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Clara Mintz, J.F.S. Head, is Retiring

By Norm King
Special to The Jewish Star

After 24 years of service to the Jewish community, Clara Mintz is retiring as Executive Director of Jewish Family Services on March 31.

A native of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Mintz arrived in Edmonton in 1949, after working in Montreal, Winnipeg and Regina. She quickly involved herself in the problems of Edmonton Jewry, becoming the National Council of Jewish Women's representative on the community's committee for people in need.

"My social work background allowed me to interpret the necessity of confidentiality and the need for troubled people to work on a one-to-one basis in order to be helped," she recalls.

Out of this committee was born the Jewish Welfare Society in 1955, forerunner of JFS. Mrs. Mintz was there from the beginning, and in 1959, she assumed the directorship.

During her two and a half decades of service, Mrs. Mintz saw the community face many varied problems. "The 1960s were turbulent times," she remembers. "Parents were distraught; they weren't able to cope with the emerging young person. There were also problems with drugs and delinquency."

The influx of immigrants from Hungary and Czechoslovakia in the 1950s and 1960s, and from the Soviet Union in the 1970s added to the agency's responsibilities. In co-

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Clara Mintz

CJC, B'nai Brith, Part Company in Open Dispute

Special to The Jewish Star

The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith Canada are engaged in a bitter, and seemingly irreconciliable, dispute over their mutual relations, and their individual status within the Canadian Jewish community.

The parting of ways became general knowledge at the end of last month, when the CJC's changed relationship to the Joint Community Relations Committee (JCRC) was publicised. In 1938, the CJC and B'nai Brith established the JCRC to combat anti-semitism and to further harmonious community relations with other ethnic and religious groups.

According to a report in the *Canadian Jewish News*, the CJC was said to have withdrawn from the JCRC partnership. But a CJC memo received by *The Jewish Star* asserts that "far from withdrawing from the JCRC, [the CJC] is actually in the process of expanding the JCRC framework in such a way as to *incorporate all Jewish organizations* vitally concerned with community

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City Chapter of Canada-Israel Chamber Sets Busy Schedule

"Membership in the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Alberta Chapter, will involve new and and exciting projects for 1982," according to Dr. Marvin Weisler, the Chamber's President. The newly constituted Executive Committee, composed of Dr. Marvin Weisler, Herb Leon, Bob Rosen, Aaron Shtabsky, Issie Gliener, Dr. Norbert Berkowitz, Lyla LeBane, Abe Siverman and Phil Levine, is already preparing invitations for the first major luncheon scheduled for May 5th. It is anticipated that more than 110 persons will attend to hear brief presentations from Baruch Barach, Israel's Trade Commissioner to Canada, as well as the Honourable Stewart McCrae, Minister of Alberta Government Services for the Province of Alberta. Mr. McCrae recently returned from an Alberta Government mission to Israel and his comments are looked forward to with great anticipation. Arrangements are also being made to have Israel's newest Executive Jet, "The Westwind", flown in from Calgary for the occasion. Members and guests attending the luncheon will thus have an opportunity to view, first hand, a significant piece of Israeli technology.

Can-Trade Exhibition

This year, the Chamber will also participate in the Canadian Trade Exhibition (Can-Trade), scheduled for Edmonton in June. According to Issie Gliener, who is co-ordinating the Chamber's activities for Can-Trade with the assistance of the Chamber's newest member, Mr. Christian Graefe, Finnish Consul to Edmonton, "the Can-Trade Exhibition represents an opportunity for the nations of the

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Shlomo Lahat

Israeli Mayor Will Speak at UJA Evening

Shlomo Lahat, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, will be speaking here on March 25.

Mr. Lahat's visit is being sponsored by the Board of the UJA and the 1982 Campaign Committee. Contributors to the 1982 UJA Campaign are welcomed to hear Mr. Lahat at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m.; admission is $25 per person.

Twice Elected Mayor

Mr. Lahat, 54, has been the mayor of Tel Aviv since 1974, having been twice elected to that position. During his administration of the city he has gained a reputation for his efforts to increase administrative efficiency.

As well, on a coast-to-coast fund-raising trip to the United States last month, the mayor was able to obtain $1 million in pledges from Jewish communities for the Tel Aviv Foundation.

Shlomo Lahat came to Israel from Germany in 1933. During his career in the Israel Defence Forces he was officer in charge of Jerusalem and the surrounding area during the Six Day War, deputy-commander of the Armoured Forces in Sinai during the War of Attrition, and commanding officer of the IDF in Sinai in 1969 (with the rank of general).

For further information about the visit, contact the United Jewish Appeal Office (487-5120)

Grossman Urges Establishment of Alberta Council

The Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Canada Conference, recently held in Edmonton in Oct. 1981, led to a realization that not enough efforts are being extended to ensure communication and assistance between Jewish communities in Western Canada. This in turn led the Edmonton Jewish community to recommend the formation of an Alberta Jewish Council which would serve as an advisory and communications body for Alberta Jewry.

David Grossman, President of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, recommended to his counterpart in Calgary that such a Council "would serve as a useful vehicle to enable our respective Jewish communities in Alberta (including Wetaskiwin, Vegreville, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Viking, Camrose, etc.) to assist one another, to share ideas and to form a united voice on matters of common concern." Reception to the idea in Calgary appears to be very positive, and the matter is presently scheduled for discussion at the forthcoming Executive Meeting of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council.

Program on Jewishness Starts on TV

An interesting new program has begun on QC10, Edmonton's community television channel. "On Being Jewish" is produced in co-operation with the Jewish Community Council and host-produced by Cory Felberbaum.

The first show outlined the type of subject areas to be covered in the first seven programs, which include: tradition, holidays, education, history in retrospect, Israel and local history.

The objective of "On Being Jewish" is to create an awareness and understanding of the Jewish culture/tradition and what it means to be Jewish. Each program will be augmented by relevant films and slides, as well as written information and interview-discussions featuring a wide variety of informed sources.

