Regional Leadership Training Camp Re-introduced by BBYO

The R.L.T.C. delegation

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization re-introduced their Regional Leadership Training Camp this past August at Camp B'nai Brith, Pine Lake, Alberta. R.L.T.C., co-ordinated by Lisa Kowall and Grant Vogel, was a special program involving sessions on leadership and Judaism in an atmosphere of fun and recreation.

The Judaism sessions were exciting and informative under the guidance of Rabbi Henry Shreibman, a Reconstructionist Rabbi currently serving a Conservative congregation in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Rabbi Shreibman added a new dimension of understanding to each delegate's understanding of Judaism through creative teaching, challenging exercises, and sharing his enthusiasm for Judaism. In addition, Rabbi Shreibman is a professional pantomimist who studied under Marcel Marceau. He showed his talent at R.L.T.C. not only by teaching basic mime moves but also by entertaining with a series of exciting mime presentations. Leadership sessions were lead by B.B.Y.O.'s own professional staff of Dr. Bill Meloff, Regional Director, and Medina Shatz, Assistant Regional Director. Hillel Boroditsky, Executive Director of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, joined the B.B.Y.O.ers and led a very informative session on community programming.

Delegates had the opportunity to use their creative juices in the areas of art, modern dance and Israeli song and dance. A linocut was made to commemorate R.L.T.C. under the able supervision of Barbara Miller, a professional art and jazz dance teacher from Philadelphia. David Kauffman, a B.B.Y.O. alumnus who is an electrical engineering student at UBC, added the musical touch to R.L.T.C. with his special style of song leading. Recent graduates of B.B.Y.O. aided in various aspects of the program as staff associates. They were: Jerry Sorokin, Jane Ravvin and Debbie Gottesman. The combination of such quality staff and the exceptional B.B.Y.O. delegates made for an exciting and meaningful week of fun and learning. Grant and Lisa's hard work and dedication to B.B.Y.O. paid off ten-fold, and they need be congratulated for their role in creating a memorable B.B.Y.O. program.

Council Captions

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Jewish Video Program

First, a *Jewish Radio Program* each Sunday evening, on CKER Radio 1480, and now, a *Jewish Video Program* on Cable T.V.

Now, under the direction of Cory (Dlin) Felberbaum, the Edmonton Jewish community is embarking upon a new adventure — Jewish Television Broadcasting. This is an entirely new vista for this community.

Suggested programs include a variety of films for airing, from the traumas of Jews in distressed lands to a series on the Holocaust to modern Israeli films to lessons on Jewish identity, ethics, history, and language. The uses to which the visual media can be put, in Edmonton, are limitless.

Volunteers wishing to participate in the programming and audio-visual arrangements for the *Jewish Video Program* are requested to contact Cory Felberbaum (436-6383) or Gillian Horwitz (487-5120) for further details.

Jewish Education

The Jewish Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Maurice Blackman, reports that the survey of parents with Junior High School children interested in taking a Hebrew language option course at Ross Sheppard High School for the 1982-83 academic year, is not going too well.

Although the survey has been published in the last three issues of the *Star — only 3 individuals have expressed any interest whatsoever.*

Persons requiring further information on the proposed High School Hebrew language option are requested to contact Mr. Shelley Macrov at 458-9527 for further details.

Your cooperation will assist in bringing this about. Please call now.

Jewish Public Library

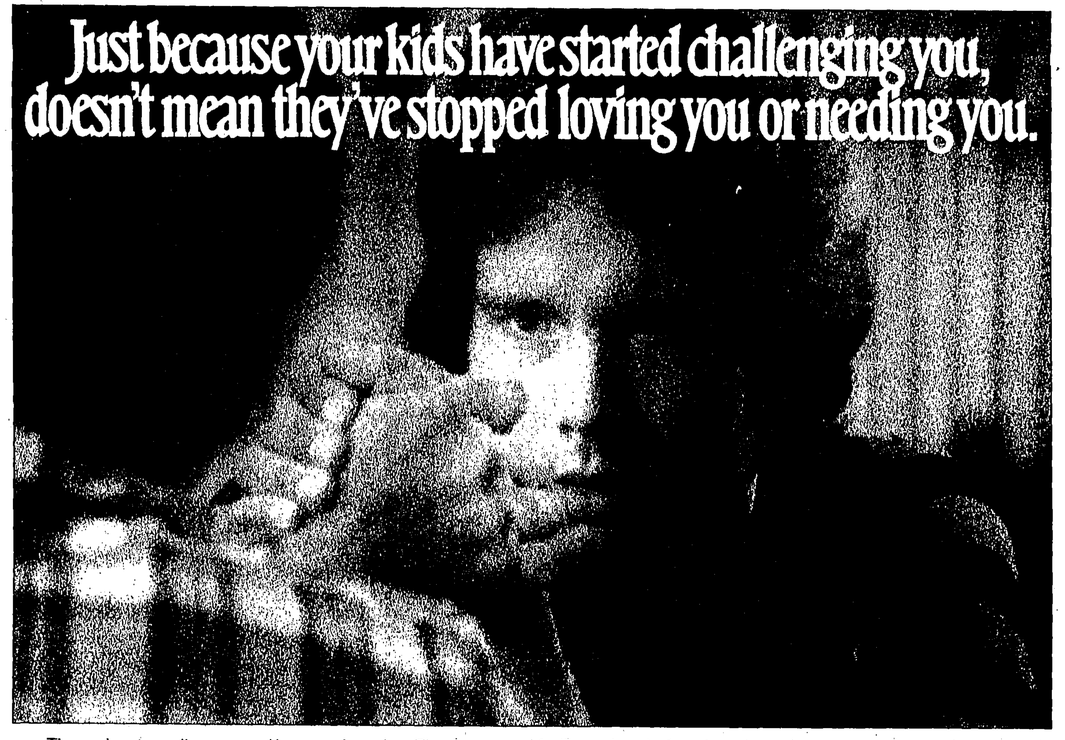
Finally, the library subcommittee of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, chaired by Mr. Jack Goldberg has announced that financial endowments for the new *Edmonton Jewish Public Library* are now being received by the library committee. Families, individuals or companies wishing to make endowments for books, shelving, etc. are requested to contact the council for further details (Attn: Mark Silverberg). Tax receipts will be issued.

Biblical Hebrew at U. of A.

In other Jewish education news, the Edmonton Jewish community is presently funding a biblical Hebrew course as part of the curriculum of the department of classics at the University of Alberta. In that regard, $10,000 has been provided by the community to the department to cover the salary of a part-time sessional instructor, employer costs of the benefit programs available to part-time sessionals, and for non-salary costs connected with the program.

According to Richard C. Smith, Professor and Chairman of the classics department:

"I have been extremely pleased with the progress that students have made in Hebrew this past year and the two fine classes of Hebrew that are now being taught by our instructor, Mrs. Naomi Hazanovitz. The very solid interest in and enthusiasm for Hebrew studies that is now manifest on the campus would not have been possible without the generous support of the Jewish community council. I am therefore, on behalf of the faculty and University, most grateful to you and all the officers and members of your council for your consistent and dependable backing."



Throughout our lives, we're influenced by others as we grow and create our own, unique identities. Parents, friends, teachers and co-workers, show business celebrities and sports figures all play their part in shaping our characters.

As a parent, your influence on the young people around you is ever-changing. The unquestioning gaze of the small child quickly becomes the hard-edged challenge to authority of the adolescent. Adapting to these changes in the way young people look upon you isn't easy.

And you may feel that your importance in the lives of your growing children is fading, when in fact, just the opposite is true. Adolescents are making important choices.

Choices that will be with them for the rest of their lives. To smoke or not to smoke. To drive carefully or to take risks. To drink or not to drink. To stay in school or to leave. As we try to develop our own unique personalities, we need the support of the people who love us.

Ironically, kids need their parents most at the same time as they are trying to break the childhood ties to them.

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'Journal' Gets a B'nai Brith Media Award

TORONTO — *The Edmonton Journal*, CKWX Radio Vancouver, and CBC Television Vancouver, were the major winners of the 7th Annual Media Human Rights Awards for the press, radio, and television. The awards were presented at a ceremony here on Nov. 9.

