying each other's company - pointedly told us to walk to the next gate in the barbed wire fence.

> Abraham, the nomadic father of Isaac and Ishmael - and of the Jewish and Arab peoples, was famed for keeping all four tent flaps open so as to maximize opportunities for hospitality. Surely there is room enough for both of his children in the city that grew around his tomb.

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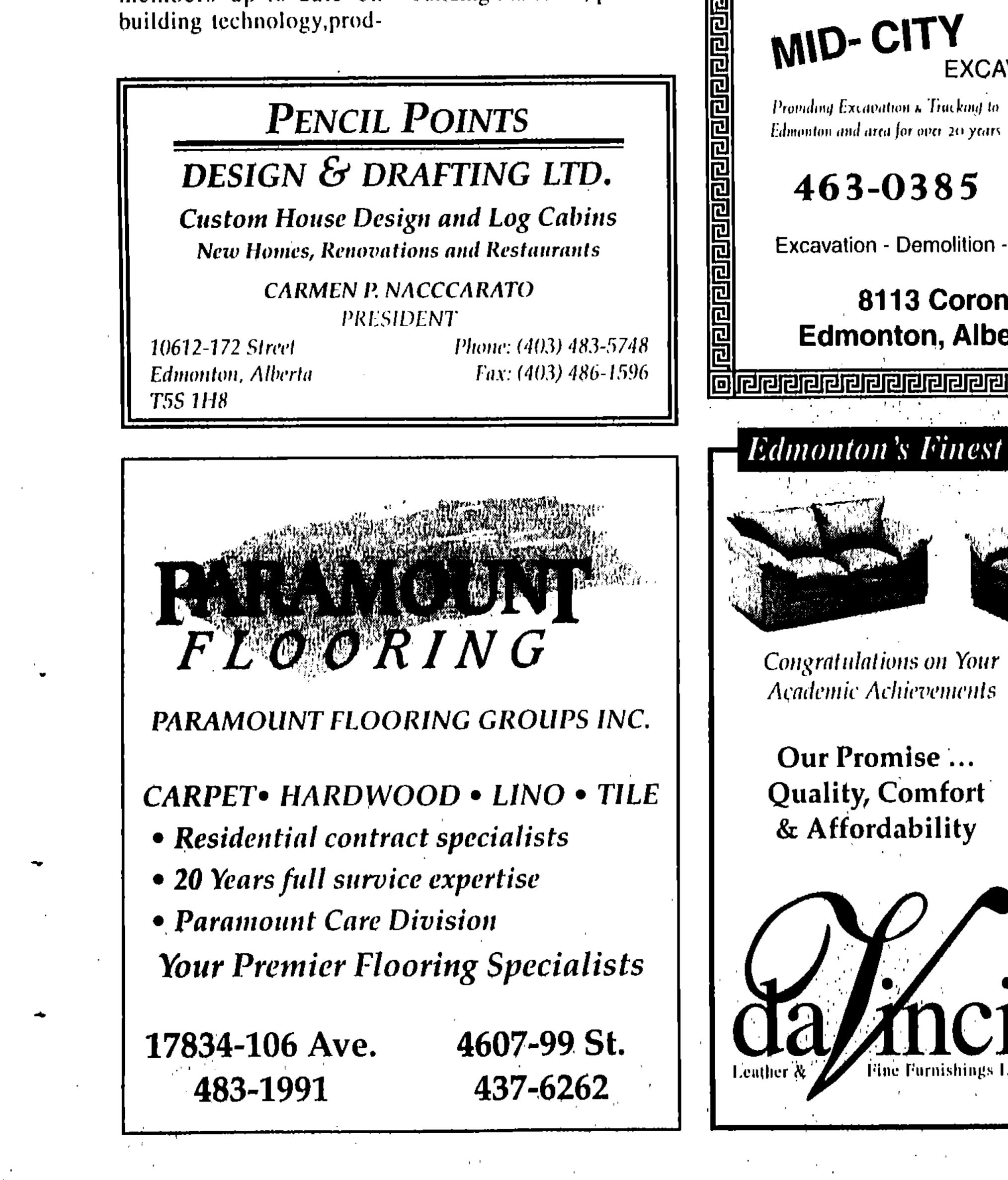
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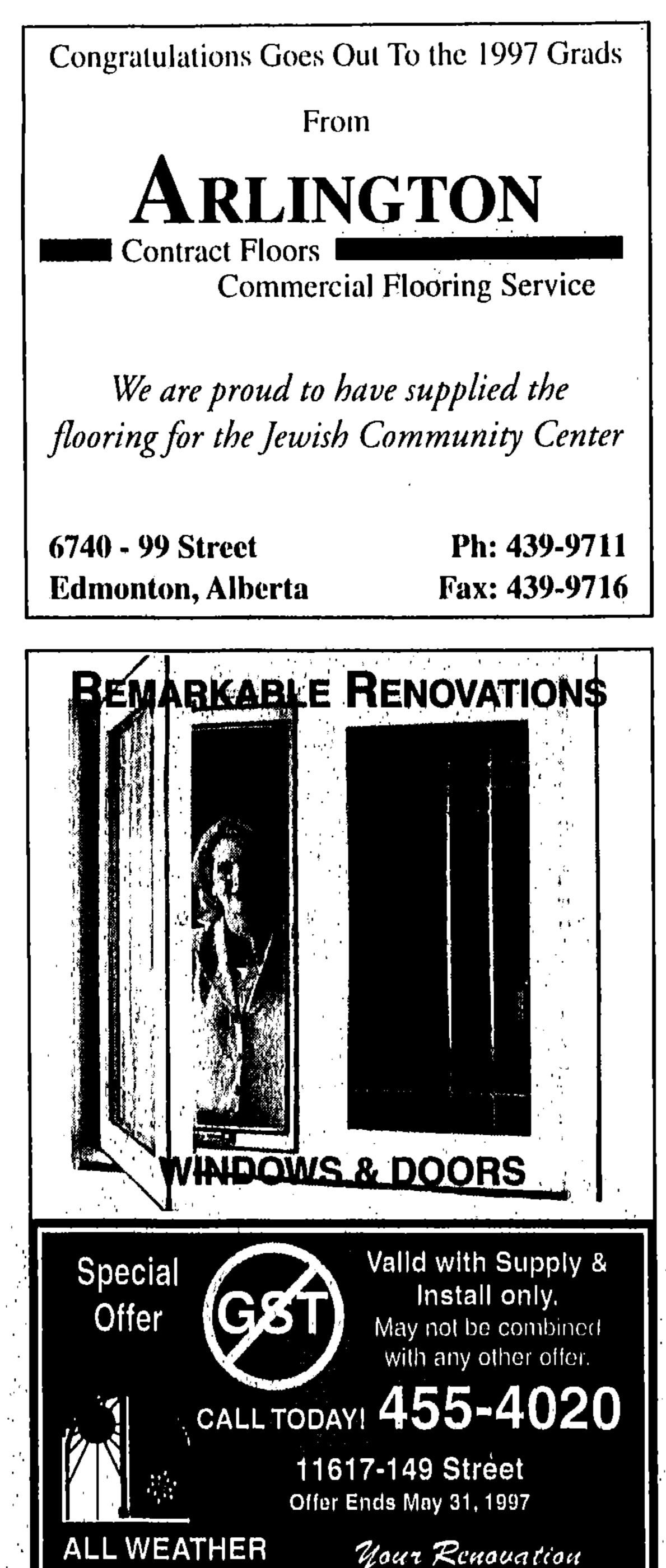


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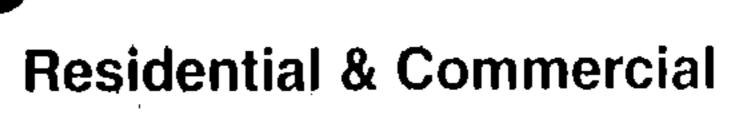
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Canadian Jewish Congress launches guide to election issues

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has released its issues (including Israel, ership for the purposes of Federal General Election world-wide anti-Semitism, sensitization. A French edi-Guide to the Issues: 1997, a - and Holocaust reparations tion is also available. compendium of the organi- and restitution) and domesagenda items.

