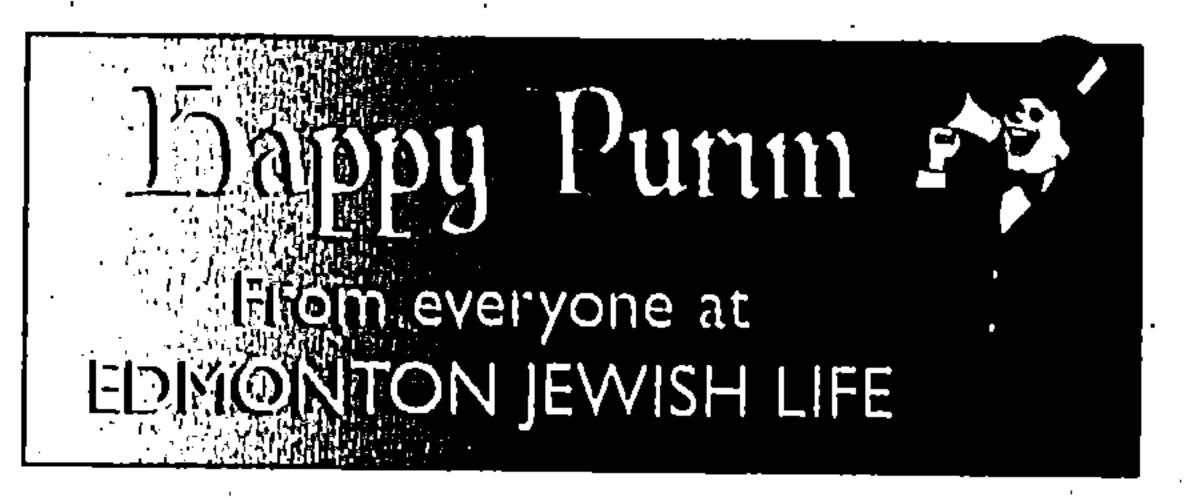
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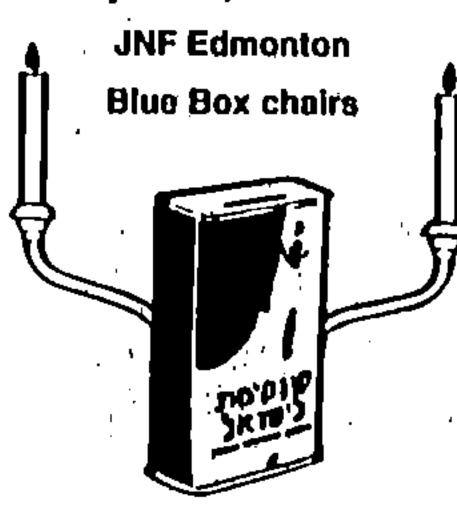


#### JNF Candle Lighting Times

Feb. 8 - 5:11 p.m. Feb. 15 - 5:24 p.m. Feb. 22 - 5:38 p.m. March 1 - 5:52 p.m. March 8 - 6:05 p.m.

Jowish National Fund is pleased to announce that Sam & Michelle Marcushamer,

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#### UJA Celebrates Another Successful Year

dmonton's Jewish Appeal Chairman, Selwyn (Ram) Romanovsky is pleased to announce that the annual campaign has, once again, risen past the bar of the previous year and surpassed all expectations. The 2001 Campaign exceeded last years total of \$645,727 1039 from donors, to hit a recent high of \$670,280 from 1086 donors. "Not only did we surpass our goal, but there seems to be a greater understanding of UJA and its primacy in the community. Through the efforts of our donors and our volunteers, we were able to raise more money in the community this year in spite of the passing of some of our significant contributors. We were also able to increase the number of donors through a coordinated plan of educating and canvassing our young leadership thereby

creating 47 new donors in our community" said Romanovsky. As we steadily increase our campaign, UJA hopes to be able to expand the base of benefi-

We increased the number of donors through a coordinated plan of educating and canvassing our young leadership

ciaries and organizations that receive financial support. "Our goal" says Romanovsky, is to ensure that all Edmonton Jewish organizations have a place to go when they need community assistance."

"Edmonton had several difficult years," explained Jewish Federation of Edmonton President, Alvin Goldsman. "After cleaning up the finances of the Federation

Jewish Community Centre, we not only operate within our budgets, but we now have effective, streamlined organizations. With our own house in order, we can confidently approach the community for support of the essential services we provide as well as the important organizations we financially support."

This year was also the first year of the newly re-created Budget and Allocation Committee which reviews and evaluates allocation of UJA funds. Under the chairmanship of Russ Joseph, the UJA hopes to soon be in a position to offer support to other organizations. Currently, the UJA funds the Jewish-Federation of Edmonton, Talmud Torah, Jewish Family Services, Jewish Community Centre, Camp BB Riback, Hillel Jewish Students Association, United Israel Appeal Federation

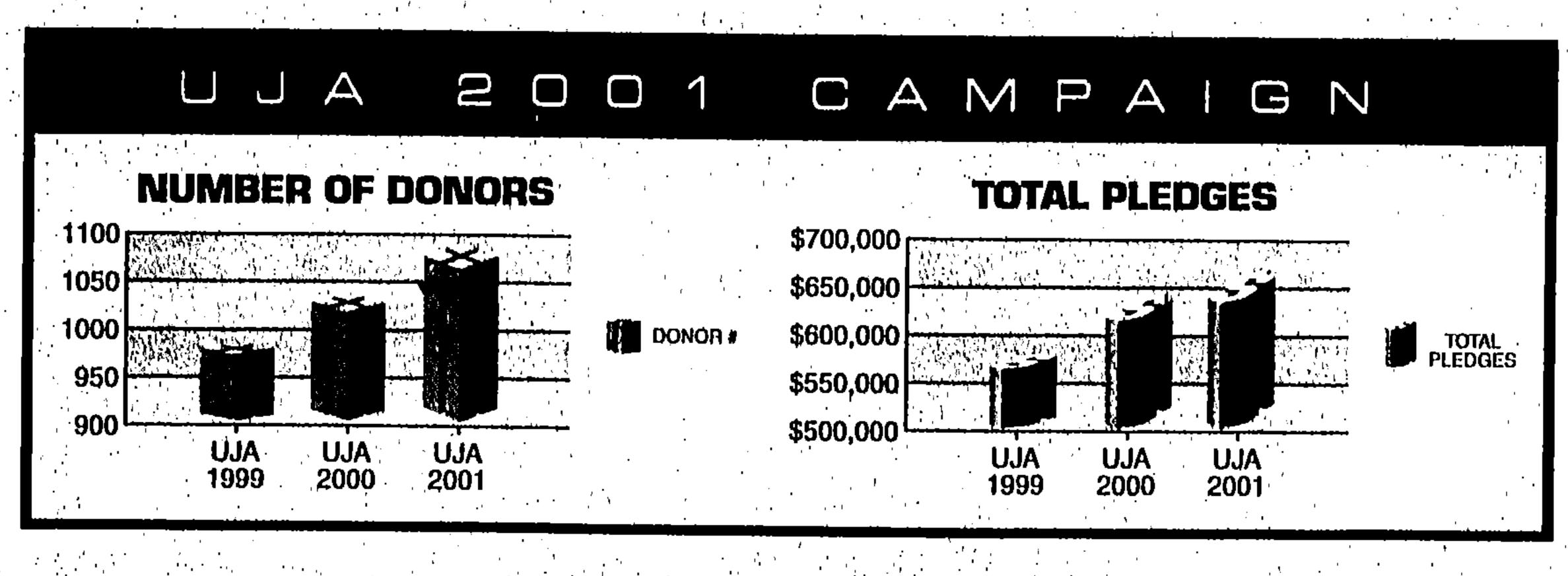


JNF to honour Lieutenant Governor Jewish National Fund is pleased to announce that the honouree of the Edmonton 2002 Negev Dinner will be the Honourable Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Govenor of Alberta. Watch upcoming issues of Edmonton Jewish Life for details of this exciting event taking place Sunday, June 9, 2002.

Jewish Congress, Canada-Israel Committee and others. UJA also ensures other organizations like B'nai Brith Youth Organization has

Canada, and national organi- meeting and office space, zations such as Canadian provides for subsidized rates for Talmud Torah Shabbatons and an office for Beit Horim among other in-kind donations. "As our Campaign increases, we will be looking to support even more organizations that benefit the whole community," said Russ Joseph.

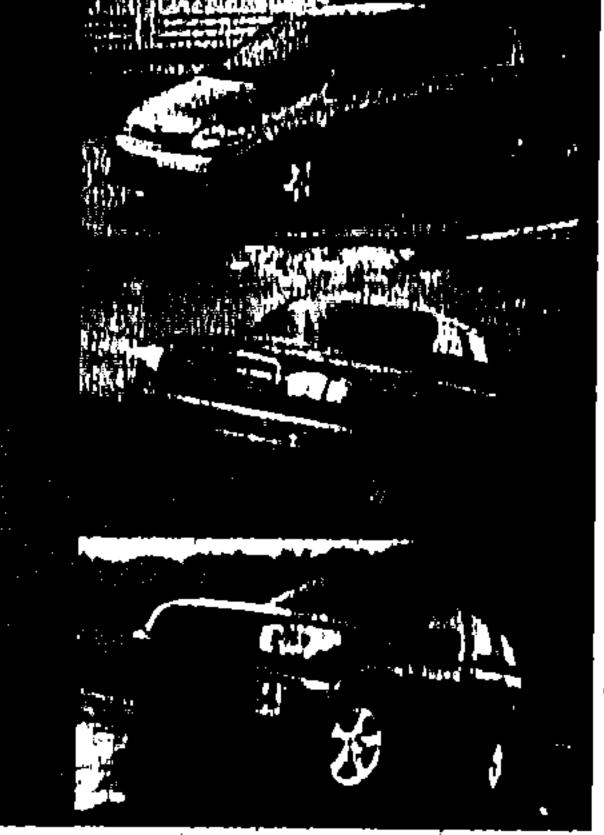
The leadership of the Edmonton United Jewish Appeal feel that their annual campaign is on an upswing. They say that the trend is a reflection of each worker and committed donor in the community and a trend they hope will continue for many



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March of the Living Program. Chaperoned by Jewish Tallman, these students have already begun their prepatory sessions.

vivors, liberation, creation of Death.

the State of Israel, Modern Dedmonton students will Israel amongst others. They the country and see the beau-Passover Ads as a fundraiser. be departing on this years' also meet with a psycholo-ty of our homeland. They Please consider placing an gist for a discussion on deal- visit the Kotel, climb Mass- ad when one of our students ing with their feelings and ada at sunrise, float in the calls. Half of the value of emotions, and a religious Dead Executive Director, Gayle leader to talk about "Faith after the Holocaust". This journey takes stu-

dents to both Poland and To participate on the Israel. In Poland, they learn Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's but scholarships to those March of the Living, stu- about the pre-World War Independence day). dents must submit applica- II Jewish community in tions and references from Poland, they tour Auschwitz, incredible journey of their their schools. Additionally, Birkenau, Treblinka and lives. participants commit to Majdanek. They visit muse- Part of the commitment attending 3 1/2 months of ums and Synagogues. On each student makes is to Edmonton at 7200-156 educational sessions that Yom Hashoah, Holocaust assist the Federation in Street, T5R 1X3. will prepare them for their Remembrance Day, they maintaining a scholarship. journey. The topics covered March with 7000 other fund so that no student is range from the history of high school students from ever turned away due to Jewish Life & the March Genocide, Rise of the Nazi Auschwitz to Birkenau, financial reasons. Edmonton Party, the war years, sur- what was once the March to Jewish Life has once again

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Remember - Edmonton

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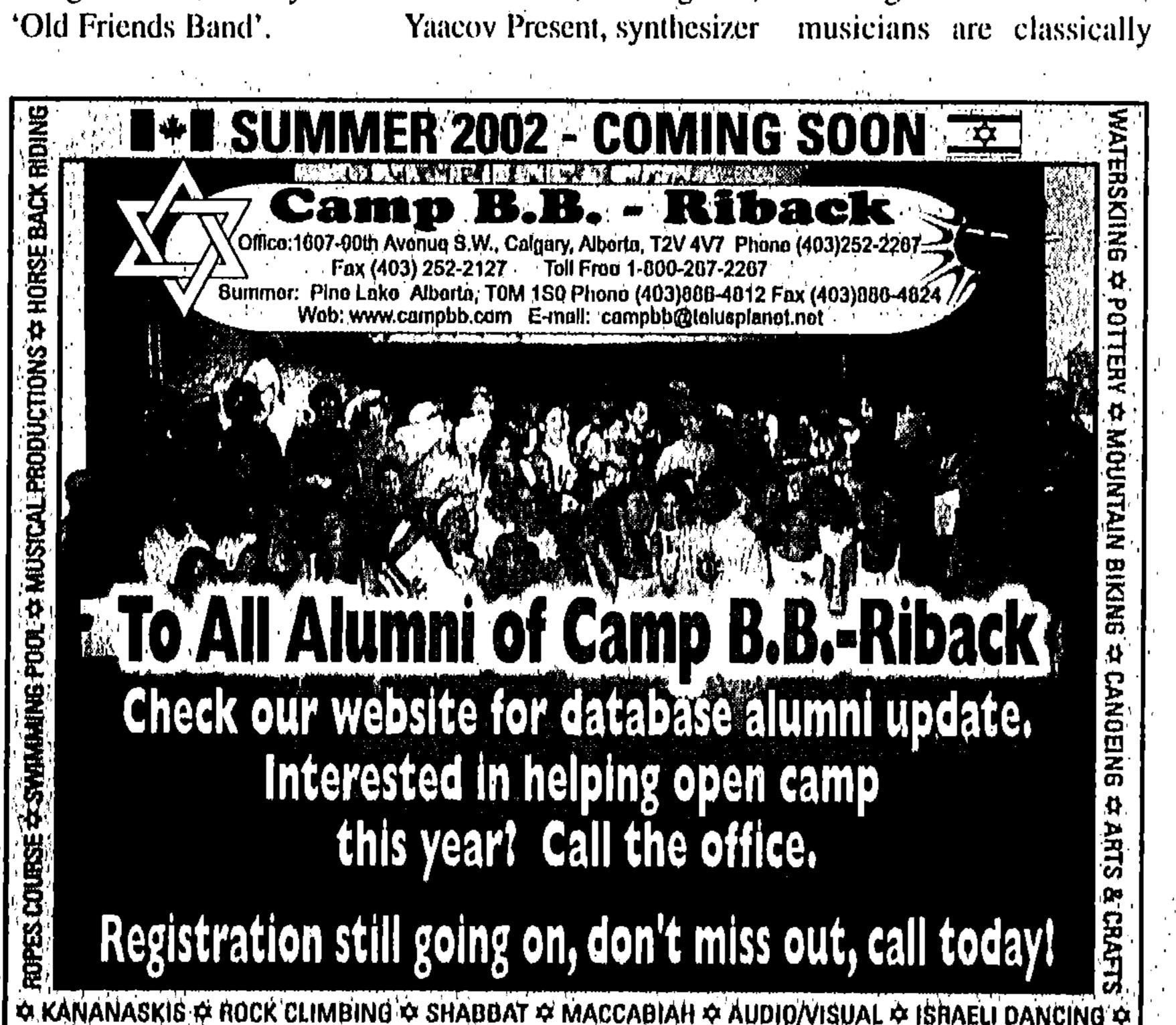
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Lcommunity events in klezmer band in the tar and vocals. They have

The only authentic and Alex Zaretsky, lead gui-



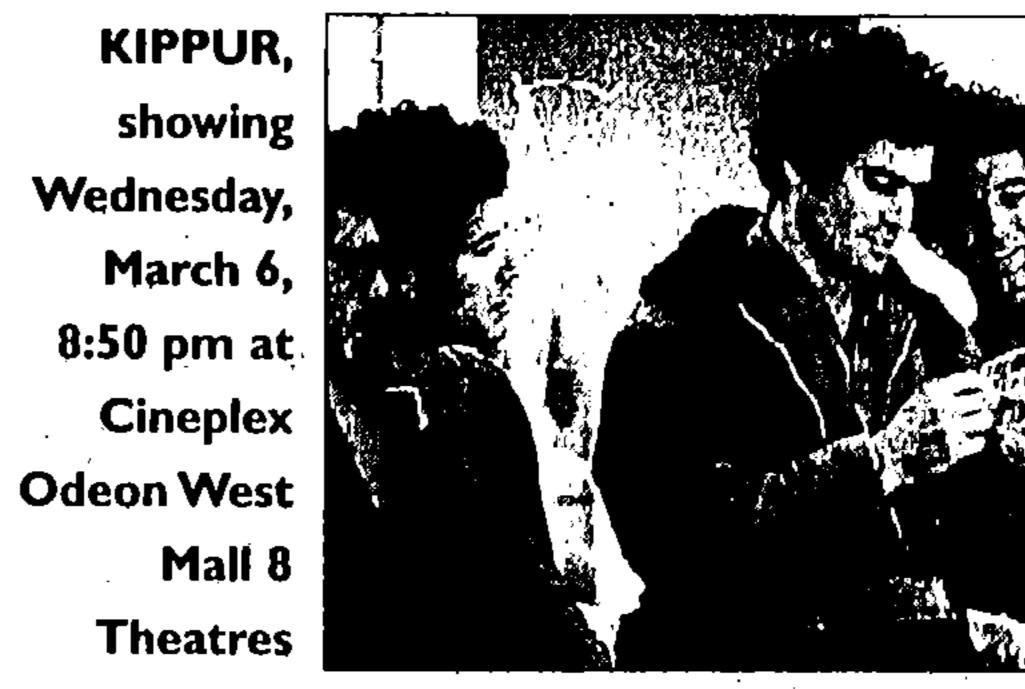


#### Jewish Federation of Edmonton Proud **Sponsors of Community Film Fest**

n Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 7th, Edmonton hold on to your hats. The Jewish Film Festival has arrived.