Multiculturalism Minister Jim Fleming, himself a former journalist, gave the keynote address that touched on the Kent Report, and challenged the media to take a greater responsibility in the area of human rights and the treatment of racial issues. Mr Fleming charged that Canadian news media are creating an image of non-whites which is "conducive to racism and bias," and "a barrier to social cohesion and stability". News selection is oriented to confrontation, crisis, and catastrophe, he said, and this penalizes minority groups, especially non-whites.

Mr Fleming asserted that the media, especially T.V., perpetuate "dangerous offensive and racist stereo-typing". He announced that his Ministry is preparing a handbook to help minorities tell their story more effectively, and will work with the media to develop suggested guidelines to guard against stereotyping and racism.

Edmonton Journal Award

This year, chosen from more than 50 submissions from across Canada, *The Edmonton Journal* took the major award for the press for a series of articles on children's rights and child abuse in Alberta. The series was written by reporter Wendy Koenig, who was also last year's runner-up for the Media Human Rights Award. The articles investigated child abuse at the Northern River Treatment Centre, in Peace River, and the abuse of foster children in the province. The Peace River articles described how one child was forced to urinate in his bed and sleep in soiled sheets to cure bedwetting, while another was forced to eat dog food covered with hot sauce from a dog dish. As a result of *The Edmonton Journal's* investigation, the province initiated an ombudsman report, and major improvements were initiated in the child care system.

B'nai Brith Canada President Philip A. Leon warned the gathering of 150 of the primary

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Seen at the Media Human Rights Awards Ceremonies in Toronto are Edmonton residents Herb Leon, Vice-President, B'nai Brith Canada, and award winner Wendy Koenig, of "The Edmonton Journal".

Liberators of Nazi Camps Confer to Share Memories

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Holocaust survivors and representatives of 14 countries whose armies liberated the Nazi concentration camps at the end of World War II gathered here Oct. 27 and 28 to, as one survivor said, "share the most vivid, most personal, anguishing memories."

At the opening ceremony at the State Department of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council's first International Liberators Conference, Elie Wiesel, the writer and chairman of the Council, noted that there was a "vicious phenomenon" existing which denied the Holocaust. He said that the survivors are not believed about what happened to them, "perhaps you [the liberators] will be heard."

Noting "explosions in Paris, bombs in Antwerp, murderous attacks in Vienna," Wiesel asked: "Is it conceivable that Nazism can dare come back into the open so soon — while we are still alive, while we are still here to denounce its poisonous nature, as illustrated in Treblinka?"

Wiesel declared that those who were murdered in the Holocaust

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Saudi Peace Plan is Again Rejected

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has once again categorically rejected the eight-point peace plan for the Middle East proposed by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia last August.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's press spokesman, Uri Porat, said last month that the peace plan was, in fact, a formula for continuing the state of war, and that the only acceptable framework for Mideast peace negotiations was the Camp David Accords.

Porat's statement was in response to expressions of support for the Saudi plan by British Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, current chairman of the Council of Ministries of the European Economic Community (EEC), and Habib Chatti, Sec. General of the 42-nation Islamic Conference. Both saw the plan as a feasible basis for negotiations and, according to Chatti, Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat is prepared to negotiate on the basis of the Fahd plan.

[Prince Fahd's peace plan was originally published in a Beirut newspaper, and was characterized by Anwar Sadat as "nothing new". Under the peace plan, Israel's right to "live in peace" is

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Israel Expresses Regret at Approval of AWACS Deal

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel expressed "regret" Oct. 29 over the Senate's approval of the sale of AWACS reconnaissance aircraft and other advanced weaponry to Saudi Arabia and said the deal represented "a new and serious threat" to Israel which it would have to "overcome."

The statement was released following a special meeting of the Cabinet convened by Premier Menachem Begin the morning of Oct. 29 to assess the situation after the U.S. Senate upheld the $8.5 billion arms package which Israel had vigorously opposed. It noted pointedly President Reagan's repeated commitments to maintain Israel's qualitative military superiority in the Middle East and to establish strategic co-operation with Israel.

"We hope these words of the President will be realized," Begin said after reading the Cabinet's statement to reporters. He released the text of a letter he received that day from Reagan in which the President said, "I reiterate my pledge that America continues to be committed to Israel, to maintain its military and technological advantages." The letter added, "This Administration has a permanent interest in working with Israel on a broad basis on strategic problems. These efforts serve our common interest."

The Cabinet statement was drafted by Begin himself. Several ministers reportedly felt that Israel should not, at this early stage, refer to Reagan's pledges of arms aid and strategic co-operation on grounds that it might imply that Israel was reconciling itself to the AWACS deal and was seeking compensation. Begin replied, according to Cabinet sources, that there was no point "playing broigez [anger]" with the U.S. He said the Cabinet expressed precisely what it felt, feared and hoped.

No Ill Feeling Toward AWACS Supporters

The statement also took a conciliatory tone toward those Senators who supported the Administration on the AWACS sale and those who opposed it but switched sides at the last minute. It expressed appreciation to the 48 Senators who cast their votes against the deal. The statement said:

"Israel expresses its regret over the Senate's decision on the proposal by the Administration for the double arms deal to Saudi Arabia. [Saudi Arabia is] a country which is in a state of war

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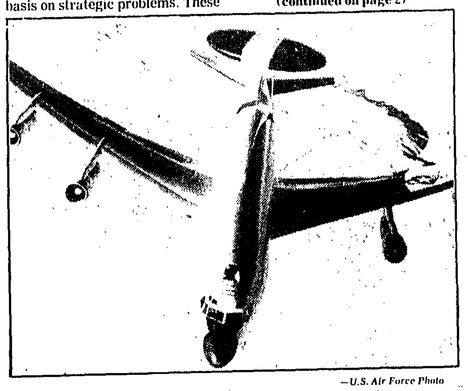

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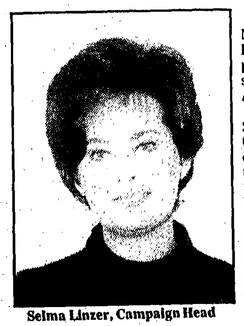
An AWACS (Airborne Warning And Control Systems) Plane

Youth Aliyah Dinner Features Givens



Selma Linzer, Campaign Head

Judge Philip G. Givens, former Mayor of Toronto and a Jewish leader in Toronto of national prominence, will be the guest speaker at this year's Youth Aliyah Campaign Dinner.

The event will take place on Nov. 29, at the Plaza Hotel. Reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs Miriam Cooper at the Hadassah-WIZO office (481-1260, between 9 - 1) or Mrs Anne Eaman (452-2253).

Judge Givens has a long and distinguished record of service in Canadian and Jewish affairs. The Toronto-born judge, 59, has been a member of the Ontario Legislature since 1971, and a Member of

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Elexis Schloss, Campaign Head

Alberta is a Supporter of ORT Ethiopia Project

Special to The Jewish Star

The Province of Alberta provides $120,000 to help improve the quality of life of Ethiopians (including Ethiopian Jews), Mac Silver, National Exec. Director of Canadian ORT told *The Jewish Star*. Mr Silver, who was on a tour of the Western provinces in September, said that Alberta's contribution was the largest of the four Canadian provinces providing assistance to Third World countries. The other contributors are British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

According to Mr Silver, the Alberta assistance program began four years ago. Money raised locally is matched dollar-for-dollar by the Province, and that amount, in turn, is matched on the same basis by the Federal Government. Thus a $10 donation to an Edmonton or Calgary ORT chapter becomes $20, and that $20 ends up as $40.

The matching funds from Alberta are designated to be used to upgrade the agricultural output

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acknowledged, subject to several with Israel, opposes the Camp David agreements, and finances terrorism in our region.

"The Israel cabinet reiterates that a new and serious threat has conditions, one of which is the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Another point requests Israeli withdrawal from all territories acquired in the Six Day War, while others asks for removal of all Israeli settlements in the West Bank and other territories; recognition of the right of 2 million Palestinian refugees to repatriation or compensation for those who do not wish to return; a U.N. trusteeship in the Palestinian populated West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip during a transition period of a few months; and guarantees of any agreement by the United Nations, or "some of its members" (presumably the United States and Soviet Union).]

Four of the Richest

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO (JCNS) —. Four of the ten named by *Toronto Life* magazine as the richest in the city are Jews.

This is a change from former years, when the unquestioned monopoly of Toronto's moneyed aristocracy was held by the WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) community.

