

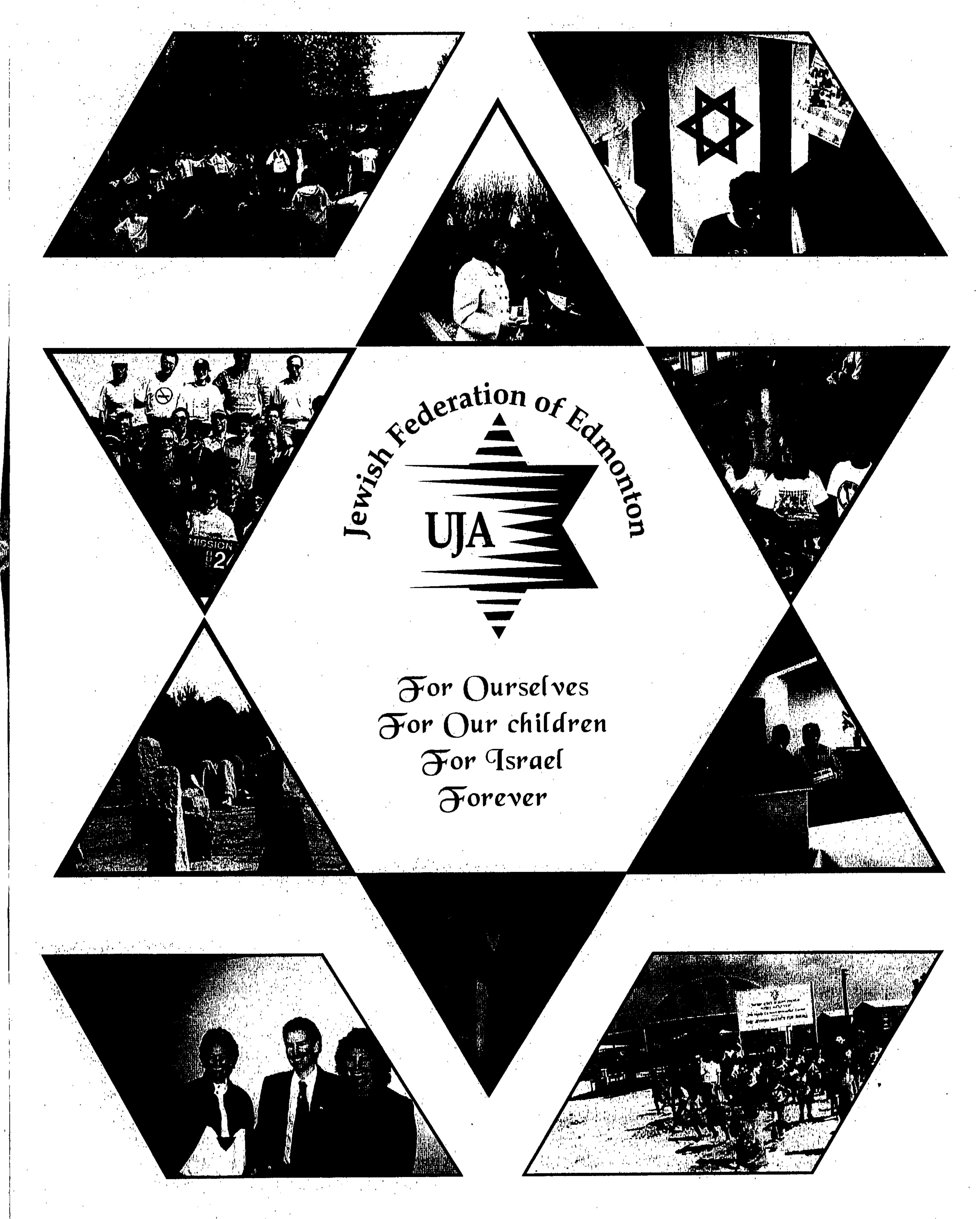
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Dear Gayle	and Lesley,
	Save me li or liz seat(s) on the bus
Unfor	tunately, I must decline your invitation
	I don't want to have the time of my life
	I don't want to see Israel in a whole new way
	I wouldn't walk a mile for a camel
	I like to sleep 10 - 12 hours each night
·	I can't stand my relatives in Jerusalem
	Too much excitement gives me a headache
	I don't like square Jewish tomatoes
	My warm weather sandals are worn out
	I don't appreciate good looking young Jewish soldiers
	I don't need any new friends
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Dear Friends:

On the 6th of September, we will read Parshat Shoftim. In the opening portion, the Ba'al Kiryah will chant the sentence "Tzedek, Tzedek tirdof" - "Justice, Justice shall you pursue."

These words are, in many ways, the centrepiece of the entire Torah - the commandment that we behave in a righteous manner. The commandment to do "justice" applies between one individual and another and one group and another. This mitzvah asserts the obligation of the rich to provide for the poor; it requires those with means to help the helpless and satisfy the needs of the needy. This — Justice — is precisely what the United Jewish Appeal Campaign is all about.