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parties for their information ternet.). about where the community stands on key issues. The been widely recognized as Guide is comprised of two one of the premier documajor sections, covering a ments in reflecting commumyriad of topics and subheadings.

These are international to Jewish community lead-

The Guide, which has nal issues to future decision-makers, is being dis- site at www.cjc.ca. tributed across the country

"True to the Jewish trazation's positions and rec-tic issues (such as national dition, Canadian Jews carry ommendations on key na- unity, Nazi war criminals, two honourable burdens," tional and international refugee and immigration observed Professor Gerald policies, disability issues, Gall of Edmonton, who As with recent federal the social safety net, anti- chaired the effort to proelections, the Guide will be Semitism and racism in duce the Guide. "These are sent to all major political Canada, and hate on the In- to be Jewish, with all that implies, together with our responsibility as citizens to advance the condition of all Canadians."

> The *Guide* can be viewed on the CJC Web



Working Together for Edmonton West

less than four years, we have reduced want for ourselves and our children. the deficit by almost two-thirds to the elimination is in sight. Our fiscal success fairness, compassion, tolerance and reback into the hands of Canadians and mentum.

jecting half a billion dollars into our city document), our approach will not comevery year, and with almost \$9 billion in promise our quality of life or the hardoil sands investment announced, our earned gains of the past four years. economy is turning the corner. Unemployment has fallen by more than four mitted to uniting Canadians by reconcil percentage points since January 1994, ing regional and cultural differences dence of Edmontonians is returning – division. something that can be felt across our city.

faced when our government was first on Monday, June 2nd. elected in 1993.

With these results, Canadians and Edmontonians have reached the point at

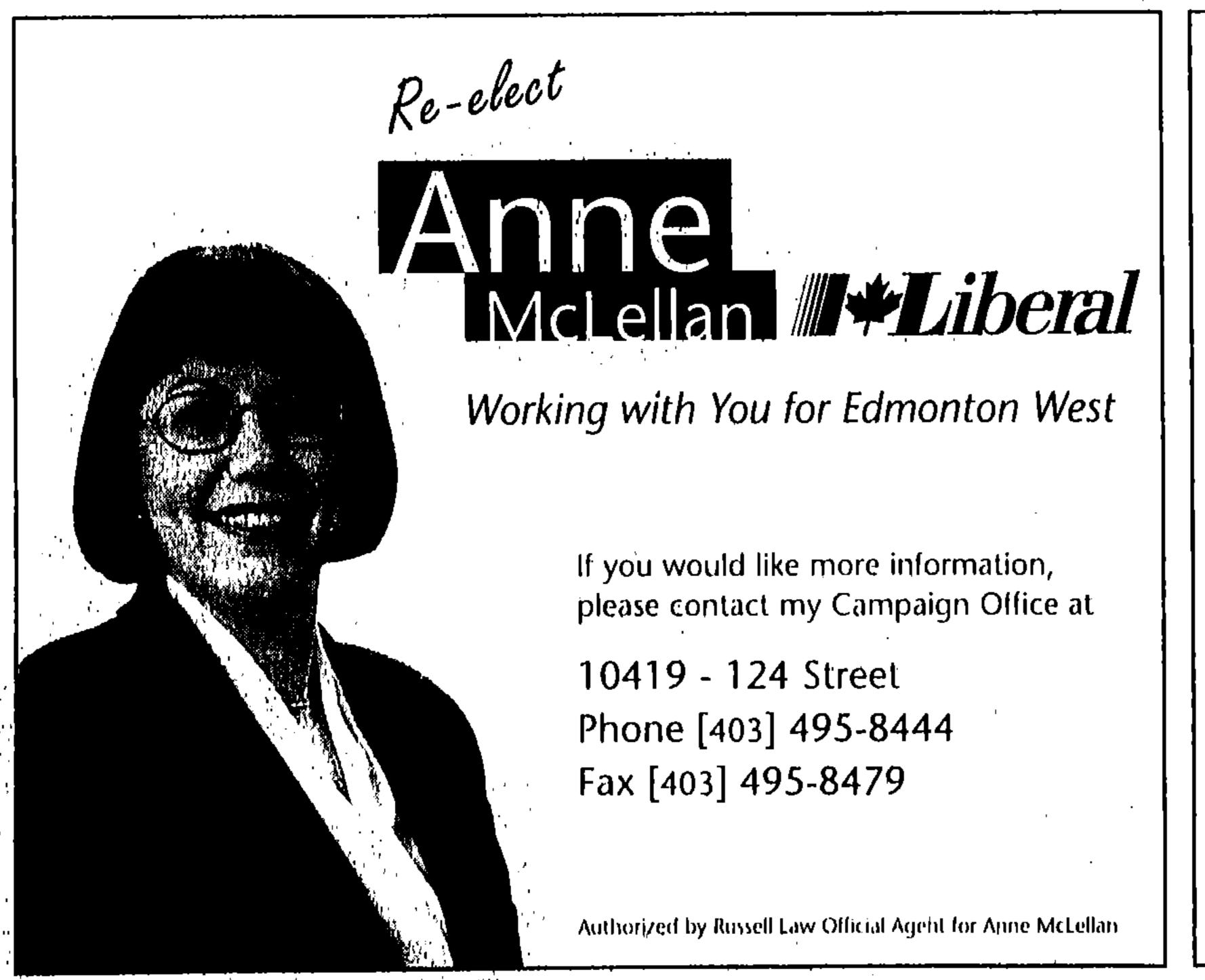
The Liberal government has worked which we must make an important hard to get Canada back on track. In choice about the kind of society we I believe the Liberal choice reflects

lowest lever it has been in 15 years. It's the values of Canadian – values such as has brought about the lowest interest spect. Our record has given us flexibility rates in 35 years, putting real money to reinvest in the top priority of Edmontonians and all Canadians – health care. Canadian business. Job creation, while When the budget's balanced, we'll put not yet good enough, is gaining mo- 50 percent towards tax cuts and debt reduction, and 50 percent towards Edmonton is sharing the dividends of health care, children and jobs. The only good government and effective Liberal party with a platform that has been fully representation. With CFB Edmonton in- costed (on pages 101-2 of our platform

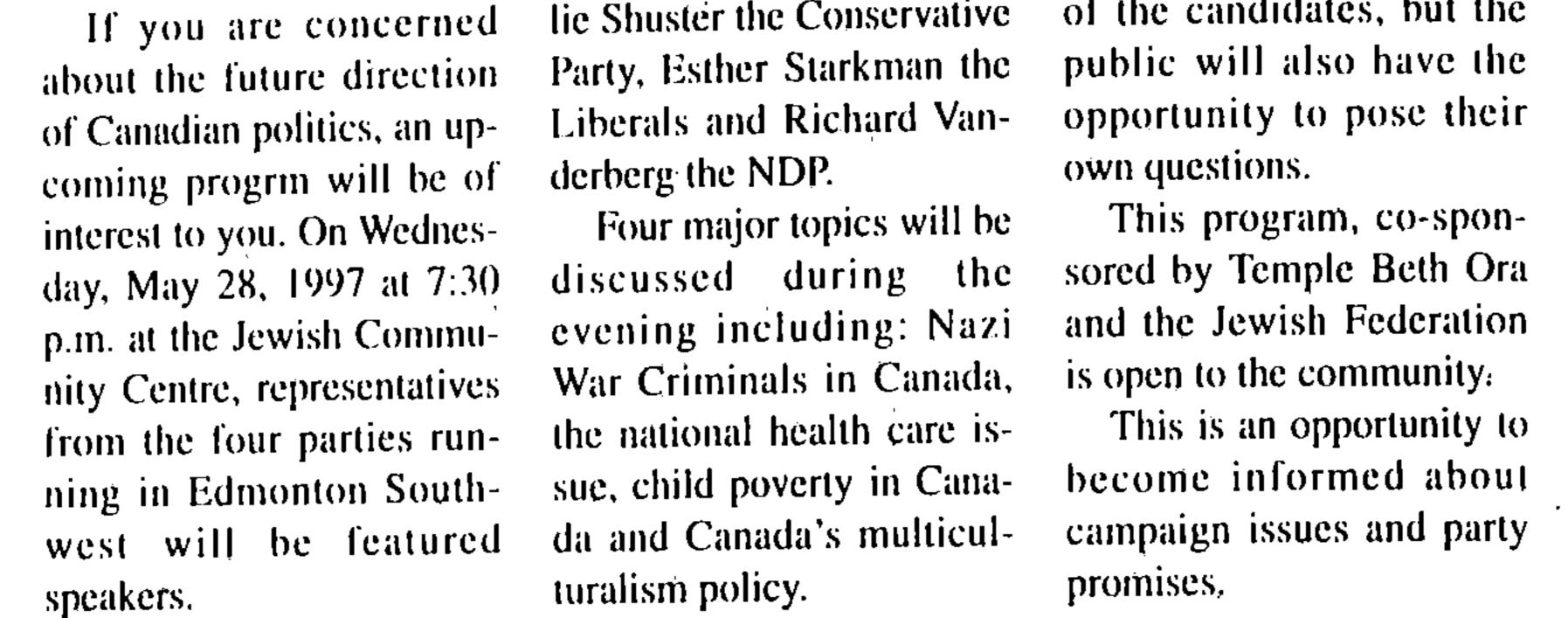
The Liberal choice is also one comto 7.2 percent, one of the lowest levels and one that stands against those who In Canada. Most important, the confi- practice the politics of resentment and