The four are Mr. Paul Reichmann, Mr. Peter Bronfman, Mr. Max Tanenbaum, and Mr. John "Jack" Daniels.

Mr. Reichmann and his brother, born in Vienna, have come a long way since arriving in Canada in the late 1950s.

They now head the country's largest private building and development firm. In addition, they have vast property holdings in New York. The magazine estimates that their assets exceed $1.35 billion.

Mr. Bronfman and his brother, Edward, have interests in insurance companies, banks, mines and pulp and paper concerns — an empire valued at over $672 million.

At least $537 million is the estimated worth of Mr. Tanenbaum and his sons, whose business interests are in steel and real estate.

Mr. Daniels, the son of a Hebrew teacher, is a major shareholder in Cadillac-Fairview, Canada's largest public property and development company.

AWACS Approval

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arisen for Israel — a new departure not experienced since the establishment of our state. We shall have to overcome it — and we will do all that is incumbent upon us in order to overcome it.

"The debate in Washington was long. Friends of Israel, regardless or origin or political outlook, fought the just struggle bravely and nobly.

Youth Aliyah Dinner

Judge Philip Givens

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Parliament for York West. Active in many major Canadian Jewish organizations, he is National President of the Canadian Zionist Federation, a National Board Member of B'nai Brith, Jewish National Fund, and the State of Israel Bonds.

Judge Givens has been awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal, the Negev Award of J.N.F., and the Human Relations Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He was appointed Ontario Provincial Judge in August 1977, and is currently Chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Commissioners of Police.

1981 Campaign

The motto of this year's Youth Aliyah Campaign is "To Save a Child is to Save the World". According to representatives of the Campaign, the motto is particularly appropriate in light of the well-known problems of inflation in Israel. Institutions there which have been supported and built-up over the years by Youth Aliyah are facing stressful times. There are currently 19,000 children under the care of this organization, which is responsible for guidance, food, care, shelter and, most importantly, for education. There are seven Canadian youth projects in Israel.

The 1981 Campaign is being headed by Elexis Schloss and Selma Linzer.

They are being ably assisted by Lois Sorokin, Zelda Kalensky, Dianne Marcovitch, Dianne Jampolsky, Debbie Ghermezian, Donna Weisler, Betty Mayer, Anne Eaman, Marlene Warhaft, Cori Friedman, and Chapter Chairmen Joanne Swersky, Jennie Promislow, Susan Barum, Jennifer Cowan, Susan Winestock, Alice Abells, and Ruth Gelfand. Sharon Cairns and Shelia Orteaga are treasurers. Henriette Peckett will be producing the program of gifts, and Shoshana Pollack is the Publicity Chairman.

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Larry Rollingher is Honoured by Israel Bonds

Special to The Jewish Star

Lawrence G. Rollingher, surrounded by his family, friends, and business associates, was awarded the Israel Prime Minister's Medal on Oct. 25, at a dinner in his honour sponsored by State of Israel Bonds.

The 500 guests present shared in memories of the Rollingher family recounted during the evening, and listened to greetings and speeches from an articulate group of head table guests.

Greetings were brought from the Province by the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Henry Kroeger; from the city of Edmonton, by the Hon. Cecil Purves, Mayor, and from David Grossman, President of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council. Dennis Ditlove, Western Regional Chairman of Boys Town, Jerusalem, brought greetings from that organization. Mr Rollingher is the National President of Boys Town, Jerusalem.

In addition, Pinchas Shanaan, Executive Director of State of Israel Bonds for Canada, made a special presentation of the "Jerusalem Award" to Tulane Rollingher, Shoshana Pollack, and Saul Reichert, in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of that organization.

Chaim Potok Principle Speaker

The principle speaker that evening, Dr Chaim Potok, was eloquently introduced by Donna Weisler. In reviewing past Jewish contributions to Western civilization, Dr Potok focussed on future possibilities. At present, he said, we are engaged in an attempt to create a third Jewish civilization. Over one thousand years of Biblical Judaism ended with the destruction of the Second Temple. The two thousand years that followed — the 'Talmudic civilization' — faded with the ghettos and ended with the destruction of European Jewry. Now, Dr Potok continued, we are in the rare position of being able to create ourselves anew for a third time. Dr Potok wondered whether we would succeed in meeting this challenge in a fruitful way, or be overcome by it and vanish from history. Milton Sorokin, Chairman of the Israel Bonds for Alberta, thanked Dr Potok for his stimulating talk.

Highlight of the Evening

The highlight of the evening was occasioned by the presentation of the Prime Minister's Medal to Mr Rollingher, made by Rubin Zimmerman, National President of State of Israel Bonds.

In the warm and endearing manner which is his trademark, Mr Rollingher stated that every one present was a friend of his, and this fact made him extremely proud. He was grateful, he said, to have had the opportunity to serve his community, for following the precepts of *tzedekah* must be a way of life. Mr Rollingher stated that he could not have done all he had without the support of a dedicated community, and he accepted the Medal on behalf of all.

Irving Kipnes, the Chairman of a special project committee, then announced that through the generosity of friends and business associates of the honouree, a wing of the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre would be named the "Lawrence G. Rollingher Cultural Wing". In further acknowledgment of this honour, Dr Marvin Weisler, President of the Centre, also made a special presentation to Mr Rollingher.

As a result of this evening, in addition to increased Israel Bonds sales, two $1 million notes to the State of Israel were purchased, by Mr Rollingher and Milton Sorokin.

Shown at the Israel Bond Dinner are (left to right): Milton Sorokin, Western Regional Chairman, Israel Bonds; the Hon. Henry Kroeger, Alberta Minister of Transport; Tulane Rollingher, wife of the honouree; Rubin Zimmerman, National President, State of Israel Bonds; Lawrence G. Rollingher, the honouree; and the Hon. Cecil Purves, Mayor of Edmonton.

Robert Cristall was Dinner Chairman and Master-of-Ceremonies. The committee responsible for the arrangements for the evening included Milton Sorokin, Irving Kipnes, Helen Paull, Donna Weisler, and Leon Miller.

'Journal' Award

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threats facing the Jewish community today: the virtual shutdown of emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union, and the danger of perceiving the P.L.O. as a "moderate" force in the Middle East. We must be steadfast in our support of Israel, said Mr Leon, and the necessity of adhering to the Camp David accords.

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One Year Old

With this issue, the Edmonton edition of *The Jewish Star* marks the beginning of its second year of publication.

We are proud to be a part of, and to play a role in, the life of the rapidly growing Edmonton Jewish community. For these are years of challenge, as the community confronts issues not only common to Canadian Jewry, but ones peculiar to our own Western situation.

In clearly sensing this state of affairs, the Edmonton leadership was wisely concerned to insure that the notable events and activities in the community should be transmitted to all. *The Jewish Star* has strived to act as this medium, while also providing information which helps to make us knowledgeable about our Jewish world.

We are very gratified at the cooperation which we have received from the community. Hillel Boroditsky, in particular, has always been generous in giving of his time, advice, and help; and Mark Silverberg, and Laura Shapiro — all in the Community office — have been eager to provide whatever assistance and advice is necessary. It has been a pleasure to deal with these fine representatives of the community, as with David Grossman, President of the Community Council.

Having made this beginning, *The Jewish Star* looks forward to many years of fruitful association with a vibrant community.

Wagner in Israel

Should the music of Richard Wagner (1813-83) be played in Israel by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra?

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, it has been a generally, though not universally, accepted rule of etiquette that Wagner's music has no place in the orchestra halls of the Jewish homeland. Recently, however, as reported in *The Jewish Star*, the case for Wagner has been made by Zubin Mehta, the conductor of the I.P.O., and others. It is an issue which has stirred strong emotional and intellectual feelings on both sides.

No one, to be sure, disputes the character of Wagner's thought. The man viewed the Jews (in his own words) as "the born enemy of pure humanity and everything that is noble in it," and consequently felt that the German race would be far more 'noble' if it would rid itself of them. He denied that any Jew — even such composers as Felix Mendelsohn and Giacomo Meyerbeer — could be considered truly creative in the cultural field. He wrote that Germanic culture was economically dominated by Jewish speculators and bankers. He decried the granting of civil rights to German Jews in 1871.