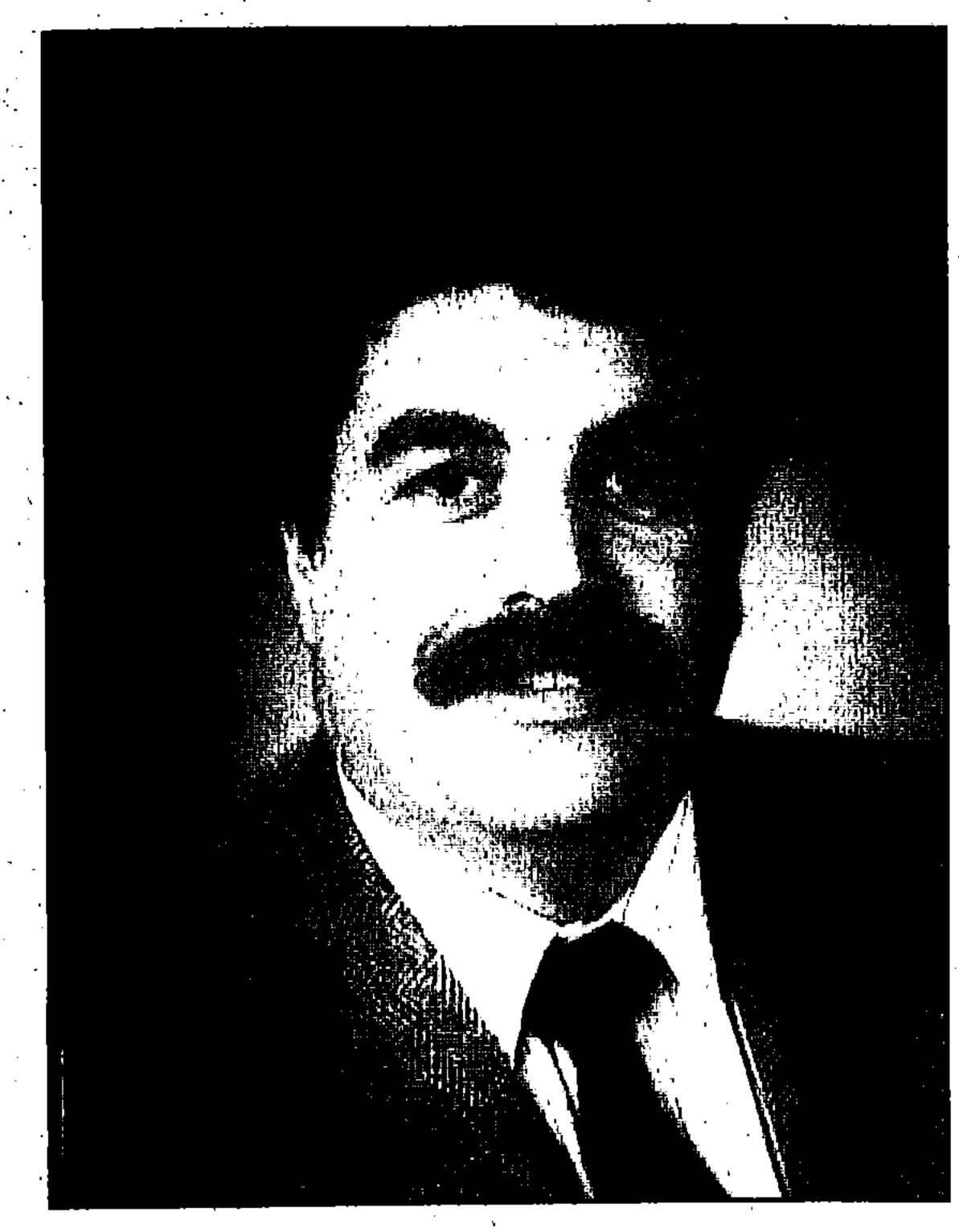
Quite simply, the *United Jewish* Appeal Campaign is about Jews helping other Jews in need. Whether it is ensuring that every Jewish child, regardless of means, can have a Jewish education at our community Talmud Torah, or providing educational and recreational services for members of the community at our Community Centre, or maintaining a venue for B'nai Brith Youth activities, also at our Community Centre, or providing a Jewish camping experience at our day camp, Camp Shalom, or at Camp B'nai Brith in Pine Lake, or supporting programs for our university and college students through Hillel/Jewish Students on Campus, or helping people in difficulty through Jewish Family Services. The United Jewish Appeal Campaign assists those who are in need in our community.

The United Jewish Appeal provides assistance to Jews across this



country through our support of the educational projects which benefit all Is- and we respect that. On the book of the contract of

over the next several weeks by a volun- what the community requires to mainteer canvasser to make your commit- tain and expand the services, programs ment to the 1997 United Jewish Ap- and facilities which benefit our local peal Campaign, we ask you to reflect community. This is the amount which upon the history of this community. We we must raise to fulfill our share of the ask you to consider the level of commit- collective responsibility of Canadian ment expressed by our parents and Jewry, and satisfy our commitment to grandparents to build institutions, to es- Jews in distress wherever they may live. tablish congregations and to develop the This amount will allow us to maintain services which this community enjoys. our close bonds with the people of Is-Times were so difficult for our parents rael. and grandparents, one might have understood if they had delayed in building their Jewish community until they had ish Appeal is our commitment to the attended to their own basic needs. But principles of the Torah - to pursue they didn't. Before they acquired homes justice through deeds of loving kindof their own, they built houses for prayer ness. and study. Before planting gardens in their own yards, they planted forests outside Jerusalem. Before hiring help for selves, to our children, and to Israel. their stores and businesses, they hired We owe it now and we will owe it forrabbis and teachers and a shochet. They ever. could have said: "I can't afford it." But it wasn't part of their language. It was a commitment. It was a commitment dah Rabah and Kol Hakovod! for themselves, it was a commitment for their children, it was a commitment for the people of Israel.