It has been an honour to serve you as Member of Parliament since 1993. I This is a far cry from the situation we hope that I may count on your support

Working together for Edmonton West, we will make a difference.







Ian McClelland will rep-

Election Forum

Four major topics will be turalism policy.

Not only will preplanned

If you are concerned lie Shuster the Conservative of the candidates, but the own questions.

This program, co-spon-

This is an opportunity to become informed about campaign issues and party promises,

resent the Reform Party, El- questions be asked of each



candidate for Member of Parliament from Edmonton South West. She is a native Edmontonian, and a member of the Estrin family, one of the pioneer families in Edmonton's Jewish commu-

She has dedicated her public life to ing of Albertans. Her work in the field of cultural training (aboriginal) program. education has been complimented by ongoing community service, volunteerism and business management.

Esther is well known to Edmontonians for her contribution to the quality of life in this city. She is a professional ton Public School committees, and from property-management company,

In 1990, Esther created and chaired standing contribution to compatriots, ty. community, and to Canada" in the field of education. In 1996, she was selected voice in government. A Liberal with Esby the City of Edmonton and the De- ther's experience and savvy gives new partment of National Defence as spon- meaning to political accountability.

Esther Starkman is the Liberal party sor for the city's namesake ship, HMCS Edmonton.

Esther has managed a federal government sponsored program, "Dealing with Stress," for those affected by the changing economic climate. She developed an English training program for Russian doctors taking further medical teaching, literacy, and the lifelong learn- training in Canada, as well as a cross-

She has contributed her energy to volunteer service as a member of the Alberta Cancer Board, the Edmonton Board of Health and the Chamber of Commerce Education Advisory Group. She has been a member of the board of English teacher with thirty years experi- Alberta Ballet, chapter president of ence utilizing innovative teaching tech- Hadassah, and she has canvassed for niques. While instructing at Alberta Vo- the Salvation Army, the Canadian Cancational College, she was elected twice cer Society and the Heart & Stroke as a Public School Trustee for the City of Foundation. Her business experience in-Edmonton. She chaired various Edmon- cludes ownership and operation of a

1992 to 1993 was Chairman of the She proudly represents the Liberal Party which is bringing the deficit under control, resulting in the lowest interest the Edmonton "Read-In" program. This and mortgage rates in 35 years. Over program has now become a yearly 750,000 private sector jobs have been week-long literacy campaign which in- created since 1993 and the Liberals volves more than 200 schools and Ii- have targeted over \$2 Billion for youth braries. Esther received the Literacy Vol- employment in cooperation with Canaunteer Award in recognition of "out- dian business. The Liberals are commitstanding community service and ted to sustaining essential programs inachievement for exemplifying the true cluding Medicare, tax credits for stuspirit of volunteerism in International dents attending post secondary educa-Literacy Year." In 1993, Esther was tion, the Canada Pension Plan and proawarded the Commemorative Medal grams to support seniors, people with from the Senate of Canada for "out- disabilities and children living in pover-

Esther Starkman wants to be your

Edmonton Southwest Put your vote to work – in government If you would like to talk to Esther or assist with her campaign, Esther please call 495-8585.

> Fliberal Authorized by Fred Barth, Official Agént for Esther Starkman

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Ellie Shuster

PC candidate Edmonton Southwest

Ellie Shuster has spent much of Her community involvement inher career in the civil service and cludes serving presently as the **!** as a consultant to government but president of the board of directors ' of Quebec, she felt that she had to dent of the Alberta Foundation for get involved in the fight to keep Environmental Excellence. Canada unified. Inspired by the She believes that a strong Canaleadership of lean Charest in the da will see more autonomy to all I the Progressive Conservatives and differences in the regions of the seek the party nomination for Ed- country. Inter provincial trade barmonton Southwest.

perative that both government and changed. opposition represent Canadians As a mother of two teenagers

Montreal in 1973. She was educat- tech future. ed at Loyola College in Montreal and the Journalism department of cut personal income taxes by 10% S.A.I.T. in Calgary. Her career ex- and reduce payroll taxes by nearly ted to protecting the environment perience includes positions in both \$5 billion. Reduced taxes and the the private and public sector. She PC job plan will create at least one has been a partner in a property million jobs in their first term in development company and oper-government and at least a million ated her own consulting practice in more by 2005. public relations and journalism. In governments in the environmental Italian. area.

tions and marketing practice serv- once again form the government, ing both business and government one that is truly representative of clients.

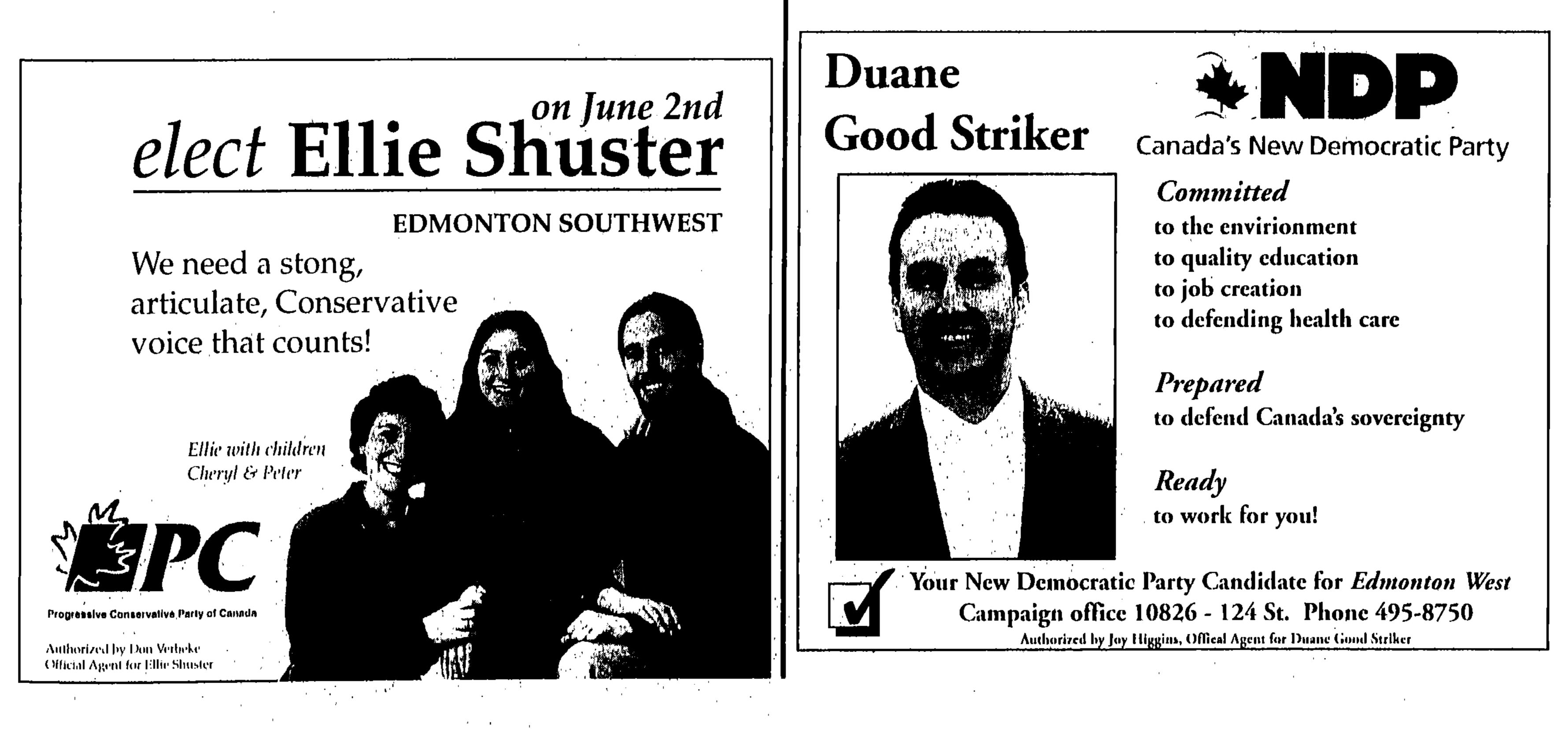
riers must be dropped and the culture and value system. Ellie Shuster states that " at this method of payment to provinces crossroads in our history, it is im- for health and social services

