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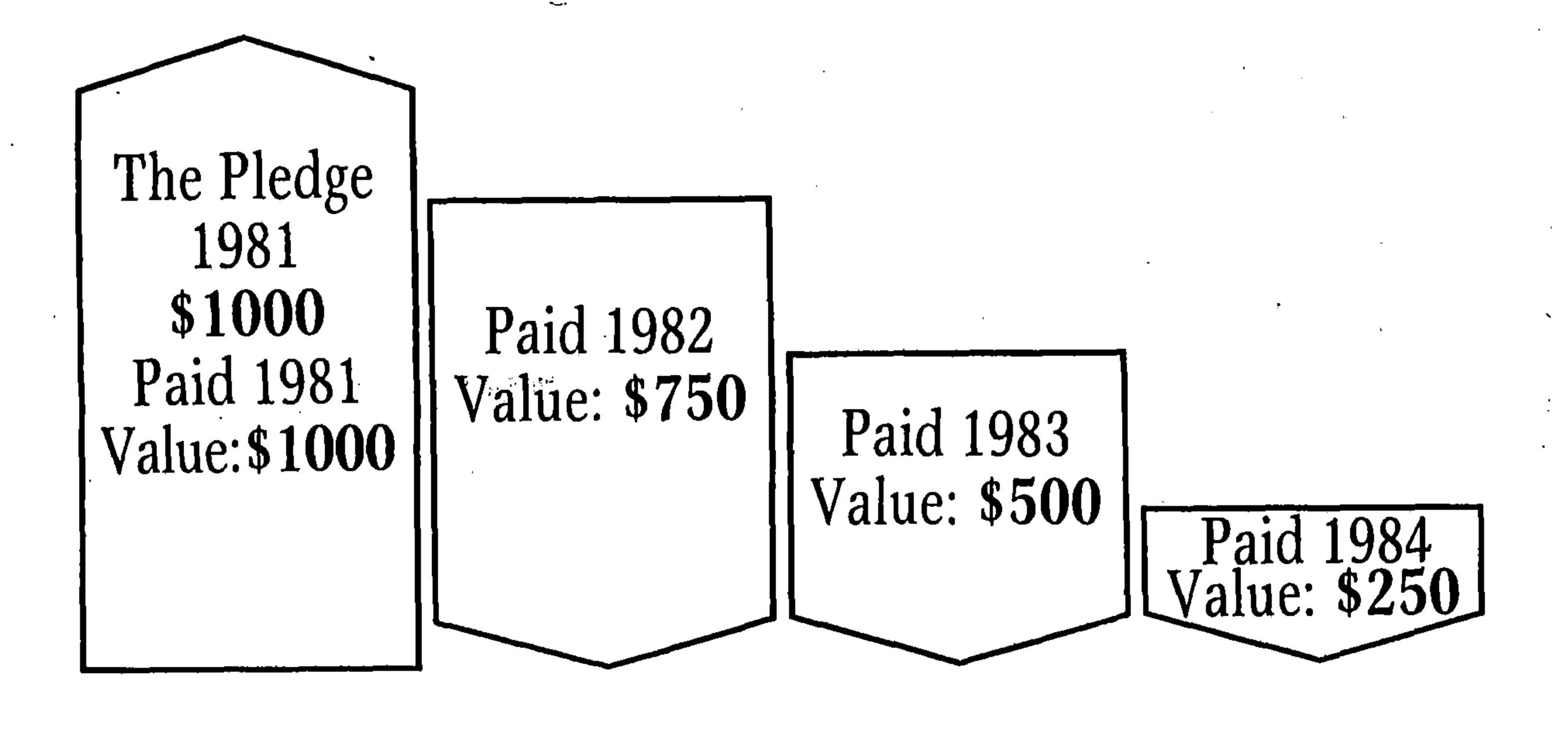
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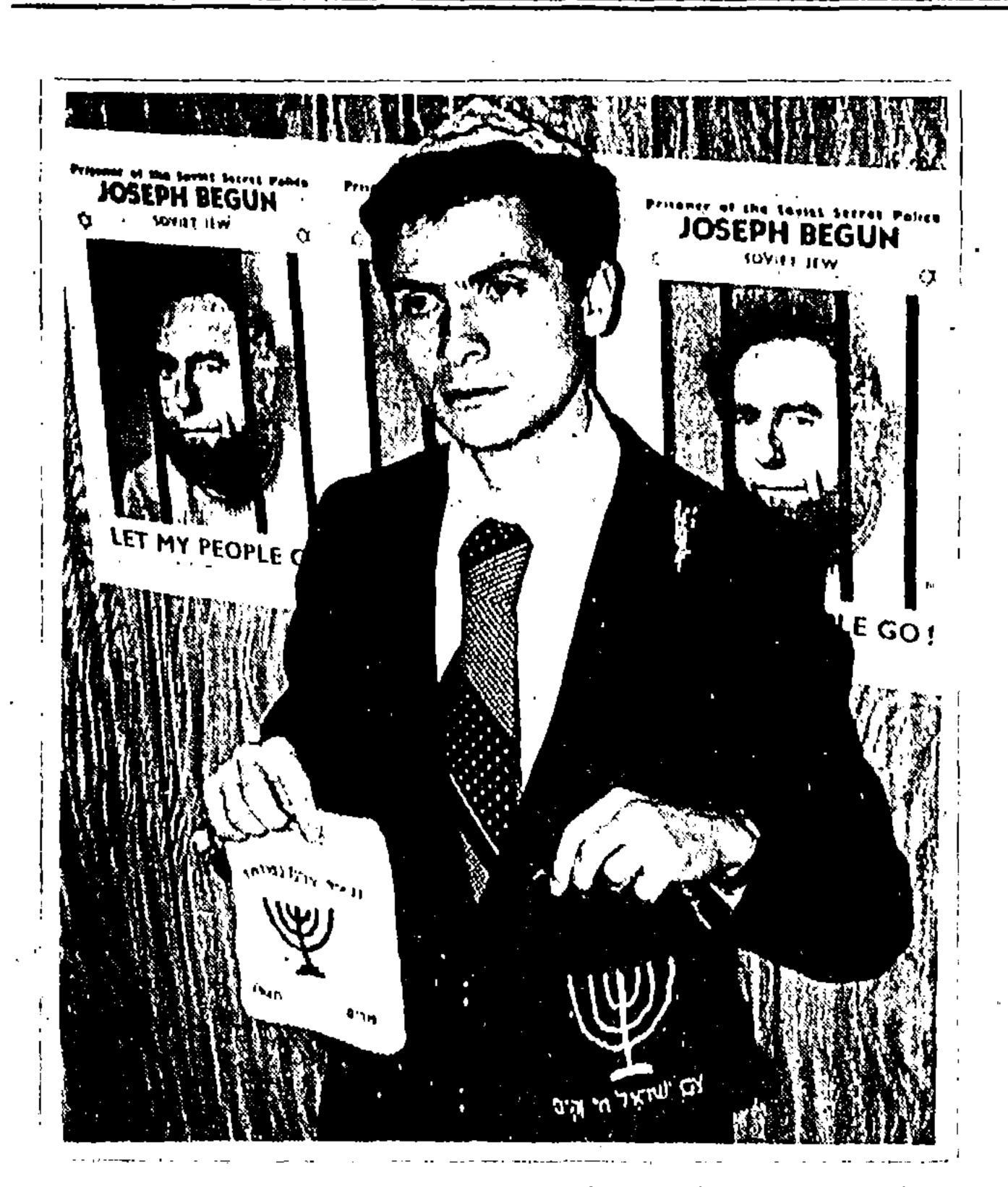
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--Student Struggle for Soviet Tewry Photo MEN OF COURAGE — Avigdor Eskin, 21, a former Moscow unofficial Hebrew and religious studies teacher, wears a skullcap and holds tefilin (phylacteries) bags sewn by Prisoner-of-Conscience Dr Joseph Begun, while in jail awaiting banishment to Siberia, Embroidered on the bags are menorahs and the phrases "Our eyes will be lit by Your Torah" and "The Jewish people live and will exist". Mr Eskin, who lives in Israel, was visiting New York to spearhead a campaign for prisoners and unofficial Jewish teachers in the Soviet Union.

Mitterrand's Victory **Positive Sign for Israel**

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Mitterrand is determined to try Israeli President and Premier t and improve Franco-Israeli visit France relations, adopt a more balanced Mitterrand's first official fun-French policy in the Middle East ction, after he returned to Paris and try to stem West European from his country home, was to visit initiatives on the subject for the the grave of his life-long friend time being.

Socialist who on May 10 inflicted a Senator, sho served as Mit-

News Analysis

ery Giscard d'- two years ago. Estaing, said he all his pre-electoral pledges. These include a halt to the shipments of

enriched uranium to Iraq, a reevaluation of French arms sales to PARIS and JERUSALEM (JTA) the Arab countries and the exten-- French Pres.-elect Francois sion of official invitations to the

Georges Dayan at Montparnasse Sources close to the 64-year-old Jewish Cemetery. The Jewish shattering defeat to terrand's main contact with Israel outgoing Pres. Val- and the Jewish community, died

plans to implement Mitterrand Acquainted With Israel

Mitterrand is well acquainted (continued on page 3)

Canada to Allow El Al Guards to Carry Weapons at Airport

MONTREAL (JTA) - The number of El Al guards have been Canadian Government has allowed authorized to carry weapons which a legal but rarely used exception to will be licensed to them by the Canada's strict gun control laws to Quebec police department, but permit/El Al security guards at would not say how many. He Montreal's Mirabel Airport to stressed that the guards, while carry weapons. Solicitor-General foreign security agents, are Part II Robert Kaplan explained earlier residents of Canada. Mr Kaplan this month that the exception was said he plans no new legislation at made because the Israeli air the present to lift the ban on carrier has been singled out as a foreigners carrying arms. target for terrorist attack. He denied, however, that the decision was connected with any recent threat against El Al.

Canadian policy prohibits security agents will be required to foreign police agents from being relinquish their arms. armed while in Canada. The During the visit of Prime Government insists, in fact, that Minister Menachem Begin to security agents travelling with Canada in 1979, an Israeli security foreign VIPs deposit their weapons agent guarding him was forcibly with Canadian authorities on disarmed by RCMP officers, after arrival in the country. Their role is he refused to relinguish his weapon limited to liaison with Canadian to them. The incident created bad police.

Mr Kaplan said a "very small" Canada.

The RCMP Assistant Commissioner said the El Al case is an exception. All other foreign

feelings between Israel and

Edmonton Sun Apologizes for 'Bigot' Letter of

pecial to The Jewish Star Edmonton Sun has

apologized for having published an article in which "Jews and Communists" were accused of being "troublemakers, and the world will not be in peace until we get rid of them!

The article, which appeared in the Sun's May 17 issue in its "Armehair Critic" column, was signed by a "Mr Liber". It was sent to the Sun in response to an invitation to the newspaper's readers to comthe attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II David Grossman, President o the Edmonton Jewish Communit Council, in a letter to David Bailey, the Sun's Editor-in-Chief, said that he viewed the decision to prin _ '¥rash'' to the oarrassmentminimum standards of journalistic

"Rarely have I seen such unqualified, irresponsible, anti-Semitic drivel", Mr Grossman wrote, "except, of course, for neo-Nazi publications which cater to the sick, demented, fringe elements in our society — and certainly never, ever, have such things appeared in the pages of a respected mass circulation Canadian newspaper - until now! As a Jew, cellor, last week has led to a as an Albertan, and as a Canadian who, over the years, has actively pursued effective Civil Rights legislation in Canada, quite simply, I am appulled and shocked.

In replying to Mr Grossman's criticisms, the Sun apologized, in its May 22 issue, "to Mr Grossman and to the entire Edmonton Jewish Community for what was, among other things, a breach of our own policy. We do not share the view of Mr Liber or any other bigot."

"The Edmonton Jewish Community Centre has given the Jewish community a home." Bill Meloff told The Jewish Star then called the Hillcrest Country during a recent conversation. Mr. Club. Until this time, there had Meloff, who has been the been no central facility for com-Executive Director of the Centre since 1978, has decided now to pursue a full-time academic career, ted. According to Mr. Meloff, instead of two part-time careers main goal is to provide a social, which each require a full-time

In a reflective mood, Mr Meloff talked about the past and the life. It provides a facility and staff U.J.A. **Beneficiaries** Community Centre, munity, and has thus enhanced in Edmonton expressed his views their efforts. Some of its major conscience. on the goals of Jewish community centres, and spoke of his many years of involvement

with Jewish youth.

The conversation took place as the Jewish Community Centre is about to enter a new period in its history, with the appointment of an new Executive Director, Dr Lewis Hamburger.

Edmonton's Centre began, in the early 1960s, as a Jewish youth centre, housed in the gym of the Talmud Torah. Its activities consisted mainly of arts and crafts, and it was in operation for about 15 hours a week. From its inception it was an agency of Community

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Genya Intrator, the Chairman of peace and justice, but no one the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, was in Alberta in May, and met with the Province's Jewish ds and phrases used by Mohamleadership, See page 3.

Begin Criticism the two mayors expensed by islacing the two mayors Viewed Bitterly

by F. Sacher

BONN (JCNS) - The outspoken attack of Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, on Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chanclosing of ranks by members of all West German political parties in support of the Chancellor on the one hand, and to an unprecedented rise in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish feeling by the public, on the other. The entire nation has been hurt

hard by the harsh criticism and believes that it has been attacked uniustiv

Mr. Begin attacked the Chancellor after he had said in a Bonn (continued on page 2)

Special in Die Jewish Star Today's Palestinian Arabs are victims of Menachem Begin's "final solution" They are a homeless people who have been -dispersed throughout the world and are victims of humiliation. repression, and genocide, all brought about by the Israelis and the world Zionist conspiracy

Palestinians do not have tails : they The Jewish Star Photo are human beings who speak of These were some of the key wor-

med Milhem, as he spoke at the University of Calgary on May 14. Mr Milhem and Fahd Kawasme, the two mayors expelled by Israel -currently touring Canada to gain support for their return there.