Wagner's stature as a musical genius gave an authority to his attitude towards Jews. His cultural and intellectual influence was profound. When Wagner moved to Bayreuth, the Bavarian city became the centre of political propaganda, of the "fanatical bigotry and Germanomania" of Wagner (in Walter Kaufmann's words), as well as of musical drama. Wagner further spread his beliefs through his *Bayreuther Blatter*, and such essays made an impact on his son-in-law, Houston Stewart Chamberlain, on Alfred Rosenberg (the Nazi's official philosopher), and on Hitler himself. "Whoever wants to understand National Socialist Germany", Hitler wrote, "must know Wagner."

If this is the man behind the music — an unabashed anti-semite — what is it that makes the playing of his music in Israel so controversial?

Notwithstanding remarks following Maestro Mehta's action, it is necessary to be pointed in clarifying what is *not* at issue. Zubin Mehta's integrity is not at issue. One may vehemently deplore his judgement without attacking his person: the comment that Mr Mehta should "go home" (presumably to India) was unworthy of being uttered. And such a remark was all the more deplorable in light of Mr Mehta's long-standing dedication to the Jewish people. Those who were in Israel during the 1967 War will never forget that it was Mr Mehta who came to conduct the I.P.O. there, just as Erich Leinsdorf, the designated *maestro*, was fleeing the embattled country.

Nor is it Wagner's stature as a composer, and the importance of including his music in the I.P.O. repertoire, which are at issue. Wagner stands among the pre-eminent giants in the history of music, and barring future changes in taste, he is likely to remain in that position. Yet, contrary to what Mr Mehta has maintained, if the I.P.O. has already achieved a reputation without Wagner in the repertoire, there is no reason why it cannot maintain that reputation without him.

Nor do we believe, finally, that the issue is one of free speech, as argued by Chaim Bermant in a thoughtful essay in the *Jewish Chronicle* (London). If this were the heart of the matter, we would protest such narrow-mindedness and short-sightedness, as Mr Bermant feels compelled to do. But freedom of expression can not exist in a vacuum: one has no right to plead "free speech" as a justification for yelling "fire!" in a crowded theatre, when there is no fire. Limits must on some rare occasions be placed on this freedom when other, more important factors, are involved.

Israel and the I.P.O. can do without Wagner's music at this time. Playing his operas is offensive to many of those who live there who felt the bite of his words, the actualisation of his thoughts and desires, on their flesh. We find it difficult to separate, to ignore, to overlook, what is repulsive from what may be beautiful, when these inimical elements reside in one person.

Perhaps some time in the future, when anti-semitism is a feature of past ages, when men such as Wagner are seen as curiosities of unenlightened times — then the I.P.O. should include his compositions in their repertoire. In 1981, the wounds are deep and unhealed, and the sickness still prevalent.

BACKGROUND TO THE NEWS

By Sydney Suissa

The AWACS Threat

Special to The Jewish Star

"The dilemma of the Middle East situation can be solved in one of two ways: either by strength or by dialogue. Reagan has chosen the former . . ."

As an isolated incident, the recent approval of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia represents a direct threat to Israel and to the Middle East itself. But to a larger degree, the foreign policy of the Reagan Administration, of which the AWACS sale is one component, represents an even more ominous danger, for it threatens not only Israel but all of mankind.

The objective of the Administration's foreign policy in the Middle East is the security and stability of the region, particularly in the Persian Gulf. The economics are simple: the U.S. receives one-sixth of its oil from the Gulf area, and Western Europe receives two-thirds. The security of the Gulf, and therefore Saudi Arabia, is vital. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the spread of the revolutionary virus from Iran, and the continued Iraq-Iran conflict demonstrate Saudi Arabia's vulnerability, and justify American fears.

The foreign policy aims also at broadening the U.S.'s base of support in the Middle East beyond Egypt and Israel. As an influential Arab country, Saudi Arabia's friendship is greatly prized by the White House. The economics are again obvious, but one cannot ignore the possibility that such a friendship would be beneficial to the peace process. It was felt that approving the AWACS sale was one way of demonstrating the U.S.'s sincerity while at the same time strengthening the region.

These foreign policy objectives are not themselves the subject of questioning. What is in question, however, are the methods being used to attain the objectives. The dilemma of the Middle East situation can be solved in one of two ways: either by strength or by dialogue. Reagan has chosen the former, and in the process may have jeopardized Israel's friendship and security.

The AWACS (Airborne Warning And Control Systems) are designed for surveillance and intelligence purposes; they are not equipped to carry on offensive warfare. As an example, they would provide early warnings of an air attack on the Saudi oil fields, and thus allow for a much quicker mobilization to ward off the attack.

The threat these five AWACS pose to Israel is that they neutralize any military advantage Israel may possess. For instance, in the past Israeli jets were able to fly at very low altitudes and evade radar detection. This in fact was one of the tactics used in the raid on the Iraqi nuclear reactor. The sophistication of the AWACS is such that they can detect any airborne movement, at any altitude, within a radius of four hundred miles. Their detection range of any ground movement is three hundred miles. Compared to the actual size of Israel, these distances are overwhelmingly frightening.

Thus so long as an encompassing peace remains out of reach, a future Arab-Israeli confrontation, and Israel's defeat in such a confrontation, loom as likely possibilities. As a consequence, Israel must now face the prospect of intensifying and accelerating the peace process. This, as has already been mentioned, is an objective of the Reagan policy, and as such would be beneficial to Israel and the Middle East. But given Saudi Arabia's history and relation to the PLO, the implications of Saudi involvement in the peace process are not promising. If the situation in Egypt is taken into account, then the problem becomes even more complex.

The AWACS sale will also intensify the arms race in the Middle East. Considering the volatility of the region, one can only wonder about the wisdom of this move. Furthermore, an escalated arms race imposes severe strains on the already burdened economies of Israel, Egypt, and other needy countries of the region. These countries are in dire need of modernizing and expanding their productive capabilities. It is inconceivable that an arms race will provide the suitable climate for such a process to take place.

To appease Israel's fears the U.S. has offered certain feeble guarantees of security. The two main ones are that the AWACS are to be supervised by American personnel, and they will only be used for Saudi Arabia's security. The Reagan Administration's naivete and lack of sensitivity to the Middle East situation is not only apparent, but dangerous. Is it really believed in Washington that the Saudis can or would remain neutral in an Arab-Israeli confrontation? What guarantee can the U.S. possibly offer regarding Saudi Arabia's internal stability? Is it safe to give matches to a child on the condition that he won't play with them?

The strength of Pres. Reagan's convictions was reflected in his lobbying effort. In displaying what Tip O'Neill called an awesome power of persuasion, Reagan was truly masterful. Along with the help of his Administration, he was able to transfer the controversy away from the actual issue of the AWACS. Instead he focused on the importance of the image of the president abroad — an image of strength and the ability to carry out policy without constraints.

The essence of U.S. foreign policy rests with the idea that a show of strength and a flexing of American muscle will deter the Soviet Union from further expansionism. At one time such a simplistic approach to world politics was very much the vogue. But this is no longer the age of Bismarck and his law of blood and iron. This is the era of nuclear weaponry, extremism, terrorism, and other unpredictable and explosive issues. The fly-swatter technique is as antiquated now as the president himself.

It appears to many that Israel has now become an expendable pawn in this foreign policy gamble. Other countries, such as El Salvador, have also been treated as expendable.

In this climate of madness, it seems so ironic that the country that has been fundamental to Israel's existence may in the end prove to be its demise.

FROM ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

Wagner: To Play or Not to Play?

The long-accepted decision not to play the music of Richard Wagner in Israel is now being challenged by the conductor of Israel's Philharmonic. Feelings are high.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A fierce controversy continued in Israel over the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's attempt to add the music of Richard Wagner to its repertoire.

The music of Wagner has been boycotted in this country since 1948 because of the composer's anti-semitism, because his music was often played as concentration camp inmates were marched to the gas chambers, and because of the close associations members of his family had with Hitler. Wagner's music was chosen by the Nazis as a symbol of the "Nordic superman."

The controversy erupted Oct. 15 when Zubin Mehta, conductor and musical director of the New York Philharmonic, announced that the overture to *Tristan und Isolde* would be played as an encore at the concert being performed at Mann Auditorium.

Mehta, well aware of the hostility toward Wagner among many Israelis, particularly Holocaust survivors, announced that he would pause before the encore to allow people in the audience and members of the orchestra to leave if they so wished. Some of the audience and orchestra members left, and fist fights broke out in the auditorium between those who wanted the music halted, and those who wanted to hear it.