PC Party is our only national alter- cost of tuition and career prospects native - and in Jean Charest's gov- after graduation. She wants to see Ellie moved to Alberta from must prepare our youth for a high-

She supports her party's plans to

Ellie says that as a lew it is easy 1985 she moved to Regina where to understand why the people of she was a press secretary to the Quebec want to keep their own Minister of the Family as well as a culture and values. She speaks speech writer for Premier Devine. fondly of her great grandfather able to debate environmental is-Returning to Alberta in 1991 she who was the first lewish alderman held positions in communications in Montreal. He also campaigned for both the provincial and federal with bilingual signs - Yiddish and Natural Resources. He believes pay for Medicare, for their chil-

With the strong inroads she says Since 1995 she has been an in- Jean Charest is making in Ontario structor in the Business Faculties at and Quebec, and with their historiboth N.A.I.T and Grant MacEwen cal base in the west, the Progresand has established a communica- sive Conservatives are aiming to the country.



Duane Good Striker

NDP Edmonton West

Duane Good Striker is the New national fronts. Duane has devel-Democratic Party for Edmonton oped courses for kindergarten to West. Duane is currently the Direc-grade 12, post secondary instituuntil the last referendum in Que- of the Edmonton International tor of the Alberta Treaty Nations tions and all groups interested in bec she had never considered run- Street Performers Festival and in Environmental Secretariat. He was the concept of Traditional Environning for political office. As a native 1992 was the founding vice-presi- born and raised on the Three mental Knowledge based on an Blackfoot Confederacy in southern aboriginal perspective; an holistic Alberta. He feels that the Party's approach to environmental assessphilosophy and tradition of co-op- ment for all people. eration, consensus-building, sense Referendum fight she chose to join the provinces and recognize the of fairness to all Canadians and ample to explain his feelings about support of a sustainable environ- the NDP and Native issues. He ment mirror that of his own Native says that Samson was able to use

strong future."

Duane and the NDP are commitfor all people, ensuring quality edand human resources.

to run in Edmonton West to be which can affect its reporting.

In his current position he repre-fair share. sents Alberta's 75,000 status Indians on environmental issues on the provincial, national and inter-

Good Striker uses a biblical exhis power for good use just as the An example of this is the princi- NDP fight for the environment, the ple that everyone has a right to be poor and underprivileged and a part of the decision making Aboriginal people. However as process. He says that " the peo- with Samson, someone subdues from coast to coast. Jean Charest's she is concerned about the rising ples of Canada must determine them as Delilah did and tries to their own future. Our identities, destroy them. In the case of the jobs, environment, and the future Natives it was Queen Victoria, toernment, the west - and Edmon- education portable between of our children are worth protect- day it is loggers and open pit minton - will have real influence!" provinces and most importantly, it ing. It would be a privilege for me ers threatening the environment. to make your voice heard in Ot- But just like Samson he says peotawa. Together, we can shape a ple are reaching inside for their inner strength and he believes they will triumph.

> The NDP has also raised concerns about the cut in government ucation and jobs for future genera- support for the CBC. As Canada's tions, and defending our legacy of cultural link it is a unifying force in quality health care. They are pre- a country which threatens to break pared to defend Canada's sover- into distinct regions. It's news deeignty in trade, natural resources partment strives for answers instead of sensationalism and is not Good Striker specifically chose reliant on corporate sponsorships

The NDP also supports fair taxes sues with the ridings current M.P., for all Canadians .Canadians know Anne McLellan, the Minister of that they have a responsibility to that more money should be in- dren's education, for vital services vested in renewable resources in- to people. To do that they expect cluding thermal, hydro, solar and to pay their fair share in taxes, but they expect everyone to pay their



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Dean Kurpjuweit, Reform Party and currently is employed as a with all Canadians they will want Project Coordinator (specializing in to stay in Canada. pjuweit has been actively involved representing the views of its conin the community as a youth stituents. group leader, coach and team sports organizer. He is a graduate accountable to the people. Dean of the University of Alberta.

both business and education, as \$1.4 million pension. Reform will od? concerned about the govern- referendums. ment's direction and the effect it will have on all Canadians.

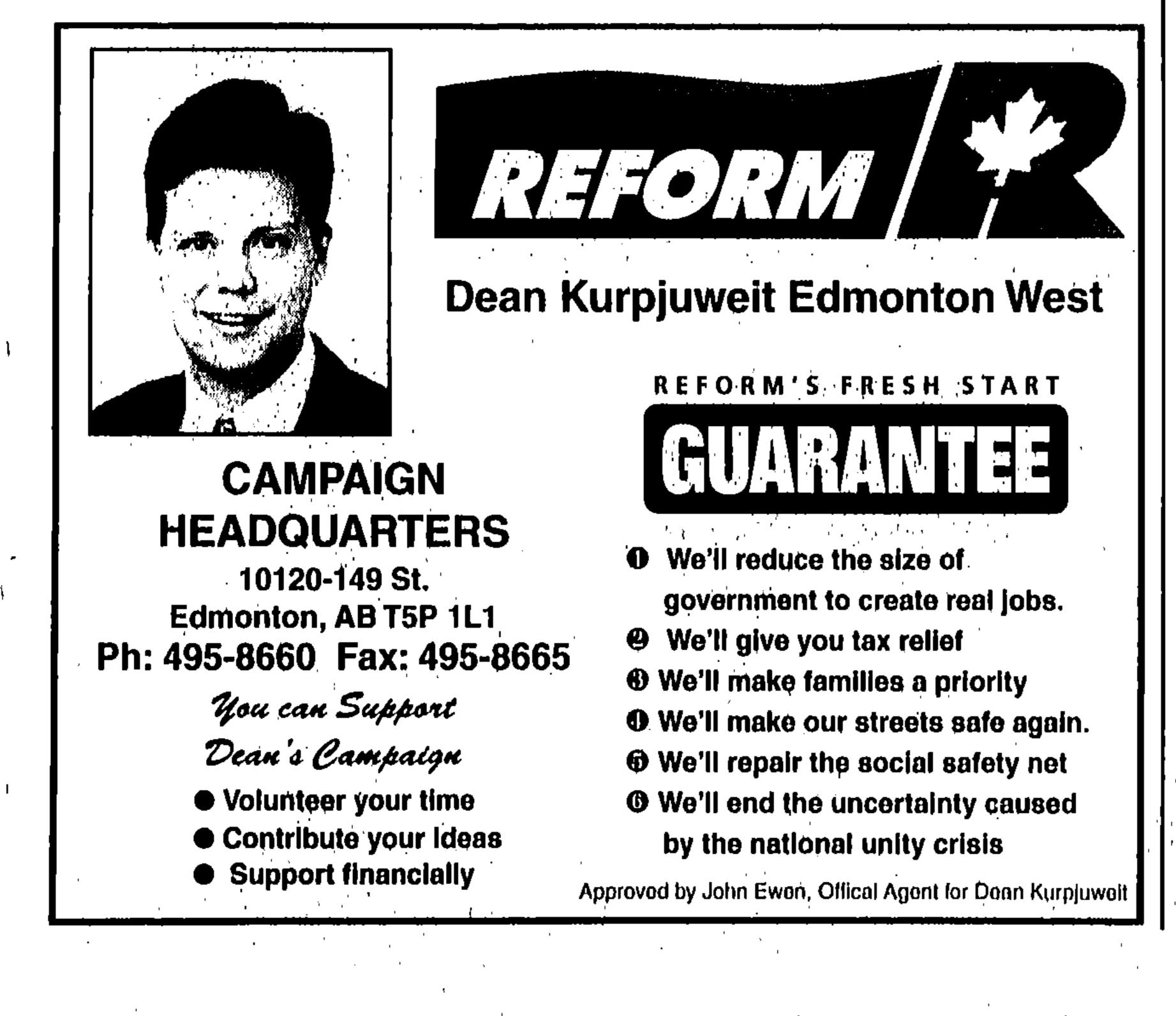
believe that Canadians desire and deserve relief from the inadequa-This restoration project must begin Canadians. government accountability.