June 1981

Former West

Bank Mayor

Pleads Cause

By Rena Cohen

Palestinians

Mr Milhem was mayor of by W. Germans Halhoul and Mr Kawasme, mayor of Hebron (both on the West Bank, south of Jerusalem) during a guerrilla attack which resulted in the deaths of six Jewish settlers. Both mayors were accused of having been involved with the Liberation Palestinian Organization (PLO), and since their explusion have received much media coverage.

Mr Kawasme was unable to come to Calgary. Mr Milhem appeared on his behalf, speaking to an audience numbering around 200 and comprised mainly of Arabs and their supporters. The visit was sponsored by the Student Association for Solidarity with Palestine.

PLO: Guns are Liberating

Two years ago, this reporter was part of a group that met with Mr Kawasme in Hebron. At that time, he favoured the creation of a Palestinian state, and viewed the PLO as the sole representative of (continued on page 2)

Israeli 'Refusenik' Released by Army

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Gadi Algazi, young Israeli soldier who served eight of his 12 months in the army in prison for refusing to serve on the West Bank, has been discharged from the army as "unsuitable." He refused to go to a training base on the West Bank immediately after his induction on the grounds that such service in occupied territory was against his

Since then he has been in and out of prison on a number of occasions, the last after losing an appeal to the Supreme Court. Algazi told Israeli Radio he had been summoned to the chief personnel of ficer last week and told that he had the alternatives of serving on the West Bank or being discharged. He said his third option — of serving within Israel proper — was rejected out of hand.

The Jewish Centre: Filling Gaps, Serving the Community

– Council

In the mid-seventies there were offices and activities in what was munity activities.

The Centre is community-oriencultural and recreational environment through which people will become involved in Jewish future of the Ed- support to virtually every program monton Jewish and organization in the comservices have been to newcomers Russian immigrants and youth. As a result, the Centre is rapidly becoming a central force in Edmonton's Jewish life.

Response to the Centre

The community has responded well to the Centre. Over one-third of the city's Jewish population are (continued on page 3)

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Heritage Day

Rhoda Friedman, Chairman of Edmonton's Heritage Day Committee, has announced that arrangements have already been made concerning the Community's Jewish Pavillion. This is an annual feature of the Heritage Day celebration scheduled in Edmonton each August 1st long weekend.

Yaacov Chen, Edmonton's shaliach, will be responsible for all cultural aspects of the Jewish **Pavillion and Maya Goldberg will** see to Israeli dancing and entertainment. According to Mrs. Friedman, blintzes, felafel and hamantashen will be served at the Pavillion. all and other arrangements (including equipment rentals, etc.) have been concluded.

Persons wishing to assist at the Jewish Pavillion are requested to contact Rhoda Friedman at 436-3838.

Jewish Radio Hour

The Jewish Radio Hour is a munity relations techniques in the weekly feature of the Edmonton 1980's, leadership development Jewish Community and can be bequest and endowment funds, heard on C.K.E.R. 1480 (AM Dial) campaign and solicitation in small each and every Sunday from 7 to and intermediate communities, all p.m. It Magazine", a weekly review of Jewish education, the Holocaust events in Israel, direct from and its commemoration, Jewish Jerusalem: Israel Chassidic, Folk, life in the 1980's, Youth and Oriental, and Children's Song education, inter-ethnic and inter-Festivals; local interviews with faith dialogue, and international foreign dignitaries, diplomats, and relations. other persons of interest, as well as The Conference will.also feature Holy Day Specials for young and many guest speakers from all old alike.

Under the directorship of Gillian Horwitz, the program has attrac- planning and implementation of ted numerous advertisers, in- the Conference are requested to cluding Loto Canada and C.P. Air. contact Mark Silverberg (487-5120) Persons or companies wishing to or Bruce Mintz (487-8894). advertise on "The Jewish Hour" are requested to contact Gillian for more details at 489-1555.

We are interested in your reactions to and comments on our Massada broadcast. Give us a call at 487-5120. Tell us your feelings on a "Jewish" Video Hour'' on Community Cable Channel 10.

Holocaust Remembrance Committee

Holocaust Remembrance Commit- Pat Lavin, produced the play tee, has announced that the which is now an entry in the forth-Canadian Jewish Congress recen- coming tly received a \$200,000 federal scheduled for Calgary. government grant in order to con- Similar requests have been duct a systematic national cam- made for materials on the paign designed to take oral Holocaust. These followed directly testimonies of Holocaust sur- from the Community's recent vivors. Audio recording Holocaust Exhibit which was professionals will be spanning featured at the Jewish Community Canada in the near future, and Centre during the week of Yom Ha survivors are requested to contact Shoa. The exhibit was attended by the Edmonton Jewish Community several hundred persons including Council for further details. Recor-students from the Edmonton ded tapes will be transferred to Talmud Torah, Edmonton Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and will Christian High School and Jasper be part of an eternal memorial to Place High School those who suffered from and those

who perished by Nazi tyranny. Sunday, May 17, saw the official ground breaking ceremony for the permanent Holocaust Memorial. on the grounds of Edmonton's Stanley-Venne, Chairman of the Jewish Cemetery. A portion of the Edmonton Race Relations Com-

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fire were buried there at the same

The service, attended by over commencement of construction, and those present were given an opportunity to participate in the activities of the day. Officiating were Rabbis Polin-

sky and Hyman as well as Cantor Jeff Siegel.

The Memorial is scheduled for completion by Rosh Hashana/Yom Kippur, 1981.

Western Canada Conference

Edmonton is to be the host of the Canadian Jewish Congress's Western Canada Conference, presently scheduled from Oct. 23-25, 1981.

The Conference will be orientated primarily to resolution of problems unique to Western Canada. It will deal with Jewish security, anti-semitism and comfeatures "Israel aspects of Jewish Family Services,

across Canada.

Persons wishing to assist in the

Joint Community **Relations** Committee

Recent interest in the T.V. drama "Massada" has resulted in several requests from Alberta high schools to provide them with material on the historical implications Massada. The most recent request came from Onoway High School Al Rozenberg, Chairman of the which, under the direction of Mr provincial finals

Race Relations

The J.C.R.C. recently authorized a letter to be sent to Mrs. Muriel Torah ashes from the Beth Shalom mittee, outlining those areas which the Jewish community considers of vital importance to the Edmonton community generally. These areas include: the rights of the handicapped, the needy and the elderly; the environment and pollution; representation of visible minorities on T.V., in newspapers, and magazine advertisements, etc. in accordance with their proportionate number in Canadian society: united action against any organization basing its credibility on racial or religious differences among Canadians; working with the Alberta Teachers Association on utilizing educational techniques presently in use in the United All advertising published in The Jewish Star is States, which enable students to subject to the terms and conditions of the identify racism and bigotry ir everyday situations.

It is J.C.R.C.'s intention to ensure that the Race Relations Committee of Edmonton will acsixty persons, marks the official tively and continually pursue these objectives in a united manner.

Letter to Archbishop

The assasination attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II, a man of peace, is a poor statement on civilized society. Immediately following the news of the shooting, the Edmonton Jewish communit sent a letter to Archbishop Joseph McNeil of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. The letter, which sent "heartfelt prayers and hope" for the Pope's speedy recover, was signed by David Grossman, President of Community Council. The letter spoke of the Pope's "spirit, determination and kindness ... as a flicker of light in world often overshadowed by arkness. It is a tragic contradiction of our times that those who seek to do Good, are often the first

to suffer.

The Archbishop replied in part: Your expression of support and concern on the occasion of the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II is very much appreciated. Your offer of prayers the Jewish people, in support of the for his speedy and complete Palestinian Arabs and their recovery is comforting and en- causes. couraging.

New Regulations on Rape Victims

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Victims of rape will be given top priority in the emergency rooms of Israel's hospitals regardless of which hospital's emergency room open, according to a new regulation announced by the Health Ministry.

The new regulation, effective as of Apr. 22, is intended as another measure to cope with the growing incidents of rape by easing the pressure on victims. According to the new procedure, a victim will be immediately checked by a senior gynecologist whose findings will serve as valid testimony in court At the same time, the victim will be treated by a psychatrist and social worker. Until now a rape victim had to pass another checkup at a Kupat-Holim (sickfund) clinic in order to obtain medical documents that would be considered as valid testimony in court proceedings.

Begin Criticism

(continued from page 1) television interview on his return from Saudi Arabia that Germany had a moral commitment to "the Palestinians who escaped or fled from the West Bank", and accused Israel of intransigence.

Mr. Begin deplored this talk of a "commitment to those who strove to complete what the Germans had started in Europe", and said that no Arabs fled from the West Bank in 1948 and 1967 when Israel won in spite of the Jordanian attacks on her. There is no doubt that the anti-Jewish attitude of a strong minority in West Germany h been reinforced by Mr. Begin' criticism to a degree never previously reached since the end of the Second World War.

It is also true that circles who have always supported Israel are wondering whether the long and cumbersome process of reconciliation has been in vain, and whether Jews are really interested in a reconciliation with the German people. As Franz Josef Strauss, the chairman of the Christian Social Union in Bavaria (which is in alliance with the opposition Christian Democratic Party) said: "The good relationship which existed between West Germany and Israel has been destroyed, more or less."



Mayor Pleads Palestinian Case

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the Palestinians. Prior to 1948, he aid at the time, Jewish leaders had guns and achieved their liberation. The PLO, he continued seek their liberation so they get guns. They are not terrorists; they freedom fighters. Kawasme also stated then that he believed that it is improper to seize land through any type of force or coercion.

Palestinians: 'the new Jews'

During the recent visit of Irwin Cotler, the President of the "the new Jews". The PLO has Palestinians from become the only liberation movement in the Mideast, and is recognized by the United Nations: Israel is accused of being racist. and is continually condemned for alleged atrocities and violations of human rights. Israel is identified with all that is evil in the Middle East.

Prof. Cotler's description c current stereotypes in the Mideast was given life by Mr Milhelm in his presentation. In a sophisticated and psychologically sound manner, he used words and phrases once considered the sole copyright of

Such a technique was not limited Milhem at the University stated Jews, a people without a land. This the same treatment. was not true, he stated, as there had always been a Palestinian

presence there. The student speaker also referred to this "cruel world, where a drop of Arab oil is more valuable than a drop of Arab blood.

Milliem Explains Expulsion

Mr Milhem, who had been freely elected as the Mayor of Hebron in 1976, explained why he felt the Israel Government had expelled him from the country. During his first day in office, he said, he made the following statements: self-determination was requirement for the Palestinians; the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians;

and the Israelis must cease to occupy foreign land. In addition, he believed that Israelis had been properly warned, and had to be prepared for, ambush attacks against them. They are, in his view, seizing land that does not belong to them, and erecting apartments on other peoples' property. Before Israeli, and other Jewish, adventurers, came to the Mideast. all lived in harmony, Mr Milhem elaimed

Israel Denies Human Rights

Mr Milhem, turning to a related Canadian Jewish Congress, to subject, claimed that it was the Calgary (The Jewish Star, Apr. 17), desire of the Israeli military he spoke of the Palestinians as government to prevent the becoming anything more than said He labourers. Palestinians were being denied basic human rights of higher education and open employment. Even if Palestinians residing outside of the Mideast — such as in Calgary — would choose to return to the region, there would be no iobs for them.

Mr Milhem asserted that he never should have been expelled from Israel, for all he had done was to talk and write of the "facts".

Of time spent in prison in Israel while awaiting trial (52 days), he said that he preferred jail in 'Palestine to all the palaces in the Arab world".

To further illustrate-the situation of the Palestinians in Israel, the former mayor of Halhoul recalled stories of individuals and the to Mr Milhem who is, after all, by problems they have encountered. now an experienced speaker. Thus It is important to publicize such inthe student who introduced Mr dividual cases. Mr Milhem said, For if a Jew is arrested in the that, according to Theodor Herzl, Soviet Union, we watch coverage Palestine was a land without of this for hours and days on TV. people that could be given to the Palestinian Arabs should be given

Write Letters to Israel

In other statements, Mr Milhem welcomed any of those present to visit his town of Halhoul. He said that Calgary's Arab community had the courage and ability to do miracles. They could stop the "nonsense" going on there. He asked everyone to write letters on behalf of him, and others, to Israel, to the U.N., and to the Canadian Government. They must remember that the life of a human being is precious.

Above all, Mr Milhem wished the audience to know that he is an educator who has never used a weapon. He wants his children to carry roses, not guns. "Let us go home again!", he said in concluding his emotion-laden speech.



Mitterrand Victory

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with Israel and its leaders He visited Israel five times during the last ten years and conferred with Israel's Labor Party on many occasions at the international Socialist conferences which both parties attend.

After running, and losing, in the 1968 presidential election against De Gaulle, Mitterrand devoted himself to the reconstruction of the Socialist Party, From that time on, he found himself in close personal contact with dozens of Jews who, since Leon Blum's 1936 Socialis Premiership, have traditionally flocked to the country's left-wing parties,

Majority of Jews for Mitterrand

First available polls show that a majority of France's 400,000 Jewish voters backed Mitterrand, His victory might change a 23year-old French traditional pro-Arab policy in the Middle East. De Gaulle, upon his rise to power in 1958, started a process of loosening of formerly close Franco-Israeli ties. He imposed an arms embargo on the eve of the Six Day War. His two successors, Georges Pompidou and Giscard, continued this policy and even gave it additional

Four Elements in Mideast Policy Per

Mitterrand's Middle East policy, views, official Socialist documents and his May 6 meeting with a President. delegation from the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF), contains four basic elements:

¶ Full support for the Camp David agreements which the Socialists see as an important step towards a global agreement in the Mideast. France, it is believed, will press its nine European Economic Community (EEC) partners to come out in support of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as "the most representative" Palestinian known and long-time friendshi organization and accepting the with Mitterrand, and to the new eventual creation of a Palestinian French leader's attendance at the homeland. The Palestinians, in the Labor Party's national convention Socialist view, are called to play an in Jerusalem last December. important role in future Both Israeli leaders pointedly negotiations for a global peace made public reference in the af agreement on condition that they termath of the French elections t recognize Israel and accept its Mitterrand's specific undertaking right to exist.

uranium liable to be used for this will indeed be one direct outmilitary purposes by Iraq and a re- come of the change of adevaluation of overall French arms ministrations in France. There is sales to the Arab countries. In his also the expectation in Israel that reply to the CRIF leaders, Mit- the tone, at least, of France's terrand broadly hinted at the Mideast policy will change for the possibility of French arms sales to better from Israel's point of view.