Rationale for Playing Wagner

Despite this incident, the IPO is determined to add Wagner's music to its repertoire. Mehta and IPO violinist, Daniel Binyamini, chairman of the IPO Management Committee, told a press conference Oct. 21 they thought no modern orchestra could exist without playing Wagner, in view of his influence on modern music.

Mehta said after the fracas at Mann Auditorium that the orchestra decided to play Wagner's music because of the passage of time since the Nazis killed six million Jews. "I understand the emotions of the people who went through the concentration camps, but Israel is a democracy and any one should be able to hear whatever he wants," Mehta said.

The dispute in the media and in the populace is roughly along political lines. Rightwing personalities and Likud supporters oppose the playing of Wagner's music, while Labor, liberal, and leftwing personalities are largely in favour of allowing the IPO to add Wagner's music as encores or at special concerts if it is suitably announced in advance.

M.A.P.
Mostly About People

Although Cantor Joseph Gole, one-half of the cantorial duo recently touring Calgary and Edmonton, was taken ill at the last moment and could not accompany **Cantor Nathan Lam,** their programs were nonetheless most successful. Cantor Lam's talent and personality once again won his audience, which was equally impressed by **Cantor Farid Dardashti,** standing-in for Cantor Gole. Cantor Dardashti is reputed to be the first Persian singer and *hazzan* in the Western world.

During the cantors renditions of cantorial, operatic, and popular melodies, the Calgary and Edmonton audiences could be seen singing and clapping along. About 250 people attended each of the concerts.

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The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry will be holding a conference on the critical status of Soviet Jews in Ottawa on Dec. 9. Leadership in both the Soviet Jewry movement and in the community are being invited to attend. One of the features of this conference will be a luncheon for Members of Parliament. Speakers will be Serge Joyal, Minister of State; Prof. Irwin Cotler, President, Canadian Jewish Congress; and Joseph Mendelevitch, the most recently released prisoner of conscience. The Committee is asking our readers to write to their M.P.s to request that they attend this luncheon; all M.P.s will have an invitation extended to them.

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As an example of journalistic co-operation, the *Jewish Western Bulletin* in Vancouver recently reprinted the report of the Western Region Conference which appeared in *The Jewish Star*. An excerpt from our editorial on that conference was also published as a guest editorial.

IN EDMONTON . . .

Rabbi David Rosen, the 30-year-old Chief Rabbi of Ireland, spoke on Jewish identity for the Young Leadership Development Group on Nov. 3. The program, which was co-ordinated by Ari Bernstein, was attended by 85 young people. Rabbi Rosen, an extremely articulate speaker, was warmly received. The Chief Rabbi's appearance here was one of many engagements across Canada this month.

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The Community Council office received a letter from **Sid Freedman,** of Kelowna, describing the Jewish community in the Okanagan (Bet you didn't even know there is such a thing!) Dr Freedman says there are over 50 Jewish families in the area, and that they have High Holiday services, campaigns for United Israel Appeal, and even had their first Bar Mitzvah in August.

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Have you ever wondered "How Jewish is Christianity"? This is the topic of a lecture to be held at the University of Alberta, Nov. 22, by Dr Krister Stendahl of the Harvard Divinity School. **Dr Stendahl,** a well-known New Testament scholar, has been closely associated with the improvement of Jewish-Christian relations. Listed among the co-sponsors of the lecture are B'nai Brith Hillel, the Jewish Community Council, and the Jewish Community Centre.

IN CALGARY...

Lucy Pildish, a newcomer to Calgary, was one of the finalists in the classical vocalist category of the 1981 **duMaurier Search for the Stars** competition. Ms Pildish was one of 700 participants in all fields of the performing arts who were assessed by a panel of judges travelling to seven Canadian cities this fall. Each of the 18 finalists will be given a cash bursary and will be featured on a television special to be aired this spring. We will watch Ms Pildish's performance, and hope that she will be one of the six over-all winners.

Rabbi Joseph L. Shuchatowitz, the Director of the Department of Development and Public Relations for the **Ramot Shapira World Youth Centre,** was in Calgary last week. He met with a number of individuals, including *The Jewish Star*, and informed them of the work of the institution, which this year celebrated its 10th anniversary. Located in the Jerusalem Hills, mid-way between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Ramot Shapira was founded to provide Jewish youth with the Torah atmosphere, experiences, and insights which may have been missing in their own homes, schools, and communities. The 125 acre campus originally served 80 students and now accomodates more than 250 in its dormitories; according to Rabbi Shuchatowitz, 5000 Israeli students (mainly from development towns) now annually partake in its programs. The institution, while recognized and utilized by the Israel Government, is privately funded, with "Friends" groups in Canada (Toronto, Ottawa), the United States, Britain, South Africa, France, and Switzerland. It conducts many programs for students aged 13 - 18 in the Diaspora, including a 6 week summer program offering an in-depth study of all of Israel.

Prior to assuming his current position, Rabbi Shuchatowitz was Director-General of Jewish Education in Iran (until the revolution).

A presentation will be made to **Henry Libin** at the Shaarey Tzedec next week, in recognition of his support of Ramot Shapira.

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Rabbi Abraham Postone, a well-known figure in Alberta, was recently asked to assume — and has accepted — the position of Associate Rabbi at the Shaarey Tzedec. For nearly three decades, Rabbi Postone served as *mohel* [ritual circumciser] in Edmonton. He began more than a decade of association as rabbi with the Shaarey Tzedec in 1968, and has also acted since then as *mohel, shochet* [ritual slaughterer], and teacher for all of Calgary.

"I consider Rabbi Postone a valuable colleague," Dr Chaim Schertz, Rabbi at the Shaarey Tzedec, told *The Jewish Star*, "and a valuable asset to the *shul* in developing Jewish programs for it, and for the community-at-large."

We wish Rabbi Postone many years of health and *hatzlacha* in his new position.

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The Calgary Hebrew School will be holding a Book Fair from Nov. 24 - 26 (8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.) New books will be available for purchase, and all are invited to come to the School to do their gift shopping early. . . . And speaking of schools, **Dr Jack Rootman,** a former Calgarian now living in Vancouver, was recently elected President of that city's Talmud Torah.

Community Council Captions

Canada-Israel Committee

Economic Division

The Economic Division of the C.I.C. was set up as a forerunner to a Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce which is presently being formed in Edmonton. The necessity of a Chamber of Commerce was made evident with the realization that, in the 1980-1981 year, a mere $33,000 worth of trade took place between the Government of Alberta and the State of Israel. Further, meetings between members of the Economic Division and the Director of International Trade for the Province of Alberta, Mr. Larry Lang concerning the Alberta Ministerial Mission to Israel for Isratech Week (November 9 - 12) disclosed that Alberta government ministers and agricultural research scientists were completely unaware of the agricultural and technological innovations presently being undertaken in Israel. The feasibility of cultivation of crops in Northern Alberta by aeroponics (allowing crops to grow freely while suspended in cylinders filled with mineral-enriched air) and a host of other new scientific breakthroughs in high technology, have not been properly marketed before the Alberta public. The new Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce will deal exclusively in facilitating joint-venture projects between Alberta and Israel and will ensure that dialogue is established in the economic sphere in all areas of economic endeavour.

As a result of discussions with Mr. Lang, several top Alberta research scientists will be travelling to Israel specifically to view the aeroponic and hydroponic projects. Members of the delegation include: Mr. Larry Lang, Senior Director of International Trade for the Province of Alberta; Dr. John Wiebe, Senior Research Scientist, Alberta Horticultural Research Centre (Brooks, Alta.); The Deputy Minister of Government Services and various high-ranking medical personel associated with the Alberta Research Council, Edmonton. These individuals have already been provided with the Israel Technological portfolio, prepared and compiled by the Economic Division of Edmonton's Canada-Israel Committee.

In addition, Mark Silverberg, Assistant Director of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, and Brian Berkowitz, a member of the Canada-Israel Committee, along with many high-ranking Alberta Government and Dept. of Agriculture personnel, were invited on September 28 to C.B.C.'s Edmonton studios to view the premier showing of a specially-commissioned C.B.C. documentary titled "Israel: The Tiny Giant." The film dealt with the world-wide reputation being gained by Israel as a world leader in agricultural research and development. In the half-hour documentary, filmed in Israel, CBC's agricultural specialist, Noel McNaughton, looked at how science has helped this country become a "tiny giant" in world food production.

