Camp Will Open Despite Debt

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the lake was unsuitable for swimming, the Harry and Martha Cohen Swimming Pool had been constructed in 1968.

Up until the end of the 1970s, the camp's financial situation had not been a g source of concern. The 음 기계 annual operating deficits were met by fund-raising efforts of the Edmonton and Calgary B'nai B'rith Lodges. Their efforts included running licensed casinos, 🕽 from which the camp 🗗 received a total of \$250,000 during its first 25 years.

According to a commemorative publication, B'nai B'rith was the first Jewish effort, managed by Harry Cohen, netted \$30,000 to the

Sam Plucer, the Calgary Chairman of the camp Board told the Star. Renovations heater was replaced in the been "quite patient facilities were also added. **\$200,000**.

According to Sid Lew, the Edmonton Chairman of the camp Board, these capital expenditures were not considered excessive in light—the camp Board, and of the of the past record of Board of the North-West in a telephone interview with B'rith (which owns the the Star, Mr Lew described camp), several steps are

JUGGLING

By Robert Lehrman

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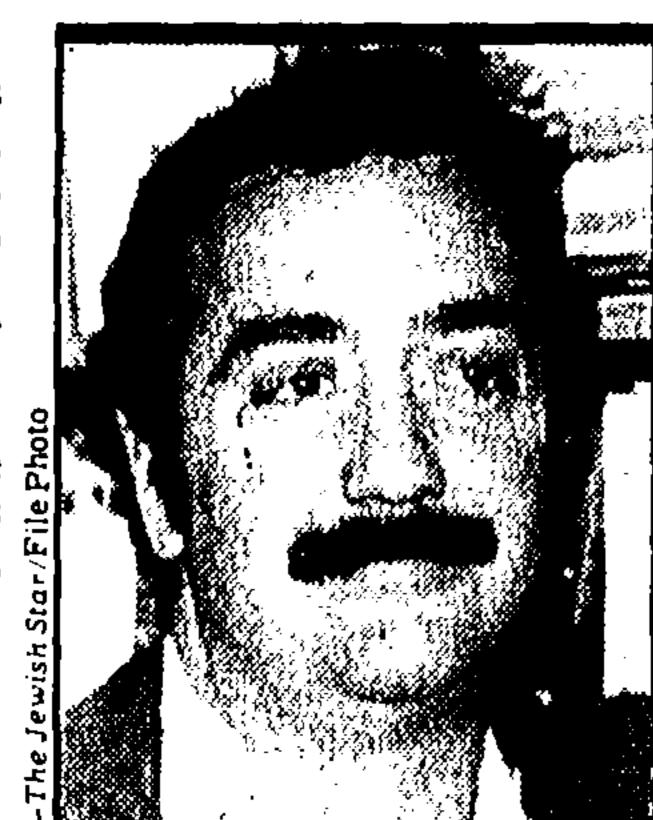
soccer and first love.

written for teen readers. It

immigrant German Jews, i

suburban town in 1960.

told in the first person by



"I think that we are arriving at the point now where B'nai B'rith alone may not be able to carry the camp, and may have to look to the lewish communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan for some assistance."

> -Dr Bill Meloff, Camp Director

ceasing to serve kosher food.

serious B'nai B'rith support

To meet the camp'

¶ Fund-raising by Lodges:

Calgary Lodges are planning

to increase their fund-

raising activities. A recent

to manage its indebtedness the Lodges to carry out fund-According to one source, a raising efforts; and a modest few Calgary Lodge members decline in camp enrollment (of about 10%) all occurred felt that B'nai B'rith should to run a licensed casino. The simultaneously, and created not continue to operate the camp, There were also a serious situation. Today, Mr Lew stated, the suggestions that money

eamp faces a \$250,000 could be saved by closing the extended debt (incurred for camp for one year, or the camp) went wrong." a cumulative operating deficit of approximately recommendations had The Bank of Commerce,

according interviewed by the Star. were made to the plumbing—the lending institution which and water systems, and the Mr Lew described as having immediate cash-flow needs. the Star has learned that the swimming pool; other supportive", has placed following steps are being pressure on the camp's The total bill came to nearly Directors to reduce this indebtedness. Both the Edmonton and