We can give you our best pitch and Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jew- tell you about the important work of our ish Immigrant Aid Service, Jewish beneficiaries, but we know you all recog-Campus Services, and so forth. And in nize the value of services such as a some way, admittedly a small way, we scholarship for children to attend **Camp** assist in the rescue and resettlement of B'nai Brith, outreach through Hillel at Jews who are in danger around the the University, Holocaust Education inworld. We think it is important to make it cluding the March of the Living, or Heclear that we do not provide money to brew day school education at the Talthe State of Israel – Baruch Hashem – mud Torah. Ultimately the level of gift they are able to look after themselves; you give to the United Jewish Appeal we provide money for rescue and reset- is a deeply personal decision. Only you tlement of Olim and for recreational and can decide your level of commitment

The Goal for the 1997 United Jewish When each of you is approached Appeal Campaign is \$900,000. This is

The Centrepiece of the United Jew-

This commitment - we owe to our-

Thank you for your continuing supquestion of priorities – a question of port of the United Jewish Appeal. To-

Sharon Marcus and Bruce Elman

The Jewish Agency for Israel

Mandate Palestine.

In 1952, the Knesset established JAFI as a ty—since its inception non-governmental body, responsible both for the absorption of the overwhelming number of im- JAFI dollar continues to migrants flooding into the go to the rescue and earnew State and for the de- Iy absorption of Jews to velopment of rural settlements. These were tasks for which tax-de- Campaign. From March ductible charitable contri- 1995 to February 1996 butions in Canada could alone, 62,770 Jews from then became the vehicle made alivah to Israel. through which Jews liv- Most experts believe the ing outside Israel could immigration from that recontinue their financial

In 1995, JAFI's developed a plan to create a new focus that conagency's historic mission counterpart. Keren in support of aliyah and Hayesod, in cooperation early klitah (rescue and with JAFI's Rural and Urearly absorption). Other ban Development Deresponsibilities include partment, that will bring

Before the founding the recruitment of Youth Israel/Diaspora relation- can know-how and busi- tees composed of people vides partial funding of of the State of Israel, Aliyah participants ships into the 21st centu- ness acumen with the re- from our communities programs, leveraging ad-JAFI, sustained by the around the world; the di-ry. Modeled on the twin-sourceful Israeli spirit. contributions of world rection of four Youth ning concept of Project Partnership 2000 partners identify needs, er sources, in order to Jewry, provided essential Aliyah villages; and full Renewal, Partnership connects our federations determine priorities and reach a broader target social and nation-build- responsibility for the Stu- 2000 makes the living with 28 regions in the allocate resources. ing services and func- dent Authority, which cur- bridge between Diaspora Galilee, the Negev and in tioned, in essence, as rently supports 11,000 and Israeli Jewry a reali-the Jerusalem area. JAFI and local citizens the government of the olim (immigrant) students ty by linking North Ameri- Joint steering commit- guide the planning, imhigher education.

is the rescue and resettlement of Jews in Israel.

JAFI's highest priori-

Two-thirds of every Israel, despite the end of the Operation Exodus be used overseas. JAFI the former Soviet Union gion will remain at the participation in building 50,000 to 60,000 per the Jewish national year level until at least the turn of the century.

> Since May 1994, Partnership 2000 has been an important part of the UJA Annual Campaign. It is a bold new initiative undertaken by the UJA and its international

While the exodus are over 75. The influx Union (FSU) to Israel every month.

moved to Israel from the FSU last year more than 26,000 were under 18 or over 60 years old. than half of the Jews

are of working age, 25% are under age 18 and have pressing needs including education, language classes, social pro-

also require assistance once they arrive, abandoning their old

of older immigrants

most of whom do not

created a need for

nursing homes, geri-

atric hospital facilities

to new immigrants,

many of whom live

well below the poverty

are doing their share.

We have an obligation

to assist our brothers

and sisters who are

lives in search of the

freedom to live proudly

Israel's citizens

The UJA Cam-

and other services.

from the former Soviet speak Hebrew, has world's headlines. thousands of immigrants are still moving

paign helps transport and absorb all new immigrants from the FSU. This includes providing housing, medicine, education, Although more Hebrew language classes, and many

arriving from the FSU

the age of 60, and 4% as Jews.

and their Israeli regional ditional support from oth-

Together, federations JAFI grants assist: plementation and development of programs in: receive aid and counseljob creation, building op- inq portunities for business networking, long-term homeless youth get help absorption of immigrants, at a crisis shelter meeting urgent social. educational and cultural human needs, enhancing

the disadvantaged. Each

year, JAFI funds a wide

independent organiza-

tions to improve the qual-

 Children at risk receive comfort from elderly members of the Jewish continuity, capital-

Young and adult

Runaways and

izing on the potential for Young Israeli immigrant families learn about Through its alloca-Jewish holidays

tion program, JAFI Hundreds of unaffilreaches out to populaiated women in developtions in distress, eases ment towns enjoy Jewish immigrant absorption cultural programs and helps to empower

 Men and women train as Israeli religious and educational leaders variety of projects and for all streams of Juservices implemented by daism.

 Gifted youngsters from Ethiopia participate ity of Israeli life. The in enrichment programs

members of the Board of University students participate in Jewish Subcommittee on Alidentity building pro-Immigrants from

locations annually decide on grant applications after they have been the former Soviet Union processed by JAFI staff and Ethiopia confront and reviewed by a Procommon problems. fessional Evaluation Committee. JAFI pro-

You can't predict the future.