Since the general history of the Jews began some 5,700 years ago, the show has much to draw from. Many of the Jewish customs and traditions remain an integral part of everyday life in North American society. In fact, the Jewish presence began here in Edmonton in the 1800s.

Producer-host Cory Felberbaum capsulized the program goal: "We intend to gear this program to the Edmonton community at large, while promoting a profile of the contemporary Jewish way of life."

"On Being Jewish" is broadcast on QC10 every Sunday at 9 a.m. It is replayed Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Mizrachi Women Honour Past Pres.

On March 28, Mizrachi Women of Edmonton will honour its past President of twenty-five years, Freda Slutsky. Ten devoted workers who have served the organization selflessly for many years will also be honoured: Clara Badeker, Rose Bornstein, Molly Dlin, Tzela Dolinko, Bertha Fox, Sarah Laskin, Fannie Podolsky, Sara Shragge, Sonia Shtabsky, and Fela Zoberman. These ladies have brought honour to Mizrachi through their accomplishments on behalf of the organization, the Jewish community, and the children of Israel. From the Yizkor Appeal to the M'oess Chittin Tea, bake sales to wedding and Bar Mitzvah catering, support of the U.J.A. and sale of Israel Bonds, these ladies have dedicated their hearts and hands to the service of Jewish needs.

Beginning in the 1930s, small groups of women formed the first Mizrachi Women's Chapters across Canada. In 1942, these groups combined to form the national organization at a founding convention held in Toronto.

Today, with the amalgamation of the Hodel Shragge and Merle Weinlos Chapters, Mizrachi Emunah carries on its vital work with a new young executive under President Marci Dove. She is inviting the entire community to honour Freda Slutsky and these outstanding ladies, by supporting and attending the upcoming tribute dinner/dance at the Westin Hotel on March 28. A gala evening is planned, including an address by Yitzhak Mayer, Consul General of Israel in Montreal, and dancing to the Israeli and contemporary sounds of the Echoes. Proceeds will be used to support Mizrachi Emunah in Israel. Rabbi Lewis Ginsburg of Calgary will be Master of Ceremonies.

For further information and reservations please call Shirley Laskin (483-8508) or Clara Badeker (482-4782).

Freda Slutsky

UIA Head: Campaigns Must Grow

By Rena Cohen
Special to The Jewish Star

By 1986, Canadian Jewry should be raising $100 million for Israel (more than three times the current amount), according to Walter Hess, National Executive Director of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada.

Mr Hess, who was interviewed by *The Jewish Star* during a visit earlier this month to Calgary, said that there is a growing concern among UIA and United Jewish Appeal leadership that Israel will suffer if campaigns only grow in value with the inflation rate (currently 12.5%).

To date, Mr Hess added, the Canadian Jewish community has a record of which it can be proud. Canadian Jews give more per capita to Keren Hayesod (the collection arm of the Jewish Agency) than any other Jewish community in the world. Of a total of $95 million currently raised, $30 million was sent from Canada, Mr Hess said. On a per capita basis Canadian Jews give twice as much as their American counterparts, he added.

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Big Splash with Bathing Suits

By Norm King
The Jewish Star Staff

Edmonton Women's ORT raised $7,000 for the ORT Scholarship Fund at a fashion show of beach and swim wear held recently at Pagliacci's Restaurant.

The show saw several lovely volunteer models present a number of colourful, attractive outfits from Gottex International of Israel in an atmosphere spiced with Israeli music and food.

A special feature of the event was an auction of personally autographed copies of Menachem Begin's *White Nights — The Story of a Prisoner in Russia* and *Revolt, The Story of the Irgun*.

The money raised will be matched by the Alberta Council for International Co-operation and again by CIDA. ORT is the only Jewish community organization to receive matching funds.

Several of the models came from the Casablan Modelling Agency. Merle Norman provided make-up. Cojana provided accessories and Eaton's presented cosmetic favours to the ladies. Iris Lee did the hairdressing and Melly Weizel helped with the models.

More than 50 people attended the event, the first such program held by ORT.

Chapter News

The Meah Shanim chapter of Women's ORT will be holding a program March 16. Guest speaker will be Louise Naerov of the Planned Parenthood Association, whose topic will be "How to teach your child about sexuality". For time and place, contact Cindy Lou Pertman (481-1048).

The Bat Ami chapter is also holding a meeting March 16. For further information, contact Ilana Wolch (481-5265).

The Rishon chapter will be holding a luncheon meeting at the Faculty Club at noon on March 24. Contact Rae Dolgoy (488-1664) for further details.

Art Auction

Edmonton Women's ORT will be holding its sixth annual art auction on May 16 at the Mayfield Inn. Co-chairmen of the event are Sandy Bornstein and Ros Calof.

To learn more, contact Sheila Henry (463-8549) and check next month's issue of *The Jewish Star*.

ORT's Newest Chapter

The first meeting of ORT's newest chapter was held on Jan. 13 at the home of Sheila Henry. Approximately twenty ladies braved the winter storms to hear Phyllis Ellis, Director of the Women's Bureau, talk about the problems facing women, their rights, and their privileges and the status of women in the business world. Those present saw an entertaining film called *Killing Us Softly*. The film was about the exploitation of sex and women in advertising.

CJC and B'nai Brith at Odds

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relations in Canada."

In a statement carried in the *Canadian Jewish News*, Frank Dimant, Executive Vice-President of B'nai Brith Canada, denied these charges and defended the organization, and the League for Human Rights.

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Goldsand Re-Elected JFS Pres.

Mrs. Judith Goldsand was re-elected President of Jewish Family Services at the 27th Annual Meeting held recently. Serving on the Executive Committee for 1982 are: *Vice Pres.*, Shelby Smordin; *Treas.*, Harry Nolan; *Hon. Sec.*, Daniel Abbott; *Immediate Past Pres.*, Mandle Nozick.