Three-Year Plan

After several meetings of successful fund-raising. But Canadian Council of B'nai how high interest rates (up being taken, or planned, to to 22% p.a.); the failure of improve the camp's ability Leon, contributed \$25,000 to the camp (and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) A casino, and gentlemen's dinner, are being planned in

¶Approaching Former Campers: In Edmonton letters have already gone ou (and are to be sent out in former campers. They are being asked to make one-time donations to the camp.

Through these, and other, means, the camp Board is hoping to raise \$100,000 within a few month's time.

There are also longer-term plans being considered.

¶ Land Sale: The camp is considering sceking permission from the County of Red Deer to subdivide 40 acres from the camp into perhaps 20 lots. Some camp land had been sold in 1979, B'nai B'rith, according to Dr Harvey Since

approximately two-thirds of community," Bill Meloff, the not encroach on other the camp's 120 acres is not camp's Director since 1971 similar activities in the currently used for camp—(together with his wife, province. Sid Lew is even programs, such a sale would not affect activities. It is \$500,000 from such a sale.

¶Beneficiary Status: Another option being considered is that the camp Jewish Federation of Edmonton, Alberta and Saskatchewan session in each camper and the Calgary Jewish for some assistance.... I category (the basic charge Community Council, to seek—think this is a reasonable and goes to \$625). The first beneficiary status. In this way, the camp would receive

A Glance at the Camp "I wasn't that optimistic| calculation), six marriages labout the future of the between former campers

camp) a month ago," Dr have taken place. Bill Meloff, the camp's For the two 1983 sessions, Director, told the Star. there were 330 campers When he sent out to talk to (mostly from Alberta and people in the Calgary and Saskatchewan, but with Edmonton communities, some from Winnipeg) however, he discovered Approximately 65 of these that there was "amazing" were on partial or whole support for the camp.

Today, Camp B'nai thousands of compers have estimated market value of been served and (by one \$1 million.

scholarships (to an amount

First, that the current

hopeful that the entire debt

session will run from July 4-

The operating budget B'rith provides a recrea- was \$200,000, and there tional experience in a were 50 staff (including Jewish environment for counsellors, and kitchen boys and girls from eight to and janitorial staff). 16 years old. In nearly The camp grounds and three decades of operation, facilities have an

input from those who benefit—commitments were made by from its operation, while it the camp's Directors at a would continue to be run by Nov. 20 meeting in Red Decr.

"I think that B'nai B'rith debt-burden would be Rabin, the camp physician—has assumed for these 29—alleviated by fund-raising an active Board years a responsibility on programs which the behalf of the Jewish Directors are convinced will Rivvy), told the Star. "It has been an important can be paid out within three

estimated that the camp service project of B'nai years. could realize as much as B'rith. I think that we are And second, the camp will arriving at the point now open as usual this summer. where B'nai B'rith alone without any decline in the may not be able to carry the quality or quantity of its camp, and may have to look offerings. The fees have to the Jewish communities in been increased by \$50 per rational thing to do."

Whatever may come of 25, followed by another, from Edmonton, honouring Herb—financial assistance and—these long-range plans, two—July 29 to Aug. 16.

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Winnipeg Jews Repay Most of Massive Debt

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The Winnipeg Jewish community, which a year ago projected that it would be facing a \$2.5 million deficit by August 1983, and consequent bankruptcy, has managed to repay most of this debt.

In a front-page article in last month's Jewish Post, Winnipeg's major Jewish community newspaper, it was reported that the local Community Council had cancelled 60% of the community's indebtedness. This was done, The Post said, by taking funds which would otherwise have left the community, and using them to pay down the local

In an agreement between the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the United Israel Appeal (UIA), funds ordinarily directed through the UIA to projects in Israel have been (since April 1983) temporarily diverted to the needs of Winnipeg Jewry. The Community Council, in turn, has made a commitment to hold emergency fundraising drives so that, within 10 years, Winnipeg will have paid back the UIA's loan.