Israel by saying that "it is not enough to recognize Israel's right to exist unless it is given the means to ensure its independence."

• A more restrained attitude on Lebanon than that of the outgoing Administration. The French Socialists are not overly warm supporters of the Christians nor are they in favor of stationing ; French peace-keeping force in the country. The Socialists would also have second thoughts about an Israeli pre-emptive strike in Lebanon and are in favor of a relaxation of tensions between Israel and Syria which could provoke a new oil crisis.

Most observers nonetheless believe that in spite of Mitterrand's pre-electoral pledges and his good intentions, France is about to enter into a period of uncertainty and that only time will reveal how Mitterrand will manage to cope with the mass of problems which he will have to face. The Middle East will be one of the main issues on his path of an understanding with France's powerful Communist Party.

Israel's View of victory

Just weeks before the elections in Israel, the victory of Francois Mitterrand has become, in a strange way, part of the campaign. Labor opposition leader Shimon proportion. Peres are vying with each other in their expressions of gratification

Begin extended a formal invitation to Mitterrand to visit Israel. For Begin, his personal relationship with Mitterrand is especially important in view of his recent public denunciations c Chancellor Helmut Schmidt West Germany and former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his repeated criticisms of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Begin is understandably anxious to show that he is not entirely beref of friends at the top strata of international politics.

Peres, for his part, has made frequent reference to his own well-

to cease supplying Iraq with enriched uranium. The real hope in **¶** Halting shipments of enriched political circles in Israel is that



GOLDA MEIR STAMP — Israel recently issued a commemorative stamp for Golda Meir, who in 1969 at age 70 becamse the country's fourth Prime Minister.

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(continued from page 1) members, and Mr. Meloff main-Premier Menachem Begin and tains this is a statistically high

Mr. Meloff told The Jewish Star over the French results and over that non-Jewish membership is also runs the only kosher food as it appears from press inter- the extent of their personal frien- approximately 25 per cent. This is dship with the new French an on-going topic of discussion, but Mr. Meloff hears less and less talk about it. The issue seems no longer to be of major concern.

> Edmonton's Centre has a membership of 750 units (ie, families, couples, singles), which is approximately 2,000 people. Eighteen months ago membership was about 200. Mr. Meloff termed such rapid growth "remarkable."

Centre's Jewish Content

When asked about the Centre's

Jewish content, Mr. Meloff replied that the Centre provides as much Jewish programming as there is a demand for. It is also facilitating Jewish survival by encouraging youth groups such as BBYO. Young Judaea and the Teen Club. The Centre Board of Directors, in addition, continues to uphold the Shabbat policy, which permits the facility to be used on Saturday only for Shabbat-oriented programs, such as the Judaism Institute. The Centre can be used for wed-

dings and other religious purposes. Mr. Meloff here gave the example of Temple Beth Ora, which holds its services in the Board Room. 'How can you deny access to a Jewish group?" he asked

rhetorically. Non-members are also served by the Centre. They can participate ir Jewish life classes and in all social

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colour and has a value of 2.60 Its tab, in Hebrew and English, reads: "Prime Minister of Israel,

A Soviet Jewry Head in Alberta

Special to The Jewish Star

The newly appointed Chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, Genya Intrator, recently visited Calgary and Edmonton as part of a Western Canadian tour, which also included Winnipeg and Vancouver Mrs Infrator visited these communities for the first time since her appointment last December.

Soviet Jewry is one of the Canadian Jewish Congress' top priorities, she told The Jewish Star, and receives the full suport not only of Congress, but also from the Canadian Zionis' / Organization and B'nai B'rith A Rather than create another organization, Mrs Intrator hopes that local organizations will include as a priority item the subject of Soviet Jewry.

To this end, Mrs Intrator met in Calgary with representatives of the Community Council, B'nai The stamp, which is lilac in B'rith, United Jewish Appeal, Shalom, House of Jacob, B'nai Tikvah, shekels, is a portrait of Mrs Meir. National Council of Jewish Women, and Hadassah-WIZO. Each of these organizations identified this subject as one with all of us, she said.

The Jewish Centre

and cultural programs. They can also, of course, participate through different Jewish organizations. 7 should here be noted that these organizations are not charged for their use of the Centre. The Centre facility in the city.

Commitment to Youth

Mr. Meloff sees the Centre's greatest potential in the area of youth. This is perhaps natural, for he has been involved with young people for many years. He was the Program Director of the Youth Centre (the forerunner of the Community Centre), Regional Director of BBYO and together with his wife Rivvy will be directing Camp B'nai B'rith at Pine Lake for his eleventh summer.

He firmly believes the Jewish future lies with the youth. "We must make them good Jewish kids," he told The Jewish Star. "If we don't meet the demands of the youth, then we have failed." To

which they are concerned.

While in Edmonton, Mrs Intrator met with Hillel Boroditsky and Mark Silverberg, the Executive Director and Assitant Executive Director respectively of the Community Council, among others, in connection with planning the Soviet Jewry portion of the Congress Conference to take place in Edmonton in October.

The Soviet Jewry Committee's involvement with Russian Jews end in Vienna, Mrs Intrator said for it is the advocacy on behalf of the refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion which is the main focus of its activities. She noted that it is up to other organizations (such as the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and American Jewish Distribution Committee) to assist Soviet Jewish emigres once they reach Vienna.

Mrs Intrator stressed that "We are our brothers' keepers'': It is this commitment which has, and will continue to, keep the condition of the dissident community in the Soviet Union of utmost concern to

this end, the Centre provides a meeting place for Jewish youth and it helps youth groups by working with them. The Centre also co-operates with Hillel at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Meloff stressed that the Centre does not compete with existing groups but it fills gaps. Over the years it has built up good relations with the other Jewish organizations and institutions in the city.

The Centre and the Community

In Mr. Meloff's view, the Centre sets trends, but it must also reflect the community's needs. At this time, it is encouraging new Russian families to join and it is sponsoring programs for single adults. The programs that the Centre runs increase and change over the years, in order to meet the changing needs of the community. To keep in touch with the community, the Centre encourages, and has received, the intense involvement of lay people Newcomers to Edmonton, who do not have to be sold on the idea of rCentre, are also becoming in-(continued on page 7)

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Side-stepping and Back-tracking

In April 1980, Canada's Solicitor-General, Robert Kaplan, met Simon Wiesenthal in Washington, D.C., in order to obtain evidence for legal action against war criminals currently residing in Canada. "I hope to get documentation and leads on witnesses, against Canadian citizens who have committed war crimes," Mr Kaplan was quoted as saying at the time. Previous Canadian governments had been criticized for inaction in this area, and Mr Kaplan's statement seemed to indicate that an initiative was about to be undertaken.

Since that meeting, Mr Wiesenthal — who claims that there are 3,000 Day War. She was 27 at the time Nazi criminals in Canada (as many as in the United States) — has obliged and had two children — a son of six the Solicitor-General with the required information. As noted in the ex- and a baby daughter. "At first I clusive story in The Jewish Star, Mr Wiesenthal has proposed to Mr was numb — I refused to believe Kaplan that Canada begin with three cases. All the necessary infor- it," she recalled. "I expected to mation required to begin prosecution was handed over to Mr Kaplan for study. So far, Mr Wiesenthal told The Jewish Star, he has heard nothing of the results of this "study".

In a talk this past April, to an Ottawa audience, Mr Kaplan revealed why that is so. First, he said in reply to a question, "I don't work for him [Simon Wiesenthal]. The government of Canada doesn't work for him, either. We're not directing our policies towards winning his approval. Our policies are taken in the interests of those in this country."

Secondly, even if the Government were to prosecute alleged Nazi criminals, the Canadian documentation to support it might well no longer be available. For, according to Mr Kaplan, Canadian governments have maintained the extraordinary policy of discarding "all records . . . when they cease to have operational value."

And, finally, the entire issue appears, Mr Kaplan said in Ottawa, to be of concern only within Jewish communities, and not even universally in that segment of the Canadian population. While the Solicitor-General said that the Government's final position would be influenced by public opinion, so far there appears to him to be little public interest in the mat-

We realize that once an individual assumes a public office, he or she is not able to act in a vacuum. Issues close to the heart may be moved far from it by considerations which have nothing to do with the merits of the case. We thus understand that, no matter how well intentioned Mr Kaplan may once have been, he is not a free agent. His remarks in Ottawa are regrettable and embarrassing (to him as well as to us), but understandable in this context.

Nonetheless, we would do well as a community in Canada to heed the advice which Mr Kaplan and Mr Wiesenthal have given.

Mr Wiesenthal has expressed the view that the battle against neo-Nazism is a human, and not solely a Jewish, one. "It is not a written law that the next victims of a holocaust must be Jews," he has said. Therefore, he has urged Jews to discard their "golden ghetto" mentality, their isolationism, and to unite with others to present their case. Apparently this is not uncommon in Europe. When the massive rally of 200,000 people took place in Paris after the bombing of the Rue Copernic Synagogue, only about 80,000 of the marchers were Jewish.

If it is leadership on this issue from Canadians which Mr Kaplan is seeking, and to which he and the Federal Government would respond, then we should try to organize ourselves, and our fellow Canadians, in order to provide this for him.

Of course, we are not working for Mr Wiesenthal, any more than is Mr Kaplan. But in pursuing this action, justice would be served. We think that matters.



Once we thought we knew conclusively the answer to the question, "Who is a Jew?" Then, after the creation of the State of Israel, the matter became embroiled in controversy, and it has never been the same since. **Recently Prime Minister Trudeau and his Government have come up**

against a similar problem. They thought they knew the answer to the question, "Who is God?" After receiving 8,000 letters supporting some form of reference to God in the proposed Federal Charter of Rights, they inserted the phrase "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law" into the preamble.

This declaration has raised a number of concerns. What, for instance, does it mean? To which "God" does it refer, and who is to decide this? Does the declaration discriminate against non-Christians? What of the "supremacy" of the "people"?

These are by no means issues of small consequence. In a large, multicultural country such as Canada, we are curious to see how they will be resolved.



Sometimes an issue is so sensitive that no one ever alludes to it, even in the media. In Israel, it is war widows and their problems. Occasionally, there are references to bereaved parents; to picnics or mass bar mitzvah ceremonies for - children of fallen soldiers. Of the young women they left behind, there is rarely a word.

And yet they exist, and not only from Israel's five wars. Some 10,000 Israeli men, many married, have been killed on the battlefield. The Yom Kippur war alone left 810 widows. The Army is reluctant to issue exact statistics, but war widows are a fact of life which will not go away just because people are reluctant to talk about them. Maybe one reason is that the women themselves are reluctant to talk about their situation. Those who agreed to talk to me did so on condition that I use only their first name, even then preferring that I chose a fictitious one.

Yona was widowed in the Six wake up in the morning to find it was a bad dream. But each day the reality was there, waiting to slap me in the face. I couldn't bear people trying to comfort me. For some reason I felt defeated and humiliated — even insulted — as fate had singled me out for its cruellest act. I just wanted people to leave me alone!" But they didn't. Her parents



To the Editor :

My name is Steven Lesway, and am a member of the inmate population here at Drumheller Federal Penitentiary.

those same readers. At the present time, there are six Jewish inmates here at Drumheller serving sentences ranging from two years to life in

During the period leading up to the recent Pesach, we were at a loss, when trying to arrange the proper items for the seder, etc. The institution did not have in its possession a single element that was required, and it was with a prayer, and the help of the local telephone book, that we located Rabbi Hayman, Congregation House of Jacob, in Calgary. Within a few days, we were fully stocked in all items for the Passover celebration, and I am pleased to report that for the first time in many years, we all were part of a very touching seder. It was a very good feeling to once again be able to practice this important event, and without the gracious and hard work of the Rabbi, there is no way that this

could have been accomplished.

Rabbi Hayman is without a doubt one of the most kindhearted men it has ever been our pleasure to meet, and we look for-





The Problems of War Widows

directed all their efforts to finding

There are thousands of war widows in Israel. Everyone is reluctant to talk about them; even the women themselves do not speak readily about their situation.

time I went out with a man, I felt I was being unfaithful to Rami, and women regard me as a threat -

Rami's parents were determined that their grandchildren would remember their father forever. 'They made him in to someone larger than life -- more than a war hero, more than a saint! It didn't affect my little girl, because she was so young she barely remembered him. But for my son it was traumatic. Every time he visited them, the stories of his Daddy's heroism assumed greater proportions. I did re-marry, five years later, when my son was eleven. But by this time, no man could compare with the image of his dead father.

"We thought the problem would go away and he'd adjust, but didn't. He hated my new husband, and the tensions at home became unbearable. My husband gave me an ultimatum: the boy must be sent to boarding school, or he tears spilled over.

"I had to choose my son. He had lost his father; I couldn't make him feel he'd been rejected by his mother too. We were divorced four years ago." And now? She shrugged. "I go to work, I come her a new husband, "I felt so home. I cope. I have little social

lews in ail

I write to you with a twofold purpose: first, to inform the readers of The Jewish Star about the fine work of Rabbi Peter Hayman, and secondly, to ask for help from

ward to seeing him on his monthly visits to the institution. The feeling we have after such a visit cannot e put down on simple paper, as it means so much to us to know that Steven D. Lesway there are men like the Rabbi who #4977 accept us as men, and not as simple prisoners. The Congregation House of Jacob and the Jewish community of Calgary as a whole May 17 should be very proud of this man, for truly he is a gift. We here at the nstitution will always be very thankful to Rabbi Hayman, not tions: only for the countless times he helps us, but moreso for simply caring about our number.