The festival, the brainchild of Chairman, Michael Saouli will help to benefit Partnership 2000 program-

Partnership 2000 (P2K) this festival will be mutually beneficial to the Educational exchanges between the Edmonton's P2K Co-Chairs. Edmonton Talmud Torah Drs. Ivan and Ruth Steiner



sored by United Israel nity to not only support a by the Jewish Community of Appeal Federations Canada wonderful cause, but Edmonton is twinned with and our local United Jewish to see some exciting new modernity, and interpreting Israel's Northern Galilee Appeal, allows for exchanges films. Supported by a cast of the religious movements of Judaism: The Polemics of Region under the umbrella of information, programs, volunteers, this project will of Judaism in the modern the Hertz Pentateuch (1998). congregation on Friday of P2K. Funds raised during teachers and even student entice and excite. Two period. partnerships. Combining the efforts of Incredible Films.

and two Northern Israeli with the film festival, allows pages of the paper for movie Day Schools. P2K, spon- Edmontonians the opportu- descriptions, times and prices

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#### Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, Beth Shalom February Scholar-in-Residence

Beth Shalom Synagogue welcomes Rabbi Harvey Meirovich as its scholar-inresidence for the weekend of February 15-17.

Rabbi Meirovich is Dean of the Rabbinical School at Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, His teaching interest focuses on exploring the significance and relevance of the Jewish classical tradition as it confronts the challenges of

his rabbinic ordination from Pluralism (Jewish Agency, 16 at 9:30 a.m. Following the the Jewish Theological 1997), and The Shaping of Saturday afternoon Mincha Seminary in 1974, and in Masorti Judaism in Israel services beginning at 5:00 1986 was awarded his doc- (American Jewish Committee, p.m., Rabbi Meirovich will torate in Jewish intellectual 1999). history. His dissertation was published by the Seminary—as rabbi in several Canadian—invited to the synagogue for under the title: A Vindication pulpits, as well as congregat any or all of these services.



for the weekend of February

Dr. Meirovich has served

tions in London, England, and Melbourne, Australia as part of an intensive effort by the Conservative Movement to bring the spiritual and ideological relevance of Masorti Judaism to a a wider public. He is certified by the Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly of America as a 'messader gittin' - an expert in the theory and execution of Jewish divorce proceed-

Rabbi Meirovich will He is also the author of The evening February 15 at 8:00 Rabbi Meirovich received Battle for Tolerance and p.m. and Saturday, February lead the study session.

The entire community is

#### Upcoming scholar-in-residence weekends at Beth Shalom

March 15-17, Dr. Albert Baumgarten, Professor, Dept. of Jewish History, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel.

April 26-,28, Rabbi Paula Reimers - Rabbi of Temple Emanu El, Burbank,

May 15 - 19 - Rabbi Elana Zaiman of Scattle will be at Beth Shalom over the Shavuot holiday.

For more information on any of these programs call Beth Shalom Ritual Director, Neil Loomer at 488-6515.

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#### Viewpoints

#### Tracing roots to Aaron

#### Kohanim represent the original lewish priesthood

by Kyle Berger

\Lambda few days ago, I was 🗀 tions. I felt compelled to meant to be a kohain. Israelites or simply the peo- the Jewish people. mention the fact that I was a

the Jewish priesthood," I status of kohain is passed on at the top (hence the honor of im couldn't marry a divorcee South Africa are both direct of South Australia, attempted declared as they nodded through the male side of the the first aliyah), the Levites because the woman had descendants of the same to cast doubt on Skorecki's their heads in interest. "I get family, that I had to stand in the middle (they are hon- already shared herself with Kohain Gadol? to do the first aliyah (going outside of the cemetery at ored with the second aliyah) another man, and kohanim My research continued. up to read the Torah) at the funeral of my friend's and the Israelites at the bot- couldn't marry a convert. In early 1997, Nature the Jerusalem Post, Feb. 28, Saturday morning services." grandmother and that on tom. because their life prior to the reported that a research team 2001, Zoossmann-Diskin Again they nodded. "And I Rosh Hashanah and Yom To be clear, this means conversion had likely been had found a unique genetic claimed that studies of kohancan't marry a woman who Kippur, I recite a special that all kohanim are also filled with impure acts, chromosome linking kohan- im are "problematic and has converted to Judaism or blessing over my congrega- Levites but not all Levites according to the Torah. im across the globe. I would not pass on the tion.

This time the response why. consisted of a few strange.

one who converted?" asked a lengthy search on the of Israel. His sons continued to assume that most kohanim researchers, found that the of mitochondrial DNA (from one of my friends who is a Internet taught me quite a bit—the priestly traditions after—have likely walked over—188 unrelated kohanim they—maternal—ancestries) have convert. "So even though about my genealogical histo- him, and so on. I've gone through every- ry and led me to some curthing I needed to be Jewish rent scientific debate over approximately five per cent commands that they not fur- linked them to Aaron, who populations and non-Jewish I'm still not looked at as an whether or not that history or 350,000 men of the seven ther impurify themselves by was born in 2365 BCE. This populations." equal by some Jews?"

Feeling a little shame, and not being knowledge- that Judaism certainly was able enough to explain why I not a classless religion.

Beth Israel Synagogue with the offering of sacri- level of purity. "You can't marry some- Rabbi Charles Feinberg and fices and blessing the people And even though it is safe school, along with his ... preliminary genetic studies is; in fact, true.

According to what I ple of Israel. One of the However, from the time kohanim alive.

are kohanim.

million male Jews around knowingly doing it again.

The first thing I noticed is the world are kohanim.

In the time of Aaron, the

part of the kohain (priest) already knew, being a kohain tribes of Israel was the that the Roman army But there has been more with Skorecki's conclusions. lineage and that, with the meant that I was a direct Levites and the kohanim destroyed the Temple in 70 than 3,300 years of descendtitle, came responsibilities descendant of Aaron, were a subset within the CE, membership in the ing going on since then. Diskin of the department of to follow certain rules and Moses' brother, who was the Levite tribe. kohanim priesthood was Why should I really believe hematology and genetic first Kohain Gadol or high The kohanim, as mem- maintained by keeping ritu- that a kohain in British pathology at the medical "Well, I'm a member of priest. I also knew that the bers of the priesthood, were ally pure. This meant kohan- Columbia and a kohain in school of Flinders University

> Kohanim were also com-But I couldn't tell you As the first Kohain manded to avoid contact blood specialist at Rambam data." He added that "Jewish

> > Today, it is estimated that in their lifetime, the Torah the Y chromosome which connections between Jewish

So, now I know that, not only be passed from father to only am I a direct descen- son. This research provided kohanim led the blessings of dant of Moses' brother, but I proof that the priesthood 📆 discussing with some had to follow such strict — In the time of Aaron, your Israel in the Temple and am a member of the Jewish established by Aaron probafriends the importance of rules, I decided to gather a average, everyday, run-of- Tabernacle and were looked priesthood who carries the bly did exist as the Torah following our Jewish tradi- little research on what it the-mill Jews were called upon as the role models of heavy responsibilities of details it. keeping the traditions of the

specific chromosome would

However, not everyone in the scientific world agreed

Dr. Avshalom Zoossmann-

arrive at conclusions that are Prof. Karl Skorecki, a not supported by all available Gadol, Aaron worked in the with a corpse in order that Hospital in Haifa and the populations around the world A chat with Vancouver's Temple and was involved they maintain the highest head of molecular medicine descend from a variety of at Israel's Technion medical maternal and paternal origins some sort of unmarked grave—tested shared a variation of already—demonstrated—the continued on page 5

#### Coming together

by RABBI LINDSEY BAT JOSEPH It was great! That we've community Purim Party

"coming | together" whenever

request of two of my adult—participate in this easy to together in "friendship students, I embarked on a fulfil mitzvah by dropping mode" instead of "crisis women's study group that your donation of kosher mode." was initially intended for non-perishables at any of Wishing us all a spring the women in my congre- the community collection—filled with opportunities to gation. What I expected points. more than 15 representing with the Beth Shalom's a broad spectrum of ages Women's League have and synagogue affiliations. come together to plan a

made the commitment to that will be a small scale ourselves and to each other fundraiser, but is mostly to meet, study and learn focussed on being a from each other is truly "friend-raiser". The party This past fall we came as an opportunity to

Mitzvah Day that saw liter- community by having crisis. Things go bad in ally truckloads of goods some fun together. Israel, shuls are threatened being sent to area shelters As I write this article locally, the national gov- and communal service tensions are still high in the ernment takes a stand on an organisations. It was defi- Middle East. Israel is under issue that we feel is anti-nitely a proud day for the threat and progress in Jewish --- we call a com- Edmonton Jewish commu- negotiating a peaceful resomunity rally and everyone nity. This month we are lution with the Palestinians shows up. It's good that being asked to rise to the is virtually nil. No doubt we can come together at challenge of feeding our there will be more strikes, such moments, but it's community by participat- more deaths, and more much more important that ing in Mishloach Manot occasions when we as a we are able to come programs. Kosher food community will need to together on an ongoing is being collected at rally around each other basis. Our life as a commu-the Jewish Community and Israel for support. nity shouldn't be 'crisis' Centre, the Talmud Torah. That's as it should be. Still, an the city synagogues. I I can't help but feel that it's Last month, at the encourage all of you to nice to be able to come

study, celebrate and fulfil would be a small group of 'This month also, Beth mitzyot together and pray-6 to 8 women from our shul Shalom Synagogue and ing for the peace of ended up being a group of Temple Beth Ora along Jerusalem. B'vrakha v'shalom,

planners are looking at this together for another strengthen ties across the

Rabbi Y.L. bat Joseph

, by Rabbi Ari Drelich 🗀

The Lubavitcher Rebbe

Jewish people to ready be the case. But man and entail?

then to the men. The entire communi- riage. ty of Israel was given fact that this was pre- implementation of the fulfill each other.

and women differ not goals. only biologically and In the words of mas-tials. psychologically, but also ter Kabbalist Rabbi spiritually, having been Isaac Luria. "When the

specific to women.

each of us relates to sages have said, 'A peronly half a Torah, son's wife is as his own Indeed, if man and body." woman were two sepa-

charged and empowered male performs a mitzvah

by their Creator with (commanded specificaltwo distinct roles in ly to men), there is no This months column mankind's overall mis- need for the woman to is from the teachings of sion in life. Hence there do it on her own, since are mitzvot commanded she is included in the only to men, and mitzvot performance of the mitzvah....This is the deeper This is not to say that significance of what our

> What exactly does rate species, such would this "division of roles"

themselves to receive woman are two dimen- Man and woman are the Torah, he sent him to sions of a single soul, both multifaceted and the women first, and separated at birth and complex creatures; no reunited through mar-single sentence or thesis can possibly summarize So each individual the many ways in which the same Torah. But the soul is charged with the they compliment and

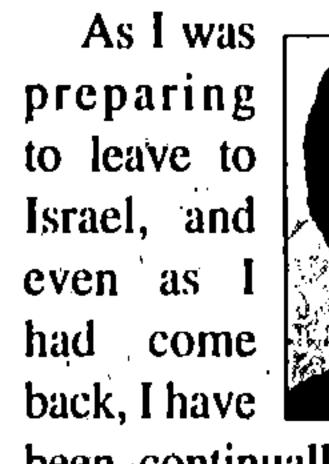
cede by two separate entire Torah - its mascu- Ultimately, we can communications, one to line element, acting only say that G-d, who women and another to through a male body, to created the human soul men, implies a basic carry out the Torah's and halved it into two distinction between the masculine command separate bodies and women's reception ments; and its feminine lives, has ordained for of the Torah and the element, vested in a each a program for life female body, to realize delineated by Torah -In other words, men the Torah's feminine that is consistent with its strengths and poten-

Rabbi Ari

#### Put Israel at the top

February 2002 • Shevat/Adar 5762

by Rabbi A. Enkin Beth Israel Synagogue



were expressed to me were is easier in Israel than Israel. precisely the pressing rea- in North America. be able to eat or to sleep, the country.

Jews decide whether or not brethren that are going down along with morale, to go to Israel based on the through a very difficult so every Jew must pitch in convenience of the time. moment, it shows that the The time has come for realization and apprecia- us to wake up and realize tion for the daily miracle of our collective responsibili- so you in Israel. the existence of Israel has ty to the Jewish people weakened. Indeed, Jews through the State of Israel. have taken the state of We must reconsider our for the land and it's people, Israel for granted over the comfortable and carefully last many years. We take itemized vacations and for granted the 18 year old put Israel at the top of the boys and girls giving away 3 years to their start of

go to for vacation or "WE APPEAL to the spirituality when "conve- Jewish people throughout at the Purim appropriate. We take for round the Jews of Eretz- (meal). granted being able to Israel in the tasks of immi- There is walk up and kiss the kotel, gration and upbuilding and Rebbe at at back, I have and we even take for grant- to stand by them in the the head of the head of the encouraged. The answer is; hidden identity. Play along

For example, rent a car tourists and groups being why every Jew should go instead of taking buses, "thanked" for coming to avoid crowded and unse- Israel at this difficult time appears that all the trouble, cured areas, don't visit by residents and shop ownviolence, and carnage is Judea and Samaria if you ers. However, I was able to only happening "over feel uncomfortable, but go tell the people of Israel: there", to the truly con- and ski in the Golan and THANK YOU. Thank you cerned and connected Jew, swim in Eilat, pray at the for living here. Thank you atrocities have their effects Kotel and lie on the for insuring that I have a over here. If Jews are Mediterranean, Experience home to come to. getting blown up in the gastronomic freedom Israel, then no Jew in the of being able to eat in vir- ing the land. Thank you for Tracing roots to Aaron Diaspora anywhere should—tually every restaurant in—showing the world that Am—Continued from page 4

while shopping or trying—lie on a beach in the after—well.

We cannot forget the

life, to ensure that us words of David Ben Jews, "comfortable" in the Gurion as he declared Galut have a place to Israel's Independence:

and financially the Diaspora to rally Seudah to why I would "waste" or port, ization of the age-old. There is singing, and a lot identity. The miracle is hid-and let yourself go. "use up" the only fourteen. So the deliberation dream - the redemption of of joyous frolic going den, so we also hide behind days of vacation I am allot- remains, do we go to Israel Israel"

ted a year to go to Israel, a and show support, or do we This has not changed. Something very strange is helps us to be what we real-"troubled" area when I remain at home in the per- The war of independence is going on. There are a lot of Iy want to be. Sometimes could have gone to the ceived safety of North not over. Independence Indeed, I was warned about in traveling to Israel? Sure people in the land of did I go to Israel? The extreme precautions and of Ben Gurion have pointment to the news that school felt the risk was too that every student will be able answer dear friends is still have a most enjoyable prophetic significance in their year end trip to Israel high.