Producer Dave Smiley and cinematographer Alex Stankiewiez accompanied McNaughton to Israel and, amidst the beautiful scenery of this country, captured on film some of the innovations now in progress. The program investigated production methods, irrigation, fish farming, international exports and research projects which are producing amazing results.

McNaughton was clearly indicating that Canada's attitude to financial assistance and to research and development in the field of agriculture, has to change in order to help Canadians to feed themselves and the hungry of the world.

The film was shown on CBC-TV (Edmonton) on Monday, November 2.

Political Division

AWAC'S. Two days prior to the U.S. decision to sell AWACs to Saudi Arabia, representatives of Edmonton's C.I.C. (Political Division) hand-delivered materials (produced by the American Jewish Committee) to the head of the Editorial Board of the *Edmonton Journal*. The materials set out the reasons why the arms sale ought not to be approved citing, in part, false U.S. foreign policy assumptions. It was the intention of the C.I.C. to brief *Journal* editorialists on all aspects and possible repercussions of an AWAC's sale, in anticipation of possible pro or con editorials appearing subsequent to the decision.

Palestine: A magazine published by the P.L.O., called *Palestine*, is presently making the rounds in Edmonton. The magazine, depicting Beirut after the Israeli bombing of P.L.O. headquarters, is designed to demonstrate that Israel is a Zionist (i.e., according to P.L.O. and U.N. terminology, "Nazi") state which is hell-bent on Palestinian genocide. The magazine, published in Beirut, appears to be unique to Edmonton and investigations are underway to ascertain the local distributor.

Campus. Arab propaganda on the University of Alberta campus has reached disturbing proportions, according to many members of the Hillel Organization and professional staff. The media blitz, presently underway, has taken the Palestine issue onto the pages of the University's *Gateway* newspaper seven times in four issues. Exhibits, booths, and other forums have appeared in H.U.B. and throughout the campus to push home rhetorical and fundamentally false pictures of Israel.

In consequence, a number of Jewish students, in co-operation with several professors on campus and in conjunction with the offices of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, will be discussing ways and means of increasing Israel's presence on the University of Alberta campus. Exhibits, speakers, luncheons, films, newsletters and active membership solicitation are suggested guidelined for the new revamped Jewish Students Organization. This would be in addition to already established social, religious, and cultural programming presently undertaken under the auspices of B'nai B'rith Hillel. Meetings between community and university Jewish student leadership are scheduled to work out further details.

Jewish Education

Jewish Public Library Underway

With a great deal of work, dreams can become reality. With that in mind, members of the new Library Sub-Committee (composed primarily of individuals within the Jewish community who have extensive library experience) will be meeting on December 2nd to resolve all technical and budgetary aspects of Edmonton's proposed Jewish Public Library. The new Sub-Committee — represented by Min Feldman, Jini Vogel, Jack Goldberg, Jim Heilik, Heather Nachomovitz, Hillel Boroditsky, Yudith Sela, and Mark Silverberg — will be responsible for preparation of budgets, cost analyses for shelving, classifying and cataloguing books, and all technical and implementation matters relating to the setting up of the Library. The Committee will also undertake solicitation of special endowments to assist in the funding of shelves, books, etc.

Volunteers wishing to assist in forming the new Jewish Public Library are requested to contact Jack Goldberg (487-7192, Res., 432-3740, Bus.).

Endowments can be made by contacting Mark Silverberg (487-5120). Tax deductible receipts will be issued upon request.

Joint Community Relations Committee

Moishe Rosen and his "Jews for Jesus" organization are in Alberta in force. Recently, members of the Jewish community noted that "Jews for Jesus" pamphlets were being distributed by persons in their teens at West Edmonton Mall. The pamphlet, in very simplified form, states: "some Jews do believe that Jesus is the Messiah"; "the New Testament is a Jewish Book"; "Jesus helps us to understand our heritage better — after all, He is a Jew, too!!"

Although the pamphlet has not yet appeared on the University of Alberta campus, the members of Jewish youth organizations on campus are planning a new Jewish presence on Campus. This is seen as the only effective way to counteract this type of subtle proselytization.

'JEWISH STAR' DEADLINES

✓ Edmonton— Mon., Dec. 7 (Chanukah edition)

SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
Light candles on Friday night:

Nov. 20, 4:10 p.m.
Nov. 27, 4:02 p.m.
Dec. 4, 3:57 p.m.
Dec. 11, 3:54 p.m.
Dec. 18, 3:55 p.m.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Mizrachi

Mizrachi Emunah of Edmonton, a religious Zionist women's organization, recently held a successful opening meeting for the new year. This year a new young executive has been elected, and with the support and assistance of many long-standing members Mizrachi plans an active, fulfilling program in the upcoming months. With thanks to the outgoing executive and retiring president, Freda Slutsky, our new officers are as follows:

President — Marci Dove, *Secretary* — Toby Siegel, *Membership Chairwoman* — Linda Goody, *Publicity Director* — Eileen Cooper, *Contact Committee* — Shula Amram.

Upcoming Events

December 1 — Chanukah program at 502, 10166 - 115 St. at 7:30 p.m.

January — Open House.

We welcome new members. Please contact Shula Amram (482-2664).

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Meah Shanim Chapter

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our fantastically successful Square Dance and Box Social at Fort Edmonton. It was indeed a fun evening for all who attended and we are already planning our 2nd Annual square dance.

Dr. Maurice Blackman, noted Edmonton child psychiatrist, will speak at our next chapter meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 8 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Levin, 154 Westridge Road. New members are welcome. For information abou our chapter call Cindy Lou Pertman (481-1048).

We still have some Grey Cup pool tickets left. If anyone is interested in helping to sell or buy any of these tickets call Patti Kagan (487-8770).

Ros Calof and Sandie Bornstein are co-chairwomen of this years Art Auction, to be held Sunday evening May 16, 1982, at the Mayfield Inn.

Pioneer Women

"Dollars for David" Cards

The Aviva Chapter of Pioneer Women Na'amat have geared up for "Dollars for David". David, the symbol of all the children taken care of by Pioneer Women Na'amat in day care centres, nurseries, and day/night homes throughout Israel, is depicted on our cards. The Chanukah "Dollars for David" card can be purchased by phoning Lil Woodrow (452-8664), who will be happy to mail them out for you. The cost is $5 or more and these cards are tax deductible.

Look for our campaign flyer and return envelope in the Chanukah issue of *The Jewish Star*.

Chanukah Parties

All chapters are planning Chanukah celebrations in December. Aviva Chapter will be holding a supper party with spouses at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Miller, December 26.

B'not Shalom plan to entertain the senior group, Esther Kramer Chapter, at Karen Greenberg's, December 14.

Kanot & Chanita will contact their members after they finalize their plans at their November meetings.

Spiritual Adoption

We are sorry to have inconvenienced anyone by the inaccurate announcement of our Spiritual Adoption Campaign at this time. We are planning our major campaign in June, but if anyone wishes to purchase an adopt-a-child certificate, in order to receive a 1981 tax deductible receipt, please phone Beryl Nahornick who will make all the arrangements for you. Adopting a child for a year is now $330. Half-year and quarter-year adoptions are also available at $175 and $100 respectively.

Jewish Seniors Drop-In Centre

The centre is open Monday to Thursday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Activities include fitness exercises, films, bingo and musical programs. Birthdays and special events are celebrated.

There will be a Chanukah luncheon December 23 for members.

Complimentary snacks are served daily.

All occasion cards are available. Phone 424-4241.

Hadassah-WIZO

Biennial Convention

Twenty-nine Hadassah members from Edmonton attended the Hadassah-WIZO Biennial Convention, which took place in Ottawa Nov. 15 - 18.

Project Enrichment

One hundred Canadians are being invited to subscribe $10,000 each towards Canadian Hadassah-WIZO "Project Enrichment". By doing so, individuals join a distinguished group of supporters of education in Israel, known as the "Magnificent One Hundred."

We are excited and appreciate the generosity of Aaron and Zelda Kalensky, as well as Lyla and Ivor Lebane, as our first contributors.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO needs your help to absorb and educate the many children who require a basic education in order to secure employment leading to self-sufficiency. The contribution may be paid immediately, or by annual installments over a period of up to five years. Israeli Bonds may be used, and all gifts are income tax deductible. Will you help?