At the present time we are in the midst of forming a group for the Jewish men of the institution, to be called the Drumheller Exodus Group. The function of the group will be to expand — through meetings, socials, and seminars the pride of our people.

I invite any one on the outside. who feels that they might be interested in becoming outside members of the group, to write to dress on every letter they write. me for further information. We simply ask that people show an in- receive photographs or snapshots terest in our faith, and that they of family members, friends, etc. are willing to try and give us a chance to show that we are indeed mistake and that we are indeed are Jews, and we are all very mails! proud of that fact, and we would be Jewish community would agree to only. join us in the formation of the Exodus Group.

I will be pleased to answer any queries from any one that writes to

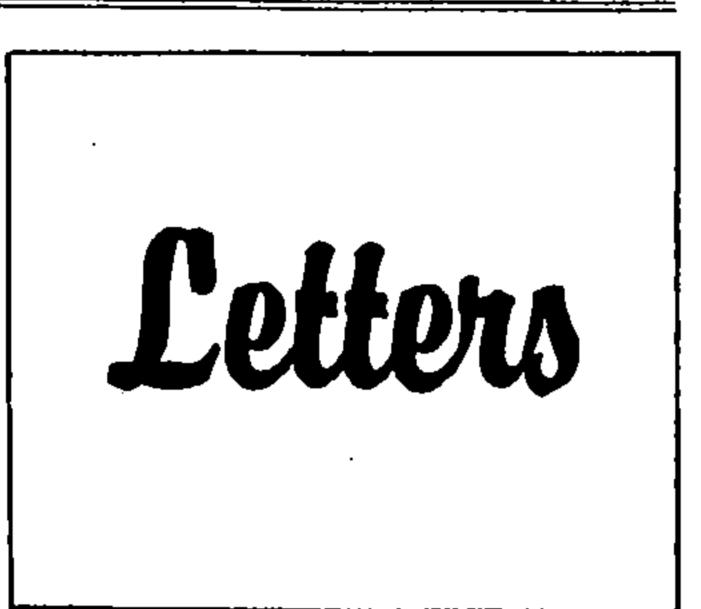
guilty," she told me, tears welling life. Israeli society is geared to up even twelve years later. "Every couples, and now I'm not just a widow, I'm a divorcee too. Other ' imagined people were talking might have designs on their about me." those wasted, desolate years!"

Many war widows have tales to tell of men trying to take advantage of them. Rendered vulnerable by their grief, they are often incapable of distinguishing between genuine sympathy and motives that are less honourable; and often they fall victim to unscrupulous men who prey on their insecurity.

If a women is left with an only child, the relationship can sometimes become so intense it destroys them both. She may be afraid to discipline the child because there is no other parent he can turn to for sympathy, or because she fears she may alienate him. She may also become stiflingly over-protective to the point where she won't even permit him to have a bicycle or go swimming in case he has an accident.

"You need to bury your dead would leave me." At this point, the psychologically as well as physically, or they come back to haunt you," says psychiatrist Professor Herman Feifel, of the Veterans Out-Patient Clinic, Los Angeles. He came to Israel to attend a workshop sponsored by the Defence Ministry's rehabilitation

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me at the address below. I thank you for the chance to address the community through the pages of The Jewish Star

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Special to The Jewish Star -

"In the darkness that engulfed Europe there were some shining lights," Gideon Hausner, Israel's former Attorney General, said during his summation of the Eichmann trial. Hausner was referring to heroic attempts to save Jewish people from the murderous attack of the Nazis during the Second World War. But in making these remarks he did not have in mind the activities of the Allied governments, nor those of the various churches or any other organized groups.

He was speaking, rather, of the humane deeds of Gentile individuals who, when others stood helpless or felt that nothing could be done, risked their lives to save those of others. There is perhaps no more shining example of the power of an individual bent on doing what was right than that of Raoul Wallenberg.

Raoul Wallenberg's story is exceptional. The man may be alive or dead, and yet he has already been the subject of nearly half a dozen biographies, a British television documentary, and an extensive report on CBS News: feature stories have recently appeared about him in The New York Times, Saturday Night, and Jewish newspapers many throughout the world. In 1949 Albert Einstein nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize; Simon Wiesenthal, the noted Nazi-hunter refers to him as "a holy man"; earlier this month, a resolution was introduced at the United States Congress to officially honour him

Oddly enough, however, the Swede who is credited with having rescued some 90,000 Hungarian Jews from Nazi death camps four times the number saved by all the neutral embassies — has no tree planted for him along the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles in Jerusalem. The reason is rooted in the unclear conclusion to Wallenberg's impassioned acts of humanity.

eiving a bachelor's degree in ar-that month, Adolf Eichmann, chitecture at the University of the "master himself", as Heinrich during 1936 studying financial to Hungary to personally oversee plans was actualized. management at the Holland Bank the deportation of the local Jews. in Haifa. It was here that he first In 1941 Eichmann had been ap became acquainted with the plight of refugees fleeing Nazi Europe, Section IVB4, charged with imand this awareness was strengthened by his association with an Hungarian Jew, K. Lauer, who headed a European trading company which he subsequently ioined.

In July 1944 the Swedish Foreign Ministry, at the request of the American War Refugee Board, sent Wallenberg to Budapest, Hungary, to attempt a rescue the Allied powers by surprise, a Passports') mission on behalf of that country's

June — traditionally a month of weddings and graduations, Father's Day and organizational closing meetings. Summer is almost upon us, the time to rest and recoup our energies, maybe even catch-up on books we've been wanting to read all winter. Time to sit in the sun and work in the garden.

Many people are leaving for **Israel, especially for the Gathering** of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Others have plans to leave soon for the summer. We look forward to hearing of your trips.

We noticed (again, in the Jewish Western Bulletin), that an imaginative, simulated trip to **Israel was created as the format** for Vancouver's Israel Independence Day celebration. Some 500 people visited Israel through the "magic of film, audio-visual effects, music, song and dance". The participants were informed that, in

Raoul Wallenberg, the ''Jew-dog'' whom Eichmann threatened to murder, rescued 90,000 Hungarian Jews from Nazi death camps. Now people want to rescue him.



pointed head of the Gestapo's plementing the destruction of Europe's Jews.

deported to Auschwitz, leaving all approximately that many remaining in Hungary.

While these Nazi actions caught

there had been a growing feeling in appeal was made to Pope Pius XII dreds, and perhaps as many as two Sweden that something must be to threaten those Nazis involved thousand, Jews from the forced done. Attempts and appeals had with excommunication: Joel march. been tried, but with little result. Brand, who had been an official of By the time Wallenberg arrived the Zionist Relief and Rescue contagious and was emulated b in Hungary, the Nazi onslaught Committee of Budapest, entered the Swiss and Red Cross locally. against the Jews was in full swing. into negotiations with Eichmann to his remarkable courage was diffi Initially, and in spite of Hungary's barter Jewish lives for money cult to match. "In carrying out his alliance with Germany in the war, ""Blood for money, money for rescue operation," Eleanor Lester the Hungarian government had blood," as Eichmann said); an and Frederick E. Werbell wrote in been able to avoid full cooperation appeal was made by the War "The Lost Hero of the Holocaust: with the Nazis in deporting Jews to Refugee Board, and later by The Search for Sweden's Raoul the death camps. This delay in the Chaim Weizmann (who became Wallenberg'' (The New York) Raoul Wallenberg was born into fulfillment of the "Final Solution of the State of Israel's first Times Magazine), a family of distinguished Swedish the Jewish problem'' irritated President) to the Allies to bomb the statesmen and bankers, and Hitler; by the beginning of March railway lines and crematoria at travelled extensively throughout the German occupation of Hungary Aushwitz-Birkenau; and a plan Europe during his youth. After rec- was decided upon, and at the end of was also outlined to parachute hundreds of Palestinian Jews behind enemy lines to disrupt the Michigan, he spent 6 months Himmler put it -- was despatched deportations. None of these rescue

It was within this context that the 32-year-old Wallenberg arrived in physical Budapest. While rescue efforts had already been initiated by the local Eichmann acted with satanic Swedish minister, Wallenberg, swiftness in carrying out his task: with feverish determination, set between May and the early weeks upon a scheme of great ambition. of July 1944, 440,000 Jews were He organized a staff of 400, nearly Jews. ("Section 3 --- for Humanitarian Aims'') and began issuing protective passports of his mune to harm by the Germans. He whom he rescued recently noted in own design number of efforts were made to the distributed 5000 of these pseudo- the hands that could reach to hold cared about what was happening to Jewish population. For some time, wart the plan's execution. An official documents, which he them, then insisted that the people us."

order to combat Arab monopolies, all El Al planes were now being fuelled by chicken soup - a recent changeover from horse

IN EDMONTON...

Congratulations to Morley Wolfman, the Vice-President of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, who was recently elected a Director of the prestigious Alberta Cultural Heritage Council.

Vancouver's Jewish Western Bulletin recently featured, in its

"Viewpoint" column, an article Theatre and its Executive by former Edmontonian Maxine Producer, revealed preliminary Wolfman. Ms Wolfman is a teacher plans and sketches of the propose at the local Talmud Torah, and ex- new wing of the theatre at a recent pressed some views about Jewish press conference. It will include a education. In our time of changing year-round, multi-level park and a values and ideologies, with 500-seat children's theatre. Sounds problems facing our educational quite spectacular, and is bound t institutions, her closing line enhance the city's theatrical life. seemed to carry an important message. "Do we want to have IN CALGARY ... Jewish schools or only schools for Jewish children?'

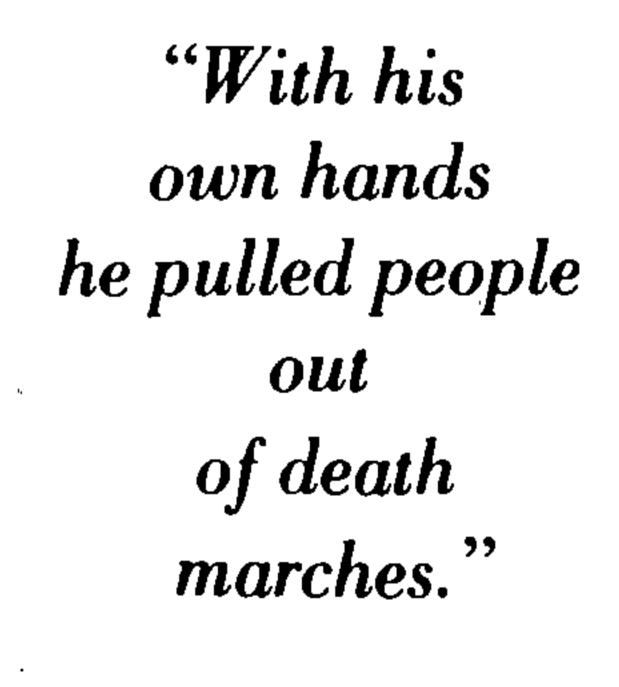
We read recently that Joseph Shoctor, a founder of the Citadel



Hungarian authorities to accept as authentic. That having proven successful, he issued a further 5000; by January permission!" 1945, 20,000 passports had been given out to Budapest Jews -Wallenberg increased his rescue ' and with the financial assistance of the American Jewish Joint food, clothing, and Jew-dog-Wallenberg") chased medicine. When an anti-Semitic Arrow Cross leader was installed by the Nazis in the place of the Hungarian leader, Wallenberg gained possession of 32 apartments which became an "international ghetto" under the protection of the Swedish, and other, governments.

In November 1944 the Nazis, lacking the trains to continue transporting Jews to the concentration camps, ordered the Hungarian authorities to force thousands of Jews on a "death march" to the Austrian border, 14 Budapest. miles from Miraculously, Wallenberg and Per-Anger (then the Swedish Embassy's secretary, and today the Swedish Ambassador to (Canada) managed to pluck hun-

While Wallenberg's example was



own safety and yet seemed in that he came himself," one of those - ("Wallenberg stood on top of a deportation train an interview. "He talked to us and Wallenberg handing out Swedish papers to all showed us that one human being



Raphael Vigod (Judith LeBane's brother) is the founding Artistic **Director of the Three Penny Music** Theatre. We look forward to their first production, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.

holding them be allowed off the train. With his own hands, he pulled people out of 'death marches' to the Austrian border or brought them bread, soup and medical supplies in the middle of the night when he had no more passports to give out . . . he confronted Arrow Cross thugs with their rifles poised and shouled, "Cowards" Slobs! What criminal arrogance' How dare you enter a Swedish-protected house! Nothing takes place here without my

In the light of such audacious actions, one can understand the threat which Wallenberg posed to efforts as the situation of the the . Nazis "Wallenberg's Budapest Jews deteriorated. They presence," as Lester and Werbell were being subjected daily to noted, "was a reminder to the humiliation and violence, theft. Nazis that their depravity was and the confiscation of their being observed and recorded "He property. Together with his staff, had met Eichmann in the fall of 1944 Eichmann threatened to kill him, and referred to him as Distribution Committee, he pure "Judenhund, Wallenberg" ("the

> It was not long after the Russians entered Budapest, in January 1945. that Wallenberg was taken away by the Russians: "I don't know whether I am in custody or a guest," he said to a friend before leaving Whether the Russians suspected Wallenberg of being an American spy, or distrusted his capitalist background, is not known But to this day, Wallenberg's fate is unknown.

> For years after the war, the Stalin Government refused to respond to Swedish inquiries about Wallenberg. Then, in 1957, it was announced that Wallenberg had died in a Moscow prison a decade earlier. Yet subsequent reports, one in 1961 and another less than two years ago, provide powerful evidence that Wallenberg may still be alive somewhere in the Soviet Union

Within the past several months. a "Free Raoul Wallenberg Committee" has been formed in the United States, and rallies have been held in the hopes that pressure can be brought on the Russians to release this hero of the Second World War. The Canadian Embassy has also made representations in Moscow.