The class is now looking in cational opportunities. because, if we don't go, and rewarding experience. every generation however; has been cancelled. Since the In fact, taking precautions—it is even more so during—beginning of the year students The same concerns that against terrorists activity this difficult period in

Thank you for defend-

Israel Chai, the Jewish peo-Only Israel can provide ple live with dignity indegetting shot on the street—you ski in the morning, future to thank them as—since then.

With blessings and love

#### Purim's Hidden Identity

by Rabbi E. Roman MENORAH ACADEMY

We hear stories of Board last year but students

to celebrate a Bat noon and then enjoy the Baruch Hashem, while Mitzvah or not, but now illuminated remains of I was in Israel I did they know you. We must Massada at night. Even just indeed see hundreds if show them that when they going to Israel and visiting not thousands of Jews die, a piece of us dies as a farm in the quite Negev who had come to show still helps and still shows—their support. Nevertheless, Unfortunately when needed support to our tourism is still drastically any way possible.

Good luck, and L'hitraot,

Rabbi Ari Enkin Edmonton's Orthodox Synagogue

tumes, some are even dressed as animals and oth-

princesses.

on around the table, a mask. You know this

have been involved in exten-

sale of hockey raffle tickets,

in Israel lead the Talmud

Torah Society to recommend

planned. The school trip did,

not have the endorsement of

relaxing beaches of Maui. America. Are there dangers—and survival for the Jewish—Grade 9 Israel trip cancelled—to alternatives such including "security and safety" prior—there are, but one can easi-—Israel is the war that is tak-— 🔼 Talmud Torah students—made the trip anyway. This—in the eastern US and Canada. to going to Israel. So why - ly take even the most - ing place now. The words - U are reacting with disap--- year many parents and the - Fundraising will continue so

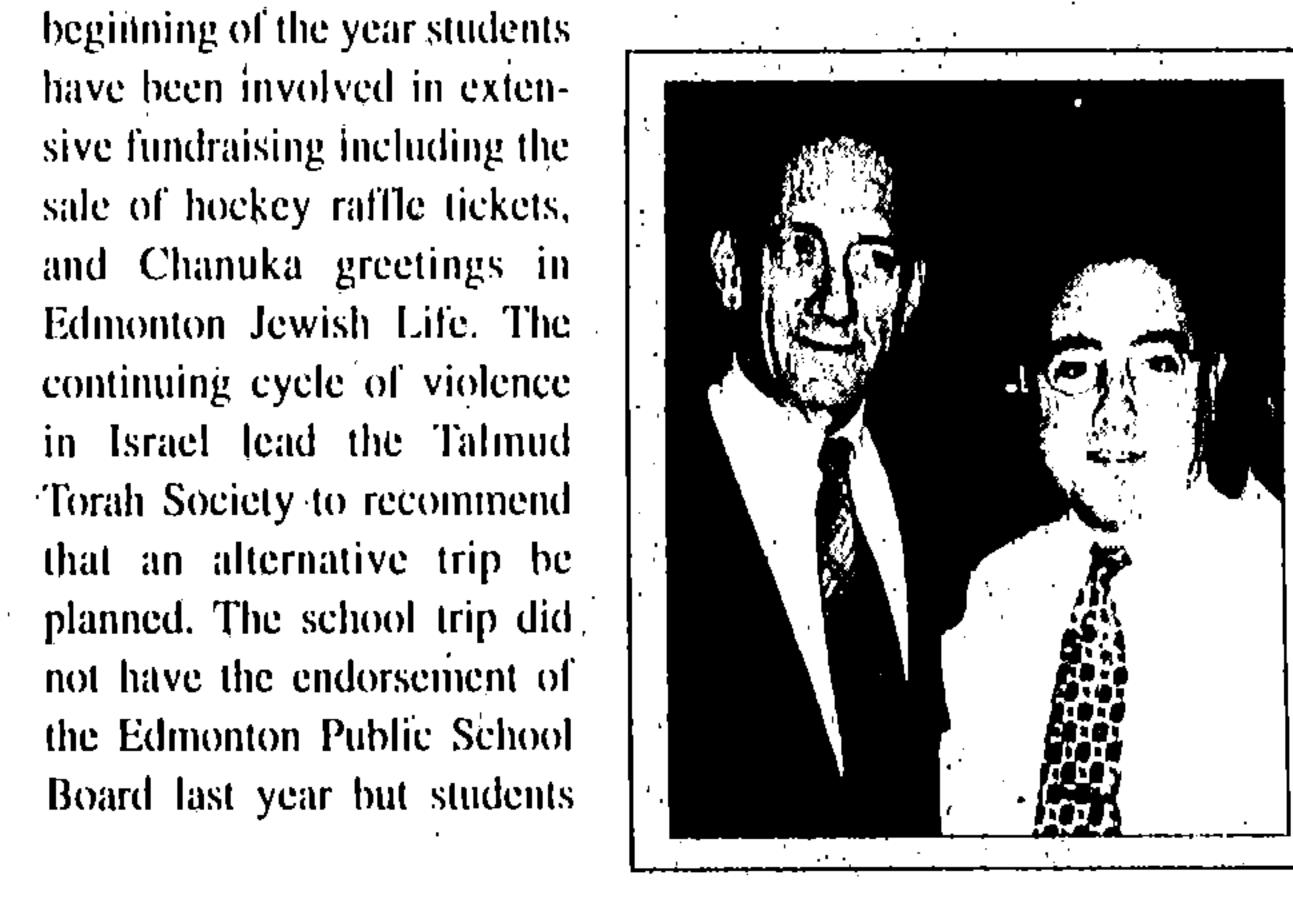
people dressed in cos- we really would like to be

We ask ourselves how ers like soldiers, kings or can we do that kind of thing. Its just not me but These things don't hap- I'm hiding behind a mask pen at a Shabbes or Yom and no one knows it's me. I Tov table. Why are they not can find the courage. So only permitted but actually join the Purim and have a been continually asked as ed landing at the Lod air-great struggle for the real-the table. Purim itself has a hidden with the good inclination

Have a great Purim.

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travel to major Jewish centres. to take advantage of the edu-



and bestow his daily, loving blessing. With their palms

blessing upon the people of facing away, they spread

Israel. Naturally, the kohan-their hands, touching the tips

With their shoes off, the character, Mr. Spock, on Star

stretched arms and recite an The congregation is sup-

Rabbi Ari Enkin with Jerusalem Enkin was in Israel this past December on vacation and also attending the annual Orthodox General Assembly in Jerusalem with over 200 rabbis from around the

famous by Leonard Nimoy's

kohanim during the blessing

understanding of where I

But Skorecki maintained im carried on that tradition of their thumbs, while the tried to help out in some—us with a vacation consist—pendence and success in—his claims to be true and—and every day in Israel and—other four fingers on each ing of all types of climates, our true and rightful home. said the findings of his on every festival in the hand split into twos. This is It doesn't matter if you activities, sights, and I hope you will put it in research team have been. Diaspora, the kohanim per- the emblem of the kohanim knew those who were sounds. Where else can your plans in the near corroborated several times form what is now called which was made more

> probably really am a kohanim gather on the Trek. descendant of Aaron and bimah (platform) of the syn- This symbol is often that kohanim are supposed—agogue, hold their tallitot—found on the tombstones of to be the role models of the over their faces with out-kohanim. Jewish people.

> However, in the 21st cen-ancient blessing over the posed to turn away from the tury, the leadership role of congregation: the kohanim has pretty much "May God bless you and and it is said that if they look been replaced by rabbis and keep you, may God let His at the kohanim, they would I don't find myself being face shine upon you and be become blind. asked to participate in too gracious to you, may God Now, having a little more many sacrifices these days. bestow His favor on you and knowledge and a better So what kind of present-day grant you peace." responsibilities do kohanim — In some congregations, it — come from, I can confidentstill carry out?

to my recollection of the hands of the kohanim prior long and prospers. special blessing I recite at to the blessing. High Holy Day services.

The most interesting part

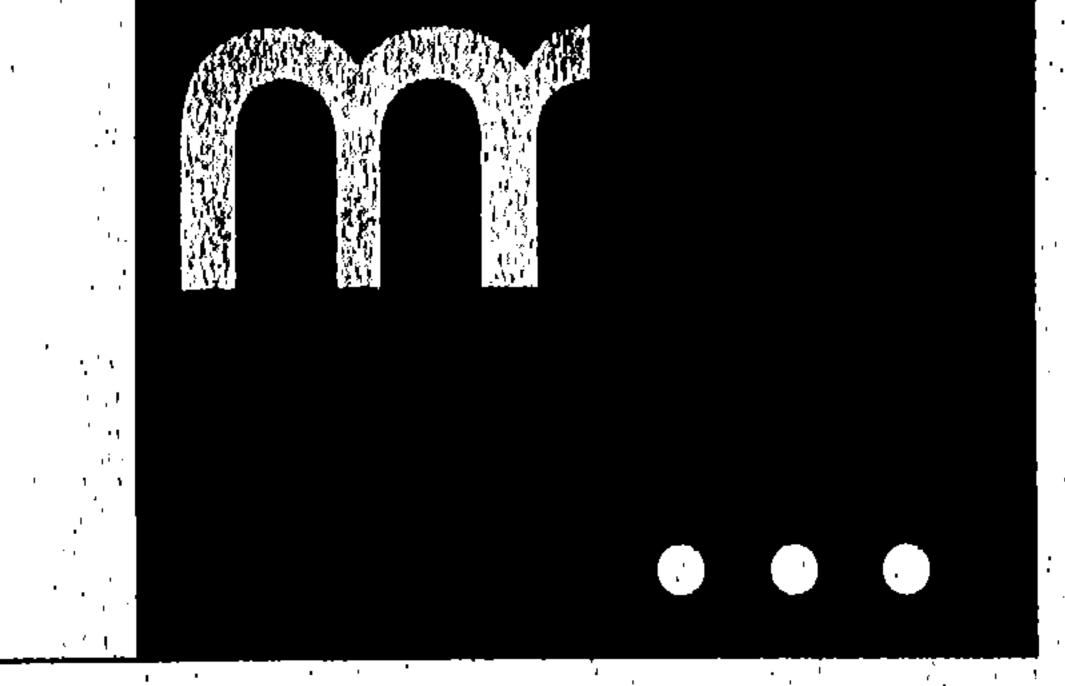
"duchenen." 🕛

is the tradition that the ly say that I hope the tradi-Well, that takes me back—Levites present wash the tion of the kohanim lives This article originally appeared

Thirty-three centuries of the blessing is how the in The Western Jewish Bulletin, ago, Aaron would stand on a kohanim must hold their Vancouver, and is reprinted with platform called a "duchen" hands while reciting the permission



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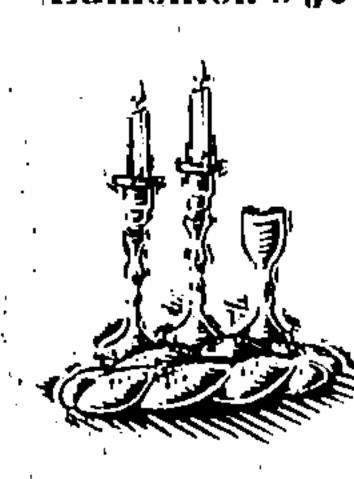
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enterprise and the State of Israel.

JNF's collection box, the Blue Box (so called because of its blue and white colors) has been part and parcel of the Zionist Movement since its. Their impact was immediate, not only in terms of inception. Professor Zvi Hermann Schapira, whose concepts and suggestions led to the establishment of JNF at the 5th Zionist Congress in Basle on 19 Tevet, 5662 (December 28, 1901), had unveiled a tin collection box - a pushke - as early as 1884. Calling it the Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel box, he homes around the country. invited colleagues at a gathering of the "Zion"

In the ongoing saga of the little Blue Box and association" to contribute to the redemption of the big Jewish dream, the Blue Box has its the land and Jewish settlement in Eretz Israel.

Upon JNF's establishment, a bank clerk by the remains the most visible symbol of Jewish name of Haim Kleinman from Nadvorna, Galicia National Fund. Its symbolic importance and placed a Blue Box marked Keren Le'umit (National Fund) in his office. He suggested that such a box be placed in every Jewish home and that everyone contribute to the newly created national fund at every possible opportunity. The idea had been well rooted in

Jewish tradition for hundreds of years. The proceeds of the Blue Box were slated for the redemption of the land itself, and it was distributed in Jewish communities throughout the world.

The very act of collection funds in a special box aroused in Jews everywhere a longing for the tastes and fragrances of Eretz Israel and strengthened their yearning for the homeland.

The first Blue Boxes were produced in 1904. One of these was placed by Theodor Herzl in his study (and can still be seen in Herzl's Room in Jerusalem). the money they generated but as an expression of the deep bond between Diaspora Jewry and the small Jewish community and the soil of Eretz Israel: In the Thirties, for example, about one million JNF Blue boxes were to be found in Jewish

The Blue Box has its honoured place at home - at work - in school - in community centres. Now is the time to ensure the continuity of a meaningful tradition. Place a Blue Box in your homell Call the JNF Office - 481-7881 Sam & Michelle Marcushamer, Blue Box Chairmen

#### THANK YOU, TODA RABAH, MERCI BEAUCOUP, BAIE DANKE

That is as many languages as I know how to say "thank you" for allowing me to be your chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for the last two years. I am aware that psychiatrists in the community that are reading this article, are at this stage, saying, "See what happens if you remain chairman too long - you absolutely lose it!" My reply to that assumption is that it is absolutely not correct and being chairman of the Edmonton United Jewish Appeal for 2000 and 2001 has proved to me that this is a great community and a great city.

I have had the privilege of serving on many boards, both professionally and on a community basis, which were religious and non-religious in nature, and no such service has given me greater pleasure and gratification



United Jewish Appeal Chairman, Selwyn Romanovsky accepts a donation from YAD Rocking Rabbi Committee Fundraising Chair, Claire Wornovitzky. YAD, the Young Adults of the Federation raised \$2000 at their recent program for the UJA Kievskaya Project which provides aid to the sick and elderly in Ukraine

than that of acting as your Chairman. We must celebrate our success and the generosity of 1074 individuals of our community who care enough to participate. Far too often, we allow the negative to impact our efforts. No longer! There are too many individuals amongst us who care and show it through finances, time or participation.

During the last two years, I have met individuals such as:

- The community member who gives way above his/her financial ability but feels a commitment to making this a better community - "A True Mensch!"
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I could go on at length about all of the people that have made me realize that I was truly honored to have served you these last two years. Let the commitment we make today be to focus on those individuals who enhance our community. Let us rejoice in the majority that make this a great community and to each of you, I thank you for once again allowing me to be your chairman.

Yours very truly,

Selwyn Romanovsky, C.A. 2001 Campaign Chairman

#### Holocaust Education Programming

This years' Holocaust gram into a three day pro- the generous donation to ensuring that what hap-■ Symposium is sched-gram. High School stu-the Holocaust Education pened to the Jews is never uled to take place on May dents from all across the Fund, by the Katz Group to be forgotten. The 8, 9 & 10. The program, city of Edmonton attend; of Edmonton, who have importance of the Katz repeated over this three this year we predict that given this gift in honor of donation is not to be the Edmonton Holocaust make sure that these day period, is held on nearly 2200 students will Ida & Barry Katz. The under estimated. the campus of The participate in the program. success of this program is "By making the pur-University of Alberta in Each student will receive a due in great part to dona- chase of these books posthe Myer Horowitz copy of the book "Night", tions of this nature. sible, the horrors of the The book deals in depth, attending the Symposium. Theatre and in various by Elie Wiesel, Holocaust "To remain silent and Holocaust will have an with the experiences of lecture rooms on campus. Survivor and Nobel Peace indifferent is the greatest even greater impact on the author Elie Wiesel,

Since the inception of Prize Laureate of 1986. sin of all", stated Elie the students who will be during the Holocaust: In the program in 1989, it has These books will be Weisel. Consequently, he attending this Symposium. his book, Weisel expresses grown from a one day pro- available this year due to has dedicated his life to It is our mandate to con- his deepest feelings; he the J.C.C. at 487-0585.