But you do have the power to shape it.

For Ourselves ... For Our Children ... For Israel ... Forever

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United Jewish Appeal & Its Beneficiaries

UJA is the fundraising arm of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. It is an umbrella campaign - a single extensive campaign to raise a maximum amount of money to benefit as many programmes and organizations as possible. Everyone in the Jewish community benefits from the UJA, either in the provision of direct or indirect services, or in the ability to live in a vibrant, safe community with strong Jewish institutions.

Any UJA donor of \$18 or more is a member of the Federation and is entitled to vote for, or stand for election to the Federation Board of Directors. It is this board that determines the distribution of UJA dollars.

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF EDMONTON

United and diverse, traditional and innovative, giving and accepting, Jewish Federations worldwide T celebrate the uniqueness of their members, and like a family, care for their own.

The ideals which motivate Federations are the I precious heritage of our Jewish people. Our parents and grandparents brought these ideals to this coun-I try and we are charged with keeping them alive to hand on to our children and grandchildren.

The Jewish Federation of Edmonton's mandate includes:

JEWISH EDUCATION

Some people think of education as preparation for life. But for the Jewish people, education is life. We can preserve our Jewish heritage by keeping the flame of learning glowing. Recognizing that Jewish education is not restricted to day school years, we support Jewish education from early childhood to old age, from formal classroom instruction to informal learning through programmes designed to stimulate Jewish identification.

CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED

Every Jewish life is precious. If one Jew goes hungry, none of us is nourished. If one Jew lives in want or despair, then none of us is comfortable. one Jew lives without dignity, then none of us can feel proud.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

skills and talents to work on behalf of the the Jewish are in need. people. We build bridges of cooperation and understanding. We unite with others to combat prejudice and speak out for justice on behalf of all people.

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

To learn Jewish history is sometimes to weep. New There is also great joy to be known in discover-Ing and then living Jewish life in its fullness. Through our Federation/JCC we offer a wide variety ■ of opportunities to experience and preserve our heritage and to grow culturally, Jewishly.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

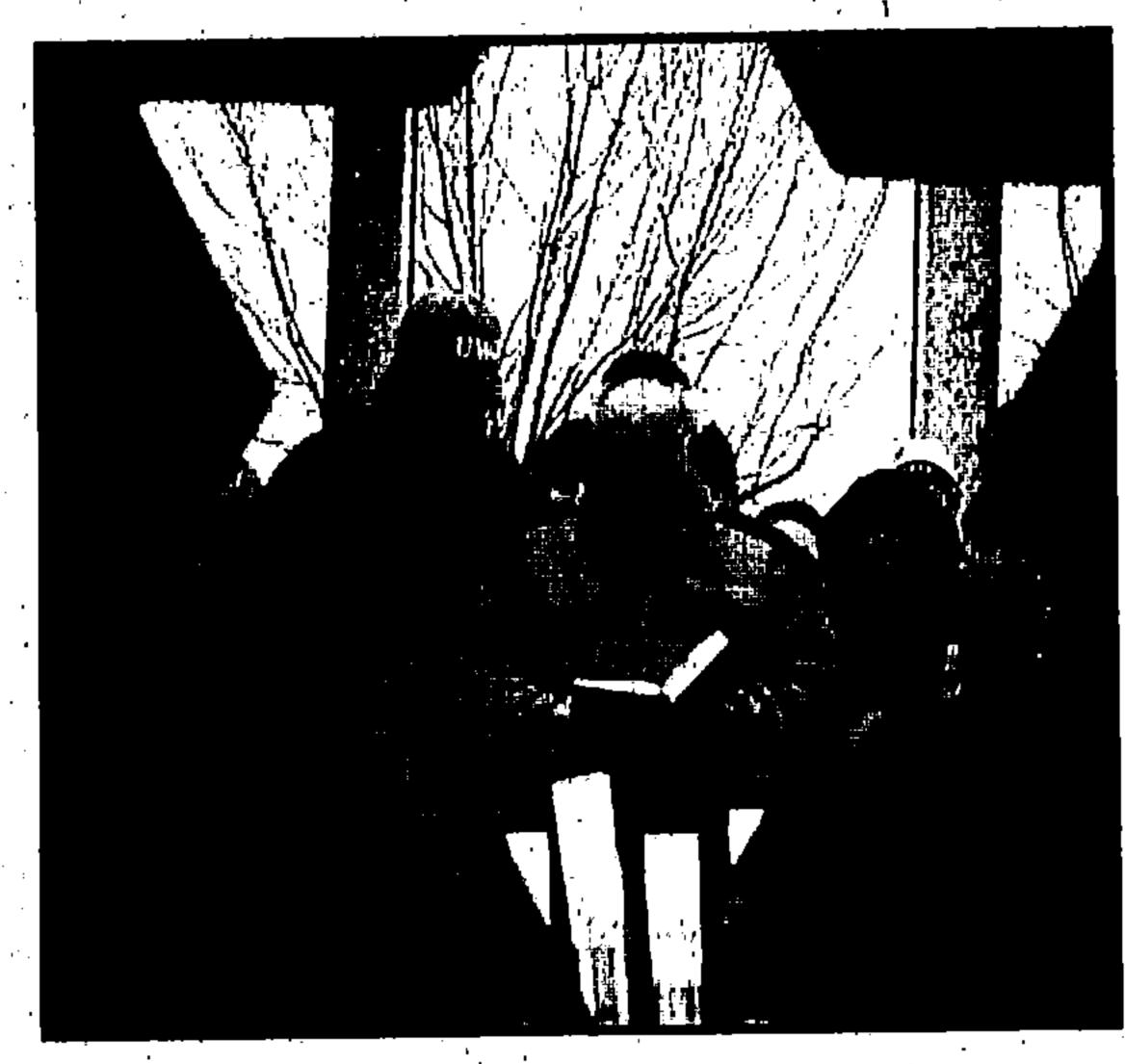
Jewish people are commnaded to "choose life". We are obligated to keep our minds and bodies healthy and whole. Our Federation, through support of Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Centre promotes healthy lifestyles and sound mental health.