Until her death last year, Wallenberg's mother had consistently refused to allow a tree to be planted in her son's honour along the "Avenue of the Righteous" Gentiles" at Yad Vashem, in Israel. She felt that it would indicate acceptance of the belief that her son who would now be 68, was dead

Whether Wallenberg is dead or alive, however, it is unthinkable that his deeds will be forgotten. Wallenberg cared little for his "The point about Wallenberg, is

> Musically, Calgary's really humming (no pun intended!) Saturday night the Russian Club had a dance at the Majestic Inn. A fun time and great music provided by Atlas. Next time we might suggest more publicity, so that members of the general community could come and enjoy.

Sun. at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut program, this same band, along with Paul Brown's "Sweet Mix". provided entertainment for all who had gathered there. And entertaining it was. The remarks were only that we should do it more often. Anybody for monthly band concerts at the Centre?

The Parvarim concert at the **Convention Centre on May 25** represented a nice "thank you" to U.J.A. Campaign workers, and an enjoyable evening for the 500-600 people who attended.

The Jewish Star, June 1981.



ASK THE RABBI

You wrote recently: "All the Jewish authorities agree that it is a sin for a Jewish woman to marry a Gentile." The usually accepted meaning of "sin" is a transgression against Divine law or principles of morality. What is your definition of "sin", and how does it relate to a mixed marriage such as you describe.

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First, it is not my definition of 'sin'' that we are discussing, but that of the Jewish authorities to whom 1 referred and whose definition, as a rabbi, I accept. imagine that they would concur in your definition, though they would probably add that a transgression against principles of morality is not an "or" but is itself a transgression against the Divine law.

The implication of your observation is that a mixed marriage does not offend against Divine law, but then the question is. What do you mean by Divine law? If Judaism is a revealed religion and I believe with the "Jewish" authorities" I quoted that it is then Jewish law has to be seen as an expression of the Divine will.

One does not have to follow the fundamentalist view of a series of direct Divine communications ir order to affirm that Jewish law is Divinely based.

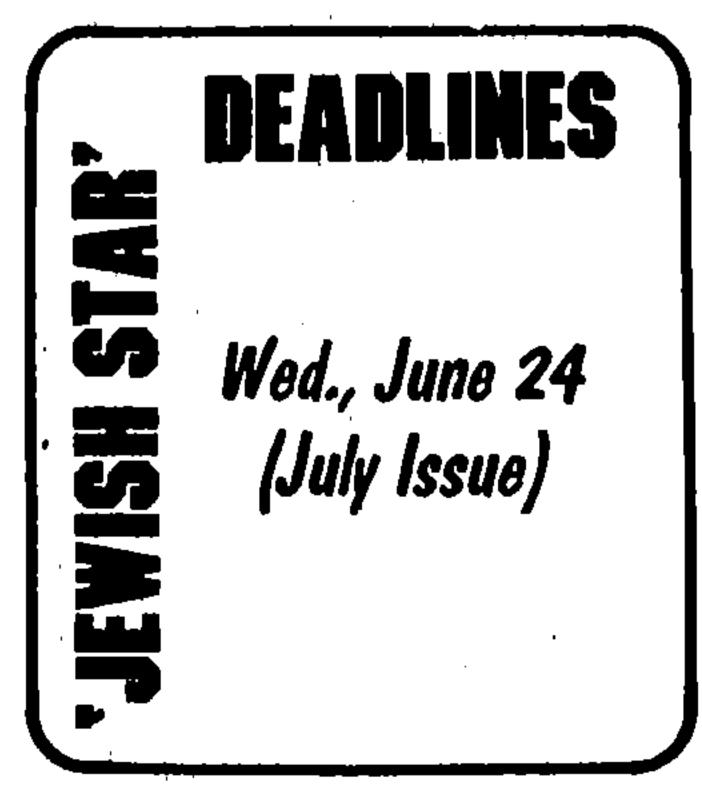
To put this in other words, since God wishes Jews to be Jews and obey the Torah (even though many will acknowledge that there is a human element in the latter), then it must follow that any departure from such a basic rule of the Torah as the prohibition of marrying out is an offence against Divine law, and is consequently a "sin" according to your own definition.

If you mean to imply that you cannot identify this rule of the Torah with the Divine law, I wonder why. Surely, if large numbers of Jews disregarded this law there would soon be no Judaism. Or are you saying that only actions that harm other human beings are "sinful"?

Even if we took this as given (though it is obvious that the religious dimension would thereby be ignored), how can it possibly be suggested that no harm is done to others in such a relationship?

There is harm to Jews everywhere. There is harm to will be attending a workshop at the many Gentiles who wish to preserve their own faith. There is harm to sity of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The both sets of parents. There is harm to the children who will be born in that they will always have to face educational and support groups for problems of identity and in- family members of the aged. The security. And there is harm to the Institute has recently completed a couple themselves in that they are major piece of research in this adding an acute tension to the area of practice, and the findings. normal tensions which are bound to exist in every marriage.

To say all this is not, of course, to engage in the presumptuous task of condemning particular individuals. God is the sole judge of all human endeavour and activity and it is not for any of us to play God. But the question addressed to me was what Jewish law says Occasions about the matter, and on that there is no ambiguity whatever. According to Jewish law, as stated by all the experts on the subject, it is quite categorically a sin.



I have no intention of marrying out of the faith, but I do go out with non-Jewish girls if I cannot find suitable Jewish girl with whom to go out. Is this wrong?

You may bravely declare that you have no intention of marrying out of the faith, but, are you not making it exceedingly difficult for yourself if you go out with a non-Jewish girl and fall in love with ber? There is certainly no guarantee in these matters.

And have you considered the effect on the girl if she falls in love with you? Is it fair to her? What do you mean when you say

that you cannot find a "suitable Jewish girl'? Why not?

As a rabbi I can give only one answer to your query: yes, it is wrong. In your letter you remark that your Jewish friends tell you it is wrong, but that they are hypocrites because they themselves do not eat kosher. Certainly they should, but that does not mean their instinctive reaction is less reliable than yours. **J**CNS

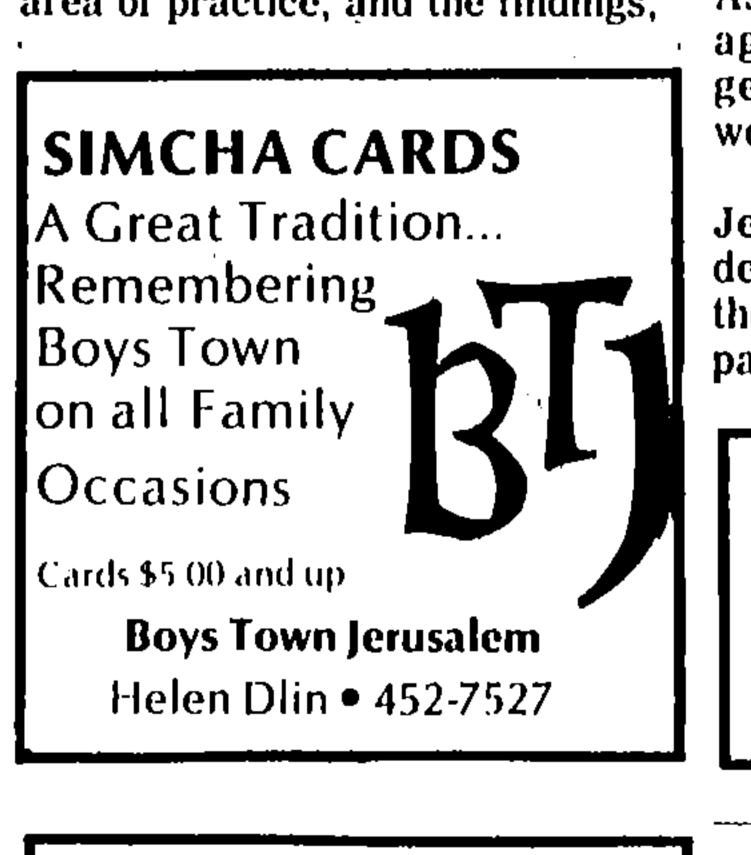
Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services sends Representatives Clara Mintz, Executive Director of Jewish Family Services of Edmonton, and Simen Fialkow, attended the spring conference of the

Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA). held May 1 to the 3, in Newport Beach, California. The Association consists of over one hundred member agencies in Canada and the United States. The agenda included discussion on future goals for Jewish Family Services agencies; a review of various types of counselling services; a presentation on issues in refugee services; and other matters related to future funding and planning.

Mr. Fialkow is a member of the Board of Directors of AJFCA and of the United Way of Greater Edmonton. He is also Past President and an active board member, of the Jewish Family Services of Edmonton.

Howard Kravitz, a social worker at Jewish Family Services, Institute of Gerontology, Univerworkshop will focus on the development and running of



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National Council of **Jowish Women**

Israel Family Coufiselling Association Luncheon

I.F.C.A. Luncheon and closing meeting will be held at the Faculty Club, 11435 Saskatchewan Dr., on Wed. June 3 at 12:30 p.m., All are invited to attend this luncheon event. Tickets are \$5.25 each and all contributions are tax deductible.

The guest speaker is Prof. Gayle Gilchrist-James, MSW, RSW. She is the immediate past president of the Alberta Association of Social Workers, and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Welfare a the University of Calgary.

There will be the presentation of service awards and a report on the **Biennial Convention which was** recently held in Montreal.

Door prizes include a gift certificate from the Four Seasons Hotel, two tickets to Stage West, two tickets for the Edmonton Symphony, and many more. R.S.V.P. Greta Adler (455-6505) Naomi Sharir (484-4533).

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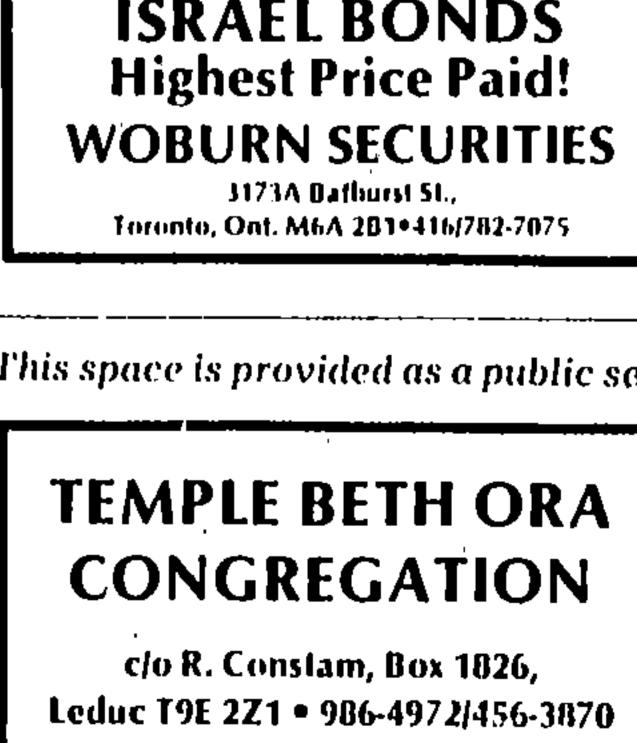
A Support Group for Young Adult of Newly-Arrived Immigrants

Serving the newly arrived Soviet This task is particularly difficult Janadian life, and acquire the

immigrant is a vital area of work provided by the staff at Jewish Family Services. Our social workers respond to needs of a concrete nature, as well as needs for emotional support to cope with the task of settling into a new country. for the young adult. In many stances, he/she has left behind close, meaningful friendships, interrupted studies, and arrived in Canada with a real sense of loss. However, these young adults develop a strong sense motivation and possess a high energy level. They quickly immerse themselves into the fabric o values and lifestyle of their Canadian peers.

Although this is a helpful step forward for the young immigrants, they are often caught between their newly-acquired values, and those of their parents. For example, each might hold different views of success and failure; and struggle in their attempt to agree. As a Jewish Family Services agency staff, we are seeing a generational gap that is interwoven with a cultural one.

In response to this situation, the Jewish Family Services has developed a support group for these young adults. At meetings, participants are not only en-



Renee Constam, Herb Bernstein, President Services

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Please note that the Hadassah drop-off bin is closed. This is a temporary situation. Please keep your parcels for us. We hope to be able to accept them soon. Birthday Party

Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO's year-end wind-up will be a Happy Birthday Party on June 10 at 8 p.m. in the Beth Shalom Synagogu Auditorium. We will be celebrating 60 years of Hadassah in Edmonton

National President Mirial Small will be our honoured guest. Members, make your reservations early. We expect a record turn-out for this happy event. Reports will be given, Mrs. Small will bring greetings from Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, the incoming Executive will be installed, and there will be a delicious Israeli buffet besides. Come and celebrate 60 years of Hadassah in Edmonton.

couraged to express concerns over such issues, but also to share ways of handling them. If you would like further information on this service, please phone Howard Kravitz at Jewish Family Services (424-6346, 424-9554)

Community Groups Reach Out to Jewish Family Services

Howard Kravitz, a social worker at Jewish Family Services, spoke to the United Synagogue Youth of Congregation Beth Shalom on 'sexuality and dating" on May 6. The program consisted of a group exercise aimed at identifying the partipants' value and knowledge base. Following this, there was discussion on those areas of interest arising out of the exercise.

The experience was a fruitful one. Those who attended had a real opportunity to express and share concerns which are a normal part of reaching adulthood. The helpful aspect of an outside resource person is that the already-formed group provides a basis of trust and meaningful discussion. If you or your group is interested in making use of such a service, please phone Howard Kravitz at Jewish Family Services (424-6346, 424-9554).