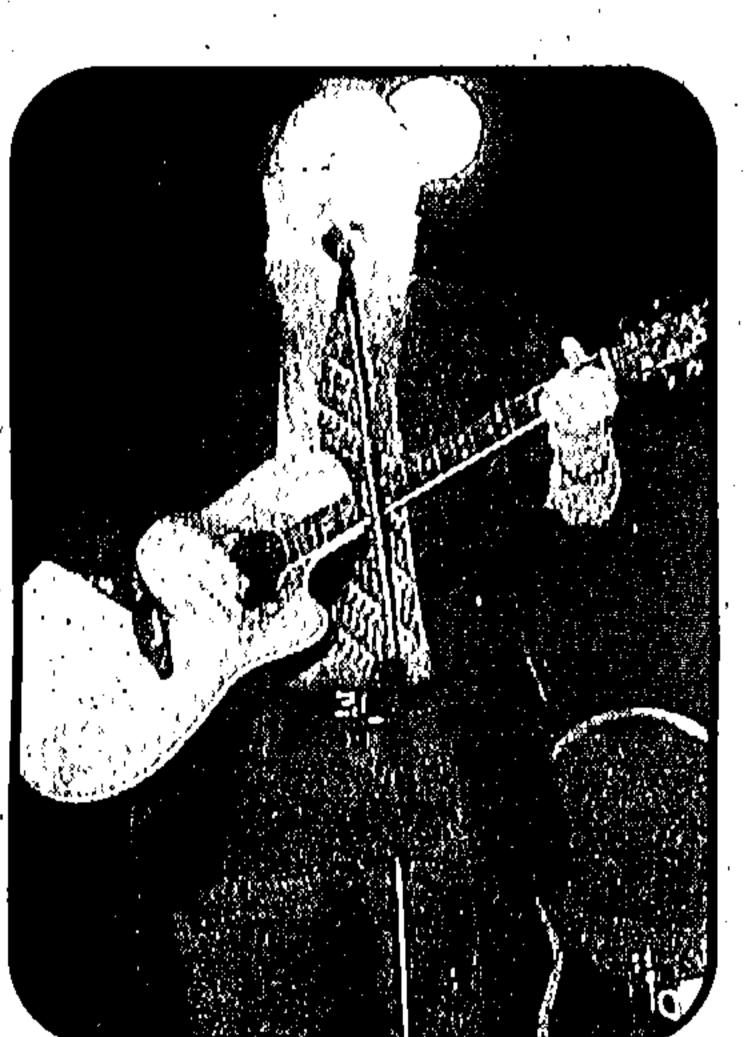
tinue to educate the lays bare his soul and youth of today about the shares with his reader his atrocities executed by the insights and his personal Nazis during the Holo- experiences during this caust, so that history never infamous period in the repeats itself," said Gillian history of the Jewish Horwitz Chairperson of People. The intention is to books find their place onto the bookshelves of the ing piece of literature... 2200 students who will be

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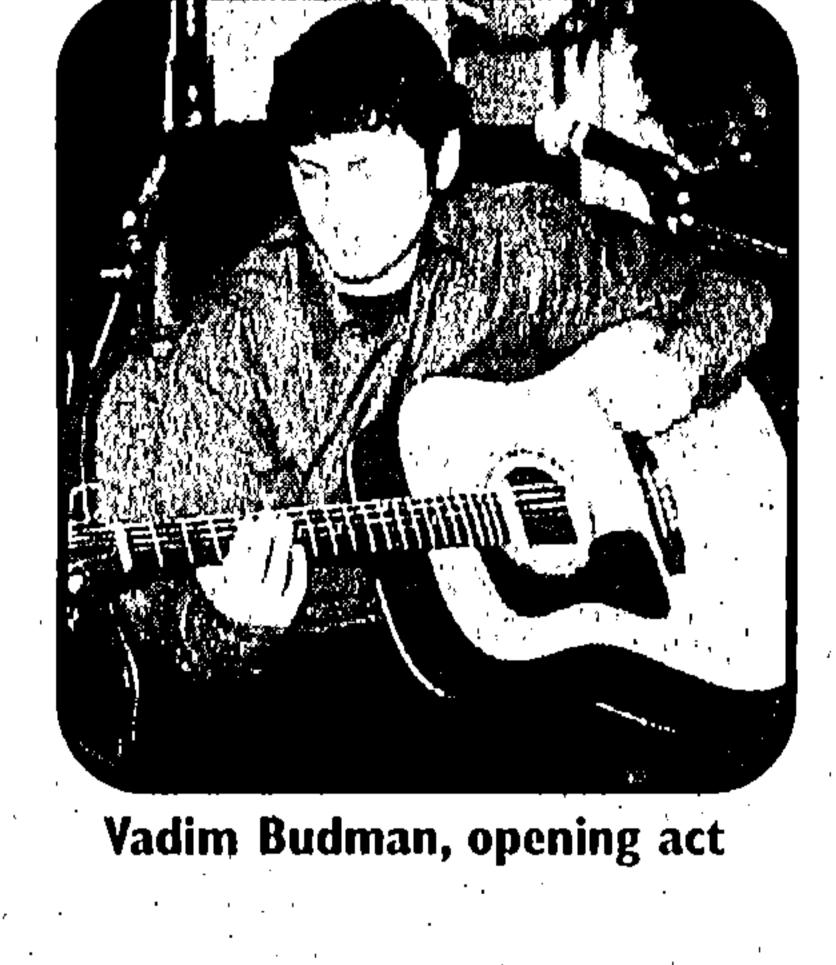
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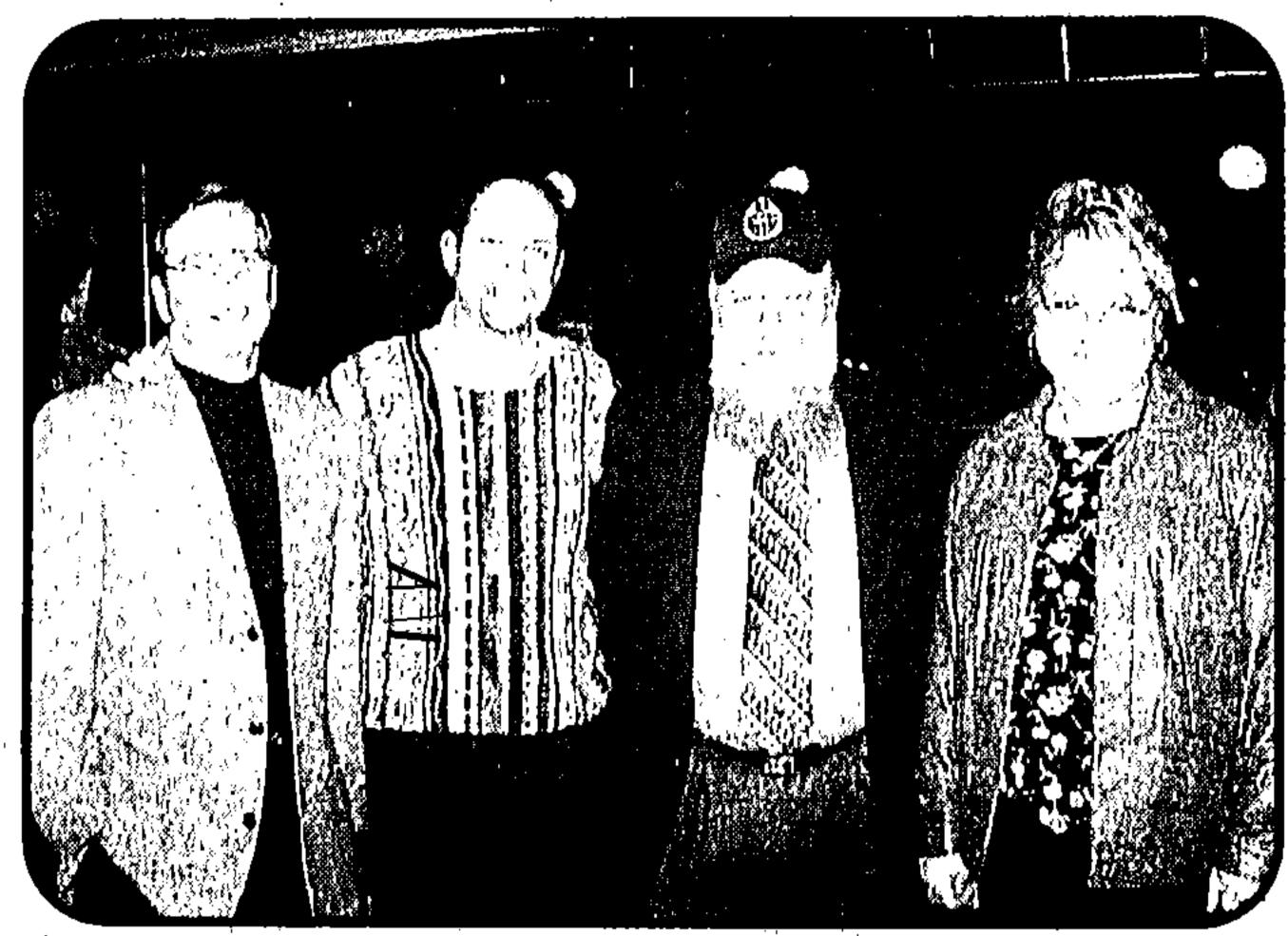


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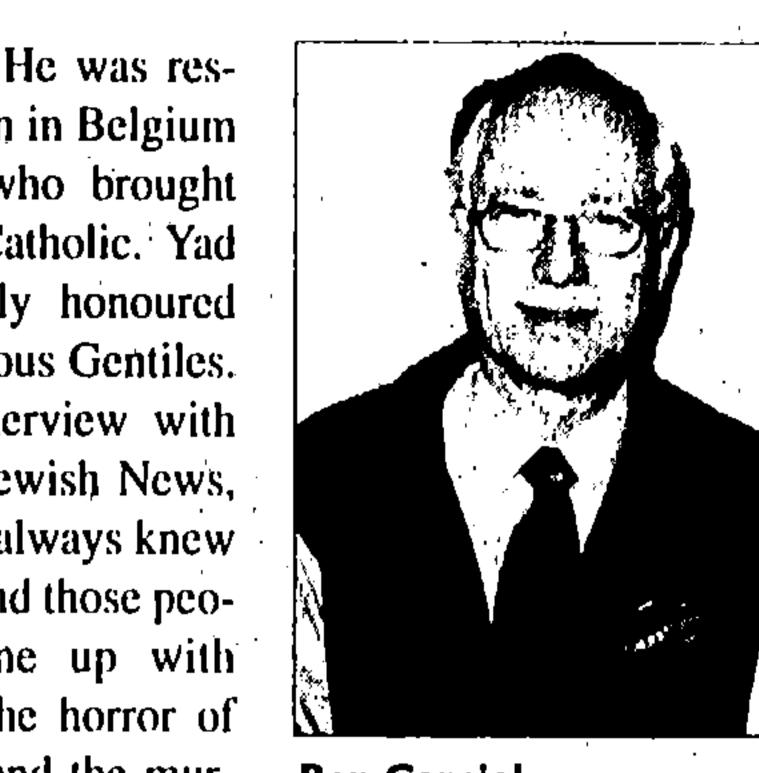
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#### Tzedakah today - Jewish values and social justice

expert in the field of social by non-Jews who brought Ryerson University in the Canadian Jewish News, book which explores ways love. Despite the horror of

A social action program the Holocaust. He was resfeatured a renowned cued and hidden in Belgium justice will be held March him up as a Catholic. Yad 17th at Beth Shalom Vashem recently honoured Synagogue. Ben Carniol is a them as Righteous Gentiles. professor of Social Work at In a recent interview with Toronto. He is the author of Carniol said" I always knew Case Critical: Challenging I was Jewish, and those peo-Social Services in Canada, a ple brought me up with we can contribute to pro- the Holocaust and the mur- Ben Carniol gressive change. Ben der of my parents, I was Carniol was a child during brought up with enough affection and love to draw



daughters who went to with respect. This will be educational opportunities insights from literature and the theme of his talk in Edmonton.

He will speak at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 17th in Beth Shalom. Admission is free but a small donation is requested to help offset the costs. Donations of non-perishable food items are also being accepted. Ben Carniol's talk is sponsored by the Beth Shalom Synagogue Social Action Committee, Jewish Family Services, Beth Shalom Women's League and Na'amat.



Hebrew day school, and I hanks to the dedication English literature and a master feel comfortable being L of people who recognize teacher who has a strong follinked with the Jewish com- the need to introduce our lowing in Israel and around munity." One of Carniol's community to some of the the world. An internationally hobbies is reading about most talented and knowl-, renowned Bible interpreter Jewish ethics and values—edgeable Jewish academics—and teacher, she draws extenwhich teach about social in the world, Edmonton will sively on classical commenjustice and treating people—be treated to some wonderful—taries, midrash, and modern

everyone is invited to put on

adults who love to party.

Excitement has been build-

lacksquare Shalom Synagogue and fabulous items at both silent are being collected for Beth Shalom Women's and traditional auctions. Mishloach Manot, There will The party will take place at be several sites where donacommunity Purim party on Beth Shalom, 11916 Jasper tions can be made prior to the Saturday, February 23rd. It. Avenue and begins with event. Watch for posters or

will be a "Friendraiser" as Havdallah at 7:22 p.m. call Francie Nobleman Yor Tickets are only \$13 a per- more information. a costume and join with other son or \$25 a couple and "Take home" kosher deli include dinner. They are avail-Organizers are promising a able at Beth Shalom and Beth delicious deli dinner, enter- Ora offices and from mem-

meats can also be pre-ordered and picked up at the party. Contact Debby Remis at

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Ora Purim party February 23rd

over the next few months,

ing for months over the possible visit of Avivah Zornberg and now organizers have con- widely in Great Britain, the Seminary. She received her firmed April dates. Zornberg is a charismatic speaker and the author of the just-pub- Genesis: The Beginning of lished The Particulars of Desire (Jewish Publication co-sponsored by Beth Israel Rapture: Reflections on Exodus Society) was awarded a (Doubleday); Her lectures are National Jewish Book Award, Synagogue and Temple Beth extraordinary blends of classi- and in 1997 she appeared as Ora. She will speak to the cal literature and biblical part of Bill Moyers' Genesis entire community at Beth insights, and appeal to all. The daughter of the head of the Zornberg, the daughter of the A smaller gathering is also Rabbinic Court of Glasgow, Chief Rabbi of Scotland, stud-being planned for April 22 Zornberg is a scholar of ied classical Jewish texts with and details will follow.

philosophy. Having taught at Pardes, Matan, Yakar, and elsewhere in Jerusalem, Dr. Her widely read and studied television



Zornberg has also lectures—her father and at Gateshead -United States, and Canada. Ph.D. in English literature from Cambridge University.

Her visit to Edmonton is Synagogue, Beth Shalom Dr. Israel on Tuesday, April 23rd.

> Beth Shalom Synagogue hosting Baumgarten, Professor of Jewish History at Bar Han University in Israel, over the weekend of March 15-17. He is one of the world's leading authorities on the Dead Sea Scroll and has pioneered the use of social scientific perspectives for the interpretation of Jewish sects of the

> Second Temple Period. One of his recent publications focused on the flourishing of Jewish sects in the Maccabean Era. He is a visiting professor at the University of Calgary through the end of term. Dr. Baumgarten will speak during Shabbat services on Friday evening and Saturday morning, at Shabbat mincha and a t a time to be announced

community is invited. The following weekend, March 23, Professor Dov Noy, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will speak at Beth Israel Synagogue. His main teaching area is in the fields of the folklore of the Jewish communities of eastern Europe. He is in Canada as the 'Shoshana Shier Distinguished Visiting Professor in Jewish Studies at the University of

Sunday morning. The entire

Further details on these speakers will appear in the March issue of Edmonton Jewish Life.

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Carry to our Jewish of charge for teens 13 - 18 located at 10607 Princess community! This time it's a year old who register in Elizabeth Avenue, will host there will be a delicious winter sporting event, called the 1st Annual Menorah Shim Laskin, the found- located just north-east of the sentations will take place Club Curl-A-Thon.