For further information, please call Bunny Smordin (483-8234).

Bazaar

The Drop-Off bin is available to receive your goods for Bazaar. Please consider the people who are doing the sorting and make sure that your merchandise is clean and in good repair.

Liberators of Camps

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"must not be killed again" by forgetting them. He called on survivors and liberators to "dedicate ourselves not only to the memory of those who suffered but to the future of those who are suffering today."

Why Genocide Succeeded

The theme of the conference is a quotation from Wiesel: "For the dead and the living, we must bear witness." That theme of remembrance was also sounded by Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who welcomed the conference to the State Department. "We can bear the memory of the Holocaust only if we strive to prevent its reoccurrence," he said.

But Haig also issued a more pointed warning for today. "Genocide succeeded because they sought refuge in an illusion, in weakness. They failed to fight for their own principles."

Alan Rose, Exec. Vice-President of the Canadian Jewish Congress, is shown (front, centre) with one of the first tank groups to liberate Bergen Belsen. Mr Rose was honoured at the Liberators' Conference, and led the Canadian delegation.

Haig noted his visit to Yad Vashem in Israel. "The Jewish people have not lost their hope in God, in themselves, in mankind," he said.

The ceremony opened Oct. 26, under the flags of the 14 nations participating in the conference. Israel was represented by veterans of the World War II Jewish Brigade. Three concentration camp survivors carried in a Nazi flag that flew over Dachau when it was liberated. Miles Lerman, coordinator of the conference, called it a "flag of evil" and ordered it folded and placed on the floor, "symbolically at the feet of the assembly."

National Council of Jewish Women

A Knit-A-Thon will be held at the Centre on December 6 at 3:30 in the dining room. Everyone is welcomed for 1 hour of knitting. Materials needed are size 4 mm knitting needles and one ball of knitting wool. For further information and for the sponsor sheets, call Hoda Cohen (481-0636).

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The Centre

Saturday, December 5, Sunday, December 6, Saturday, December 12 — **The Diary of Anne Frank,** starring Terri Phipps, by permission of Actor's Equity and the J.C.C. Players. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6 — **Join us for Sunday Brunch at the Centre.** Catered by the Westin Hotel (formerly the Edmonton Plaza), 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 — **Chanukah Celebration,** co-sponsored by the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre and the Edmonton Talmud Torah. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and fine food. 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

December 28, 29 &30 — **Winter Sports Camp 1981.** Get involved in an exciting sports program over the holidays. Racquetball, floor hockey, soccer, three days of activity and fun.

Sunday, January 3, 1982 — **Winter Registration at the J.C.C.** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Centre Choir

Each Thursday the Centre Choir meets at 7:45 for an evening of singing led by Cantor Grainer. Come and bring your voices!

Israeli Dancing

Israeli dancing at the Centre takes place on Wednesday night at 8. Brush up on old dances and learn some new ones. All members of the community are welcome.

SUNDAY BRUNCH
AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
By the WESTIN HOTEL (Formerly Edmonton Plaza)
DEC. 6, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Pancakes, eggs, cabbage rolls, corned beef, salads, fresh fruit, crepes,&c
Adults: $10; Children, $6 (Call the Centre for Reservations, 487-0585)

BOOK MARKS

by Gila Wertheimer

A Kreisel Collection

The Almost Meeting
By Henry Kreisel.
Edmonton: NeWest Press, 1981, 147 pp., $12.95.

Henry Kreisel

The Almost Meeting is a collection of Henry Kreisel's short stories written between 1954 and 1980. They have appeared over the years in small literary magazines, and now are made accessible to the general reader. The title story is first published here.

Henry Kreisel has a European past and a Canadian present. Born in Austria, he fled to England in 1938, then interned as an enemy alien, to Canada. In the internment camps he began writing fiction and at this time he determined to write in English. Through writings smuggled out of the camp his talent was recognized and he was sponsored as a promising student of English at the University of Toronto. In 1947 he began teaching at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where he introduced the first course there in Canadian literature. A European teaches Canadians to know themselves.

In 1948 Kreisel published his first novel, *The Rich Man*, and sixteen years later his second, *The Betrayal*. His reputation was firmly established. Today, Henry Kreisel continues to write and teach in Edmonton.

Of the eight stories in the collection, two deal with specifically Jewish themes. "Chassidic Song" takes place on an airplane ride from Montreal to New York. A group of Chassidim are travelling to New York for a *Farbrengen*. One of them has a seat beside Arnold Weiss, a secular Jew, an academician, who has been in Montreal attending a conference on James Joyce. As they begin to talk, the worlds of past and present, secular and religious, Canadian and European collide.

The second story with a Jewish theme is "Homecoming", the longest story in the collection. Subtitled "A Memory of Europe After the Holocaust", "Homecoming" is the story of a young man who returns to his village in Poland after the war to look for his family. On his way he meets a peasant who, even more than he hates the Germans, hates the Jews. The "Germans killed [the Jews] and gassed them and burned them to death. And that is the only good thing they have done." (p. 44)

The young man continues on, daring to hope that his family has been spared. He has learned from the peasant that the Jewish section of the town has been destroyed, but he must verify this for himself. "It is better to know the worst than live forever in doubt. . . . There has to be an end if there is to be a new beginning." (p. 50)

As he approaches the town, the story becomes rivetting and intense. The reader feels his emotions of hope and dread.

Then he reaches the ruins of the Jewish section. "And with a terrifying hopelessness he realized that the end was not the end. It was a terrible beginning. He did not want to begin. He did not want to come to terms with what he had now discovered." (p. 60)

That same evening he meets a young widow who tells him that his uncle has returned to the town. This, at least, is something, and eventually the young man is able to make a new beginning.

It is a powerful story, made all the more so by the author's restrained, spare use of language.

"The Almost Meeting" is another compelling and intense story. It is a short story that has a story within a story in the form of a description of the plot of a novel. Kreisel handles this complication masterfully, and clearly shows his skill as a craftsman.

A young immigrant writer, Alexander Budak, is influenced by the works of an older writer, David Lasker. When Alexander publishes a novel about an immigrant family, he receives a complimentary letter from Lasker. He tries to arrange a meeting, but as the reader knows from the title, this is not to be. He came close to a meeting several

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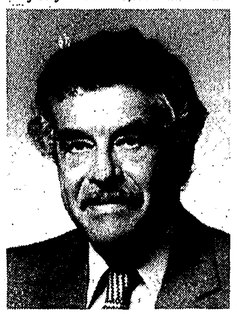
Largest Training System

ORT (the acronym originally stood for the Russian phrase meaning "Society for Manual [and Agricultural] Work [among Jews]") was founded in Russia in 1880. Throughout its century of existence it has been held in high regard for the way in which it has promoted vocational and (more recently) technical, training. An estimated one million students have graduated from ORT schools throughout the world.

Today, Mr Silver noted ORT maintains training schools in India, Morocco, South America, and Italy. These schools provide a general education together with vocational training. A great majority of the 100,000 students in these programs are Jewish.



Mac Silver

ORT's main interest and focus of attention, however, are the 100 schools which it runs for 70,000 students in Israel. Mr Silver noted that students unable to pay tuition, are provided with financial assistance. He referred to ORT's world-wide training system as the largest in the world.

Other ORT Projects

The expertise of the ORT organization is also utilized by the World Bank, United Nations, and the Canadian Government. Canada, for example, has hired ORT to work on a contract basis for it in developing countries. Such work suits the philosophy of ORT, according to Mr Silver, for the organization believes in training people who will become workers and leaders in their country. The ORT instructors, though generally Jewish, are not exclusively so.

Mr Silver, who assumed his position with Canadian ORT at the beginning of the year, characterized ORT at 100 as "vibrant and well, and doing all it can to keep up with modern technology and technical change." It is, he said, a membership organization with both Men's and Women's Chapters. For Calgary, Percy Genser is the Head of the Men's ORT, and Mim Diamond, Sylvia Hochman, and Gertie Lerner, of Women's ORT; in Edmonton, Irving Kipnes, of Men's ORT, and Tulane Rollingher, of Women's ORT. There are also chapters in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Kreisel Book

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times, but as Lasker had said in a letter to the younger writer, "An almost meeting is often more important than the meeting. The quest is all." (p. 17)

In "The Broken Globe" Kreisel writes of the immigrant experience in Canada, in particular the clash between the old and the new that results in the estrangement of a father and his son. This story also has a strong Canadian voice as Kreisel describes the Prairies and the vision of life that this tremendous expanse can fashion.