Jewish Seniors Drop-In Centre

The Centre is open Monday-Thursday, 12 to 4 p.m. There are varied programs and special events. Carpet bowling and bingo are enjoyed by many, and the Tuesday group discussions arranged b social worker Howard Kravitz are well attended. Complimentary refreshments are served daily at 3 p.m. Do drop in.

All occasion cards are available at \$1. and up; Seda Margolis Cards at \$5, and up.

Alice Abells is President of the Drop-In Centre, and Vera Lipsett s Co-ordinator.

This space is provided as a public service by "The Jewish Star" CONGREGATION **BETH ISRAEL** 10205 - 119 St., T5K 1Z3 488-2840 • 482-2470 Elimelekh Polinsky – Hymie Sorokin 🥇 Rabbi Presiden^{*} Membership Shabbat morning services . 9 A.M. Every 2nd Fri.,8 p.m., Institute for in the Centre Board Room Continuing Educ. . Tues. eves.

Problems of War Widows

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department, the purpose of which was to find ways to help those who had lost husbands and sons as a war or military result operations. Professor Feifel maintains it is easier for religious women to come to terms with their husbands' death.

"Sitting shive — like the Irish wake — helps a person to express his grief and allows the mourner to adjust. Religion, and some forms of philosophy, tell the living that death is the door to a new life. Our materialistic way of life has taught us that death is a blank wall, the end of everything. This makes people retreat from the very idea of thinking about death."

Professor Feifel's solution is that, like the facts of life, the facts death should be taught to children in school.

Compensation to war widows is handled by the rehabilitation department of the Ministry of Dedfence. They receive a cost of living index linked pension, as well as a lump sum insurance. They also receive substantial help in buying apartments; the right to buy a taxfree car; free education and books for their children; free dental and medical services.

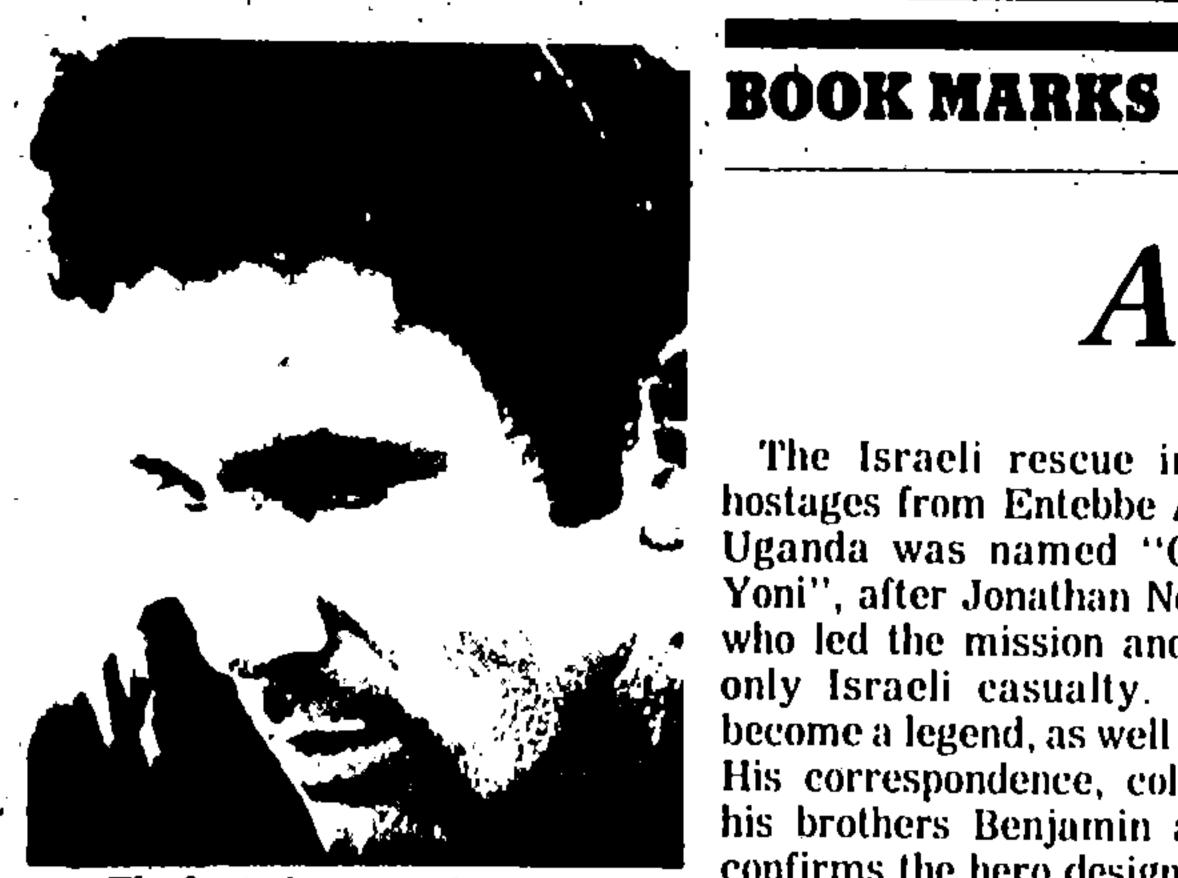
One social worker whose job it is to help these women, claims it might be better for them if they received less. "As there is often no financial need for them to work. many stay home and deny themselves outside contacts a job would provide. Some women become completely dependent on their social worker, and in time incapable of making even the smallest decision."

But Ronit, a stay-at-home widow from the Yom Kippur war says: "I did try to take a job after my husband was killed but I found that employers were uncomfortable about hiring war widows. They were worried we would bring our problems into the office, and that they would feel guilty about making even normal demands on

The rehabilitation department employs special counsellors to sit with new widows. "The women all react differently." Dafna told me. "Those from Oriental backgrounds usually scream at us. In their eyes, we represent the army which sent their husbands to their death. Others sit like robots, pale, and not support, a vital component for showing any emotion. Many of these women later break mentally after the stress of bottling up their grief."

> Despite extended help, the task of re-adjusting to society is the war widow's herself. We can make it easier by knowing there are thousands of such women in Israel. and realizing that their greatest need is friendship, compassion and inderstanding.





The last photograph of Yoni Netanyahu, taken shortly before the Entebbe rescue mission.

Keveals Positive View Towards Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) - More Americans have positive attitudes towards Jews now than at any time in recent years, despite the reported increase, in anti-Semitic arts such as vandalism against synagogues, according to the results of a recent Gallup Poll compared to previous polls.

The poll was conducted among 1601 persons in 300 localities around the country between March 13-16. Forty per cent of those polled reported "highly favorable" opinions of Jews as against 33 per cent who were asked the same question in 1975. The poll also found that the climate for Jews seeking political office improved dramatically during the last decade. In 1973, 46 per cent of Americans polled said they would vote for a Jewish Presidential candidate. In 1978, the figure was 82 per cent.

From 1968 to 1978, the proportion of Americans who approved of marriages between Jews and non-Jews rose from 59 per cent to 69 per cent, according to the poll. Only two per cent of the sample interviewed last month had highly unfavorable opinions of Jews.

Favorable attitudes were reported by 46 per cent of Catholics and **39 per cent of Protestants.** Asked if they thought Jews were trying to get too much power in the U.S., 12 per cent of Protestants and 13 per cent of Catholics replied in the affirmative, compared to 35 per cent of Protestants and 33 per cent of Catholics asked the same question in 1952.

According to the Gallup organization, the growth of religious tolerance in the U.S. parallels the increase in the number of college-educated more tolerant than those with less formal education.

Jewish Centre

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volved.

Although Mr. Meloff believes the Centre is serving the community well, he told The Jewish Star of the have seen and felt the beauty of the work he feels it still has to do. It Judean Desert, ... the strength and needs to broaden its base for its power of the fortress of Masada. programs, and appeal to more age and the life of our ancient angroups. At present, it employs part- eestors in the cases of the desert. time teen and early childhood All these have now taken on a staff. Mr. Meloff would like to see profound meaning for me ... [and] an elementary programing person and a staff person for seniors life I have acquired in the army programing, to supplement the [have] now become enmeshed in

The Centre, which is totally owned by the Jewish Community Centre Foundation, has a full-time ful, with an historical as well as a staff consisting of Executive Director, Associate Director, he was being deeply fulfilled at this Physical Education Director and time in his life, as his commit-Aquatics Director, as well as Teen, tment to Israel deepened. Early Childhood and Cultural Arts part-time staff. There is an appoin- his career. He was discharged in ted lay board of sixty people. The January 1967, but several months Centre has, in Mr. Meloff's words, later was called up to fight in the "the usual financial problems." Its Six Day War. membership fees do not pay its ex- At the end of that summer Yoni penses, although it is attempting to married, and the couple went to decrease its deficit to become the States. He studied at Harvard, eventually self-sufficient.

The Israeli rescue in 1976 of hostages from Entebbe Airport in Uganda was named "Operation Yoni", after Jonathan Netanyahu, who led the mission and was the only Israeli casualty. Yoni has become a legend, as well as a hero. His correspondence, collected by his brothers Benjamin and Iddo, confirms the hero designation and reinforces the legend that surrounds him.

In his Introduction, Herman Wouk calls these letters "a true and brilliant portrait of a hero" (p. vi); Yoni "inspires and ennobles us, and he gives us hope."

Shortly after Yoni's death, his brothers began collecting his letters. They have divided them into periods in Yoni's life, and provided a brief background to each section.

The collection begins in 1963, when Yoni was 17, and had just gone to the United States with his family. His father, Benzion, then editor-in-chief of the Encycloped[;] Judaica, was pursuing research Jewish Yoni history. homesick— he missed Israel, his friends and his activities in the scout movement, in which he was a devoted leader.

He poured out his heart in his letters to his friends. He was philosophical, sometimes cynica/ he wondered about the meaning life, and he wrote a great deal about living and dying. He read extensively, quoted poetry, and also wrote some of his own.

At 17, Yoni sounded like a confident, charming, somewhat brooding, mature, thinking young

In July 1964 he returned to Israel to serve in the army, while his family remained in the United States. He volunteered for the paratroops, the army's elite corps.

Yoni wrote frequently to his parents about his daily routine in the army and his thoughts. From the beginning he enjoyed challenge the army offered him. He met both the physical and mental demands, and was able to find value and interest in every aspect of army life. Service in the army gave meaning to his life, for he deeply believed he was doing something that was essential to his country. He was contributing, the best way he could, to Israel's survival. This belief never left him. It caused him to re-enlist af ter his tour fo duty, thus postponing his university studies. was a major factor in the breakup of his marriage, and, ultimately, took his life.

After more than a year in the army he wrote to his parents: "In the army I have learned to appreciate the beauty of life, the immense pleasure of sleep, the taste of water, ... the matchless value of will power, and all the marvels man can do if only he will.... Then I decided I had to know the country, and by 'know' I mean be familiar 🛛 🕎 with every tree and rock in it.... iogether with the special sense of xwork of the Seniors Drop In Centre. my being, creating the full circle of a life that is whole." (p. 82)

> Yoni was sensitive and thoughtpersonal sense of himself. Clearly,

Yoni did not yet see the army as

where he was an 'A' student, but

Self-Portrait of a Hero. The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu. New York: Random House, 1980. \$12.95 US

after a year he decided to return to Israel, where he felt he belonged He enrolled at the Hebrew University, but as tensions in the country increased, he became convinced that he had to return to the army "I am not at all reconciled to being a civilian. Not only am I restless. but I feel that by continuing wit my present way of life I'm being untrue to myself.... You have no idea how badly Zahal needs good officers now.... When I talk about this with friends, they all agree that we ought to enlist, but most don't do so.How can I also say that, and yet not do anything about it?!

So in 1969 Yoni re-enlisted. He translated his beliefs into action something he was to do throughout his life.

Army life was increasingly difficult for his wife. He came home only once a week, and sometimes not even that. Yoni, too, was upset by the separation, but he realized that it was easier for him because he was doing what he believed in. He wrote many times about being young in age but old in spirit, about the tremendous responsibility of defending the country, about the great loneliness of army life, because so much is secret, and cannot be shared with others. Yet in spite of this, "I still believe that what I'm doing is right, but I do it with a heavy heart. A strange army the Jewish state has; perhaps the best of its kind in the world; perhaps the youngest in the age o its soldiers and commanders, but at the same time perhaps the most heavy-hearted and the oldest in spirit.'' (p. 190) Yet, "In this country, at this moment, [May 1970] to be in the army is to be ... doing, believing, knowing that, after all, my work does bring peace closer or, at least, saves lives and pushes back the threat of war from our gates.'' (p. 194)

Yoni and his wife were divorced; he did not, apparently, write his parents too much about this.

During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Yoni fought on the Golan Heights. He was decorated for rescuing a wounded tank commander from Syrian territory. There are not letters from the actual war, but he later referred to it as "the hardest war we've known.'' (p. 226)



For further details call Mark Silverberg, 487-5120; or The Jewish Star (Calgary), 1-238-0010

A Hero of Our Times

He was convinced there would be war again. "But I would rather opt for living here in continual battle than for becoming part of the wandering Jewish people.... As I don't intend to tell my grandchildren about the Jewish State in the twentieth century as a mere brief and transient episode in thousands of years of wandering, I intend to hold on here with all my might."

by Gila Wertheimer

Some of Yoni's most expressive letters from this point on are to Bruria, the woman he loved. His letters also are more depressed, lonely, and pessimistic. He felt that anything was possible, that nothing was forever, that he had lost his innocence. He longed for family togetherness, and he still wrote to his parents that he missed them. In addition, he began to express to Bruria some dissatisfaction with the army. In June 1976 he decided that the following year he would take a leave and resume his studies at Harvard.