The Curl-A-Thon will be Curling Club (1952) in Garden Mall. an annual social and sporting Edmonton - along with event, with proceeds going other original members - son, or you can enter your to this nostalgic and fun to Chabad of Edmonton and will be recognized at this 1st own team for \$216. event. If you're not able

"This event represents an opportunity for the entire Jewish community of never curled before! Free many different Jewish orga-Edmonton to come together instruction will be provided nizations, synagogues, youth invited to attend. to have some fun during the by event organizers, both in groups and families that Family Day weekend", says advance of the February enter the event. Bernie Estrin - coordinator 17th date and on the day of the Curl-A-Thon.

"We are especially interested in getting the youth

The B'nai B'rith Youth

has appointed a new

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Brian Greene of Los

Angeles will take the helm

of the world's oldest and

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movement as it charts a

new course as an indepen-

top professional position at

BBYO after serving as

Camp Ramah in California,

which he transformed into

one of the most successful

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Executive Director o

Greene will assume the

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**■** Organization (BBYO)

nother unique event is involved. The curling is free Menorah Curling Club), dren.

Thon, to be held Sunday, be issued. February 17th.

Avonair Curling Club

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The entry is \$54 per per-Annual Menorah Curl-A- Charitable tax receipts will

The Curl-A-Thon will Don't worry if you have feature teams named for the

Curling begins at 3 PM: estrin@powersurfr.com

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in Los Angeles, where he

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among Jewish teens, and I of Vancouver.

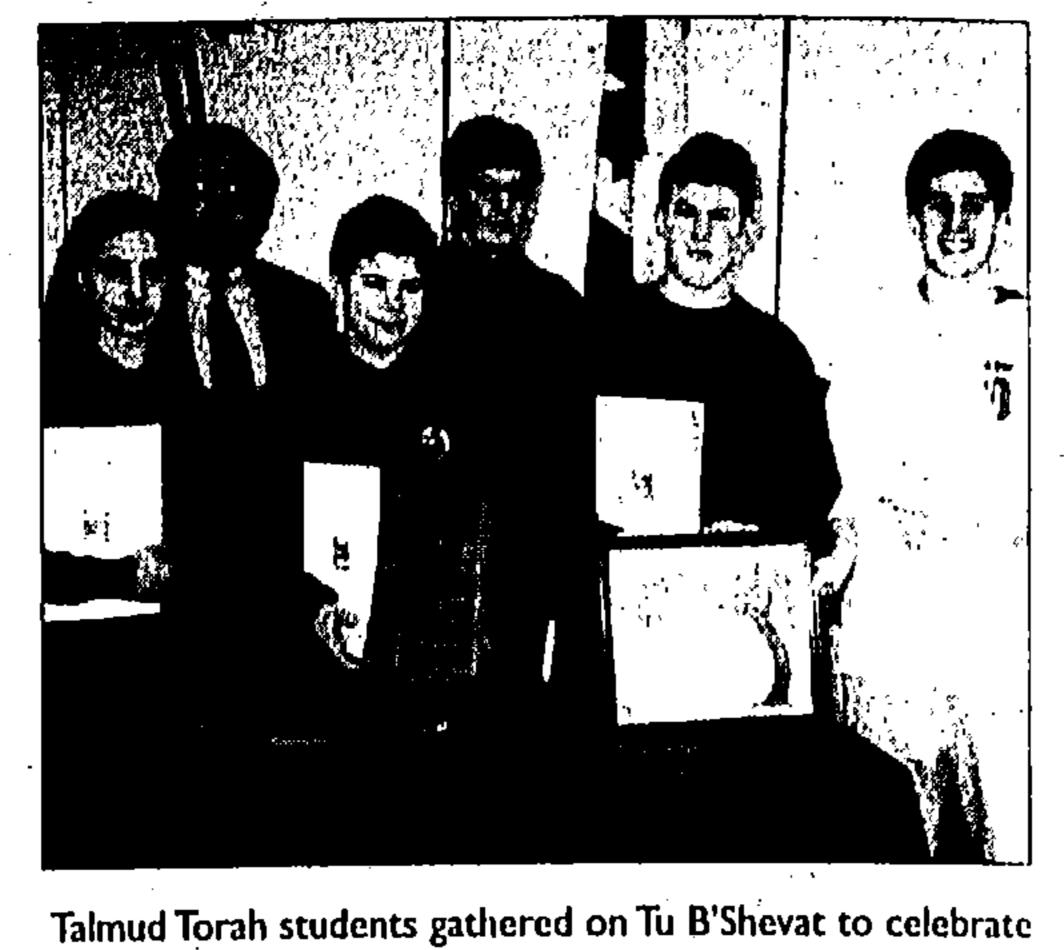
and the fun will continue until 6 PM. The games will be short and snacks will be in abundance. There will be daycare provided for families with young chil-

After the curling play-off the curl-a-thon. The club is kosher meal. Prizes and preing president of the Menorah Sears store at Kingsway and everyone will come away a winner!

Everyone can contribute to curl, you can still attend the event and watch the

The entire Jewish community - young and old - is

To register, give a dona-Complimentary curling tion, be a sponsor or prize brooms and equipment are donor, please call Bernie Estrin at 481-8535 or email:



another successful fundraising campaign for the Jewish National Fund. This year students surpassed their target by raising enough money to water 206 trees in Israel. Each year the students recognize individuals or groups to receive the schools Yashar award in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the community. This year's winner was the Israel Defence Force. Israel's ambassador to Canada thanked the students in a letter and will meet with them personally during a future visit to Edmonton. Pictured above are INF Board member Dr. Ivan Steiner, Talmud Torah principal Pat March and the school's campaign chairs L-R Rivka Kushner, Danny Solfer, Josh Schayer and Tyler Pertman.

the Los Angeles Hebrew North America. In addition.

his Doctorate in Education at Pepperdine University,

Greene earned an M.A. in Greene, who was born Education and a B.A. in Edmonton and raised in in Jewish Studies from Vancouver, is the grandson the University of Judaism of Mrs. Belle Greene of in Los Angeles. He is married to Lisa Feldman, An expert in Educational a Jewish educator and Administration, Greene is a Jewish day school princi-Lecturer in Education at pal, and they have three

Currently completing

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization the University of Judaism children. BBYO has garnered the was also Acting Dean of support of leading Jewish the Fingerhut School of philanthropists, including Education. He has served Newton Becker, Edgar previously as Director of Bronfman, Sr., Lynn Education at Congregation Schusterman and Michael

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at a critical time in its his-

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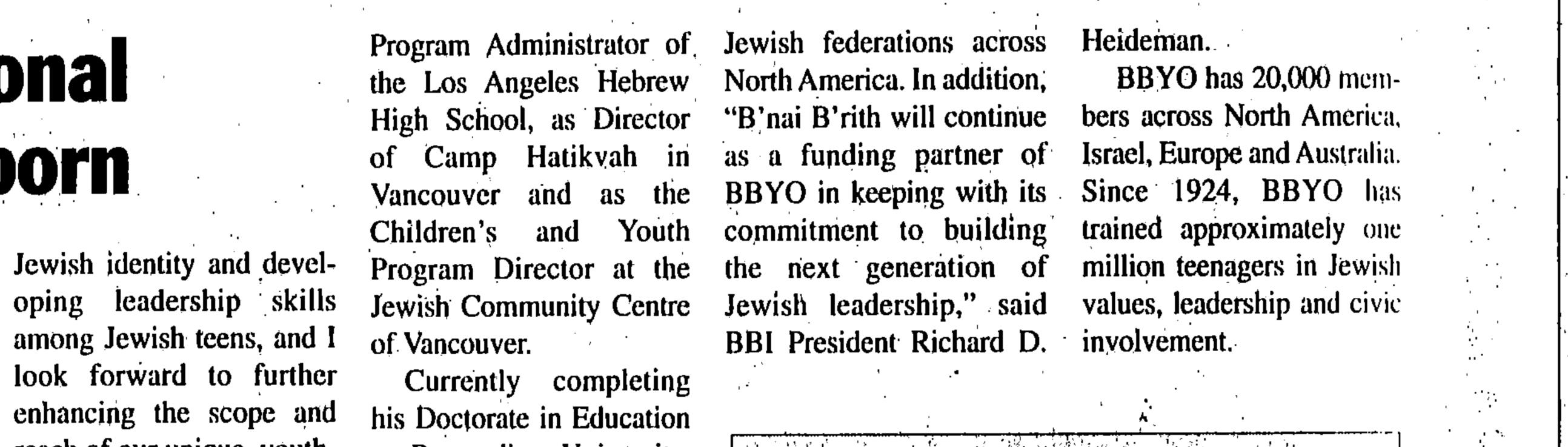
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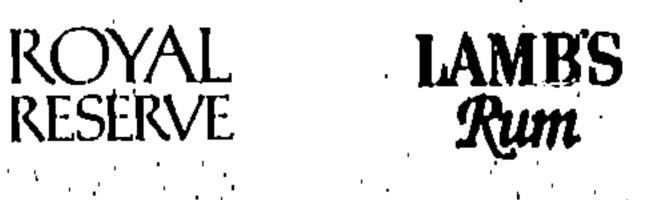
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In English
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A Russian peasant emigrates to America, with a promise to send for his mother and young daughter when he is settled.

His daughter follows shortly after, but she ends up on a ship bound for England, where she is renamed Suzie and raised by a British family. Many years later, Suzies' talent for singing and dancing sees her accepted into a Paris dance troupe where she befriends Lola, a fellow dancer from Moscow; Dante, an egotistical tenor and Cesar, a handsome brooding gypsy. All is well until the Nazis march into Paris, and Suzie's Russian Jewish background places her in danger. She must decide whether to leave Cezar and her friends and continue the search for her father in America.

Directed by Sally Potter, THE MAN WHO CRIED has an all-star cast including: Christina Ricci, Cate Blanchett, John Turturro, Johnny Depp & Harry Dean Stanton.

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DRAMA / WAR from France / Israel

Wednesday, March 6, 2002 - 8:50 pm

117 minutes
In Hebrew with
English Subtitles
Rating: 14A:
Gory, war violence

Cineplex Odeon West Mall 8 Theatres

Nearly thirty years ago, Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack against Israel. The brief intense war that followed called the Yom Kippur War, after the Jewish holiday on which the fighting started, is the subject of Amos Gitai's film, KIPPUR. The battlefield action in the film is bloody and relentless; Gitai is working in the close-to the-ground, hyper-realist mode of Sam Fuller's Big Red One and the opening battle sequences of Steven Spielberg's Saving Private Ryan.

Kippur has been described as an anti-war movie. Not because it takes a stand against the Yom Kippur War, or war in general – the soldiers in the film accept the necessity of fighting, and the film never questions their commitment. Rather, it is because Gitai does his utmost to resist the conventions of the genre.

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Thursday, March 7, 2002 - 6:50 pm

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2001 OSCAR Nominee
Best Foreign Film

117 minutes
In Czech & German
w/ English Subtitles
Rating: PG

A childless couple in an occupied Czechoslovakian town during World War II has secretly taken in a young man who escaped from a concentration camp. A family friend, Nazi sympathizer, suspects something and wants them to take a boarder. The wife protests that they cannot because she is pregnant.

Trouble is, she is not pregnant but needs to be, her husband is sterile and that leaves the Nazi follower or the runaway Jew.

Humor, courage and generosity of spirit all can be found in the most unexpected places, and as far as "Divide We Fall".

Scoundrel, ordinary sinner and hero all rub shoulders in this Academy Award nominee for best foreign film.

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Through the fruitless 24 hour negotiation process, to the final horrisving hours.

Michael Douglas narrates the film.

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What is Osteoporosis? What are the complications/concerns? Can it be treated?

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Sunday February 17

Mameloshen: 1-2:30 pm, followed by a Yiddish musical movie called "Song & Dance in the Great Synagogue in Moscow. (English subtitles). Time: 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday February 19

Join us for a morning of wonderful memories ."! Remember, I Remember' with Queena Klein -10:30am. Refreshments served, no charge.

Thursday February 28th

Purim Lunch and "Mad Hatters Parade" - 11:30am. Join in the fun, bring a Purim hat. There will be prizes for the best Purim hat creations. Cost \$4.00 for lunch.

Saturday March 2 Saturday Night Open House at the Drop In Centre. Enjoy an evening of socializing, cards, coffee,

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Monday March 18 Movie "Passover" and

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Sunday Club and Mameloshen programs are as follows:

Sunday February 10th -Colours of the Rainbows and People 1 - 4 p.m. Sunday February 17th - -Mameloshen and Movie 1 -

Sunday February 24th -Afternoon of Medical Questions & Answers 1 - 4

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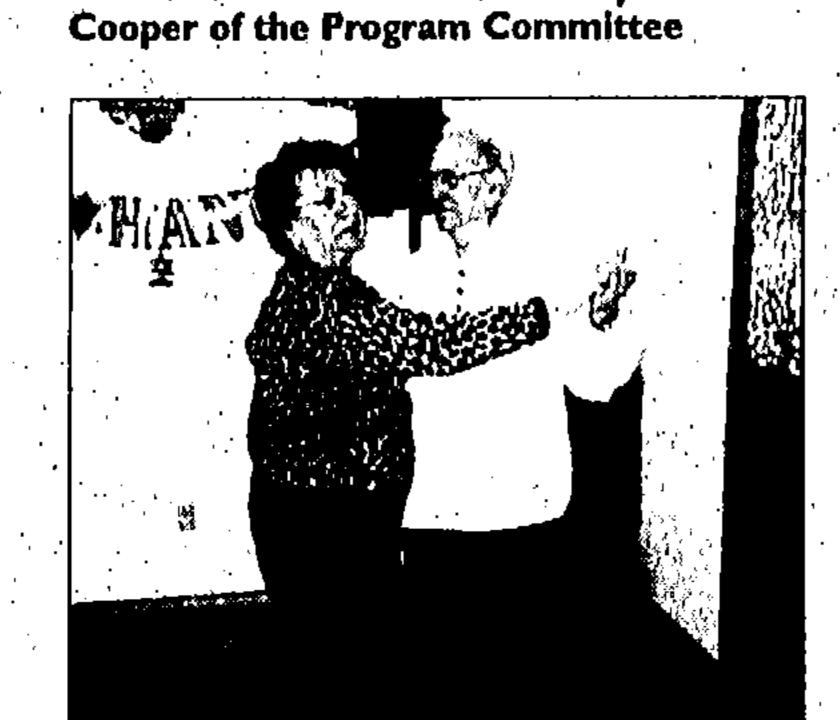
PLEASE CALL 488-4241 IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DRIVE ONE DAY A MONTH.