Elected to the Board for three-year terms are: Max Dolinko, Fani Estrin, Simen Fialkow, Joyce MacDonald, Norma Nozick, Miriam Sheckter, Florence Singer, Barry Slawsky, and Malcolm Wasserman. Also elected to the Board were Alvin Goldsman and Susan Halpert. Representatives from National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai Brith Lodge #732 are Val Berman and Ron Levin. Mandle Nozick presented the Nominations Report.

Other members of the Board are: Gloria Aaron, Daniel Abbott, Judith Goldsand, Sandy Bornstein, Patti Morgenstern, Harry Nolan, Laurie Mozeson, Robert Nozick, Shelby Smordin, Sheryl Friedenthal, Dr. Jack Miller, Mandle Nozick, Selwyn Romanofsky, Dorothy Tapper, Esther Starkman, and Vladimar Pokotinsky.

Irving C. Lyons was unanimously appointed an Honorary Member of the Board in recognition of his devoted and lengthy service as president, treasurer, and valued board member. Other Honorary Board Members are: Anne Cooperman, Millie Singer, Dr. Max Dolgoy, Eugene Pechet, Herbert Leon, and Joseph Shoctor, Q.C.

Reports Presented

Annual reports were presented by the President, Judith Goldsand; Treasurer, Harry Nolan; and Executive Director, Clara Mintz. Mrs. Goldsand announced the retirement of Mrs. Mintz on March 31, after twenty-four years of service as Executive Director of the agency. Florence Shaffer will assume her duties as Executive Director on April 1.

Clara Mintz

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operation with Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, JFS helped these new Canadians settle in and adapt to their adopted country.

"These people were in a new and strange place, far from their relied-upon support systems," states Mrs. Mintz. "They began to look upon JFS almost as a surrogate family."

Today, JFS is placing emphasis on the needs of youth. In conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre, JFS established a teen group for Soviet immigrants, now solely under the auspices of the J.C.C.

The elderly are also receiving much attention from JFS. "There are more elderly people today than there used to be," explains Mrs. Mintz. "Immigrants brought their elderly parents, who had to cope in western society. People are also living longer. These elderly people are looking to us to help them with their needs."

When Mrs. Mintz steps down, she will do so with pride. "I like to think we've developed a quality agency," whe says. "It's now a total, multi-functional service."

While it will be impossible totally to disassociate herself from the agency, Mrs. Mintz intends to take full advantage of her retirement. "I'm going to travel and think a lot," she notes. "I'll also be making up a lot of lost time to my children and grandchildren."

Passover Kit is Now Available

The beauty and significance of the Passover holiday is conveyed in a special kit now available at Matanot in the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre.

Compiled by the Jewish Education Council of Greater Montreal, the kit was written by Norm King of *The Jewish Star*.

"This kit is designed to help families share the happiness and uniqueness that is Passover," says King. "It contains historical background to the holiday, plus an explanation of the special symbols, games, arts and crafts and stories of the holiday."

The main item in the kit is a guide to Pesach preparations and procedures for conducting a traditional seder. "There are also recipes," notes King, "including more ways to make matzoh balls than you ever imagined."

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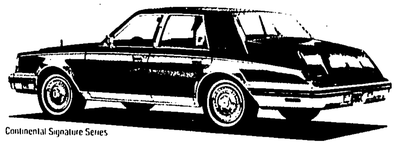

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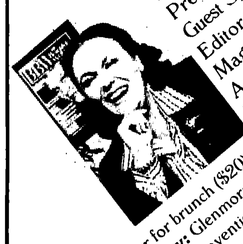

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An Alberta Council

We whole-heartedly support the recent initiative taken by the Edmonton Jewish community in the formation of an Alberta Jewish Council. David Grossman, President of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, put forth the proposal to Joe Spier, President of the Calgary Jewish Community Council, suggesting that such a Council would enable the communities "to assist one another, to share ideas and to form a united voice on matters of common concern".

This suggestion for a pooling of resources is a result of the Western Canada Conference held in Edmonton in October 1981. The purpose of that Conference was to share ideas and programs, and to improve communications between Western Jewish centres. At the Conference, a sincere desire to exchange information and to learn from the experience of others was very much in evidence. The proposal to form an Alberta Jewish Council is in the spirit of the Western Canada Conference.

Edmonton and Calgary share the common concerns of rapidly growing communities, faced with overburdened institutions and organizations and agencies that are called upon to provide services beyond their present capacities. Both communities face a loss of homogeneity and a degree of instability, brought about by an influx of diverse elements into the communities. Both communities are searching for effective ways to involve some of these diverse elements, and to develop new young leaders who will have the skills in time to take over in their respective communities. In common with Jewish communities across Canada, Calgary and Edmonton are also faced with pressing issues such as combatting Arab propaganda on campus, potential cult and missionary activity, the increasing costs of Jewish education, providing services for single-parent families, resettling Soviet immigrants, to name just a few concerns. There is no doubt that Calgary and Edmonton could both benefit from an exchange of ideas and information on issues such as these.

Financially, both communities could gain from a co-ordination of programs, in which the cost of speakers, entertainers, etc., could regularly be shared.

As proposed by Mr Grossman, an Alberta Jewish Council would include the small communities, and could formally serve as a resource for their special needs. These communities at present have no structure that allows them to share in the mainstream of Alberta Jewish life and to draw on facilities and expertise available in the two larger communities. Any sharing of resources that now exists is informal.

While Alberta's Jewish communities share common needs and concerns, they also have their own unique personalities. There will be instances when the closest they will come to unity is an agreement to disagree. This, in our view, is perfectly acceptable. We believe in pluralism in Jewish life, and in a pluralistic society one accepts different approaches and ideas. To our way of thinking, therefore, a successful Alberta Jewish Council would look for common ground, would facilitate communication among communities, and where appropriate, would serve as the voice of Alberta Jewry.

The Jewish Star is in the unique position of being the sole publication to transmit news of Jewish interest to the entire identifiable Jewish communities of Edmonton and Calgary. We would be gratified and honoured to serve as the means by which the proposed Council would communicate its deliberations and decisions.

Clara Mintz

She was a charter member of the agency, its first social worker, and its Executive Director for two-and-a-half decades. This is the barest outline of Clara Mintz's career at the Jewish Family Services. The facts themselves are notable, but give no indication of the achievement.