costs Alberta \$250,000,000 per hold dearly - values like family, bardier and other businesses! province which pays this tax.

A Reform Government will be

sion Plan.

century.



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having taught grade 6 for two society. He says that if Quebec is has the government tried to ap- tions. years. He has also worked in sales given good government together | pease those who will not be appeased?" Ask yourself if the per-society by the least among us, and son you are voting for has a vision we make our society better befund raising) for an independent He also points to issues such as of our future based on the equality cause we are generous to those in school in Sherwood Park. He has the 'faint hope clause' which gives | of all individuals—equal because need. But how can we look after lived in Edmonton for over 20 prisoners serving life sentences the we are human beings. Do you others if we are not able to look afyears and he and his wife Sasha possibility of early parole, as proof | agree with affirmative action, as ter ourselves? Our interdepenlive in Edmonton West. Mr. Kur- that the present government is not | do all the other political parties? dence should be built on a founda-Or do you believe, as I believe, tion of independence. that affirmative action is actually Youth crime, despondency and reverse discrimination? Does that lack of direction concern everyone. notion of equality extend to Children are not born into a life of would join 50 other Reform MP's | provinces? Do you believe, as I do, crime. In most cases a lack of nur-He feels that his experience in that have refused an exorbitant | that all provinces are equal, peri-turing is one of the dominant pre-

given him a unique perspective on MP, free votes in the House of siderably, and for this we should families to nurture children? We the state of Canada's affairs. He is Commons, and binding national all be thankful. However, the can do this by reducing the tax deficit was not reduced as a result burden on families with children Other issues of concern include of a reduction in government through targeted tax credits. We the failure to repeal the G.S.T., the spending. Instead it was reduced can extend the child care deduc-Kurpjuweit and the Reform Party Somalia inquiry and the M.P. Pen- by increasing taxes, and for this tion to parents who choose to stay we should all be very upset. Taxes at home to raise their children. We The top priorities for the Reform | kill jobs. Federal government can ease the tax burden on famicies of yesterday and today. It is Party are the economy, equality for transfers to the provinces for lies so that perhaps parents will imperative that our country be re- all Canadians, safe streets, trust | health, education and welfare not have to seek additional partpaired in order to build the foun- and accountability from politicians | were reduced by seven billion dol- time employment just to make dation for our children's future. and a brighter future for young | lars. This means fewer dollars ends meet. Above all we can celeavailable to the provinces for vital brate and recognize the value of in three critical areas: fiscal re- Dean Kurpjuweit believes that services, and puts additional strain parenting. sponsibility, judicial reform and the Reform Party of Canada has on already-tight provincial bud- I have been privileged to reprebeen at the forefront of these is- gets. And yet, at the very time the sent Edmonton Southwest in the Dean pointed out inequities in sues in parliament and on the federal government was cutting last parliament of Canada. Your the way the people of Alberta are streets of the nation. He says that | transfers to provinces, they could trust is a high honour, for which I taxed on a national level. He refers the Reform party is the only feder- | still find twenty-three million dol- thank you. I pledge to continue to to the Public Utilities Income Tax al party willing to stand up for the | lars for Sheila Copps' flag give- put your interests first, as I am Transfer Act (P.U.I.T.T.A.) which values that he and all Canadians | away, plus massive grants to Bom- bound to do by my party.

province with privately owned is the only party that wants to give | different visions of our country and McClelland, on June 2nd. utility companies, it is the only Canada a Fresh Start for the 21st [the role of its citizens. Contrast the Liberal/Conservative/NDP vision of

Before you cast your ballot on big government versus the Reform June 2, ask yourself "Is my family vision of a smaller government better off today than we were one that is less intrusive and rewhen the Liberals were elected quires less of our "life energy" (i.e. three years ago?" Ask yourself, "Is our money) to finance. My vision is He is against the position that | our country more united today? of a Canada whose citizens are self candidate for Edmonton West, is a any group or province in Canada | Has the unity issue been ad- reliant, and who take personal reprofessionally certified teacher should be designated as a distinct | dressed honestly and openly? Or sponsibility for their lives and ac-

We measure the wealth of our

cursors to juvenile crime. So then, well as his community work, has institute the right to recall your Our federal deficit is down con-why don't we make it easier for

I ask you once again to give me year. Because Alberta is the only freedom and opportunity. Reform | This election is about two very your trust by voting for me, Ian

> Thank You. Ian McClelland



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Dear Mr. Loomer

I attended the most moving Yom Ha Shoah Remembrance Day Service on May 4, Each candidate was informed prior to the interview that I would be submitting the 1997. I felt that in the light of the Canadian Government's deliberate procrastination contents to your newspaper for publication. I thank you for considering this very imover the past 50 years to make any significant moves to prosecute WWII criminals, I portant material forpublication in your forthcoming edition. needed to ascertain where the federal candidates of the three major parties stood in Ed-Yours sincerely, Herbert W. Sacks *monton* Southwest.



Progressive Conservative

SACKS: Could you tell have been chased home World Warll war criminals, please?

SHUSTER: I think they should be prosecuted.

SACKS: How do you feel since they've been free for so long, why punish them now?

SHUSTER: Because 1 don't understand why I've been further removed they've been free for so from it. long. I know we have been looking for them and think they should be brought to justice. I don't think there's a Statute of Limitations on atrocities towards humankind.

SACKS: If you were elected, what interests would you show in this area?

and to lobby if necessary to make sure that they were brought to trial, I would have no qualms about doing so, It's not an issue that I've thought about in terms of where I could really on the hill make a difference.

SACKS: So your main issue from what you've told me is keeping the country unified? That in itself could take up all your time. Would you have any time or energy to expend in this particular area? In addition. the priority it would need, based on the fact that the Holocaust victims that are alive, are very much in the latter part of their lives?