"The Travelling Nude", for which Kreisel was awarded the President's Medal of the University of Western Ontario, is the only humorous piece in the collection, and it, too, is restrained. The tone is ironical and the narrator is self-mocking.

The stories in this anthology have a wide range of subject matter. Henry Kreisel handles "slice of life" stories with the same sureness as he handles brief encounters or monumental occurrences. His point of view, whether Jewish, Gentile, Canadian, or immigrant, rings true. His style is straightforward, his language unembellished, and his plots tightly structured.

These eight stories are an excellent introduction to one of Canada's most distinguished contemporary writers.

When asked about criticisms of ORT's activities in Ethiopia voiced in works such as Louis Rapoport's *The Lost Jews: Last of the Ethiopian Falashas* (reviewed in *The Jewish Star*, May 15, 1981), Mr Silver replied that the organization is the only formal Jewish presence in that country. "We are doing the best we can under the political situation," he said.

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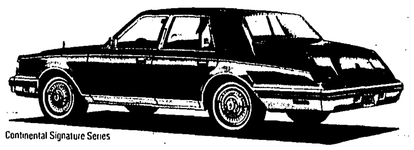

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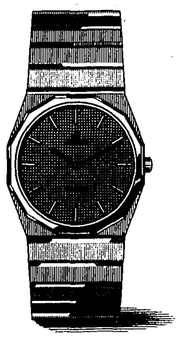

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Roles and Goals of Students, Disabled Raised at Meetings in the West, East

United Effort Stressed at Network Conference

By Sydney Suissa
Special to The Jewish Star

VANCOUVER — The Jewish people have always turned to their youth for continuity and renewal. As the future leaders, the youth have the responsibility to fulfill their commitment to the Jewish heritage.

From November 12 - 15, approximately 60 students and young adults from Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver gathered in the Chateau Granville Hotel in Vancouver for the 1981 Western Canadian Network Leadership Conference. For three intensely packed days, they shared information, experiences, and resources on how best to fulfill their obligations as Jews in the community. Those attending from Edmonton were Annette Beare, Linda Bugis, Susan Bevins, Rick Fayerman, Melanie Friedman, Ralph Hyman, Gary Nabornick, Ron Pascoe, Robin Winestock, and Pamela Wolfman.

The following report presents an analysis and assessment of the highlights of this conference.

As Jews, we are all too familiar with the saying that "Where you find five Jews, you will find six opinions." What we often neglect to consider is the other half of the saying, which served as the theme of the conference: "United we strive . . . united we accomplish." Jews are often divided in thought, but we cannot afford to be divided in action. As one participant observed, "The Jews of the world should unite and strive for a brighter future."

The new logo of Network consists of 3 "Ns" forming a Jewish star.

Indeed, the Jewish people today finds itself in a precarious situation. Our brethren are being brutally oppressed in Ethiopia, in Syria, in the Soviet Union. The foreign policy of the United States appears to be shifting away from Israel, and the Camp David

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Jewish Handicapism: Who Are We Excluding?

By Laura S. Weintraub
Special to The Jewish Star

TORONTO — "A Time for Action" was the theme of a national conference on the Jewish disabled in Canada, held here Nov. 25 - 26. Co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto Section), Canadian and Toronto Jewish Congress, and a Wintario funded project, participants included individuals with various disabilities as well as community members and professionals from across the country. The two-day event took place at Council House, newly renovated to make it barrier-free and accessible to physically disabled people.

Lesley Miller, one of the Council organizers, introduced the Conference goals, which included identifying and dealing with the realities of the problems of the disabled in the Jewish community, stated: "We must look at why certain sections of our community are left out, and begin to walk the road together."

An "Invisible Group"

The first keynote speaker was Toronto psychiatrist Jerry Cooper, who said that the additional burden of poverty further increases hardship for disabled people and their families. It is easy for us to ignore this "invisible" group, and the resulting isolation can cause despair and depression.

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U.S., Israel, Sign Strategic Memo of Understanding

—Religious News Service Photo

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, left, escorts Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon on a ceremonial troop inspection, following his arrival at the Pentagon on Nov. 30 for meetings on the final details of a memorandum of understanding regarding strategic co-operation between both nations in the event of Middle East threats. Following the signing of the accord, Mr Weinberger and Mr Sharon issued a joint statement saying the "agreement is designed to enable the two countries to act co-operatively, to provide each other military assistance to cope with threats to the security of the entire region caused by the U.S.S.R. or Soviet-controlled forces introduced from outside the region into the region."

Compiled From Dispatches

JERUSALEM — On Dec. 3 the Israeli Cabinet ratified the joint [illegible] for European participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) [illegible] Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April with their [illegible] Middle East peace talks. The Europeans are not apparently being required to renounce the Venice declaration but only not to use it in conjunction with their participation in the MFO.

Camp David to be Framework

According to government officials, the four European nations which announced that they would participate in the Sinai peace-keeping force — England, France, Holland and Italy — would be asked to support the principles set down in the draft. This would make it clear, the officials said, that the Sinai force would function strictly within the Camp David framework.

The Europeans had originally linked their announcement on the MFO which will patrol the [illegible]

In the Knesset

Defence Minister Sharon asserted that the memorandum of understanding on strategic co-operation meant "a real change" in Israel's international standing. In a tough Knesset speech in reply to four motions of no confidence, Sharon accused the opposition of deliberately "perverting" the accord in order to criticize it.

In their non-confidence motions

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New Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce Started in City

Special to The Jewish Star

On Nov. 24, a new Chamber of Commerce was founded in Edmonton. The Chamber, comprised of a number of leading Edmonton businessmen, met to discuss what economic advantages could be derived by the Province of Alberta through increased trade, research, and development ties with Israel. According to Pete Brewster, Business Editor of the *Edmonton Journal*, "Israel has made some major advances in agricultural technology, including the growing of plants in air and advanced irrigation systems. The nation is a leader in solar energy research, and has been heavily involved in helping Third World farmers. It is hoped that some of this technology can be used in Alberta."

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry (as it will be called), will be a branch office of the national Chamber, based in Toronto. The purpose of the Chamber, according to the national office, will be to promote commerce and industry between Israel and Canada; to furnish its members with current information on the economic conditions in the two countries; to advise its members on business, commerce, industry, and investment there; and to furnish its members with commercial information on Canada and Israel.

The Chamber will actively review the feasibility of joint business ventures in a variety of economic areas. This will involve joint research and development projects, the encouragement of technology transfers, and reviews of import and export opportunities between the two countries in general, and specifically Alberta and Israel. Consideration will also be given to setting up Israel Trade Fairs in Alberta.

Canada to Open Embassy

OTTAWA (JTA) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced that a Canadian Embassy will be opened in Amman, Jordan, next year. He made the announcement at the end of a four-day visit by King Hussein. Until now, Canadian interests in Jordan were represented by Canada's Ambasssador in Beirut. Jordan has had an embassy in Ottawa for a long time.

Addressing a press conference here, King Hussein stressed the importance of improving bi-lateral relations with Canada, but avoided any direct answers to questions regarding an eventual role for Canada in the Middle East peace process. The King accused Israel of expansionism, and attacked it for refusing to grant self-determination to the West Bank Arabs. Hussein spoke Nov. 15.

King Hussein during his October visit to Washington.

AMIN, UGANDAN TYRANT, IS NOW IN SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Idi Amin, the exiled Ugandan tyrant, is now living in Saudi Arabia.

The information about Saudi sanctuary for the former Ugandan leader was revealed by U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz, of Minnesota, according to *Near East Report*. The Senator said that U.S. State Department officials had confirmed the fact.

Sen. Boschwitz, Chairman of the Near East Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued his statement in response to a speech by Vice President Bush on Oct. 12. In his address, Mr Bush sought to exploit the murder of President Sadat as well as Libya's aggression against Chad and the Sudan, as a rationale for support of the Administration's Saudi arms deal. Colonel Qaddafi, Mr Bush asserted, "is the protector of the likes of Amin".

It is true that for a while after Idi Amin fled Uganda two years ago, he took refuge in Libya, *Near East Report* stated. It is also true that Col. Qaddafi had air-lifted weapons and personnel in a vain effort to shore up Amin's tottering

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