When Clara Mintz came to Edmonton in 1949, there was no Jewish Family Services. It was her achievement to have created a professional agency, one which she nurtured over the years, and with which she grew as it grew. Mrs Mintz was always known as a strong-willed Executive Director, and her persistence and dedication have resulted in the establishment of an agency which is highly regarded for its professionalism by those in the field and outside of it.

Over the years, Clara Mintz was also able to attract highly dedicated people to serve on the Jewish Family Services Board of Directors. And her successor, Florence Shaffer, has worked with her at the agency for many years.

In these exceptional ways, Clara Mintz has made her contribution to the future, as to the past, of the Jewish Family Services and our community.

FOOTNOTES

"Raiders of Whose Ark?"

Whose ark of the covenant was it? A group of American Protestants claim to have made a discovery on Mount Pisgah in Jordan. Whatever it was that they found, "it's not ours", says Professor Asher Kaufman of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

According to Professor Kaufman, these explorers were not even looking in the right place. He says that the "Jewish" Ark of the Covenant is supposed to be hidden somewhere on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Professor Kaufman made his remark on Israel Radio's interfaith magazine, "Sunday Scene". Hosted by Yishai Eldar, this program can be heard over the External Service of Kol Israel every Sunday. For details write directly to Israel Radio, PO Box 1082, Jerusalem 91010, Israel.

REFLECTIONS

By Mark Silverberg

Jewish Identity in a Jewish State

In Israel, there are now courses offered dealing with Jewish identity. Much of the methodology has been adapted from successful American Jewish education programs.

The establishment of the Jewish State in the 20th century has produced contradictory promises and paradoxes for the Jewish people. While it may not yet have become the spiritual centre for world Jewry, Israel has fulfilled the dreams of hundreds of thousands of exiles who have returned to their ancestral home. It has also become the major unifying element of Jewish consciousness around the world.

Ironic though it may be, there is a problem of Jewish identity within Israel itself. The nature of the problem evolved out of the confrontation between political and cultural Zionism. Following the pogroms of the latter 19th and early 20th centuries, political Zionists advocated the establishment of a physical homeland in order to resolve the problems inherent in Jewish existence. They believed that once the Jews had a homeland of their own, the subsequent normalization of relations would solve all existing problems on the question of Jewish identity. The actual establishment of the State, it was believed, could only be obtained through Jewish activism. The time had come, they said, to move from prayer and study to deed and action.

The alternate view, presented by Achad Ha'am, was substantially different. According to Achad Ha'am, what was needed was a rebirth of Jewish culture, with Israel as the spiritual home for Judaism, whether or not a state ultimately came into existence.

On an intellectual level, it was also a battle of normality against uniqueness. According to the political Zionists, it was a battle for the establishment of a Jewish State as a state among other states. In contrast, the cultural Zionists spoke of the necessity of uniqueness, of the preserving of our "chosenness" as Jews in the world. The underlying premise of the philosophy was simply that Jews could not allow themselves to be assimilated into general European culture.

With the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the debate continued, but has taken on a national significance. Being in a constant state of war, the desire for normalization has begun to far exceed any need to preserve the chosenness of the Jewish identity. The intensity of this desire to opt-out, as it were, accounts in part for the large emigration from Israel today.

However cultural Zionism, as an educational philosophy, has reawakened. In fact, there are strong elements within Israel today which hold the belief that cultural Zionism is necessary if one is to live as a Jew in a Jewish State.

Thus with the "in-gathering of the exiles," educational courses in the mid 1950's began to focus on Jewish consciousness. The failure of the program, however, can be attributed to the fact that the question of Jewish consciousness was not then a prority in the educational system. In addition, the teachers themselves, could not teach what they themselves did not believe in.

The magnitude of the problem intensified when surveys revealed that more than 54% of the non-religious Israeli students did not consider being Jewish to be of any significant importance to their lives. On the question of being Israelis however, the results were markedly different — 90%. It was abundantly clear that Israel's secular Jewish population considered its Jewishness of minor importance.

The Six-Day War changed this. Perhaps it was the nature of the confrontation, which galvanized the Israeli population into appreciating that they also form part of a world Jewish community, or perhaps it was because of Jewish cultural developments in the United States. In any event, the post-1967 era witnessed the revival of attempts to instill a Jewish identity through Zionist institutes for Israeli youth. These were sponsored initially by the Jewish Agency and subsequently through Gesher Educational Affiliates, an organization specializing in formal and informal Jewish education. The seminars, since 1973, have dealt with various aspects of Jewish identity, including social problems in Israel, the uniqueness of Jerusalem, Jewish identity on kibbutzim, Oriental Jewish culture, and bridging the gaps between religious and secular Jews.

The purpose of these courses is to instill in Israeli youth a sense of their Jewishness and the obligations arising from it towards family, state, and society.

The format not only seeks to stimulate discussion on the issue of one's Jewishness, but analyses different approaches to Judaism and examines Israel as a Jewish State, comparing it to the Zionist ideal. Ways in which Israelis can use their ideals for the betterment of society are also sought.

Initial results within the Israeli school system have been positive. Follow-up formal and informal programs are presently being planned in conjunction with school and youth movements.

It is significant that cultural and educational developments in the Diaspora are now beginning to have an impact on Israeli society. Much of the methodology now in use has been adapted from successful programs, such as summer camps, retreats,

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Community Focus

Canada-Israel Committee

Delegation to Attend Parliamentary Dinner

On March 31, several members of Edmonton's Canada-Israel Committee will be attending the C.I.C. major national event in Ottawa — the 8th annual dinner for Members of Parliament.

The conference will present a comprehensive survey of the Middle East today, and the important question of Canada-Israel relations. Canada-Israel economic affairs and the role of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce in shaping that area will also be reviewed. Speakers will include the Right Honourable Joe Clark; the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs; Baruch Barach, Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs to Canada; Pauline Jewett, Critic of the New Democratic Party for External Affairs; Jan Rush, Director, Trade Development Branch, Ontario; His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug, Ambassador of Israel to Canada; as well as other distinguished scholars from Canada, Israel and the United States.