SHUSTER: Yes, well the war ended fifty years ago.

it's not an issue that has been top of mind for me. was upset about things like I guess I would be in a fair-Keegstra and the education Iy unique position to be of our young people and able to make a difference very angered over the per- being one of the very few petuation of that myth that the Holocaust didn't happen. To me, that's what's tage of that opportunity to really a pressing issue building that tolerance and understanding, not just for ergy into something where us, but among all people. I think, as a Jew, I have ex- ence. perienced discrimination. I

me what your position is on from school, I've been in fights in my life in Montreal as well, and I understand what discrimination is.

course of justice which criminals who have found could have been dispensed safe haven in Canada? many years ago.

own mind, maybe because

if you were a rookie MP., do you feel it could take right. you three, four years before you would feel comfortable

SHUSTER: No, I may be a rookie MP, but I'm not position on war criminals tion and stripping of their years? a rookie in politics. I spent from WWII. six years working in Saskatchewan, working in the political system and I what I want to say on war what will you do to expe- Board 2) And since I have War years, the war years have worked in the Govern- criminals - I'm a Jewish dite this situation during ment both provincially and person. I can hardly be your term in parliament? federally in Alberta. So, I complacent about pursuit of think there's lots to learn, war criminals in Canada I'm a quick study, and I since World War II. Howdon't see it being that much ever, having said that, the different from work I've al- | last Liberal government ready done, just on a bigger made a commitment to

SHUSTER: Absolutely. Jewish MPs on the Hill. And why not take advanhave a strong voice and be able to really put some en-

SACKS: Can I ask you — SACKS: Do you believe – ate to identify these people – the highest office in the war criminals from WWII should not be punished be- without due process?

I've been fired from a job have no rights. They should be no limitation. As committed that, when the for being Jewish. So, there should be stripped of their I said no one who is a war election is over, we are go- ate anti-Semitism, we will is a lot of the discrimina- citizenship and brought to criminal should have a ling to come together as a tion aspects for me that I trial and there should be no good night's rest in this bipartisan group and try to would go after. In terms of expiration - no war criminal country. the Holocaust, its been less should have a good night's of a pressing issue in my rest in Canada, ever.

of Canada?

SACKS: In your first to do in this particular area term, what action did you because many of the surtake to either pursue this vivors of the Holocaust are SACKS: But aren't they matter or to encourage the now aging and will not be discriminating against political movement towards around? Holocaust victims by not speeding up the process of affording them the true prosecution of World War II

SHUSTER: Yes. And I guestions of the Solicitor Farber, who had found the will agree with that. And if General in the House "Why names of suspected war there was something that I was this not being pur- criminals that were living could do to help that cause, sued?" I attended all of the openly in Canada and had SHUSTER: It's not I would be glad to do that. A wareness programs that not been found by the something that I have been As an MP, there is much on were put together through RCMP. He got them out of actively involved in up to your plate and many priori- the Canadian Jewish Con- the phone book. I met with now, if I have the opportuse ties and that would be one, gress and through B'nai. Steven, Bernie Farber and nity to make a difference and I would help if I could. B'rith and I have worked Irving Abella and the queswith Bernie Farber and 1 tion of due process was SACKS: May I ask you, have tried to be a vocal ad- raised. Is it appropriate to vocate for doing what is be trying people without



SACKS: Tell me your

STARKMAN: I guess SACKS: If elected, perience on the School prosecute twelve cases by 1997 and it is my under-SACKS: May I ask you, standing that ten cases have since you know what my been initiated and two more agenda is and you have will be filed soon. This last SACKS: You say the been very honest in giving Liberal government has war ended fifty years ago. your views, if you are done more in this respect etc.? What emphasis, eral party. I believe they I say? Have you anything to say elected or you might say than other governments to about Canada in terms of "When I'm elected," date. I believe that the their deliberate procrastina- whether you would re-think Canadian Jewish Congress tion in dealing with what I this whole area and see if will agree with that statebelieve is a very vital issue. you could give it the ur- ment, but I must re-iterate SHUSTER: Not really, gency that it requires, hot an issue that have been please? not really been seen to have been done by Jewish people in Canada. I believe Alan Rock was the most active² Justice Minister on this issue. He alone cannot do everything. In the past, it has been too slow for my

> SACKS: If there should be punishment, how do you I can make a unique differ- think this should be meted

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Ian McClelland Reform Party

that are citizens or residents - cause of the length of time that has elapsed?

SÁCKS: If you are reelected, what do you plan

MCLELLAND: Just before the election was called, Steve Rambam from New due process? Is it appropri-

citizenship.

STARKMAN: The answer to that question is this: I am a Jewish person. I hold myself out in my election materials as one. If elected, I will listen to the voice of all of my communities through the essence of my very being.

SACKS: With what eni.e. energy

STARKMAN: "It is im-

SACKS: Discuss the urgency of dealing with this issue from the fact that the survivors are dying.

STARKMAN: I would certainly work toward speeding up the process.

SACKS: As a rookie MP; how long do you think you will need to settle in before you can make your presence felt in this area in

Myself, Jim Petersen (Liberal from Toronto) and MCLELLAND: They MCLELLAND: There a couple of other MP's have get a parliamentary group to come together to continue to have pressure brought to bear. While it's important for the survivors of the Holocaust, and when I'm thinking of that, it isn't some abstract notion to me, I know survivors of the Holocaust, I know people in our city right here in Ed- party's view on this? I realmonton who have their ize that this is a very strong York City came up with numbers tattooed on their personal view. MCLELLAND: I asked Irving Abella and Bernie arms. I know people who won't wear name tags because they want to be a personal view. The Party known as individuals, not name tags. If I don't take the time to know your name, why should you have then we wouldn't be fifty an interest in me? These are scars that are left over dering why nothing was from the Holocaust and their children and their children carry these scars. think that a Member of Par-stripped of citizenship and liament, a person elected to been removed.



STARKMAN: Deporta- Ottawa - three to four

STARKMAN: 1) My exbeen active in the Liberal party since the late '60's, I'm not such a rookie. 3) The best time to get things done effectively is often at the beginning of your new

SACKS: Are these your own personal views or do you believe they are shared by your party?

STARKMAN: I believe ergy will you be pushing they are shared by the Libweight or priority does have a social conscience such a cause have for you? more so than the Conservative or Reform Parties.If times change, people a tragedy. change

your position with regard to that these war criminals and have their names out land, has an obligation to lead. If we as Members of Parliament regardless of our political persuasion, must share a common value that we will not tolerate war criminals, we will not tolernot tolerate meanness, we will not tolerate racism. That's our job as Members of Parliament, to lead and to lead by example, to show that we will do something about it. I must say, I am not alone in this. I know that I am not alone in it, but it needs focus.

SACKS: What's your

MCLELLAND: This is view would be supportive of me, but if political parties' views meant anything. years after the event wondone in fifty years. One person, one, one person in all of Canada has been

SACKS: The Liberal Party has been in power longer than any other party. The Liberals were in power in the pre-SecondWorld and for lengthy periods in the post-war years. You talk of the Liberal Party having a social conscience. How is this social conscience seen by those Holocaust victims who were denied entry into Canada orthose victims who have already died in Canada or still living, but are in the latter part of their lives?

STARKMAN: What can

SACKS: It is a tragedy.

STARKMAN: Yes, it is

Editor's Note

Edmonton Jewish Life thanks Dr. Herbert Sacks for bis efforts on behalf of this vital issue.

We have reprinted the portions of the interviews relative to the War Crimes Issue. Due to space limitations, we could not print the entire interviews.