RESETTLEMENT AND ACCULTURATION

Every Jew is a refugee. Every Jew has known the bitter taste of slavery. Every Jew was once stranger in the land of Egypt and every Jewish soul once stood with Moses at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Every Jew strives to live in freedom and peace. Is rael and the Jewish world are part of our community.

BUT WHAT, EXACTLY, DO WE DO???

The services provided by Federation are many, and, even though the majority may not realize it, affect the lives of all Jews in Edmonton. These services can be identified within the following areas:



FINANCIAL

- Through the United Jewish Appeal we raise the funds to operate all Federation programmes as well as subsidze programmes offered by our beneficiary agencies - Talmud Torah, Jewish Family Service, Camp B'nai B'rith, the JCC, and Hillel.
- A portion of UJA funds support national agencies through Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Council of Jewish Federations.
- The Israel portion of our UJA dollar supports special projects in Israel and allows the Jewish Every Jew can make a contribution. Federation: Agency, and the Joint Distribution Committee to resworks to provide meaningful ways to put people's 'cue and rehabilitate our fellow Jews wherever they

CULTURAL

- We are a resource of Jewish and Israel information to the Jewish and general communities.
- The JCC library houses the most extensive collection of Holocaust resource materials in the
- Our celebrations and observances of Jewish holidays and Holy days, traditional and modern, are an opportunity for all members of the community to come together as a united community.
- The annual Israel Film Festival, and our annual participation in the city's Heritage Days, allows us to showcase the best of Israel and to provide the general Edmonton community insight into Israel's myriad accomplishments and positive aspects.

SOCIAL / POLITICAL

- Federation provides a forum where every Jewish agency, institution and organization in Edmonton can come together to discuss and act upon issues which affect us all.
- We represent the Edmonton Jewish community on the national Jewish scene.
- We speak on behalf of the Canadian Jewish community to the local media.
- We work with local and national organizations, Jewish and non-Jewish, to promote equality and acceptance, and to fight racism in general, and anti-Semitism in particular.
- We liaise with local police services to ensure the security and safety of our total Jewish popula-

- We liaise with local government, the Israeli consulate and national organizations to promote ties between Alberta and Israel.
- We act on behalf of the Government of Israel on issues of Aliyah. We faciltate travel to Israel for L individuals of all ages, Jew and non Jew.
- We are the central address of Edmonton Jewry to which inquiries about Edmonton's Jewish community are made.
- Jewish organizations have offices and can \ plan activities in a Jewish setting subsidized by the Federation.

RECREATIONAL

- We provide to the Jewish and non-Jewish communities a safe, wholesome family environment in which to enjoy one's leisure hours. Current upgrades will expand the servies we can offer, particularly in the health and fitness areas.
- Our outstanding summer daycamp programme takes place in conjunction with specialty sport camps.
- Programmes planned specifically for preschool aged children, through elementary grades to high school BBYO bring together our Jewish youth for social, cultural, educational and recreational activities in a Jewish milieu.
- As a Jewish facility, the JCC is able to serve the needs of all segments of our Jewish community, \ eg. segregated swimming for our orthodox members, the provision of a kosher kitchen.

EDUCATIONAL

- Federation is a major funder of Jewish dayschool education.
- We provide Holocaust education and educational experiences to the Jewish and general communities, eg. the Annual grade 12 Holocaust Symposium at the University of Alberta, the biennial March of the Living to Poland and Israel.
- We are licensed to provide Jewish preschool education.
- Our continuity/education committee plans and implements ongoing adult Jewish education.
- The JCC houses the Temple Beth Ora Beit Se- \ fer, as well as after school classes for Beth Shalom Congregation.
- We offer Hebrew language instruction during our programme year, plus Israei dance in our recreational department.
- Federation provides a staff person to liaise with and work with Jewish students on campus and to assist them in developing relevant Jewish programming and strengthening their identification as
- Federation and JCC serve as a resource to educational providers, and students, from the general community of Edmonton and Northern Alberta.
- We provied a venue for educational and cultural displays on Jewish/Israel topics.

INFORMATIONAL

- On a daily basis we receive, and make available to the community, information and news items \ pertaining to Jews and the Jewish people, from Israel and other countries.
- We provide a daily clipping service from Edmonton's print media
- We are a resource on Jewish and Israel issues to the Edmonton media.
- Our community bulletin board is available to all \(\) Jewish organizations and institutions and is a diverse display of the richness of Jewish life in our L community

CAMP B'NAI BRITH

Camp B'nai Brith at Pine Lake, Alberta offers the only summer resident camping experience in Alberta for Jewish children.