General

The Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, Alberta Chapter, in conjunction with the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta will have as guest speaker Nissen Oren, Professor of International Relations, Jerusalem and Princeton, on Mon. March 15. Prof. Oren is an expert in international relations and Russian studies. He is the author of many books, monographs, articles, and papers dealing particularly in the areas of superpower politics and Soviet involvement in the Middle East and Europe. He will be speaking on "Superpower Interests in the Middle East". Further details can be obtained from the Jewish Community Council.

Joint Community Relations Committee

Israeli Athletes to Attend Universiade '83

July 1, 1983, will hold special significance for Edmonton, Canada, and the world sports community.

On the day Canada celebrates its 116th birthday, some 4500 athletes and officials, representing about 85 countries will gather at Edmonton to begin the 12th World University Games. It will be the first time Canada or the United States will host the games since their creation in 1923. The Community Council has requested information on the number of Israeli athletes who will be in Edmonton, and intends to honour them at a special community gathering.

Holiday Calendars

On Feb. 8, the Chairmen of the Edmonton Public and Separate School Boards were provided with Jewish Holy Day Calendars for 1981-85. The calendars have traditionally been provided to all universities, colleges, and schools in Edmonton in the hope that academic events and examinations could be scheduled so as not to cause a conflict for Jewish students.

Memorial to be Dedicated

According to Sarah Rozenberg, spokeswoman for the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, the Holocaust Memorial, presently constructed on the grounds of the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, 7622 - 101st Ave., will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. Dignitaries, members of Alberta's Legislative Assembly, and Members of Parliament, as well as the entire Jewish community, are invited to attend the ceremony.

The design of the monument is unique. The arch is a reminder of the concrete posts used in the concentration camps to hold barbed wire. Also the two posts appear as two figures, male and female, with their heads bowed down toward one another. The broken Star of David, carved in

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Jewish Identity in a Jewish State

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Shabbatonim, and Kalot, in American Jewish education.

Gesher, one of the major educational institutions in Israel, is currently sponsoring three major projects, all focusing on aspects of Jewish identity in Israel. "The David Schoen Institute for Creative Jewish Education" plans curricula for the Ministry of Education. It administers the Bar Mitzva Program in Junior High Schools throughout Israel, familiarizing students with basic concepts of Judaism through instruction in Jewish sources and contemporary issues. Mosad Gesher brings young Israelis from secular and religious backgrounds together in order to enter into a dialogue on common issues of Jewish identity, while using Jewish texts as their sources. The program includes community-based study circles and coffee houses as well as weekly programs where Torah study is experienced, and not just discussed. "Jerusalem Production," another Gesher component, has begun to produce a Jewish Sesame Street-style series for Israeli television.

The problem of establishing a Jewish identity in a Jewish State is by no means an easy one. It is, perhaps, more urgent now than ever before, given the ever-increasing emigration from Israel and the mounting uncertainty about the relationship between the Zionist vision and a Jewish State. It is time that an attempt be made to strengthen the Jewish roots of young Israelis as we attempt to strengthen our own.

Chamber Plans Varied Activities

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world to present their finest agricultural and technological achievements. For Israel and Alberta, it represents a major opportunity to show what each could gain (through increased trade relations with one another) in the areas of aviation, agriculture, chemical, industrial and medical technology as well as solar energy research."

Specially prepared video productions will be shown as part of the Israel Exhibit. These include C.B.C. Edmonton's recent production, "Israel: The Tiny Giant". This is perhaps one of the finest films ever produced on the modern, innovative, practical and scientific breakthroughs in the field of Israeli agriculture.

Persons or companies wishing information on any aspect of the Alberta Chapter's activities are requested to contact the Edmonton office (487-5123).

Community Focus

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granite, reflects the irreparable damage inflicted upon the Jewish nation.

Holocaust Exhibition Set

The Jewish community's annual Holocaust Exhibit is scheduled for April 19-23. On view will be a local exhibit, a Yad Vashem exhibit from Jerusalem, and a Holocaust film series at the Jewish Community Centre.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Community Council, will feature a multi-faceted exhibit based on the theme "The Evolution of a Holocaust". It will present an evolutionary picture of the Holocaust in five phases: the origins of latent anti-semitism; post World War I Germany — economic collapse, political instability; the myth of racial superiority — the scapegoat theory; the Holocaust; modern anti-semitic literature; and the redemption — Israel.

The film series will be held from April 19-22 at 8 p.m. in the Centre. The films will include *The World at War; Genocide; Memorandum; Warsaw Ghetto;* and *Night and Fog.* Everyone is welcome.

Hoax Literature

Monitoring of recent requisitions of Edmonton library books has uncovered "Holocaust hoax" books and pamphlets distributed by the Institute of Historical Review of Torrance, Calif.

The Jewish Hour

Don't forget to listen to "The Jewish Hour", which can be heard every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on C.K.E.R. Radio 1480 A.M. With hostesses Gillian Horwitz and Francine Zuckerman, you can hear the latest events from the Middle East, the best of Israeli, Chassidic, and pop music, and discussions with interesting individuals.

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The Centre

By Norm King
The Jewish Star Staff

Athletic Scholarship Announced

In order to promote interest in athletics among its members, the Jewish Community Centre has established the Saul Reichert Awards for Athletic Proficiency. The two $150.00 prizes can be competed for by any Centre member in grades 1 through 12.

Criteria for the awards are as follows: 50 per cent for athletic involvement; 20 per cent for Centre involvement; 10 per cent each for scholastic achievement, community (Jewish and general) involvement and a short essay on the importance to the applicant of both the award and athletics in general.

Personal, athletic and academic references are also required.

Deadline for applications is April 15. Winners will be announced in June.

For applications and further information, contact Bill Luke at the Jewish Community Centre (487-0585).