Harry Goldberg (on drums) and his friends entertained Drop-In members with a delightful medley of tunes



L-R Amelia Silverman, Minnie Emas, Sam Warhaft, Rae Warhaft & Min Leibo looked after refreshments at the band concert the concert was coordinated by Eileen





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(above) Harry Nolan strutting his dancing steps with Naomi Beck at the

(left) Sunday Club members show excellent style while dancing to Harry's

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For further Program Information call the Talmud Torah School 487-9290

For applications call June at the Talmud Torah Society office 481-3377

#### Talmud Torah Grade nine

Congratulations to Jay Silver Edmonton Jewish Life and all Uthis month's lucky hockey their friends for their continued ticket winner. The Oiler T-shirt support in their fundraising prowas won by Aaron Goldsman, a jects. Please support the grade grade 9 student, Mazel Tov. The nine fundraising efforts by buygrade nine students would like ing tickets for the next game to thank the Jewish community,

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The Food Processor Bible is an updated, revised, and expanded edition of

sign cookbooks and give will be available for \$30.00, our annual Games Day Mah jong cards are available where you can enjoy a lovely pick up your copy and at the day of Mah jong or bridge, a limited time. We look forsame time support our many worthy projects! Hadassah WIZO has other events

" boot sale" and are always looking for volunteers to help

upcoming as well. Watch for at out Bingos at the mall. for purchase in the office for and lunch in a fun atmos- ward to seeing you on March phere. We are also planning a 8th, so please join us, meet Norene and check out the

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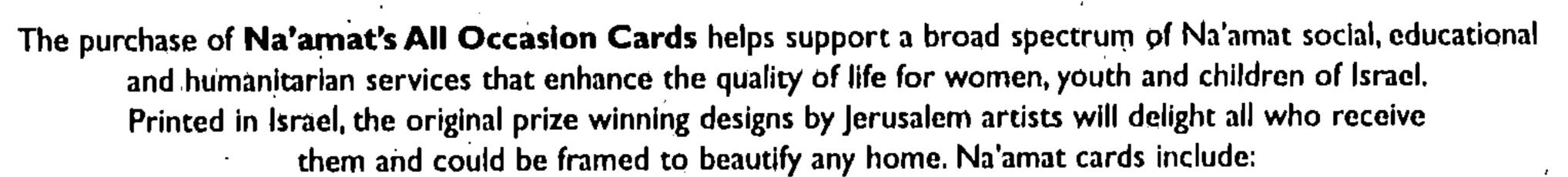
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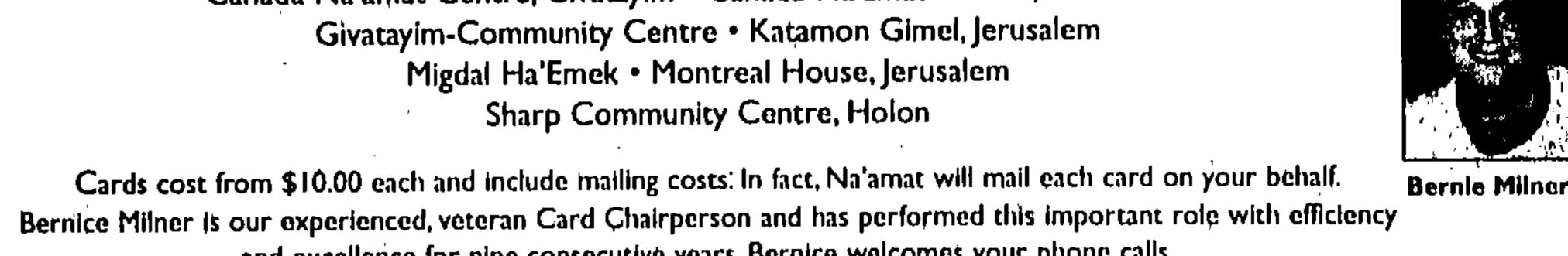
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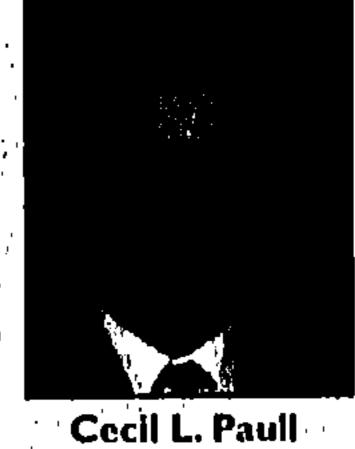
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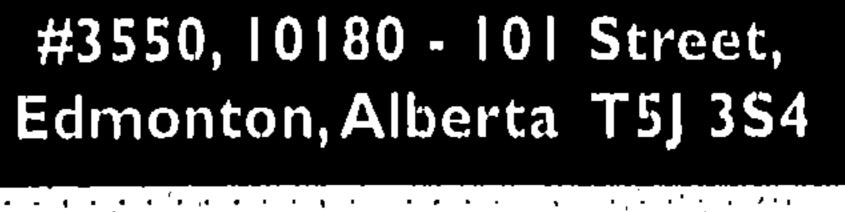
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#### Winners of Chava Albertstein CD

Congratulations to the winners of a copy of the new CD." Foreign Letters" by Israeli singer Chava Alberstein. They correctly answered the question asked in last month's Edmonton Jewish Life, "What was the name of the album that Chava Alberstein recorded with the Klezmatics?"

The answer is "The Well"

Winners are Bluma Goldberg, Percy Lerner, Rosemary Kitay, Trudianne Dolman, Sylvia Alpern, Roza Karpulis, and Barry Greenfield. The CD's can be picked up at the front desk of the Jewish Community Centre

#### Emunah Women News

by Leah Goldford

Out of Africa.... Emunah Honours Lifetime Achievement

The room was splendidly decorated with African Batiks, baskets and memorabilia, courtesy Murray Katz. The food, masterfully prepared by the Kosher kitchen at Fantasyland Hotel, was reminiscent of South African simchas. The fashion show, though, was the crowning centerpiece.

Featuring clothing from some of Edmonton's (West Edmonton Mall's) premiere clothiers, it was the men and children who stole the show.

Over 100 people attended the Emunah Women of Edmonton's brunch and fashion show on January 13th. Special guests of honorwere Shirley Laskin and Raye Dolgoy who each received special recognition for their devoted efforts which benefited thousands of children.

The morning was filled with food, fun and fashion, thanks to the able efforts of the programme chairs, of Emunah Women Canada Gertie Forman and Melanie and Roslyn Schneidman, Mishloach Manot - An Allen. Together with Andrea National Vice-President of Emunah Alternative Krimberg, who attended to Emunah Women Canada. the superb choreography,





they put on a professional exciting programme. Out of town dignitaries

included Rebbetzin Judy Israel. Pachino, National President

Monies raised will go to

building a new dormitory at Neve Sarah Herzog High School in B'nei B'rak,

This year Emunah

launching a special Purim project. Purim is a holiday which requires that gifts of food and money be given to support poor families in one's community.

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Edmonton Jewish Life & the March of the Living Making a Difference in our Community 

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- 2. Levity is not reserved for the Levites.
- 3. If you're having a bad hair day, you can always wear a mask & no one will know who you are.
- 4.Purim is easier to spell than Khanuka, Chanukah, Chanuka, Hanuk the Hebrew name for the Festival of Lights.
- 5. You don't have to kasher your home and change all the pots and dishes.
- 6. You don't have to build a sukkah and eat outside.
- 7. You get to drink wine & you don't have to stand for Kiddush.
- 8. Mordechai 1: Haman 0.
- 9. You won't get hit in the eye by a lulay.
- 10. You can't eat hamentaschen on Yom Kippur.

#### The Politically Correct Megillah

Chapter 1

And it came to pass in the third year of the reign of Achashverosh, King of Persia, that the King threw a great party. And it was during that party, that the King became intoxicated and called for his wife Vashti to come dance in front of the guests, Now, Vashti was a liberated woman, and was not at all ashamed to display her body in public ("my body, my choice," she used to say). But she was certainly not going to do so at the beliest of a male chauving like her husband. So she refused to appear, and the following morning, in addition to a major hangover Achashverosh had one royal-size sexual harassme suit waiting for him. Public opinion quickly turnedagainst the King, and he was forced to settle out o court for an undisclosed sum of money.

It was after those events that the King missed Vashti, and wanted to find a new wife. He consulted his inner circle of advisors, which, in accordance with multi-cultural practices, consisted of, among others, one woman, one Indian, one Ethiopian, and one handicapped person, who was also rumored to be guy. One of his advisors, Memoochan, suggested holding a beauty contest, attended by all the fairest maidens in the land. But his female advisor informed him that Memoochan was a Neanderthal living in the dark ages, and that beauty contests where men gawk at women walking around in swimsuits had long ago gone out of fashion. Instead, she suggested giving a test in such subjects as physics, literature and music, and the most intelligent woman would be made queen. And the King, already lagging in the public opinion polls, had no choice, and he said to

Now is just so happened that in the Kingdom o. Persia there lived a young Jewish girl named Esther who was very beautiful, but much more importantly, had a 195 IQ. Having successfully sucd her parents for termination of custody, she had been living with her uncle Mordechai. Esther aced the test and was chosen to be the new queen. Only, the homosexual community objected the word "queen", and the feminists didn't like the whole gender-based title thing, so it was decided that she would just be called Achashverosh, though she kept her own last name.

"Royal Person," So Esther was crowned Royal Person of Persia and was married to King And being that Esther was an intelligent woman is her own right, and had no intention whatsoever of sitting quietly next to the King looking pretty, sho was given her own stuff of 15 and an office in the west wing of the palace.

Chapter III

It was after those events that King "Achashverosh elevated his advisor Haman to be hi chief advisor. There were some protests by the African-Persian community because he badn't. selected an African Persian to be his top udvisor, by the appointment went through anyway. It turned out the Human was a big unti-Semite, and he asked the King's permission to kill all the Jews, which he got. So Haman sent out a proclamation to all the lands

in the kingdom outlining his plan. Distressed, the Jews sought a court-issued injunction to stop Haman from sending it. But Haman was defended by the head of the Persian Civil Liberties Union, who ironically was also Jewish, and who claimed that the injunction would violate Haman's right to free speech. And the injunction was not issued, so the proclamation was sent.

Chapter IV And Mordechai knew of all that had happened and he donned a black ribbon as a sign of morning. And Esther sent a messenger to Mordechai to console him, but he would not be consoled. Then Mordechai sent word back to Esther that she should go the King and ask him to stop the impending killing of all the Jews. Esther replied that other social issues, such as the environment and harassment in the workplace were more pressing, but Mordechai persuaded her as to the urgency of the matter, and she agreed. Mordechai suggested calling all the Jews to synagogue for three days of fasting and prayers, but Esther thought that was wayoutdated, and instead called for a non-denomina tional candlelight vigil, and it was so.

Chapter V And it came to pass on the third day that Esther put on her smartest business suit and went to see the King. The King offered Esther up to half his assets, which he was actually required to give her anyway, based on their pre-nup. Esther told the King that she had come to invite him and Haman to a big party she was throwing the next day. The King was very excited, and both he and Haman showed up to Royal Person Esther's party. The King, for his part, was careful not to violate

the out-of-court settlement he had made with Vashti. and there was none of that "dance" stuff that night. The party was a big hit, with performances by Fleetwood Mac and crowd favorite Burbra Streisand. And Esther informed the King that both he and Haman were also invited to her next party, being thrown the following day on Martha's Vineyard. Upon leaving the party, Haman spotted his old namesis Mordechai, which ruined his night. Haman's wife advised Haman to build a gallows 50 amot tall and ask the King to have Mordechai hanged the next day. She further advised him to quit referring to her as "Haman's Wife." And he built the gallows.

Chapter VI

That night, the King had trouble sleeping. He called for his servants to bring him a video to '. watch, but since having gotten rid of all his stag : films as part of his sensitivity training following the Vashti debacle, all they had left were a bunch of: movies filmed in Montana and produced by Robert Redford. So they brought him the royal archives instead, and there he read that Mordechai had done him a big favor a few years back. Just then, Haman came in, and the King asked him what to do for ' someone to whom he owed a favor. Haman suggest ed maybe an ambassadorship to some insignificant but warm climate country, or maybe letting him spend a night in the palace's "Lincoln Bedroom," But the King decided to have Haman lead Mordechal. around on a horse throughout the streets of Shushan However, the animal rights activists got wind of the King's plan, and they went nuts, so it was decided



Alvin Goldsman and Rabbi Ari Drelich were with Premier Ralph Klein during his famous late night visit to a men's shelter. They refuse to confirm if they have also pledged to stop drinking Manischevitz wine.



Beth Shalom Synagogue is pleased to announce that Elvis Presley and Yassir Arafat's shorter brother, Yowser, will be the scholars-in-residence for Purim this year.



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 that Haman would just lead Mordechai around on foot. And it was so. When he was done leading Mordechai around, Haman walked home, despondent. But no sooner had he returned home than the King's messengers arrived to bring him to Esther's second party. Haman's wife realized that her husbar was dooined and commented that she had always known he wound never amount to anything.

Chapter VII

And the King and Haman came to drink with Royal Person Esther. And it was during the party that Esther shocked the King by telling him that someone in that very room was plotting to kill her and all the other Jews. "Who is that man?" yelled the King. To which Esther replied "What makes you so sure it's a man? You don't think that a women is: capable of killing all the Jewish people?" After an awkward silence, Esther told the King that is was, in fact, a man, and it was none other than his chief advisor Haman! The King stormed out in a fit a rage and meanwhile Haman begged at Esther's feet for her to spare his life. He told her how he had grown up in a broken home, was raised by a crack-selling mother and had never had a normal childhood. Esther declared Haman to be a product of society's failure to protect its children. So Haman's crime of "attempted, genocide" was reduced to "Issuing proclamations "without'n license" and he was given the relatively. light sentence of five-to-soven years. After serving just two years of that sentence, he was given time off for good behavior and paroled. And the following: year, the residents of Shushun elected Hamon as their mayor, his being a felou notwithstanding. Meanwhile, Esther convinced the King to come to terms with his anger and latent feelings of hostility towards women, and the King entered a 12-step program and when he was through, his anger had subsided.

Chapter VIII

That day, the King gave Esther Haman's house, and she told the King that Mordechai was her uncle. And Mordechai asked the King's permission for the Jews to rise up and kill their enemies. But Esther would have no such thing, and instead, she arranged for a dialog being the Jewish leaders and the leaders of the people of Shushan. And while they couldn't overcome all their differences, they did agree to joint-author a letter of mutual accep-

Chapter IX

And in the twelfth month, the month of Adar, on the day when the Jews were supposed to have been exterminated, the Jews held a three - day conference of the Leaders of Jewish Organizations. And during that conference, they agreed that a holiday should be established - the hollday of Purim. A holiday of charity and gift-giving. A holiday of brotherly love. A holiday where alternate-side-ofthe-street parking rules would be suspended. A holiday where Jewish kids could dress up like Ninja Turtles and Power Rangers and not have to feel that they had missed out on something by not . celebrating Halloween. And a proclamation was sent out to all the King's lands, in all 127 lan-. guages, plus Ebonies. And the Jews were careful not to mention G-d's name, lest any of the gentiles.

Chapter X

And King Achashverosh-the kinder and gentler King Achashverosh — levied a tax across the land, to raise money to pay for welfare and public television. And the great deeds of Royal Person Esther and her' uncle Mordechai were duly recorded in the annuls of

#### Jewish lawyer defends skinhead in controversial play

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holds a Masters of Fine Arts in Playwriting with studies at the graduate level in psychologyfrom York University. Gow has performed in major Theatres across Canada including The National Arts Center, The Centaur, Alberta Theatre Projects, Neptune Theatre, The Blyth Festival and others. He acts regularly in film and television, played the author Donald Ogden Stewart in Mrs. Parker & The Vicious Circle produced by Robert Altman and can be seen as the mathematics teacher, Mr. Potter, in the Children's series My Hometown, Other plays by David Gow include Bea's Niece, The Friedman Family Fortune and The Flight of Peter Pumpkin-eater.