Transcripts of the interviews in their entirety are available by calling Neil Loomer at 488-7276

From Montreal to Auschwitz: Harry Cohen was the only Canadian to die in the Holocaust

by Gil Kezwer

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In November 1995 when Canada Post issued a stamp ter of Poland, was then part travel with him in the Ot- jute factory. Though strin- ther using it at the synacommemorating the 50th of the Czarist Empire. The tawa Valley, on both sides. gent currency regulations gogue on Roy Street." anniversary of the end of Cohen family owned a jute The first French words I restricted the export of capthe Holocaust it missed an mill in the prosperous city. opportunity to honour Harry Cohen of Montreal - believed to be the only Cana- Canadians of eastern Euro- Jr. soon picked up included dian citizen to die in the pean origin in that era, As a "Pas des chiens ou juifs

stamp wasn't an oversight. the more profitable. Cohen ing in 1947. than half a century that his blotter from the late 1920s. hen taught his 10-year-old were resumed and Manuel Jew. eldest son. Manuel Garson with the inscription "H. Co- son to drive the truck on the Cohen Jearned he had be- '1 was a personal non day Zaire); Havana, Cuba; Cohen, 74, is willing to then Genuine Welsh an- backroads of Ontario and come an orphan. speak of his father's lachry- hracite eoal is best. 4611 Quebec. There was little mose distinction. And Co- DesCarrieres St." Notwith- danger of hitting another tember 1, 1939. There was hen's three brothers and standing the francization of vehicle. Cohen recalls. sister are too young to re- Morftreal, today the street member much about their has been renamed Gilford. father, who sailed to Euge of Manuel Cohen was born if members his father giving in Lodz, 'In 1942 the Ger- of the house on Gilford Street. Their foreign passports. rope on a business trip in that that very address in laway scores of chickens to mans found out I had been "I used to dream I was made

his father's story - of an - door to his coal depot. ambitious, even daring age, and scrap books and three generations.

ligion."

Harry, known in Yiddish as defaulted on a \$500 loan.

Harry Cohen's story parallels that of thousands of Neither Jerusalem's Yad political turmoil caused by age of 11 he lost an eye from New York City to to cash them." Cohen used lard des Ormeaux. Vashem memorial - which World War I, he immigrat- when an anti-Semitic bully Danzig. Three months later the \$600 to send her pack- "Today it still gives me

bilingual in English and sing his father built in 1933 die."

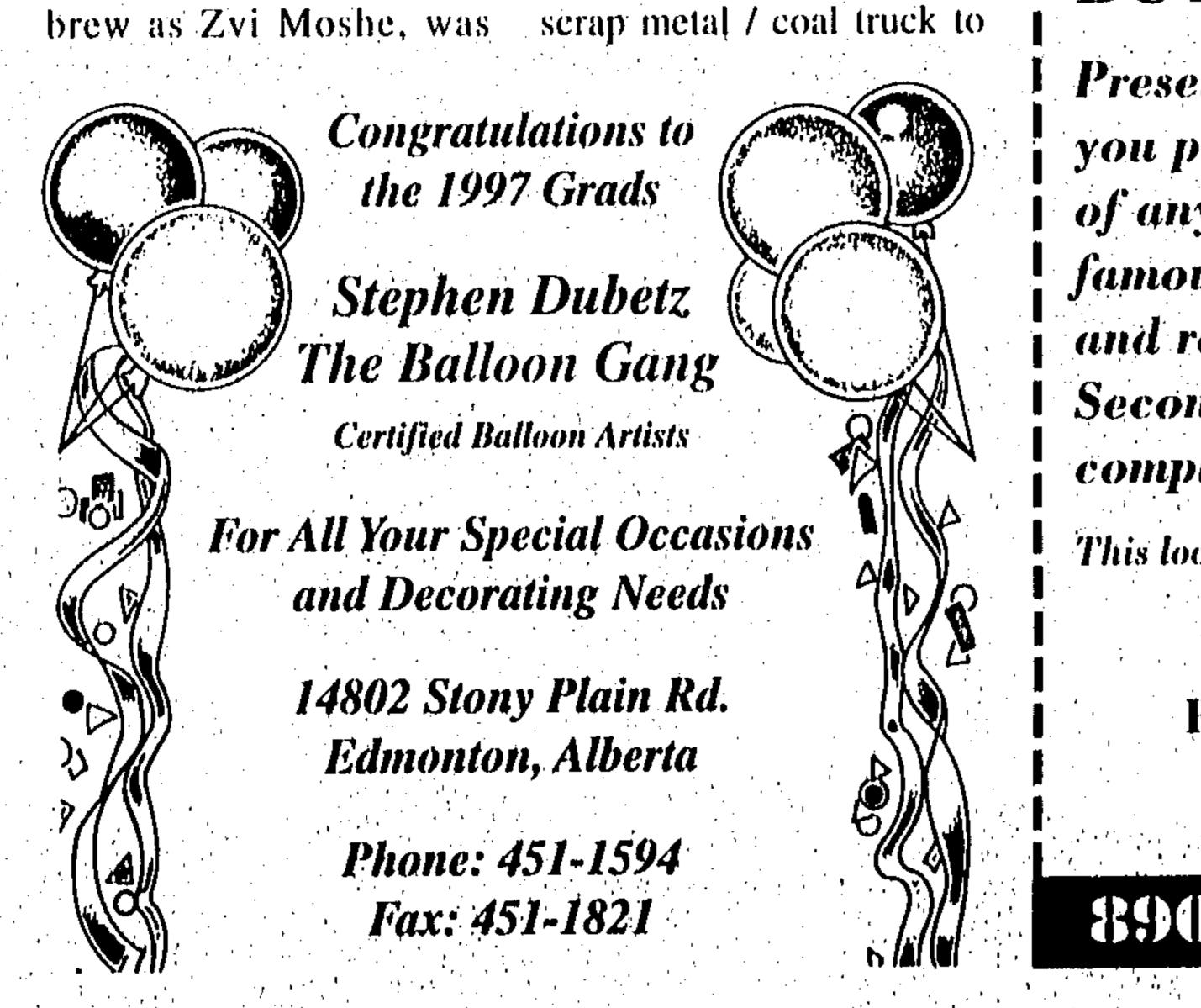
ployed and desperate on the fortune on books for me but shows a document attesting (Manny was also taken in gether with the letter, Conot a nickle on an ice that in February 1934 his cream. Learning was his re- father became the owner of a triplex on St. Urbain Manuel Cohen's father Street after the borrower Hirsch Moishe and in He- Harry Cohen also used his

born in Aptov, a suburb of become a chicken mer- by his aunt at age 16.) Lodz, in 1891. The textile chant. "I helped him in his Cohen returned to Poland centre, called the Manches- poultry business. I would to sell the family-owned learned were 'Avez vous ital from Poland, Cohen traveller's cheques, each for des poulets a vendre?"

has records on more than ed to Canada in 1919. Flu- attacked him with a stick, the Polish passenger liner ages of non-perishable goose pimples." 3.5 million individuals who ent in Polish, Russian, Sometimes Cohen Sr. was sunk by the Germans food, After six years of The wrong place at the perished in that systemic Ukrainian, German, Yid- would barter the chickens in the Baltic Sea as the ruthless exploitation by the wrong time slaughter, the U.S. Holo- dish, Hebrew, English, for a sack of flour or sugar. Wehrmacht crushed the Nazis compounded by majority of the six million caust Memorial in Wash- French and Italian, Cohen After working around the Polish army. ington, D.C., Oxford Uni-got a job as an interpreter clock, "he would drive in "I got a letter in August Jeconomy was shattered and were born in Europe and versity World War II histo- with Canadian Steamship from Ontario bleary-eyed [1939 in Yiddish that he was people were on the edge of lived in Nazi-occupied rian Martin Gilbert, Univer- Lines. But after several to Roy Street and Saint having problems with fami- starvation. sity of Toronto scholar years he left to fulfil the Lawrence and sell his ly and politics. There was a Today Cohen regrets he who perished were Ameri-Michael Marrus (author of Canadian dream of being chickens." Harry disagreement about the no longer knows the name can citizens born in places The Holocaust in History) independent. Cohen be - Cohen also sold at the Jean business end of the jute for address of the woman like San Francisco, St. nor York University's Irv- came a scrap metal dealer. Talon Market where Italian mill. You didn't stay in who had hidden his father. Louis, Chicago and even ing Abella (co-author of the had a two-ton Ford timmigrant matrons would Poland and now you want at The letter, in Polish, was Port Chester, N.Y. None Is Too Many) know (truck, You could deliver go to buy live poultry. bigger share' his family lost in 1947 when Cohen of other Canadian victims. " junk and coal too," explains " That's [where in [1934] was saying." That Cohen's picture Manuel Cohen. Gradually Manuel met Mary Nanni, That was the last corre- (wasn't invited," he says wrong place at the wrong was absent from the 45 cent his father found coal to be whom he ended up marry- spondence. But it took dryly over his family sitting time were born in places as It is only now after more Jr. shows an advertising To be more efficient, Co- postal communications after Cohen married a non- Tientsin, China; Stan-