Yoni's last letter, written to Bruria just several days before the Entebbe rescue, has a desperate note to it. "I am tired most of the time ... I have lost the spark that is so vital for any achievement, the spark of creative joy, of selfrenewal, of reawakening." (p. 276) He was a man facing a crisis, feeling doubts and uncertainty, not knowing where to turn. "I'm having a hard time as seldom before in my life.... I've got to stop and get off now, at once, or very soon — and I shall, but in a while. I recall the mad, miserable cry in a play I saw long ago: 'Stop the world, I want to get off!' '' (p. 277) Two days after writing this, Yoni was planning the raid on Entebbe. According to his second-incommand, Yoni was tired, but "unusually enthusiastic." This truly incredible man was able to overcome the serious mental and physical strain he was feeling He rose to the occasion, and managed to stretch himself, perhaps even beyond his limits. The effort must have been almost superhuman.

The rescue was magnificent. Yoni reached his greatest height, and truly distinguished himself for his country and his people. What would he have done had he returned from the mission? Sadly, one can only speculate.

Self-Portrait of a Hero reads like a novel. The fact that the reader knows the ending even before beginning the book only adds dramatic tension as Yoni's life unfolds through his letters. The book is inspiring, insightful, hopeful and tragic. It is a rare picture of dedication, in the fullest sense, to Israel and the Jewish people. It is all the more powerful for having never been intended publication.

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Yael Hadassah meeting Mizrachi exec. meeting 'The Jewish Hour', Centre, Colonial Room, 7:30 pm

Pioneer Women Council meeting

Tuesday, June 2 🕐

"The Jewish Hour', Centre," Colonial Room, 7:30 pm

. Hadassah evening chapter

wednesday, June 3

National Council of Jewish Women meeting

Sisterhood closing meeting, Beth Shalom Synagogue 7:30 pm

Friday, June 5

Young Judaea Convention, Centre, 8:30 am - 3 pm Sunday, June 7

Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, Centre, 1:30-5 pm

Monday, June 8 **ORT meeting**

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

CORT meeting

Mizrachi chapter meetings 7 Beth Shalom board meeting WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Hadassah membership

reception, Beth Shalom Junior League of Edmon-

ton, Centre, 7 - 11 pm

Hadassah meeting Beth Shalom Sisterhood meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

'Temple Beth Ora board meeting, Centre Board Room 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 14

'BBYO closing brunch, Centre dining room, 11 am to 1:30 pm

Temple Beth Ora garage sale, 7715 - 157th St. 10-5 'Charlie Brown' children's musical, Centre, Colonial Room, 2:30 & 4:30 pm

Monday, June 15

National Council of Jewish Women hospitality eve. 8 pm, 7711 - 140th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Jewish Family Services meeting, Centre board room 8 pm

Y Hadassah council meeting **ORT meeting**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

*Beth Shalom Sisterhood meeting

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Sunday, June 21

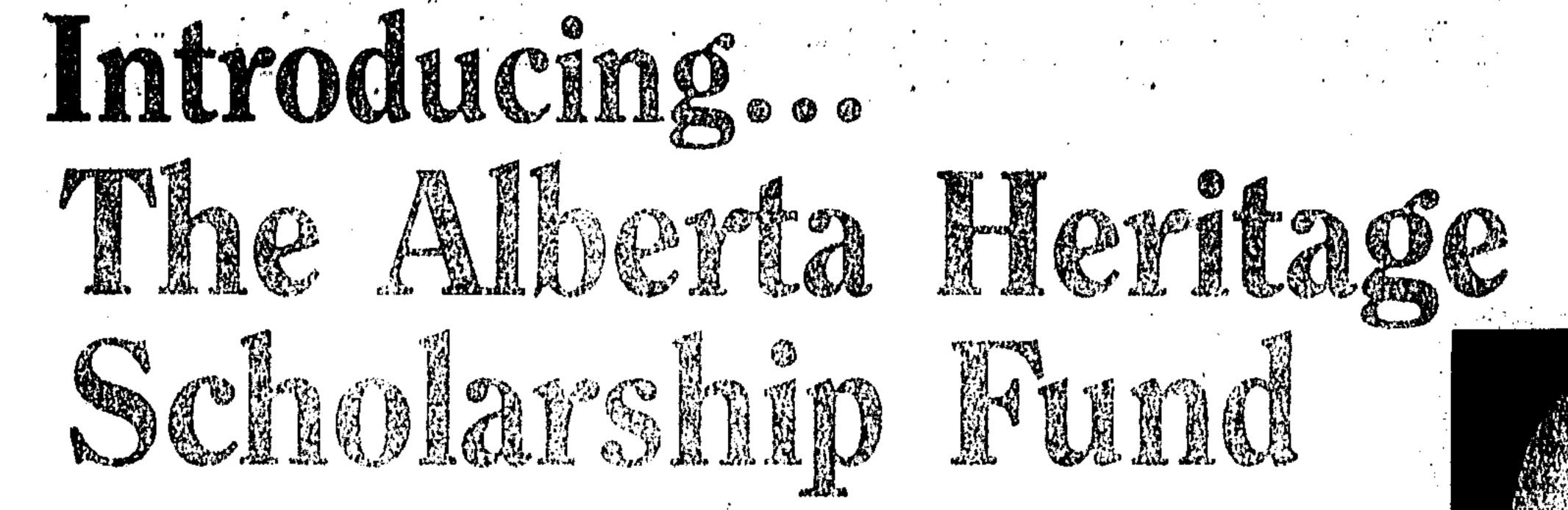
* Temple Beth Ora annual meeting and elections, board room 8 pm

Monday, JUNE 22

Pioneer Women meeting, with guest speaker, Centre dining room, 6:30 pm

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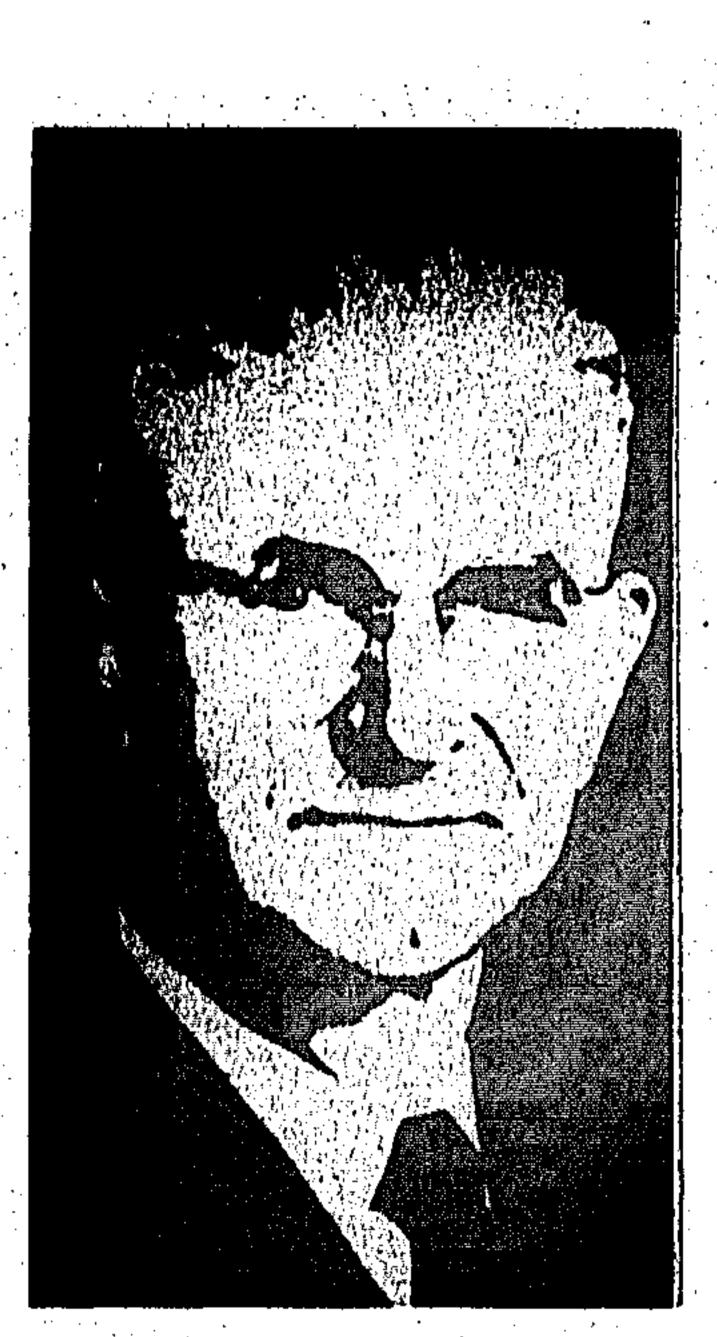


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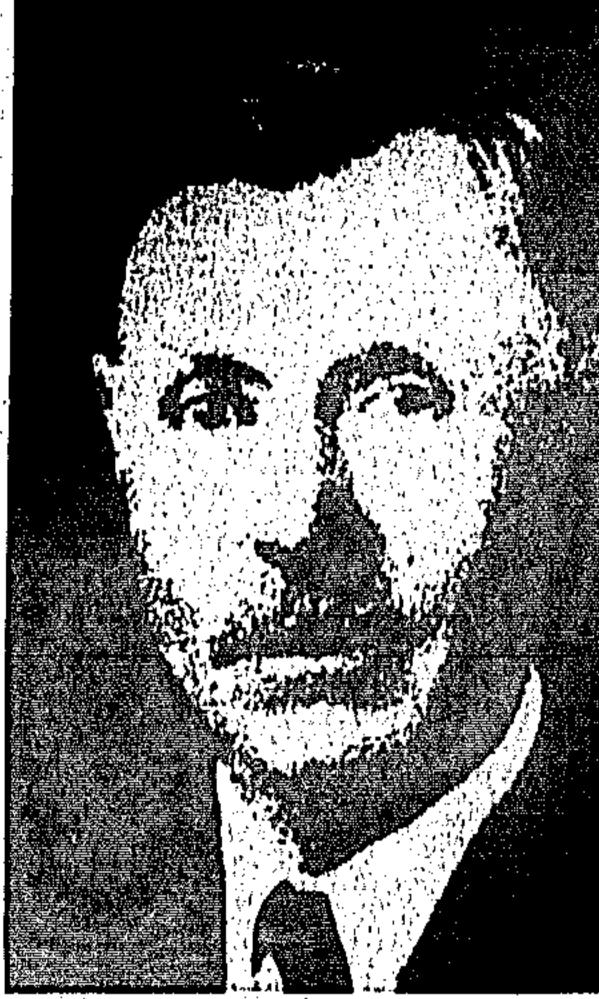
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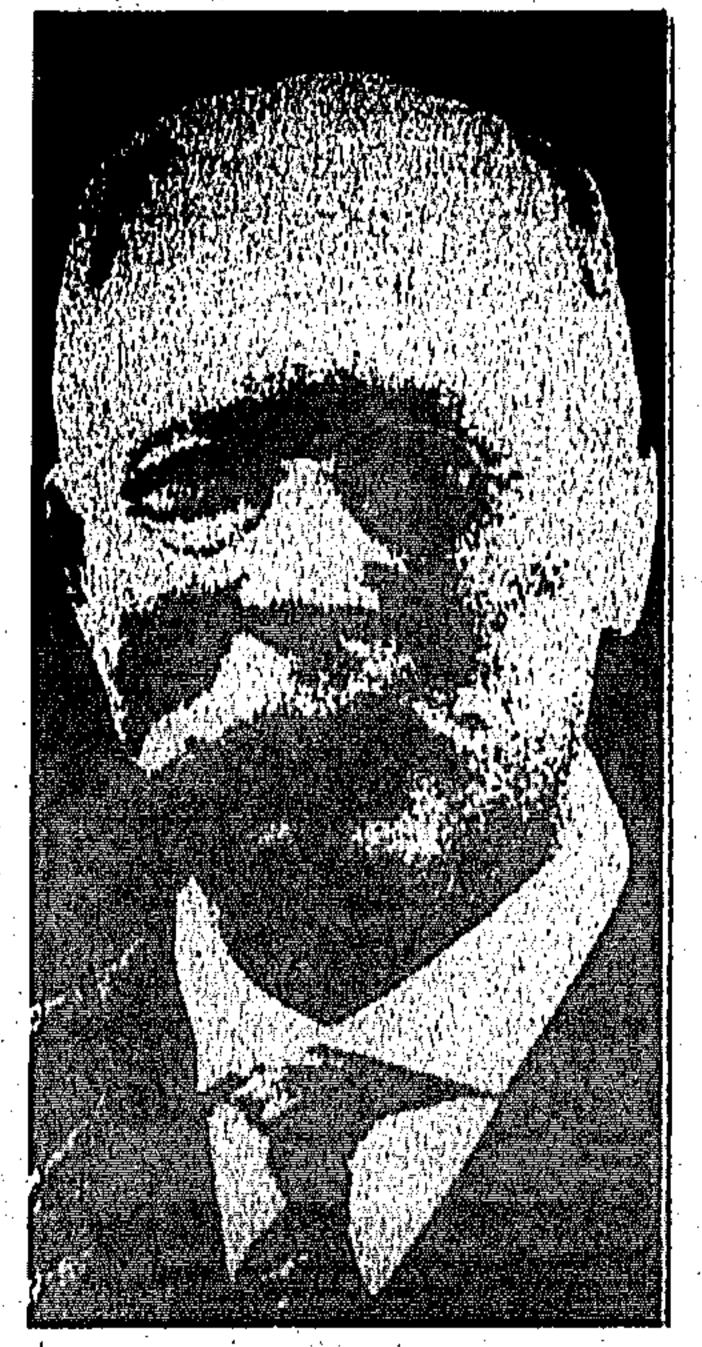
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Sir James Lougheed Awards of Distinction honour the noted Albertan