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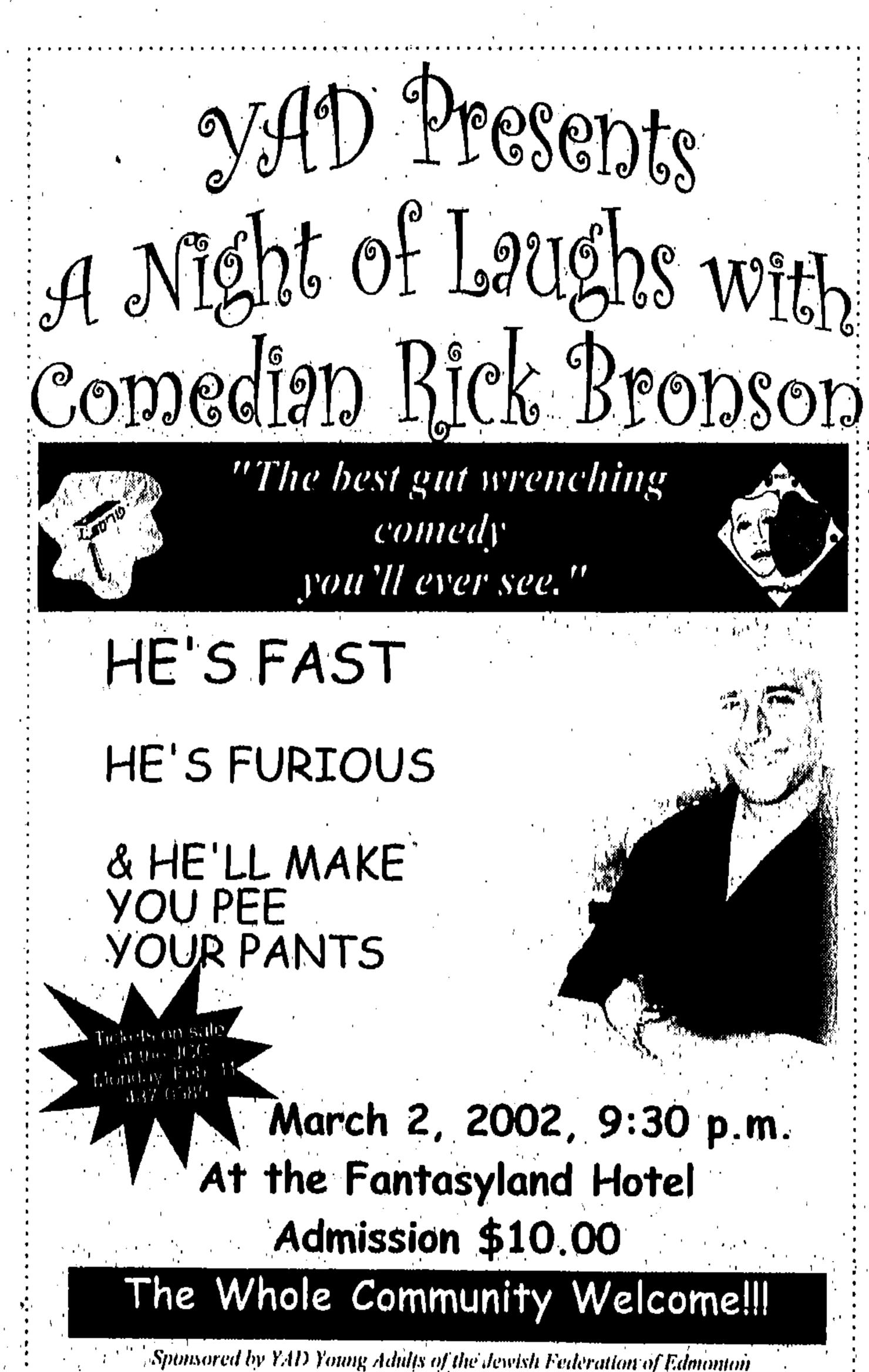
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**MARCH 2002** Friday, March 1 Saturday, March 2 Saturday, March 2 Sunday, March 3 Wednesday, March 6

Talmud Torah Board Mtg. 7:30 pm. JCC Men's Club Opening Program - Shanks 7:30 pm. Federation Executive Meeting 7:15 pm. Beth Israel Pizza Night 7:00 pm. Chabad Curl-a-thon Menorah Academy Purim Carnival 1-4 pm. YESOD Jewish Learning Session, JCC 8:00 pm. Talmud Torah Parents Aux. 7:30 pm. YAD Medical Ethics 2nd Generation Meeting Beth Shalom/ Temple Beth Ora Purim Party JCC Community Purim Carnival 1-4 pm. Fast of Esther

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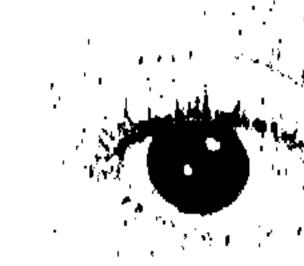
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family portraits that line wooden frame that shows ago. the living room wall of them as a smiling, handsome. Their faces are full of hope were barely alive when they Sidney and Bronia Cyngiser's young couple cutting the and happiness. There's no hint arrived but it was there that

mong the numerous white photo in a simple wedding more than 50 years nightmare of Nazi concentra-

order to find each other. Sid and Bronia Cyngiser are

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marked their 50th wedding anniversary but rather than Alberta Opportunities Bursary hospital. tural understanding.

"We wanted to do something different than just throw a party," says Bronia.

"A party lasts a few hours but this will last much longer.

tion and death camps. They

both Holocaust survivors from where they could resettle after Poland. Their story is one of the war, Sid was sponsored by courage, hope and survival. It's relatives in Calgary, while also a story of perseverance, Bronia headed to the U.S. Last February 18th, they

throw a huge party to cele- and his family were first taken. Royal. College started the vived. "Emotionally, I come from their home, weighed a annual Holocaust Education out exhausted by it. But as dren and grandchildren donát- mere 70 pounds when he was Symposium to educate young Holocaust survivors, we, feel ed \$25,000 to Mount Royal finally freed after years of people about this dark period an obligation to tell the story. College to establish the hard labour in various Nazi and encourage them to combat. We are the voice of those who Sid and Bronia Cyngiser concentration camps in racism. Each May, about 1,800 were killed." Education Poland and Germany. It took grade 12 students come to the Scholarship. With a contributed three years before he was well. College to hear firsthand from tion of \$10,000 from the enough to be released from Holocaust survivors about their. Alberta and the Northwest

He recounts working from was healthy enough to work war." so he wouldn't be sent away.

didn't talk much about their experiences of selections. University in Jerusalem and horrific experiences for years. deportations, hard work, and sponsors good citizenship But in the 1980s when Alberta lashings and starving in the 'awards at the Calgary Jewish teacher Jim Keegstra was tried camps, it's not easy because Academy. for claiming the Holocaust mentally I'm there? I relive didn't happen, the Cyngisers that," says Sid. felt they had to speak out and He pauses to regain his appeared in the Mount Royal set the record straight. It was - composure as he looks at a - College - newsletter, - The 18 years ago that the Calgary photo of his sisters, mother Leader, and is reprinted with

Without much say over They were reunited in Calgary two years later and married on

Sid, who was 17 when he

Bronia was seven-yearswas a death camp," she says, world. It's important to know tool." her voice going quiet. "You the past to see what hatred didn't work. You just waited does, how it destroys and how that Mount Royal has done to to die there. That's where I it affects the world, not only to promote peace, tolerance, and lost my mother and my sister appreciate the present but love," says Sid. two weeks before the libera- work toward the future."

Jewish Centre and Mount and father, none of whom sur- permission

**Bronia & Sid Cyngiser** 

experiences.

The Cyngisers have been

"It's not so much that we History project. want to relate our experi-

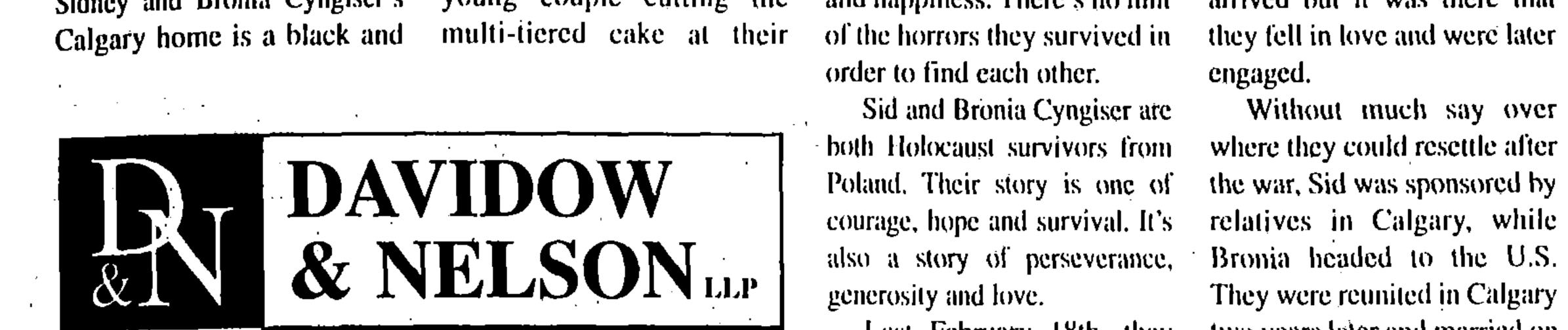
Sid, who has spoken to schools and organizations in Territories, was among 50. Holocaust survivors honoured \$35,000. An annual award of dawn until dark in a bicycle involved since the beginning at a special ceremony on about \$1,750 will go to a full-—factory until his muscles were—of the project. "Their story has—Parliament Hill in 1998. The time, second-year student in so sore he collapsed in his bed quite an impact on the stu-federal government presented the Bachelor of Education—without supper, getting 15—dents," says Izak Paul, MRC—them with certificates and (university transfer) program—lashes for trying to pick up a biology instructor and one of pins to recognize their for contributions to multicul- piece of fruit lying on the the event coordinators. "The contributions to Canada. ground, and pinching his room goes absolutely quiet. Both Cyngisers were intercheeks at roll call to give them—when they describe what hap-viewed—on video for the some colour to show that he pened to them during the Steven Spielberg sponsored Survivors of the Shoah Visual

According to the It will benefit students who old when the war began. She ences," says Sid. "We hope Cyngisers' son, Harvey, it was really need it. It's a good feel-spent much of the war making these young people, who will only natural to support the bullets in a munitions factory be the possible leaders of College and its students. The couple, now in their at Auschwitz. "Every day we tomorrow, will learn some- "Both of my parents are 70s, did not know each other marched to the factory while thing from it and appreciate indebted to Mount Royal before the Second World War. the orchestra played," she their good fortune of living in College for supporting They first met in a German says. She was 14 when she one of the best countries in the the Holocaust Education hospital after escaping the was liberated from the Nazi world. We want the new gen-Symposium, which they see camp at Bergenbelzen. 'That eration to enter a different as an important educational

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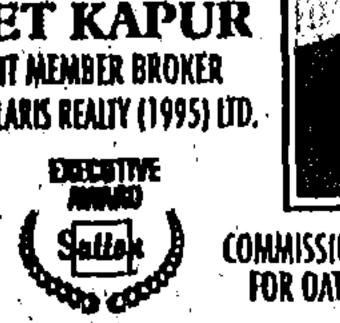
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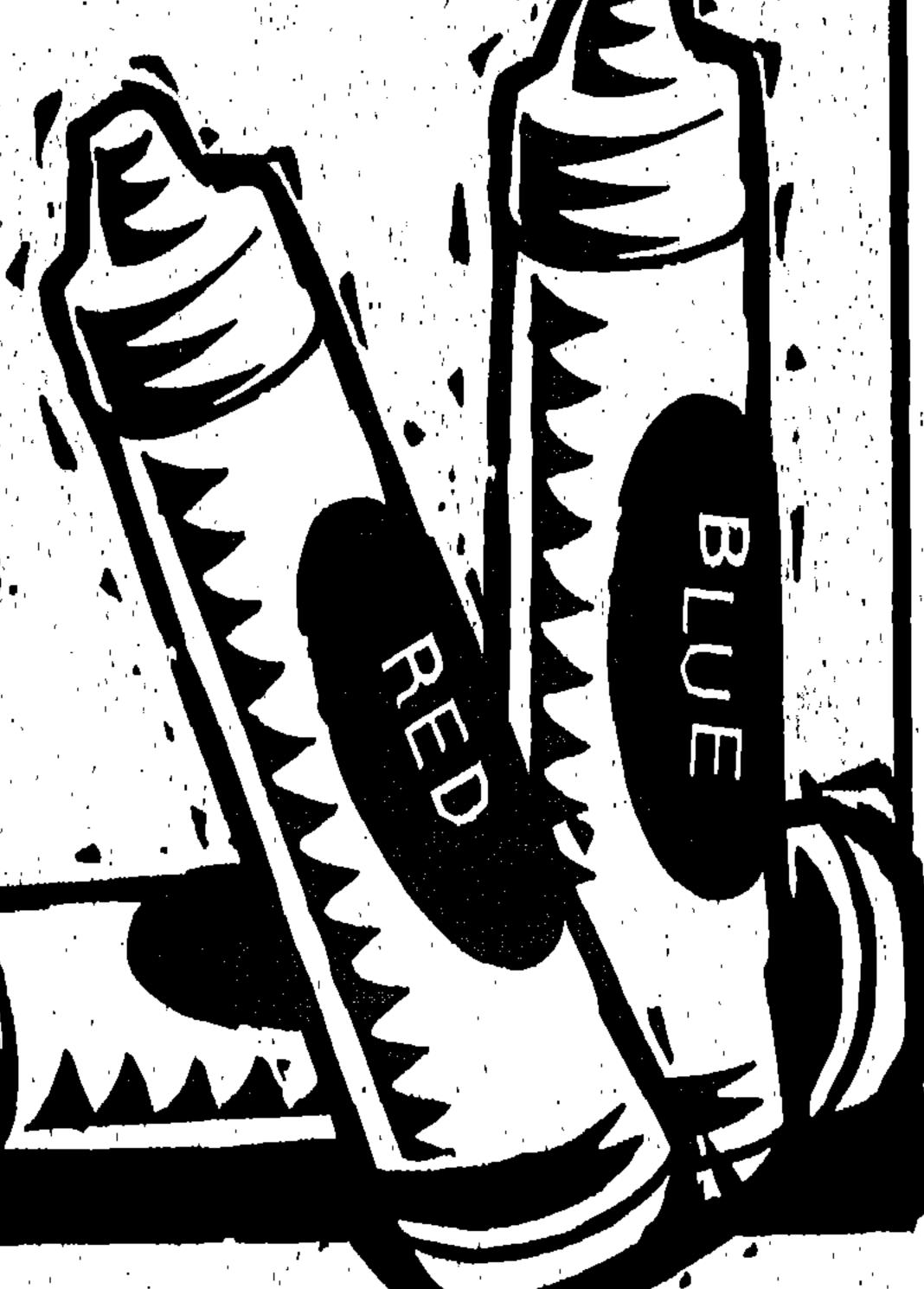
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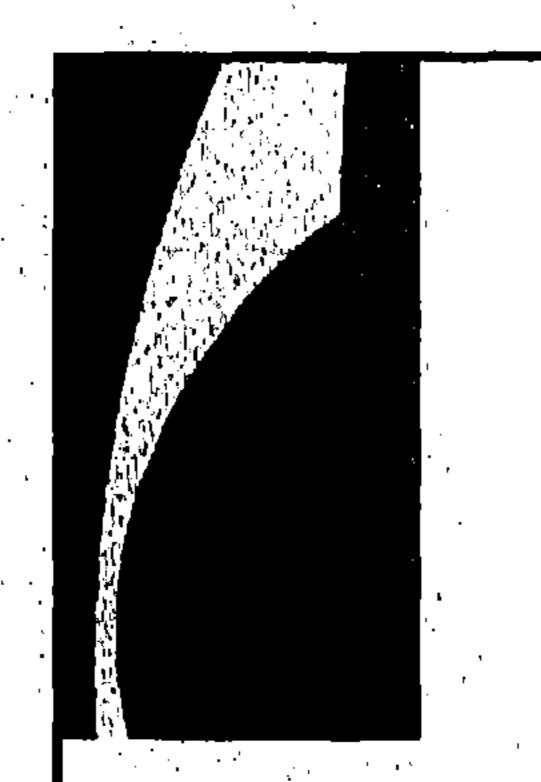
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#### Banners, Beatings and Boycotts

by Michael Hamlyn, Cape Town

and historic vehicles, or Malay slaves. from the organizers of the "In the eyes of the radicals," Mardi Gras. But it reminded he explains, "Durban legit-South Africa's 80.000strong Jewish community of

It is particularly strong -Lions, a relatively new phe- "SA Jews sending money to



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n a bright, sunny with the apartheid regime. It Semitic slogans and blaming December day, the lit- has been given a boost by the the Jews for the suffering o tle seaside town of Fish Palestinian intifada, although the Palestinians. Three Hock, just outside Cape South Africa's 600,000 Jewish youths were kicked Town, held what it called a Muslims are not Arabs, but and verbally abused in Mardi Gras parade of floats descendants of Indian traders Rosebank shopping mall in

Anti-Jewish sentiment and Jewish day schools are of teenagers in World War II was fanned further by now protected by security German uniforms was an "Zionism Is Racism" guards - armed and with ancient German military demonstrations surrounding radios - and by community jeep, bedecked in swastikas. the United Nations World volunteers. After Philip Krawitz, chair- Conference Against Racism Individual Jews are keepman of the Cape council of in Durban last September. ing out of harm's way. In the Jewish Board of Yehuda Kay, the Board of Johannesburg, for instance, Deputies, protested that the Deputies executive director, Jewish housewives are boyfloat was "completely unac- says that for the first time cotting Oriental Plaza, ceptable in a country where black citizens saw "blatant where spices and silks and we have worked so hard to anti-Semitism that has never household items are sold by build good relationships been seen on the ground in Muslim traders. "People among all groups," he South Africa." Krawitz won't go to Oriental Plaza," received an apology from detects an intensification of says Cindy Caines, a 28the owner of the jeep and attacks on Jews as Zionists. year-old mother of two. imized these attacks."