First Floor Hockey Tournament

Thirty-five youngsters participated in the Centre's first-ever floor hockey tournament, held Jan. 31.

Six teams, comprised of boys in grades two through six, took part in a modified round-robin competition, each playing three games. The top four teams then held sudden death playoffs.

Team 'F' won the championship, defeating Team 'C' 4 to 3. Members of the winning team included Jeff Scheckter, Ayel Shofer, Brian Horowitz, Fabric Nahmiash and David Laurie.

The next tournament will be held March 14. If you wish to participate as a player, coach or referee, contact Bill Luke (487-0585) for further information.

Jewish Cultural Committee

A wide variety of programs result from hard work by the Centre's Jewish Cultural Committee.

The committee, chaired by Allan Wolinsky, was formed more than a year ago by people who felt more volunteer involvement was required in the community. Initially, it oversaw the Centre's physical education and culture programs, but eventually split into two groups, each with its own mandate.

Since then, the cultural committee has organized a number of successful events, of both an artistic and educational nature. They range from Finjans and theatrical productions, to Chanukah and Yom Ha'atzmaut programs. "We also wanted to institute regularized programming," states Wolinsky. "This resulted in the regular Sunday night programs we now have."

While there have been and will continue to be special programs, the committee has also organized a series of ongoing activities, including a chorale, Israeli and jazz dance groups, and more recently, a chamber music ensemble. "Now that we have the various groups and activities off the ground, we can concentrate on other things," states Wolinsky.

Future programs include another Finjan, an evening of Israeli music with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra May 12, and a concert by renowned Israeli singer Chava Alberstein. The committee is also working on conducting education series on Judaism (including one in Russian), a book club and a film festival.

The Jewish Cultural Committee has a strong nucleus of eight members. Anyone wishing to join the committee or get involved in its programs can contact the Jewish Community Centre or Allan Wolinsky (487-1985).

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UPCOMING EVENTS: *Jewish Book Night* — Sun., March 21, 8 p.m. Meet Jewish authors through books. Barbara Munroe, Volume 11 Bookstore, will discuss Jewish authors.

Oded Teomi — Sun., April 4, 8 p.m. Israeli parapsychologist, actor, and magician. It promises to be an unusual evening.

Gala Swim Time — March 14, 11 - 1 p.m. Water games, races, fun in the pool — for all ages!

Magic Show — March 14, 1 - 1:45 p.m. See amazing magical illusions — an experience for all.

Floor Hockey Tournament — March 14, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Always an exciting afternoon. For grades 1 - 6.

Puppet Show — March 21, 1 - 3 p.m. See this live puppet show by Maralyn Ryan, one of Alberta's top puppeteers — follow this by making your own puppet, and perform on stage.

Apache Relay — March 28, 1 - 3 p.m. A challenging and exciting event. Test your skills and strength. For grades 1 - 6.

Passover Activities — April 4, 1 - 3 p.m. Experience the fun of Passover with your friends at the Centre. For all children K - grade 6.

Playschool News — Registrations are now being accepted for •3-year-old a.m. class •4-year-old p.m. class. Those interested should leave their name & address at the Centre Front Desk.

For further information on Centre programs, call **487-0585.**

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Hadassah-WIZO

Medical Services

The 1982 Medical Services Campaign presents "Marvellous Music 'n Delicious Desserts" at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Elliott Gelfand, 233 Wolf Willow Cr., Wednesday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. All members of Hadassah-WIZO are invited to attend a musical program, featuring Israeli music and songs by Yanna Tubinshlak and her students of the Alberta College of Music. Susan Culham and Cheryl Shur are the co-chairpersons of the 1982 campaign.

Proceeds of the campaign go in support of the community hospital at Asaf Harofe. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO contributes toward the geriatric care, coronary intensive care, hydrotherapy pool and kidney dialysis unit as well as the Schools of Physiotherapy and Nursing. The latest project, Cancer Research, is an exciting and worthwhile addition to the hospital.

Selma Linzer, Executive Vice President of Hadassah-WIZO Council, will be the guest speaker. Selma will give us a brief update on the latest developments at Asaf Harofe.

A display of art by Israeli artists and a free draw for a framed painting will also be part of the afternoon.

Bazaar

The Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO 22nd Annual Bazaar and Exposition will be held Wed., May 5, at the Sportex.

We invite all members of the Jewish community to participate. Help is needed in all departments. You can sell, you can create, you can be part of a great civic event. Do you have free time? Call our office (481-1260). Miriam will be pleased to help you.

National Council of Jewish Women

Steering Committee Meetings

The following are the dates and locations for upcoming Steering Committee meetings: *March 16* — Louise Rollingher, 12917 - 103rd Avenue; *April 20* — Shana Fefferman, 60 Valleyview Crescent; *May 18* — Jennie Marburg, 16007 - 78th Avenue; *June 15* — Jean Oshry, 15313 Rio Terrace.

The next Hospitality Evening will take place on March 29, at the home of Dena Gelfant.

Bazaar

The Spring Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, March 17 and Thursday, March 18, at Westmount Shopping Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ladies, please bake and freeze. We would really appreciate as much baking as you can let us have. We also require books and plants. Please call Shirley Nerman (483-8310)

Pesach

Pesach is rapidly approaching. This holiday is a time to remember what it means to be a Jew. Proceeds from the sale of World Jewry serviettes are used to sponsor phone calls to Jews in the U.S.S.R., unable to leave, and unable to celebrate their Jewishness.

Please look for and purchase your serviettes in the Passover section at the following stores:

All Woodward's Food Floors, Matanot Gift Shop in the Jewish Community Centre, Andy's Valleyview I.G.A. (9106 - 142 St.).

We thank these stores for their co-operation.

For further information, please call Miriam Lutsky (483-9152), Yvonne Katz (435-0252), or Shirley Nerman (483-8310).

Our annual service to deliver Pesach parcels to shut-ins is upon us. Robyn Sperber, Chairperson, needs assistance in wrapping the parcels and in delivering them. If you know of anyone who qualifies for such a parcel, and if you are able to assist, please call Robyn (439-3040).