Established in 1956, Camp B'nai Brith offers excellent physical facilities and an outstanding program of activities for girls and boys between the ages of six and sixteen. In a totally Jewish environment highlighted by Kosher meals and the celebration of Shabbat, campers participate in a variety of programming activities which include swimming, water skiing, canoeing, boating, horseback riding, tennis, pottery, arts and crafts and more.

The United Jewish Appeal allocation to Camp B'nai Brith funds yearly scholarships to children could not otherwise enjoy the summer camp experi-

EDMONTON TALMUD TORAH

The Edmonton Talmud Torah, an alternative program within the Edmonton Public school system, offers a combined English and Hebrew program in Kindergarten through grade nine, which covers the Alberta Education curriculum in the half-day English program. The other half day, concentrates on Judaic studies, Jewish holidays and festivals, Bible studies, Hebrew language, and history of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

items as Hebrew speaking staff, teaching aids, com- ish Agency. puter programs, Hebrew Classroom and library materials. The United Jewish Appeal allocation to Talmud Torah is used for annual operating expenses.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Hillel Jewish Students' Association provides Jewish University and College students with a chance to interact socially while maintaining involvement in the Jewish community.

Hillel programs range from educational speakers and cultural events to bagel lunches and get-togethers. Hillel offers programs at the University at least seas. once a month during the eight month school term. Outreach to College students is also provided.

The United Jewish Appeal's allocation provides funds to pay for programs and speakers as well as a professional to coordinate the program.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Jewish Family Services is a counselling agency offering a wide variety of social services. These include individual counselling: pre-marital and marital counselling; parent/child counselling, including issues for single parents and blended families, services for older adults and their families, emergency financia assistance, settlement services for newcomers, infor mation and referral services and outreach services isolated people.

The United Jewish Appeal allocation to Jewish Family Services goes specifically to Jewish counselling and support services.

INTERNATIONAL BENEFICIARIES:

When funds are raised locally in Edmonton, portion of our dollars are sent to UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA, INC. (UIA). UIA of Canada is the primary vehicle for fundraising in Canada for Is-The United Jewish Appeal allocation provides rael. UIA ensures a maximum allocation of funds to Talmud Torah with monies which go towards such meet social welfare needs in Israel through the Jew-

> United Israel Appeal of Canada carries out its Mission to:

- enhance fundraising through informational, educational, canvasser training and leadership development programs in the Federations.
 - direct and transfer funds from the Federations.
- organize and recruit national Missions and special programs for the purpose of long term awareness and interest in Israel.
- implement and oversee the development of special projects and other programs in Israel.

NATIONAL BENEFICIARIES

Edmonton United Jewish Appeal makes an annual contribution to the Council of Jewish Federations Canada to support National Jewish Agencies.

Over the years, because we have supported the National Jewish Agencies, we have continued to receive allocations to some local agencies: Jewish Family Services receives funds from Jewish Immigrant Aid Services for funding of New Immigrant Programs and Hillel receives program funds from National Campus Services.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

Canadian Jewish Congress deals with such matters as Community Relations, Communications, War Criminals, Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab Lands, Archives, Israel Action and more. It serves as the major voice for Canadian Jewry and as the planning and coordinating agency for the National Community in those areas within its jurisdiction, in-' cluding advocacy, representation and defense . Congress also delivers National programs in small ' communities which lack their own organizational infrastructure.

JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SERVICES

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) is Canada's largest resettlement organization. JIAS not only assumes the responsibility for new arrivals, but is the advocate for settlement in Canada. JIAS I is also responsible for policy determination with regard to fiscal support for indigents, refugee claimants and for out of country processing.

(a) Indigent Newcomers

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JIAS facilitates sponsorship from sponsoring families by providing short term relief to allow the sponsoring family and the newcomers time to reorganize and rally their resources and support systems. JIAS activities in Edmonton are provided I through Jewish Family Services.

(b) Refugee Claimants

Refugee Claimants refer to individuals who arrive on visitors visas and apply to remain here through the refugee determination process. This group requires two kinds of support: immediate short term counselling and advice and referrals regarding immigration laws and procedures. Secondly, some people require financial assistance where there is no other source of income.

NATIONAL CAMPUS SERVICES

National Campus Services, sometimes referred to as the North American Jewish Students' Network, receives funding specifically for student programs across Canada. As has been the trend in recent years, Network tries to cooperate with local Hillels and Jewish Student Associations across Canada to provide programs and Conferences for University and College students.

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, provides information about the lives, fate and well-being of Jews of all countries. The JTA serves as a link between communities. It is a daily Jewish News Service with correspondents on every continent. It goal is to inform communities of activities around the world that affect the Jewish Community.

 work with Revenue Canada in ensuring the charitable tax status of Canadian dollars spent over-

JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL:

From United Israel Appeal of Canada, our allocation is directed to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). The Jewish Agency, through emissaries and special programs, provides the following services:

Aliyah Preparation and Promotion by Hebrew teaching, information, psychological preparation and professional training to ease their absorption in Israel;

Jewish Education for children and youth.

Training of Activists, providing them with leadership qualifications and Israel/Jewish skills.

Reaching out to threatened Jewish Communities by locating uninvolved Jewish populations to attract them to the circle of Jewish activity.

Organizational Infrastructure in the Former Soviet Union to help institutionalize and develop the presence of the Jewish Agency in concentrations of Jewish populations and to turn it into the hub of local Jewish activity.