Mergers Take Place

At the emergency meeting of the Winnipeg Jewish community in November 1982, at which the financial emergency was first publicly revealed, several proposals were suggested to deal with the deficit (The Star, Dec. 3, 1982). Among these options was the amalgamation of existing institutions.

After lengthy negotiations, which were completed in April 1983, the Talmud Torah (Winnipeg Hebrew School) and the I. L. Peretz Folk School were merged on an experimental basis. The effort appears to be proving successful, judging from an interim report which appeared this month in The Jewish Post. And now it has been announced that the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council is considering the merger of Camp Massad

Nate Siegel

Nate Siegel, long involved in community affairs, will be honoured for his special contributions to the Edmonton Jewish commu ity at a fund-raising dinner sponsored by Pioneer Women-Na'amat.

The dinner will be held on Sun., March 4. at the Convention Inn South. All funds raised at the dinner will be used to build and equip playgrounds in the new Petach Tikva Community Centre in Israel, now being constructed by Canadian

Pioneer Women-Na'amat. Recognized for making special efforts to improve the quality of Jewish life in the city, Nate Siegel's philosophy of life is reflected in his community activities. His involvement with Pioneer Women-Na'amat dates back to the late 1930s, when he and the late Mrs Rose Siegel organized fund raising picnics. His wife Lillian, a life member in Chanita Club, has been a member of Pioneer Women for nearly forty years and has served as convenor of the Adopt-a-(continued on page 6)

Emigration Drops to 20 Year Low Point

The Jewish Star

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1983, approximately 1,300 Jews

These facts were revealed by the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ) at a press conference held here late last month. According to Elliott Abrams, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, who spoke to reporters, the 1983 total represents a 98% drop from 1979, when 51,320 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet

He also pointed to alarming reports of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. "The Jewish community [there] was targeted for annihila tion by both the Nazis and Stalin. For it now to be subjected to renewed anti-Semitism, persecution and abuse, is indeed an unmiti gated act of evil, and deserves t be condemned as such."

Health of POCs Declines situation for Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience, of whom there are currently 19, has seriously

medical attention.

His mother, in Moscow, received letter from him this month which he described the chronic pain in his heart. He has been denied the medical attention he has fear for his life if he does not receive appropriate medical care

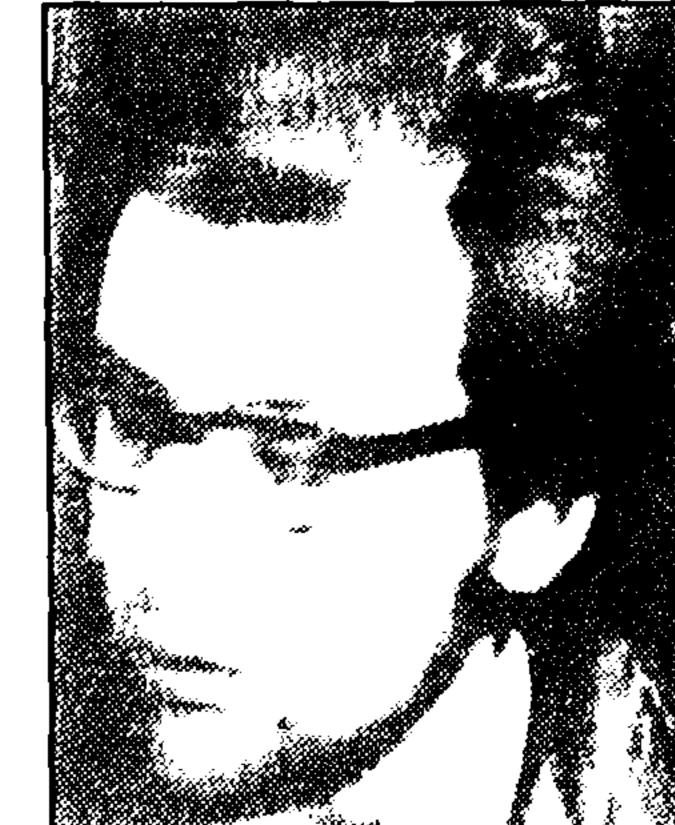


emigrated from the Soviet Union, the lowest number in 20 years. At this rate, the last of about 400,000 Jews now in the process of seeking to leave the Soviet Union can expect to see freedom three centuries