Every Christmas during October 1945, some infort dreams about his father. Harry Cohen of Montreal, the Depression. Cohen re- mation came from a woman. They always took place at *none were protected by* 1939 and never came back. 1924. "It was Victoria Day, needy neighbours, and shiding your father in my at him for not giving me his set Readers with informas 🏙 Sitting in the kitchen of Or, if you're French it was clients, "He was also a cellar. They arrested my entrepreneurship. He was i tion about other Canadian is his modest bungalow in Jour Dollard des stingy man. He would husband and took away able to make money when citizens who perished in the 🎉 suburban Laval, Quebec, Ormeaux,">From selling make me work while other your father. They never re- no one else could. He was Holocaust may contact me 38 Manuel Cohen - a semi-re- coal, Cohen's father kids were playing. But I en- turned." Sheltering Jews able to build a house in the sthrough this newspaper. fired manufacturer of in- branched out to become a joyed every minute of it. was a capital crime. - dustrial pressing equipment small-time real estate de- When I said to him 'I must

phy born of centuries of sent. (About 1.6 million The Depression created persecution and poverty, people died there. Of these, businessman who loved his new business opportunities and confirmed by the Dirty about 1,350,000 were Jews, family and whose life was for wheeler-dealers like. Thirties, Cohen's wife, Ida of whom 30,000 died of snuffed out at the age of 51. Harry Cohen. "Anything he neE Shapiro, a native of maltreatment, and the rest The kitchen table is cov- could lay his hands on," re- Montreal, died in 1938 af- by gassing with Zyklon-B. ered with letters and docu- calls his son. He would ter a lengthy illness leaving About 74,000 Catholic ments turned brown from loan money to the unem- him to raise four young Poles, 20,000 Gypsies, children. Cohen had placed photo albums going back proviso that the borrower the three eldest in a Jewish war, and smaller numbers forfeit his collateral if he orphanage when the mother of cripples, political critics, The sense of loss is pal- failed to make the repay- got sick; his sister Sarah criminals, homosexuals and pable. "He would spend a ments. Manuel Cohen Berenbaum took the baby. priests also died there.) To-



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son remembers.

Cohen and his Polish - recalls his father. Speak- veloper, Manuel Cohen go to the movies, he would protector were likely deing in the unique Montre- shows a photo of a three- answer 'There's only one ported to the infamous alaise patois of those truly storey, six-apartment build-thing a person must do - Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where French, he angrily relates at 352 Gilford Street next 11 It was a gritty philoso- most Jews from Lodz were 11,000 Soviet prisoners-of-

hen's would-be saviour en- know how. Why didn't you closed a Hebrew prayer teach me?" book. "I remember my fa-

As well, there were three planned to smuggle his \$200, signed but not coun-Communism, Poland's victims of the Holocaust

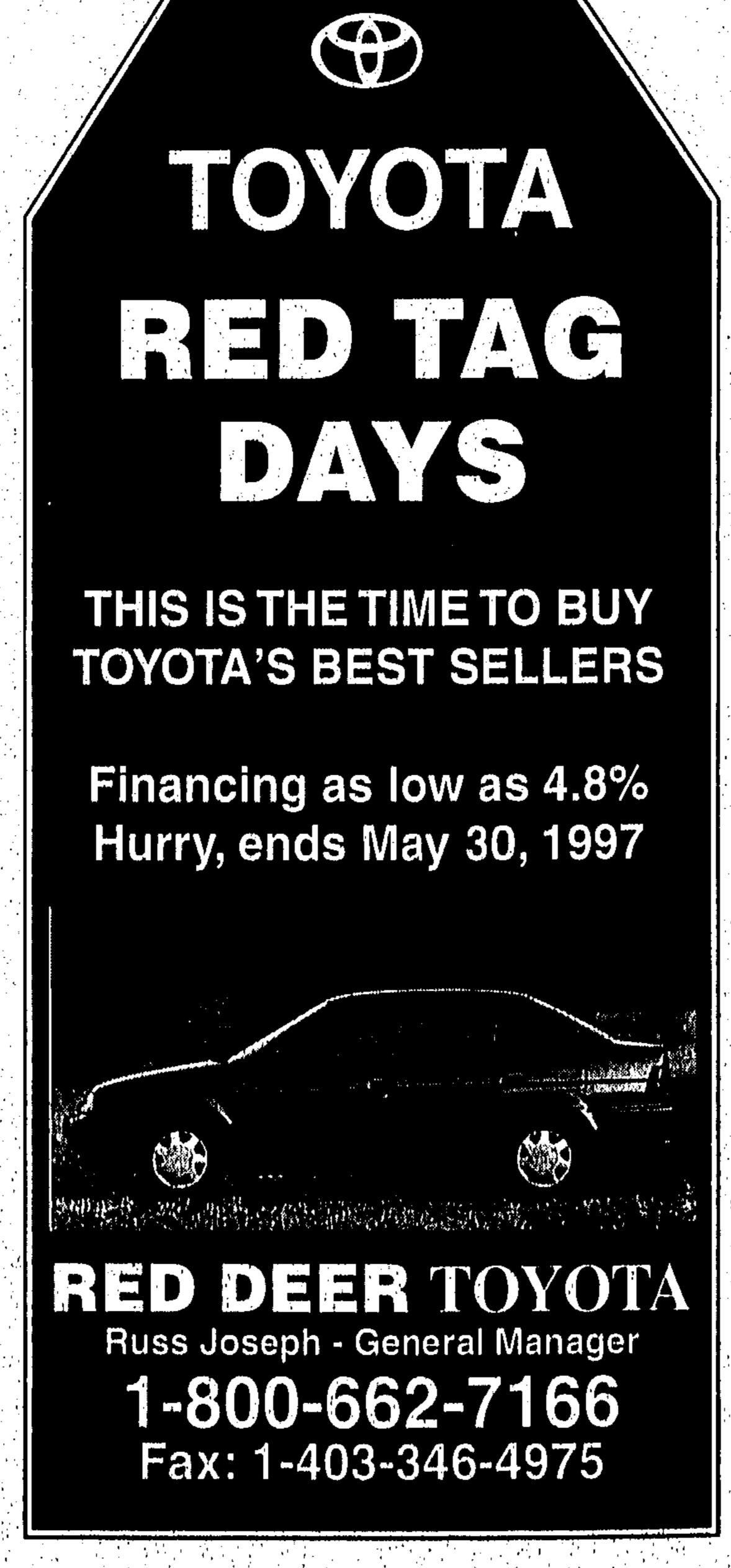
left his aunt's house. "I fortune of being in the more than six years before shive (seven-day mourning) disparate as: Hong Kong;

grata in Jewish society for Buenos Aires, Argentina; "The war broke out Sep- marrying a Christian girl." Cohen says that for years Gallen, Switzerland and no word. After the war, in after 1945 he used to have London, England. Like Depression. I wanted the G.K.

After three decades Manuel Cohen and his family reconciled. He shows a photo of his granddaughter at Jerusaelm's Western Wall, In 1984 he added his Other vocabulary Cohen money to Switzerland, his tersigned by his father. father's name to a Holo-"This is why I figured it caust memorial at the Beth On June 6, 1939 he was authentic. We had to go Ora Synagogue section of Nazi genocide of the Jews. result of the economic and (No dogs or Jews)." At the sailed on the Stefan Batory through legal proceedings the Jewish cemetery in Dol-

The vast - countries. Among the Jews -

Others who had the mislevville, Belgian Congo (to-Jerúsálem, Palestine; St.:







ceived visits from the R.C.M.P. over the ton, Ontario after having been deported from the United States for entering that

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