Organizational Infrastructure in Israel to help maintain a centralized organizational tool for planning and coordinating activities in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for gathering and analyzing information, follow-up and evaluation of implementation of integrated plans of action.

UPDATES IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Immigration to Israel from the Former Soviet Union between January and May of 1997 totalled 27,712. If this rate is maintained during the remainder of the year, 1997 will be the biggest year of Aliyah from the Former Soviet Union since 1991.

Since 1989, the following is a list of percentage and numbers of Jews who have emigrated to Israel:

Russia	184,000
Ukraine	174,500
Belarus	53,200
Moldova	39,600
Baltic Republics	6,400
Central Asia, Caucasus,	
Azerbaijan, Georgia	125,400
Rest of the World	16,700

Total immigration since 1989

The immigration from the FSU is older than the Israeli average. 35.5% are age 24 and under as compared to 44% of the veteran population. 13.5% are 65 or older as compared to 10.9% of veteran Israelis.

609,900

\$100

With respect to the Ethiopian immigration, Operation Moses and Solomon stand out in the public's mind. What is perhaps less known is that more than half did not come to Israel as part of one of those op-

Up to Operation Moses	6,000
Operation Moses	7,000
Between Moses & Solomon	11,000
Operation Solomon	14,300
Solomon to December 1995	8,200

There are now about 57,000 Israelis of Ethiopian origin in Israel, of whom about 10,500 were born in

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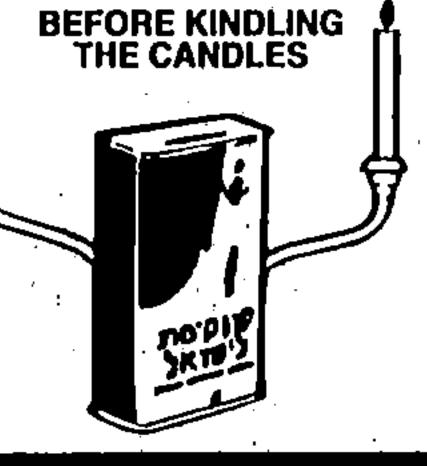
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Federation President Steven Mandel presides over the monthly meetingat the JCC.

monton is Steven Mandel. dents of the Rio Terrace Originally from Windsor, and Patricia Heights neigh-Ontario, the 52 year old bourhoods around the Sharon Marcus, Mandel Mandel, a self-employed J.C.C. lived in Edmonton for 24 it may have been a necessiyears. He is married to Lyn ty at the time, Mandel feels clear up any misconcepand they have two children, that the decision of a few tions that might exist. "It is Adam and Rachel. Before—years ago to temporarily—foolish to believe that the taking over the Federation close the pool and stop sell- Federation is not an integral leadership he served as ing memberships, halted part of the Edmonton Jew-UJA co-chair and as presi- any momentum that the ish community" he says

nity Centre. Jewish community but take. through contacts he made

which are now available budgeted for yet. will include use of the new He wants the Jewish

While he recognizes that

dent of the Jewish Commu- JCC had in its return to "and without community profitability. He says that support it cannot exist." As Mandel admits that for the JCC is a community as-examples he points out the his first 14 years in Edmon-set with inherent qualities ton he was not active in the and not to use it is a mis-

By using community en-

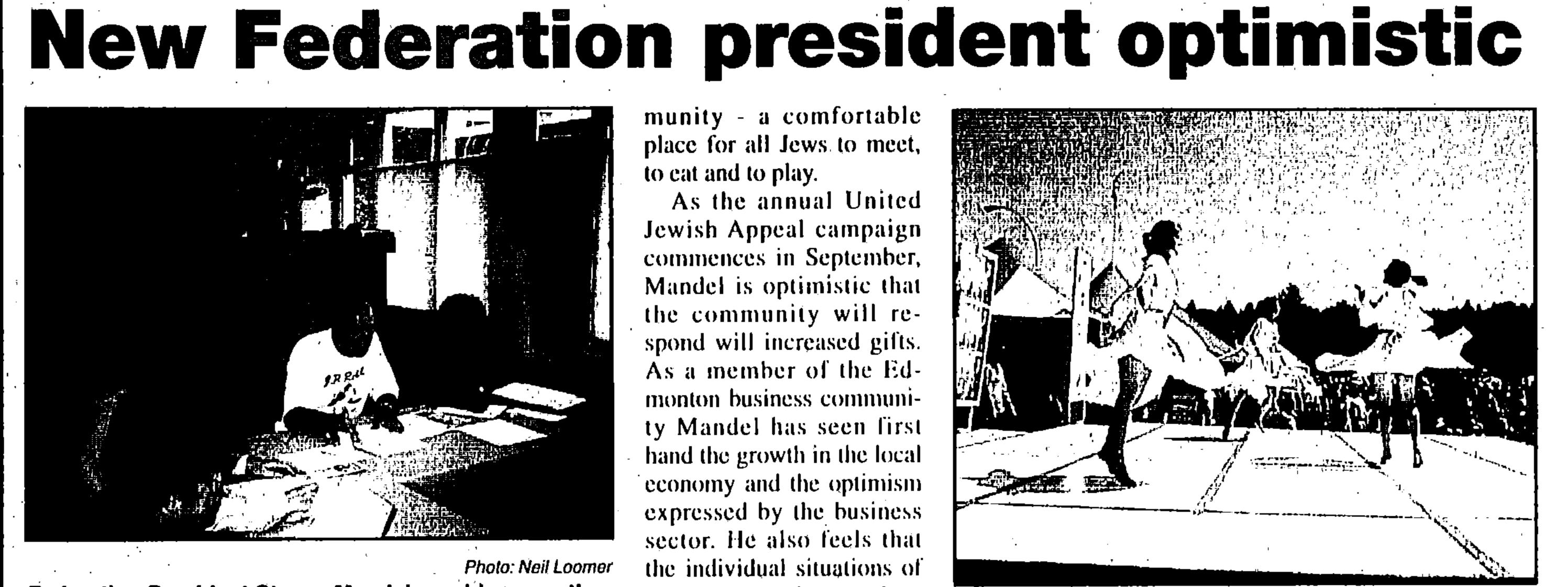
will be an asset to the Fed- est renovations will see new ligious spectrum.

place for all Jews to meet. to eat and to play.