Mr Abrams said that this "drasclearly the result of a deliberate Soviet policy, and not the consequence of a steep decline in applications. There are hundreds of thouleave the USSR if they were free to

According to the GNYCSJ, the

gan 1983 on a hunger strike in Chisis suffering from a serious heart problem which requires urgent



Eitan Finkelstein

Refuseniks Get Out

LOD, Israel (JNI) — After a tic decline in Jewish emigration is 13-year wait for permission to emigrate to Israel, Soviet Refuseniks Eitan Finkelstein, his wife, Alexandra, and their nine-year-old daughter, Miriam, were welcomed Demjanjuk, which took place in sands of Soviet Jews who would with great emotion by former Cleveland in February 1981 (but comrades at Ben Gurion airport here on Dec. 18.

The Soviet physicist who, like many Soviet Jewish refuseniks speaks Hebrew, said he was too tions in their native language. "Give me a day or two, and then I'll talk to you in Hebrew,'' he the grounds that he had lied about promised. Mrs Finkelstein is a marine biologist.

The Finkelstein family was "adopted" by the Committee on Soviet Jewry of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton in Dec., 1982.

Extradition of Ex-Nazi in U.S. Sought by Israel

January 1984

Special to The Jewish Star

In a precedent-setting action, Israel is formally seeking extradition from the United States of John Demjanjuk, 63, an accused Nazi war criminal living in Cleveland. Ohio. Late last month, U.S. Federal marshals arrested Mr Demjanjuk; the extradition hearing has been set for Jan. 23.

Israel's request is notable because it shows a conscious, renewed determination to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. On only one occasion — the Eichmann trial in 1962 — has Israel tried a Nazi for war crimes. This is also the first time that Israel has requested extradition of an ex-Nazi from the

The denaturalization trial of Mr which had been initiated in 1977), also contained an unprecedented

Mr Demjanjuk, who had worked for nearly 30 years as an assembly line auto worker at the Ford Motor Company, was brought to trial by the U.S. Justice Department on his past in order to obtain naturalization papers. He was accused of failing to note in his citizenship application that during World War I) he had served as a gas chamber

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deteriorated. Anatoly Shcharansky, who be- Holocaust 'Scholars' Attack topol Prison protesting his total isolation from family and friends. Zionists, Jews at Conference

By David E. Lowe

To the uninformed, the annual meeting of the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) in Anaheim, California, appeared to be a gathering of objective scholars. According to the announcement in the HIR newsletter, there would be an address by a "controversial" British historian, and a speech by an "outspoken French revisionist." Proceeds from the lectures would go denying books. CIC Head Here to Discuss Issues toward promoting further research and new publications

worthy goals, indeed. But the meeting, which was held September 3-5, could hardly be

So preoccupied were the organiz-

ers with keeping away outsiders make-believe world of Disneyland eer" who asserted the impossibil-- was kept secret from the attend- ity that the Nazi gas chambers

ees until one day before the sche- could have been used to kill Jews. duled opening day. And, as speaker after speaker spewed forth a variety of anti-Semitic slurs, the central preoccupation of this socalled "Institute" — that the systematic murder of six million European Jews during World War . never occurred — became self-

Far from a bona fide educational think tank, the Institute for Histor cal Review is the brainchild of Willis Carto, a longtime anti-Semitic

activist and propagandist who is the driving force behind HIR operations. Since 1979, IHR has provided a forum for Holocaust deniers seeking respectability and a wider audience for their pernicious doctrines. The organization, whose staff works out of an office in Torrance, California, disseminates a journal and a variety of Holocaust-

David Irving Featured

There were a tew new faces at the 1983 IHR event, but the mesmistaken for a scholarly confer- sages were much the same as at past conferences.