IFCA

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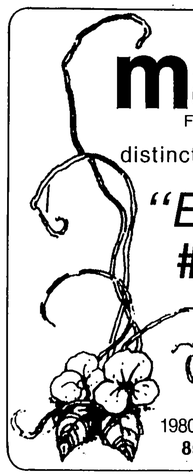

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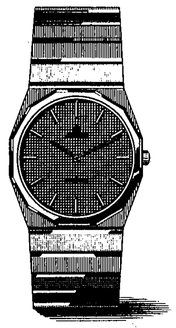

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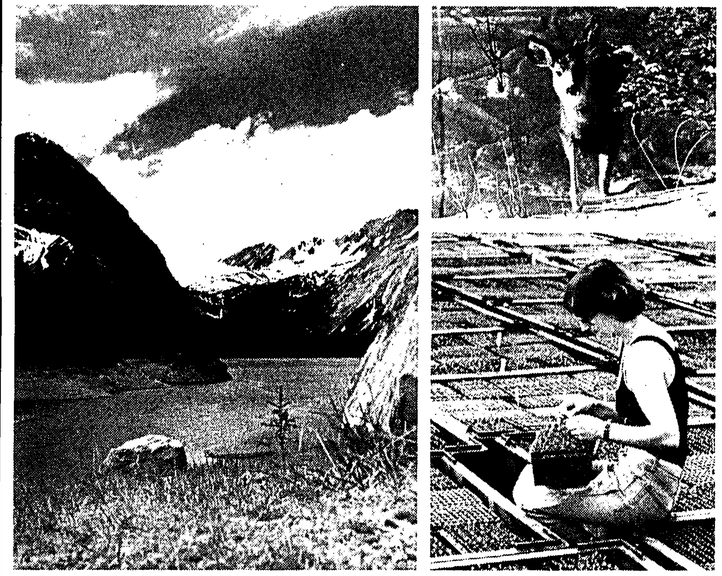

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Pioneer Women

Chapter News

B'not Shalom Chapter is busy preparing for their bake sale to be held Thursday, March 11 (all day) at the Meadowlark Shopping Centre. Please drop by and purchase great home baking at reasonable prices. These ladies work very hard to bring quality baking to the community.

Aviva Chapter will be holding a Card Party (bridge, poker, etc.) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lainwand at 14929 - 85 Ave., on Sat., March 20, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Esther Kramer Chapter is once again preparing for their Annual Mother's Day Brunch. We will keep you posted, but please set aside May 9th on your calendar and join us for top of the line Jewish cooking.

The Chanita Chapter extends their thanks and appreciation to all who helped make the 1982 Dinner/Dance a great success. We thank the workers for their time and effort and we thank the patrons for attending and for their continued support of what Pioneer Women is all about.

Beryl Nahornick, Chairperson of the 1981/82 Spiritual Adoption Campaign, sponsored by Pioneer Women Na'amat, is gearing up her Committee for this annual appeal to our community. Look for further information in the months to come.

Jewish Family Services

The appointment of Ms. Malka Fry to the staff of Jewish Family Services is announced. Ms. Fry, formerly of Montreal, has a B.A., and M.A. in English. She graduated with a B.S.W. from McGill University, School of Social Work. She was previously employed in geriatrics at Ville Marie in Montreal.

Temple Beth Ora

A pot luck Seder, sponsored by the Temple Beth Ora for the entire Jewish community, will be held on Wednesday, April 7. There will be three locations, at homes on the south side, west end, and north end. All participants are expected to contribute one food item as prearranged with the hostess, along with $2 for individuals or $5 per family to cover communal costs such as wine. For further information, please call Marion Cummings, west end hostess (481-0699, eve.) or Anne Isaacs, north end hostess (458-5924, eve.).

Social and Personal

THE FURMANS — Mr & Mrs Maurice Furman of Edmonton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Sheryll, to Howard Leslie Goldford, son of Mr & Mrs George Goldford, of St Catharines, Ont. The wedding will take place in Edmonton in May.

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New Soviet Jewry Group to Publicize Refuseniks

The newly constituted Edmonton Soviet Jewry Committee, under the chairmanship of Warren Dove, has set out to achieve a significant undertaking : to place the plight of Soviet Jews in the U.S.S.R. in the Edmonton public arena through the use of organizational telegram banks; adopting Soviet Jewish families; twinning Edmonton Bar Mitzvahs with those of Jews in the Soviet Union; publicizing and protesting arbitrary arrests, imprisonment and refusals of exit visas by the Soviet Union; and using community publications to encourage people to write to those living in exile or in prison in the Soviet Union.

The two Soviet Jews who will be receiving the Committee's primary emphasis will be Ida Nudel and Dr. Semyon Gluzman.

Ida Nudel

Ida Nudel, an economist by profession, made her first application for a visa to emigrate to Israel in 1971. She was fired from her job, and all her visa requests have been denied. She became known for her untiring and courageous struggle on behalf of Prisoners of Zion, and was viewed as a symbol of dignity and self-sacrifice.

In 1978, Ida hung a poster from her apartment window demanding a visa to Israel. She was put under house arrest, and then arrested for "hooliganism". She was sentenced to four years of exile, during which she suffered humiliation, starvation and cold.

On March 26, the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, chaired by Genya Intrator, announced that Ida Nudel had been released that week after serving her sentence in a Siberian penal colony. She is now back in Moscow, but there is as yet no word on whether she will be permitted to go

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Carol Goodier Photo

AT SHEN ARI — Michael Ayalon (left), Sima Suissa (centre), and architect Borlislov Ivanovsky, discuss physical rehabilitation of the Yaffo Daled neighbourhood of Shen Ari, where Mr Ayalon is the Director of Project Renewal, and Sima Suissa is Assistant Director and community worker. The Jewish community of Western Canada has been twinned with Shen Ari in that Israeli town's renewal.

Project Renewal is Having an Impact on Yaffo Daled

by Larry Stevens

For the 3,500 people living in Tel Aviv's Shen Ari neighborhood of Yaffo Daled, life has taken a turn for the better.