As the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign commences in September, Mandel is optimistic that the community will respond will increased gifts. As a member of the Edmonton business commun ty Mandel has seen first hand the growth in the local economy and the optimism expressed by the business sector. He also feels that the individual situations of many community members has improved and that this will translate into significant increases.

Together with campaign directors Bruce Elman and will strive to make the community aware of what the Federation does and to work that Federation committees have done in educating Edmonton area students on the Holocaust, adhancement grants the Fed-vocating for Israel with the more community members Baseball League he soon—cration has remodeled most—local press and working—to get involved by volun-—of the community. of the building over the past—closely with other groups—teering for committees or to volunteer for various or- few years including new of- for inter-faith relations. At seeking Board membership. ganizations. He has also fices upstairs, removal of the same time the Federa-Rather than continued fool-ation president, Mandel been active in Temple Beth—the old curling rink, new—tion can speak for all of Ed—ish and destructive criticism—listed—responsible finan-Ora. Mandel believes that—flooring, painting and a—monton's Jews regardless—of the Federation and its ac-cial management with a

He says it is easy to criti- says. fitness centre which is Community Centre to be cize the Federation from scheduled to open Septem- the focal point of the com- the outside and encourages



Edmonton dancers entertain the crowds at Heritage Days with authentic Israeli and Jewish folk dances under the direction of Maya Goldberg.



goals for his term as Feder-

Federation is fully supportive of the efforts to es- gether to ensure a Jewish for seniors at the JCC site

in the near future. Mandel says that Ed-Continued on Page 3 ticipation by Menorah munity.

Academy as an integral part Asked to itemize the

his business background—new reception area. The lat-of where they fit on the re-tivities Mandel would like—balanced budget and into see a cooperative com- creased revenue from the eration during his two year—locker rooms for men and— Mandel is proud of how—munity effort to ensure suc- JCC operation; getting the women and the addition of the Federation operates on cess of activities and pro-revamped JCC off the His first priority is to re- a room accessible for fami- what he calls a shoestring grams. While programs ground effectively with turn the Jewish Community—lies and physically handi-—budget. There are costs es-—such as the Heritage Days—professional management Centre to the status of a full—capped. The new fitness—pecially in the personnel ar—displays, guest speakers—that will deliver programs service facility offering a room will have a full selec- eas that are required, but he and celebrations of the vari- in an effective manner and full recreational, pool and—tion of up-to-date exercise—says that the professionals—ous commemorative days—attract new members; to fitness program for mem- and weight machines. and staff have a strong—such as Yom Ha'atzmaut—continue the Holocaust Edbers. He believes that in- Eventually the JCC hopes—commitment to the success—throughout the year may—ucation program and to creased usage will result in to offer a sauna and steam of the campaign, Federa- not be for everyone it is no work with the Education profits being returned to the room but Mandel says these tion activities and the JCC reason to cancel these Ministry to make it part of community. Memberships expenditures have not been and spend funds responsi- events if a high level of at- the school curriculum; to tendance is not met, he begin construction of Beit Horim and to bring all factions of the community totablish a Jewish Senior's future in Edmonton for our campaign led by Peter point out that he is working Tulane with a marvelous Board Rollingher has made signif- and a great Executive that icant progress in its fund—share the same goals. In his raising goals and he looks—first two months in office forward to seeing housing. Steve Mandel has proven to be a hands on President that is not afraid to get involved and tackle the tough probmonton is fortunate to have—lems while at the same time Jewish educational choices respecting the skills of the Plaza on Tisha B'Av was City's Muslim Quarter. them toleave at once be-for its youth. He congratu-professional staff, There is violently halted. This time, Held back bypolice, jour-cause they were "violating lates the Talmud Torah a renewed optimism in the however, it was Israeli po- nalists and Haredim, a cou- the law." At first, thedaven- board for successfully Federation and Centre oflice doing most of the shov- ple of the yeshiva men ers refused to leave, with building a new school and fices which should translate also looks to increased par- to good news for our com-

Conservative group forced from Home, Beit Horim. The children. He is quick to Western Wall on Tisha B'Av

by Shawn Cohen

In a repeat performance Jews faced angryshouts and ing, not the Haredi commu-screamed "Nazis!" at the mixed minyan while a Ma-

Approximately 100 men sorti member shouted and women Conservative "Chasidimpigs!" Police, who initially

of Shavuot, the Masorti shoves from a few dozen granted Masorti permission Conservative Movement's Haredim, mostly members to pray behindpolice barriegalitarian minyan at of Shuvu Banim, a radical ers at the rear of the West-Jerusalem's Western Wall Haredi yeshiva in the Old ern Wall Plaza, ordered

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