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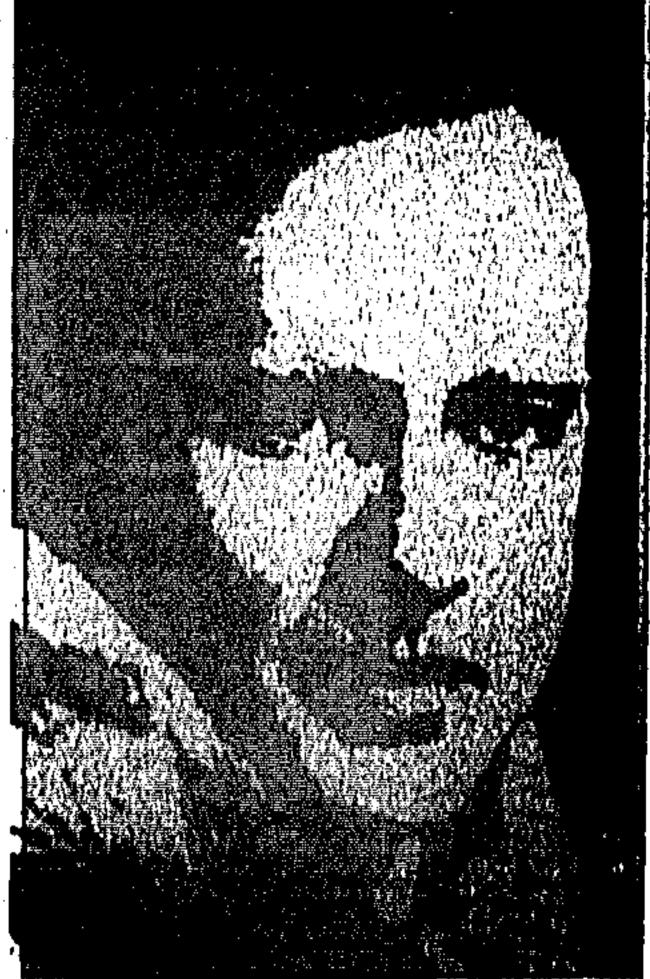
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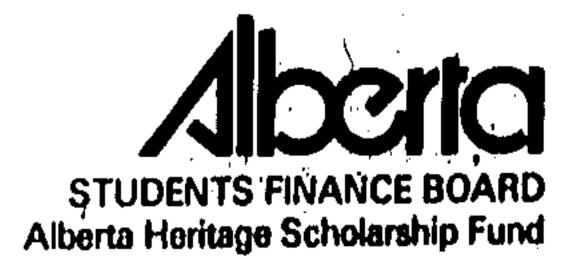
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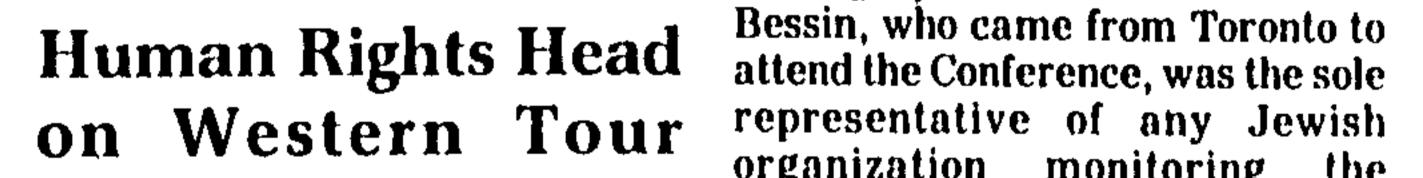
A uniquèly Western Canada conference is now scheduled for Oct. 23-25 at the Riviera Hotel, in Edmonton. The Conference, the first of its kind, has been specifically tailored to the wishes of Western Canadian Jewish leadership and the needs of Canada's smaller Western communities.

The Conference is designed to allow each community to present a paper on a specific subject, with all communities sharing common problems, concerns, and solutions. The subjects will be dealt with through workshops and discussion groups, with a general interchange of ideas to follow each group's deliberations.

The areas slated to be reviewed include: leadership development: anti-semitism, Jewish security and community relations techniques in the 1980s; Jewish education (coordination of Jewish schools and review of recent Revenue Canada amendments); Jews in the Soviet Untion: Jewish family services in the 1980s; bequest and endownment funds: Holocaust: its commemoration and teachings; Israel: present and future; youth -- its reactivation; combating Arab propaganda on campus; and numerous other Arabs by improving their public subjects.

Guest speaker will be Prof. Irwin Cotler, President of the Canadian lobby in Canada. They need to sparties, that the Conference would Jewish Congress. Several national chairman and manonen executives beconomic ties are in Chinada's self-is nature to become a propaganda directors will also be in attendance as resource people.

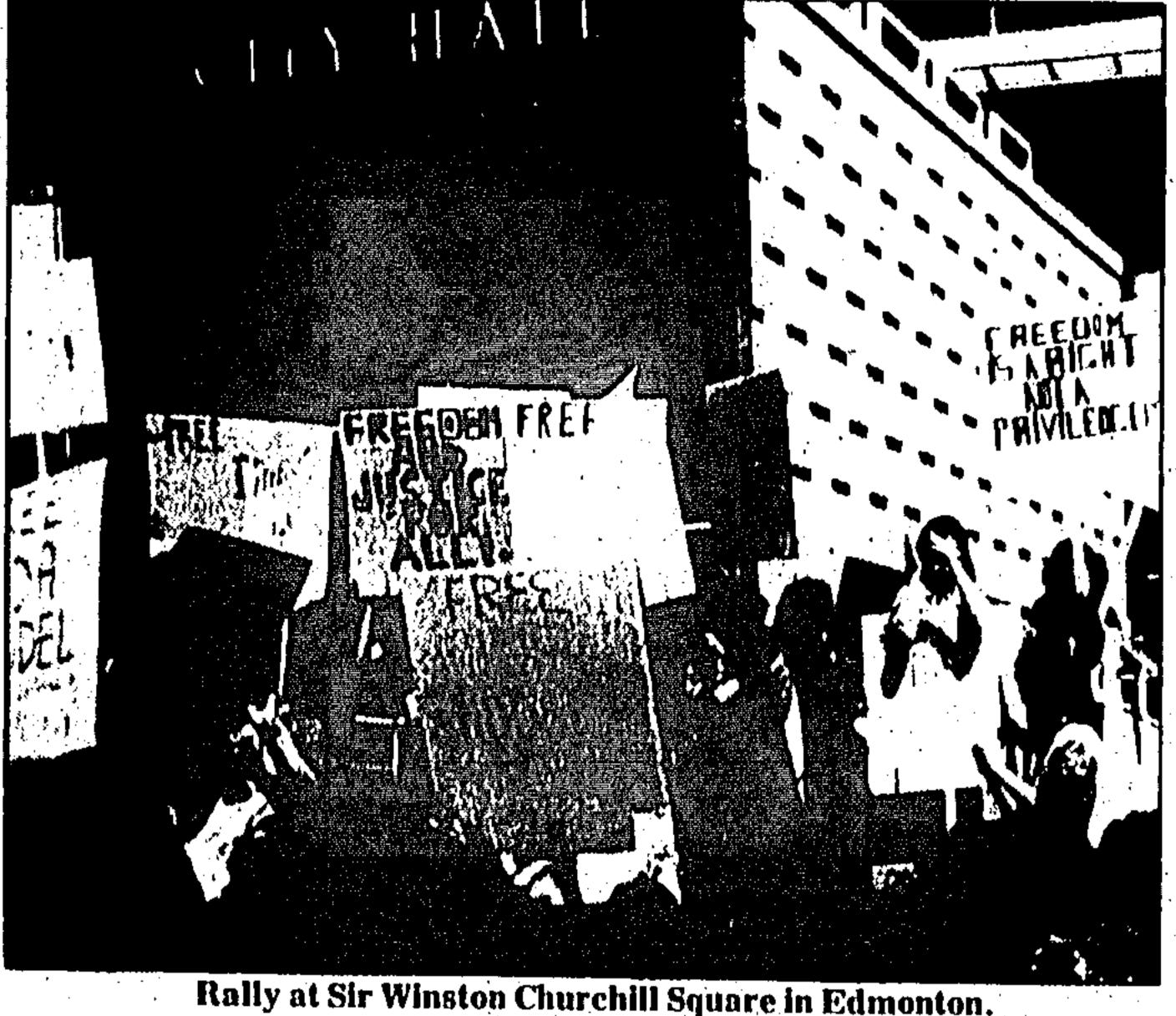
The Conference is open primarily to leadership of the representative of a people who American pro-Arabists U.J.A. and the beneficiary have a just right to their own agencies of U.J.A. (in Edmonton, these include the Talmud Torah. Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Community Council, Jewish Director of the Canada-Israel Family Services and the Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre).





the League for Human Rights of educate young Jewish men and B'nai B'rith, Canada, during a tour women in areas of Jewish identity, to the West, met with community Israel and Zionism, Jewish leaders in Regina, Saskatoon, history, and other related areas. Edmonton and Calgary. In The program (which presently B'rith Lodge.

Mr Shefman told "The Jewish respective the next two years.



Calgary Conference Suggests Means of Improving Arab Image in Canada

Special to The Jewish Star

The Arab countries need to work in three principle directions in order to enhance their impact on the the Canadian people and, through them, on the Canadian Government

> They must change what they perceive as an unfair image of relations techniques, and by developing and cultivating an Arab convince Canadians that closer their advocacy of the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the number of prominent homeland.

These were the main themes. according to Shira H. Bessin, Committee, of the first-ever Canadian-Arab Relations Conference, held at the University Bessin, who came from Toronto to representative of any Jewish organization monitoring the sessions. She told The Jewish Star that between 60 - 100 people attended different sessions, of whom only 15 were paid registrants from Calgary.

Dr David Dewitt, of the the sessions. And, from the Department of Political Science of the University of Alberta, had been invited to give a paper on "Domestic Sources of Canadian Middle East Policy, 1948 - 1980."

Impact of Conference

Initially, there was concern on the part of the Canada-Israel Committee, and from other A St that a Canadian S Jewry Can, not i veer from its professed scholarly interest. And they need to continue gathering, The Jewish Star was informed by Ms Bessin. A large North were scheduled to speak, including Sen. Heath Macquarrie, Dr Peyton (Political Lyon Science. Carleton).Dr Edward Said (English, Columbia — he did not, was invited to be present at the - fact attend), and Robert Stanfield. And Dr Tarig Ismael (Political Science, Calgary) was of Calgary from June 22 - 24. Ms the driving force behind the Conference.

> While the Conference did not attain the usual standards of such academic gatherings, Ms Bessin said, it did have an impact in two directions. There were attendants who left (including political figures), who were influenced by the pro-Arab outlook permeating

Leadership Development Program Begun By U.I.A.

In recognition of the necessity of developing Jewish leadership in beneficiary boards, and thereby Western Canada, United Israel become involved in the local Appeal of Canada has embarked decision-making processes of their on a ambitious and novel leadershp Allan Shefman, the Director of development program designed to

Edmonton, he spoke to the Board involves Leadership Development of Directors of the Community Groups in Winnipeg, Regina, Council on June 24. In Calgary, he Edmonton, and Vancouver) will spoke at a meeting of the B'nai allow the local leadership of each community to work with their Leadership Star" that B'nai B'rith is hopeful Development Groups by assisting that the Canadian organization will such groups and understanding be officially recognized as a local community operations such separate and equal body (on a par as the budget and allocations with the American B'nai B'rith) process and the function (and later this year. He is also working interaction) of the beneficiary on plans to open a Western agencies with the local Regional Office in Alberta within community. Members of each leadership development group will

participate as observers on local respective communities.

A mock budget and allocations session will be scheduled, and special emphasis will be placed upon campaign and solicitation techniques.

Conference of Western Leadership Canadian Development Groups will be scheduled for late this fall or early next spring, at which time there will be several workshops.

The conference will also focus on issues in Jewish identity. Speakers of international repute are being booked.

Barry Slawsky, of Edmonton, a member of the National Board of U.I.A., is Western Canada Chairman, and Mark Silverberg, Assistant Director of the (continued on page 3)



July 1981

300 Gather to Protest Nudel 'Exile', Human Rights in USSR

Edmonton Jewish community held Toronto. A MICHT a rally in support of human rights in the Soviet Union, drawing particular attention to the plight of Ida Nudel. Ms Nudel has been in "internal exile" in the Soviet Union for the past three years as punishment for having voiced her views on human rights, and for seeking to emigrate to Israel.

The rally was sponsored by the Edmonton Jewish Community Council and the Edmonton P.4 Hadassah-WIZO, with the active participation of the local chapters of the National Council of Jewish Women and Pioneer Women. Similar rallies on behalf of Ms

to the need of being constantly

"vigilant" in protecting and

promoting the cause of Israel.

Even though coverage in the

Calgary Herald, Calgary Sun,

and Globe and Mail was not

extensive, and even though no one

from the Calgary Jewish

Conference. Ms Bessin warned

afford to sink into a "malaise" or

into indifference at what such

During the time that Ms Bessin

was in Alberta, she conveyed these

feelings to a small group in

Edmonton Jewish Community

Council. On the latter occasion (no

representative from The Jewish Star

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On June 22, at noon, the Nudel were held in Winnipeg and

300 Gather, Speeches Given

An estimated 250 - 300 people (most of whom were Jewish) gathered at Sir Win-

Back ground to the News.

ston Churchill Square to hear Dr Leslie Green, Prof. of Political Science at the University of Alberta, and Flora Naglie, National President of Canadian Pioneer

Women. Both speakers addressed their remarks to the question of human rights, and the exercise of fundamental freedoms in the Soviet Union. The rally was chaired by Miriam

Sheckter, Public Affairs Chairman of the Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO.

Telegrams Sent to Canada, USSR

After the rally, the following telegram was sent to the Prime Minister of Canada :

"We appeal to you to exercise your good offices with the President of the Soviet Union to effect the immediate release of Ida Nudel, a Prisoner of Conscience exiled to Siberia for the crime of demanding her fundamental rights as a human being."

Another telegram was sent to the Soviet, Embassy in Ottawa the ""We appeal to you to effect the

immediate release of Ida Nudel, a Prisoner of Conscience exiled to (continued on page 2)



To Our Readers

vantage of Canadian Jews, it spoke

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