Project Renewal, the joint Israel Government/Jewish Agency plan to rehabilitate Israel's needy towns and neighborhoods, has come to Yaffo Daled, and with the help of the Jewish communities of Western Canada (through the United Israel Appeal of Canada) profound change is being felt.

The Yaffo Daled neighborhood is also known as *Givat Hatamarim,* and *Givul* (border) *Bat Yam,* because it is in south Yaffo, bordering the town of Bat Yam, which has a high crime rate, and is known as the refuge of many hard-core drug users. Since Yaffo Daled was founded in 1959, there has been an unfortunate interaction between the residents of the neighborhood and Bat Yam.

Fifty-one percent or more of the residents of Shen Ari are of Asian or North African origin. Many came to Shen Ari directly, moving only from the temporary housing camps (the *mabarot*) to hastily constructed *shikunim* (housing blocks) that soon began to show signs of their hasty construction. These apartments became too small for the families which resided in them. They became tenaments.

The stronger elements moved out of Yaffo Daled, out of Shen Ari, leaving behind many residents who were unable or unwilling to cope, such as the elderly and the hard to employ. The crime rate rose. Drug dealing became more prevalent. The youth of the neighborhood were frequently raised with role models who spent more time in prison than in the home. The schools became a place one had to be, not a place to learn. Many of the young men deserted from the Army.

Hope had all but left Shen Ari.

Then came Project Renewal

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Bazaar Plans Taking Shape

In a celebration of Mother's Day, Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO will open the doors to the 22nd Annual Bazaar on May 5.

This eagerly-awaited event will take place at the Sportex Building, Northlands Park, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

As Hadassah-WIZO members prepare for this event, requests for commercial displays and bids for the best booths continue to reach the Hadassah-WIZO office. Much publicity will be seen and heard during the coming weeks, for the "best bargains in town" will be available.

The Bazaar is an institution in Edmonton. It is an event for all Edmontonians, and is mounted by many people — spearheaded by the local Hadassah-WIZO.

Ann Eaman Heads Bazaar

Ann Eaman, the 1982 Bazaar Chairperson, has requested that all Hadassah-WIZO members participate in this year's event to "Make Their Presence Felt". With "inflation" and "recession" being the common words of today, this year's Bazaar can be the means of beating the economic "crunch".

Those wishing to participate in the Bazaar should call the Hadassah Office (481-1260, Mon. to Thurs., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or Hadassah Chapter Presidents.

Strong Start for UJA Campaign

By Norm King

Special to The Jewish Star

With 18% of the 2,470 cards covered already, the 1982 United Jewish Appeal Campaign is off to a strong start.

This year's goal is to exceed the 1981 total by 20%, but pledges are increasing at a rate of 30% so far.

"We're all extremely pleased," says Campaign Chairman Irving Kipnes. "At this pace, this year's campaign will exceed everyone's expectations."

Overall Men's Division contributions have increased an average of 28%, while Women's Division pledges have climbed a whopping 60%.

With a force of approximately 155 canvassers (90 men, 65 women) hard at work, the Campaign should be finished by the end of May.

Mr. Kipnes's Vice-Chairmen are Norman Schayer and Dr. Eric Schloss.

The Women's Campaign Chairman is Bette Mayer, with Joan Goldstein her acting Vice-Chairman.

In charge of the Young Men's Campaign (contributors ranging in age from 20 to 30) is Ari Bernstein. Sid Hanson is Vice-Chairman.

Evelyn Schayer is leading the Young Women's Campaign. She is flanked by Debbie Ghermezian and Rowena Schwartzberg as her Vice-Chairman.

The portion of the Edmonton U.J.A. dollars that is allocated to Israel is directed to the Jewish Agency in Israel through the United Israel Appeal/Keren Hayesod. The programs of the Jewish Agency directly benefit over half a million Israelis, through programs such as immigration and absorption; agricultural settlements; youth care and training; social welfare; and education.

In Edmonton, U.J.A. dollars support Jewish education; Jewish culture and identity programs; immigrant resettlement; Jewish Family Services; the Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre; and the many activities of the Jewish Community Council.

Na'amat Head Featured at Brunch

Masha Lubelsky, newly elected Secretary General of Na'mat-Israel, will be the guest speaker at Edmonton Pioneer Women's Annual Mother's Day Brunch. The brunch will be held Sunday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre. A presentation of Israeli fashions from the Timan Vocational Schools, among the institutions where Pioneer Women provide scholarships, will be a highlight of the program. The brunch will be catered by Ralph Katz. Admission $18.00 per person. Chairman of the Mother's Day Brunch is Barbara Wiseman, Council President.

Masha Lubelsky

Na'amat — a Hebrew acronym for working and volunteer women — is Israel's largest women's organization. It was first headed by Golda Meier. Masha Lubelsky was recently elected its fifth Secretary General, the top position in the organization. Each of her predecessors was subsequently elected to the Knesset.

Trained as a teacher, Masha Lubelsky quickly became a headmistress, in which capacity she was elected head of the teacher's union. Shortly after the Lubelskys relocated in Tel Aviv in 1973, she left education completely for the more political side of public service. She joined the preparatory committee for a forthcoming Na'amat Conference, and was soon invited to join the Executive Committee. "Na'amat was something I fell in love with immediately," she recalls.

Masha Lubelsky, Guest Speaker

The Work of Na'amat

Aided by Pioneer Women-Na'amat organizations in twelve countries, Na'amat is able to provide the Israeli working woman with 715 nurseries, 500 day-care centres, 32 vocational and training schools, community centres and adult education courses.

Na'amat is also a powerful advocacy organization. For Mrs. Lubelsky and her colleagues, promoting the status of women isn't just a textbook exercise in effecting legislation — it is a very real problem. In a spirit of co-operation, Na'amat will join forces with other women's rights advocates to improve and re-define the equal opportunity law soon to go into effect in Israel.

The entire community is invited to hear this dynamic Israeli woman speak. Donations are welcome.

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