On big-city walls, slogans cousin's wedding, but my how close to the surface—appeared branding Israelis as—gran and aunt said I should-"baby killers." Anti-Israel n't go. They said the rabbis rhetoric in the newspapers have advised people not to and growing - among the escalated too. A recent head- go, or if you do go, not to black and Muslim popula- line in the Sowetan read: show that you are Jewish." nomenon which is fed by the terrorists in Israel." The any incidents, Caines memory that Israel cooperated Sowetan is South Africa's admits: "I don't, but lots of

> black readers. After September Muslims marched through Cape Town in an antianti-Israel peared. "Long live Bin Laden."

Surprisingly, perhaps, the Association formed a subnumber of physical attacks—group, which said its aim reported to the Board of was to defend Jerusalem's Deputies, the Jewish com- Al-Aqsa Mosque. So far, munity's roof organization, there have been no physical in 2001 remained in single incidents, but anti-Israel figures, much lower than in demonstrations have taken countries such as Australia, place at many universities. Argentina, France and On Yom Kippur,about 500 Britain. The worst incident Muslim students at Johanwas the beating of an elderly nesburg's Witwatersrand Cape Town Jewish doctor, University marched under who has spent most of his banners working life treating Muslims. Four men in Arafat-style head-scarves attacked him, shouting anti-

Johannesburg, Synagogues

"There's a lot of ill feel-

ing. I wanted to go and buy some cloth for a dress for my

Asked if she knows of largest-selling daily paper, people are afraid. The meraimed almost exclusively at chants don't want you there, and we just don't want to go and support them." Yehuda Muslim radio stations and Kay, at the Board of websites blamed the World. Deputies, confirms this hos-Trade Center attack on the tility. A sign was put up in Jews, who were said to have—Oriental Plaza reading "No done it to discredit Islam. Jews allowed." It was removed after the board protested, but soon reap-

On university campuses

proclaiming "Sharon is a war criminal": "Israel is an apartheid state"; and "Stop racist invasions," Tension reached such a pitch that Muslim and Jewish student associations, which used to work closely togeth er, now no longer talk each other.

A decade after the col-

badly with the more conserv- throw them out now?" ative Jews and other whites.

our response," says Philip lost ground." The 49-year-their children with hatred." Krawitz, "If you attack edito- old, Israeli-born ambassador

newspapers." -

arms to the apartheid regime, their ministerial offices, they of the occupied lands and yet at the same time it voted all said the same thing; guaranteed security provided in favor of United Nations "People like Muamar Qadhafi," for each side," sanctions. The former poli- Yasser Arafat and Fidel Castro cies alienated African nation-supported us in our liberation waged a lone battle against alists, while the latter played struggle. Why should we apartheid as the only Yasser Arafat,on the other acknowledges the problem. declined to sign the declarahand, was one of Nelson Assessing the impact of tion, which she dismisses as Mandela's staunchest allies. Tova Herzl, Israel's current one-sided. The same charge in the struggle for majority—ambassador, Krawitz says:—is made by rabbis and lead-

views printed,"

In the same spirit, Jewish people that Israel is right even-handed issue. "One students handed out flowers—would be difficult. I would—side has an army," she to anti-Israel demonstrators—be satisfied to show there are—insists, "the other has not." at Durban, but they have—two sides to the conflict."—One is occupied, the other is now adopted a more militant. The editors of the Johannes- the occupier." Gastrow comapproach. Jodi Raskin, burg Star, the country's plains that she and other sigchairperson of the National biggest-selling evening paper. natories have been ostracized Union of Jewish Students, recently named her as No. 5 within the Jewish communisays Durban was "an eye- in their list of favorite dinner ty. "People have told me I'm opening, frightening experi-guests in 2001, "She is loads—an idiot," she says, "and ence." The student group of fun," they wrote, "even if there's nothing to discuss." responded by establishing a you disagree about the polipolitical wing to fight ties of her country. It's not for some of their more zeal-Israel's corner. It ended the —just their hosts who disagree —ous critics. "Kasrils should academic year with a pro- about Israeli policies. The be excommunicated from Israel rally at which the Jewish community, itself is the Jewish community," says keynote speaker was an bitterly divided. Last October, Jonathan Cantor, a student of Ethiopian immigrant woman Ronnie Kasrils, the only commerce at the University flown in specially from Jewish member of President of South Africa, who has just

just returned from briefings less security methods" it in Israel. Raskin, a 21-year, Temploys against the old psychology student, says Palestinians. "These intoler- anything Jewish in his life, more will follow in the new—able strategies," the 63-year—he's never done anything for academic year, which begins—old Water and Forestry minis-—the Jewish community. Now in February. "We shall be ter said, "together with the he's running around saying protesting, marching and growing number of provoca- 'I'm Jewish.' It's an accident lobbying," she promises, tive Jewish settlements in of birth that he's Jewish. "We shall do our best to get—the West Bank, undermine—That's all." a pro-Israel message into the the legitimacy of the Israeli Memories of Israel's poli- ing position." Kasrils, a and resentful - about a latecy during the apartheid years Communist former intelli- November call by Ariel also make black and Muslim gence chief of the ANC's Sharon to move to Israel. South Africans less receptive—guerrilla army, drew a paral- Philip—Krawitz reports—a

to Israel's depiction of Arafat —lel between "the oppression —negative reaction. Zionism is as an unreconstructed terror- experienced by Palestinians no longer as dominant here ist who rejected an honorable—under Israel and the oppres- as it was. Ultra-Orthodox peace. The government wants—sion experienced in South—groups, like Ohr Sameach, Africa under apartheid." Israel's friendship, but not at the expense of old alliances.

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Name." So far, more than there. 200 have signed up. They include the Nobel Prize winning novelist, Nadine

lapse of apartheid, South Benjamin Pogrund, a leading Arthur Goldreich and Denis Africa's Jews are also paying anti-apartheid South African Goldberg. Explaining why a price for the contradictory Jewish journalist now living she signed, Gordimer told messages delivered by Israeli oin Jerusalem, lobbied for The Jerusalem Report: "I diplomacy during the era of Israel during the anti-racism want to see peace and secuwhite supremacy. For its own—conference. He says that rity come to the two states. security reasons, Israel coop- when he visited his old African. For me, that is very much erated strategically and sold. National Congress friends in conditional upon the return Helen Suzman, who

Progressive Party legislator The Board of Deputies between 1961 and 1974, "Jews are seen as white and ers of the traditionally This recent history makes privileged, and the ANC Zionist majority of South the Jews - and Israeli diplo-sees Arabs or Muslims as African Jews. The veteran mats - wary of hitting back too historically disadvantaged. It chief rabbi, Cyril Harris, hard. They protect, they mon- is a difficult stand from argued that "the Palestinians itor, they make their voice—which to make a difference,—have never admitted the posheard, but they try not to pro- but she has helped to make sibility of coexistence with voke, "We've been guarded in up a tremendous amount of Israel, and continue to incite

But Shelagh Gastrow, a rials, the editor always has the spent nine of her childhood 52-year-old Cape Town last word, and cabinet minis- years in South Africa, where University fund-raiser, who ters can always get preference her parents taught Hebrew. signed the Kasrils declarawhen they want to have their. She strikes the right notes, tion, retorts that the Israelithough she admits: "Convincing Palestinian conflict is not an

That's not drastic enough Thabo Mbeki's government, returned from a year's Ten student leaders have attacked Israel for the "ruth-yeshivah study at Ohr Sameach in New York.

"Kasrils has never done

The Jewish community is

government and its negotiat- also feeling a trifle nervous are making inroads. Only In a series of meetings 182 applied for aliyah in across the country, he and 2001. Barely 18 percent of Max Ozinsky, an ANC min- those who leave go to Israel, ister in the Western Cape's while about 40 percent provincial government, called choose Australia and 25 peron South African Jews to cent the United States. sign a declaration of con- They'll defend Israel, but science entitled "Not In My they're in no hurry to go

- O Jerušalem Report

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#### The future of dentistry has arrived at Diamond Dental

A visit to the dentist is not usually high on the list of fun spots but when you see Dr. Jerrold Diamond's new state of the art facility you might change your opinion. Diamond Dental opened new offices this past November in the west end in a new mall at 172nd Street and 95th Ave.

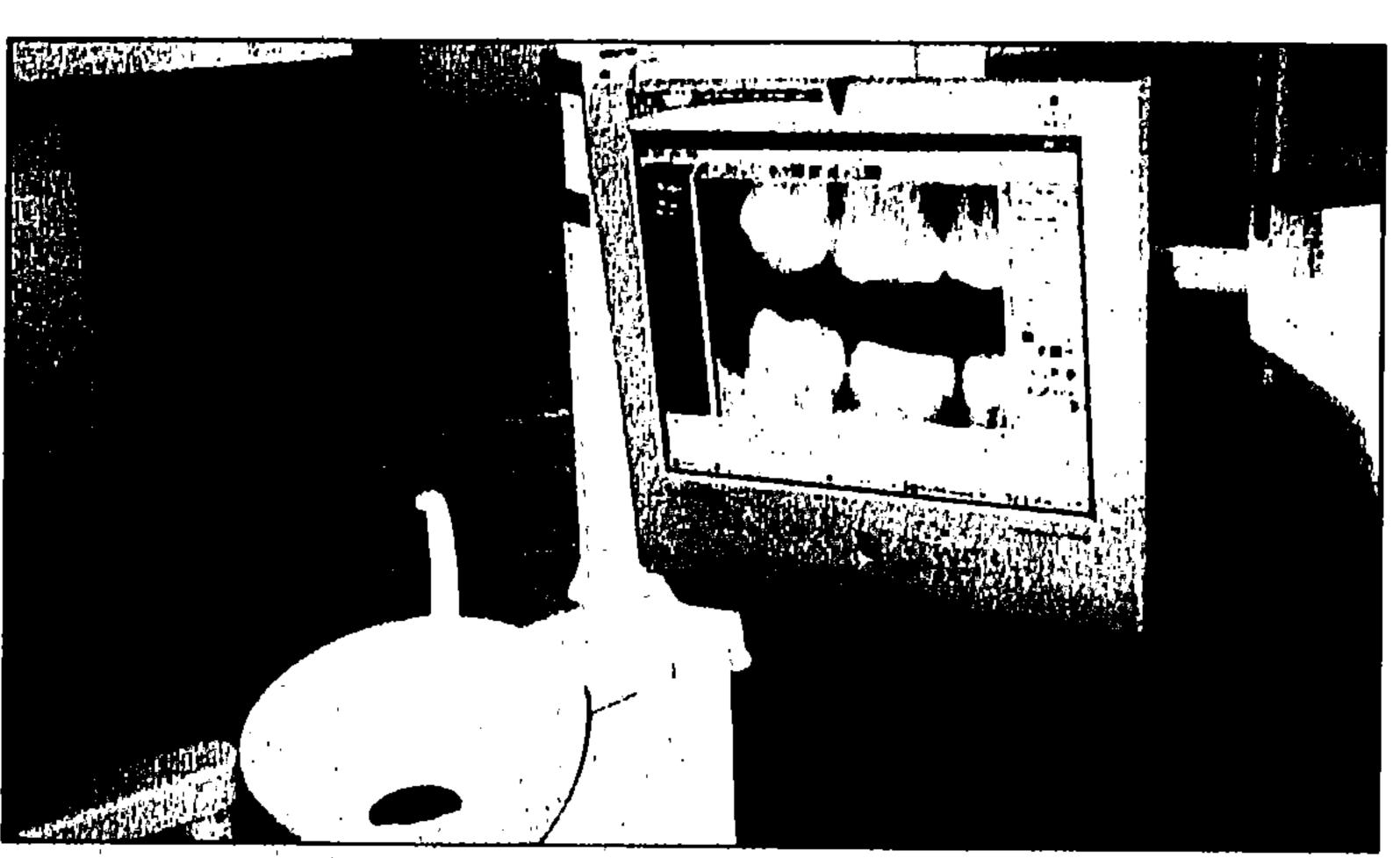
It was designed to make you feel like you're not in a dental office and that's the impression you get when you walk in and spot the full size billiards table or the Nintendo game on the TV screen. The open beamed ceilings, unfinished slate floor and the stylish leather chairs and couch in the waiting room, are reminiscent of the decor in a trendy fashion store. Another difference you'll notice is the private space where you can make payment arrangements and book appointments with the receptionist. There is also a meeting room to discuss future treatment needs with Dr. Diamond and his staff.

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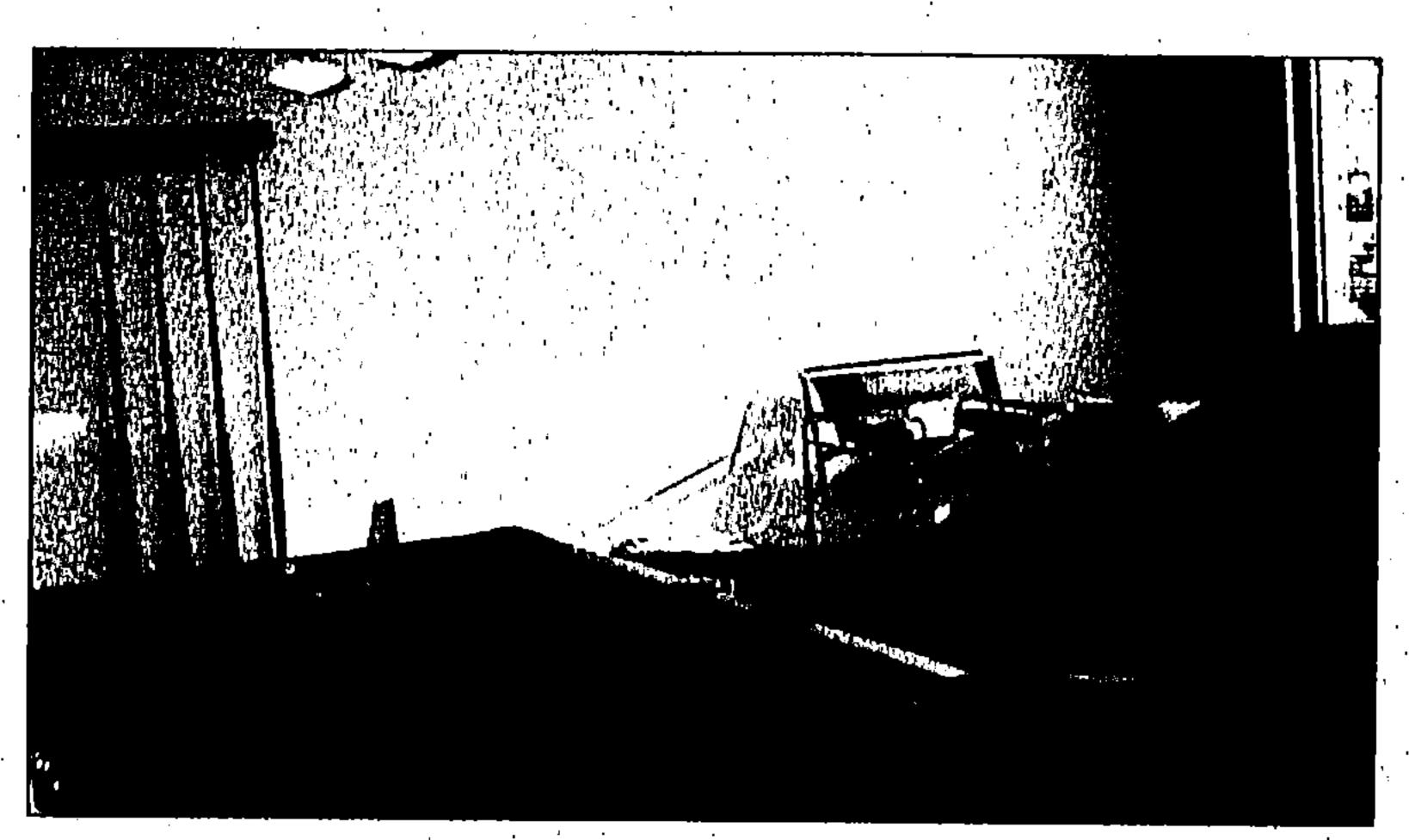
the digital files are stored on the computer and can be reviewed on future visits. Your children will love the video screens at every chair because when they're not looking at pictures of their mouth they may have a chance to enjoy a cartoon during treatment.

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