The 120 attendees were treated to presentations by a "research chemist" and a "research engin-

Each had the audacity to suggest that the chemical Zyklon B was beneficial to Jews because of its use as a disinfectant. A large burst of applause - complete with a standing ovation — was reserved for one speaker who urged the audience to "stand by the Third Reich", adding that if the Holocaust were in fact a reality, "then so much the better."

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and Camp B'nai B'rith, to be located at the latter's facilities in Towne Island, Manitoba.

Milton Harris, the President of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), will be making his first visit here since his election last May, to discuss major issues affecting

Canadian Jewry. Len Dolgoy, Chairman of the Alberta Region of the CJC, announced that Mr Harris will be speaking at a "town hall" meeting on Wed., Jan. 25, at 8 p.m., at the Jewish Community Centre. The meeting is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the Alberta Region of the CJC.

At the community meeting, Mr Harrls will be discussing the current status of Nazi war criminals in this country; the CJC's efforts to change the laws concerning dissemination of hate literature; Holocaust documentation; community relations; and Soviet Jewry.

He will also be describing his efforts to reorient the focus of Canadian Jewish life by reaching out to, and involving, the country's small Jewish communities in the national decision-making pro-



CONGRESS LEADERS MEET MULRONEY — Milton Harris, President of the Canadian Jewish Congress (front right), and Brian Mulroney, the Progressive Conservative Party Leader (front left) discussed issues on the Canadian Jewish agenda in Ottawa on Dec. 15. Among the topics raised were those concerning proposed legislation on hate literature, visible minorities, and national security; and Canadian

Mr Mulroney was complimented for his recent support of French minority rights in Manitoba, and his party's consistent support of the plight of Soviet Jews.

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primitive style that is passionately involved in charming and appealing. In soccer, but shy with girls each picture, except the final until he is invited to the one, is a fanciful little senior prom by Sandy creature — Yossi's Evil Bessinger. Grades 3 to 5 is the complicated

Book Marks (continued from page 11)

suggested age for the book. involvement with Sandy deepens and his presence on a Jewish soccer team is resented by the other players, who are all immigrants. He is also in conflict with his father over his choice of university for

the following year. The title "Juggling" refers to soccer initially, but quickly becomes a metaphor, as Howie juggles all the different facets of his adult-

Howie Berger, a grade 12 The book is suggested for student in a New York ages 12 and up, but because of the love scenes, is more suitable for older teens.

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Holocaust 'Scholars'

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was David Irving, the Brit-listeners, Mr Irving, relishish author who has spent ing the role of a stand-up much of his career insisting comedian, added that if, indeed, there was a broadsides against Jews: Final Solution against the war historian" making his are equally offended." "first advertised public Mr Irving went on to claim speaking engagement in that the Anti-Defamation

America", Mr Irving pro- League (ADL) was mountclaimed that "Hitler was ing "a boycott upon my probably the biggest friend person" with a "wellthe Jews had in the Third organized, well-funded Reich, certainly when the smear campaign." Recallwar broke out.'' Mr Irving's remarks were "cruel and dishonest weapunctuated by anti-Semitic pon" against the Jews in the innuendos. For example, he 1930s, Mr Irving warned that asserted that Sir Winston "if the Jews now start Churchill's reputation has themselves, through the been dishonestly elevated by ADL, to try using the same his official biographer, Mar- weapon against historians tin Gilbert, who is "of a like myself who are only

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Jewish. Mr Irving's explanation for the 1956 Hungarian revo- American scholar Lucy lution (as he has argued in Dawidowicz as an "ADLhis book Uprising!, for which approved historian", Mr Irvhe was given access to ing said her disparaging government files in Moscow remarks about him were and Budapest), was that it made without bothering to was little more than a "po- look at what he claims are grom" directed against the important documents to Union. "Jewish-controlled"

Communist government and secret police. Mr Irving further commented that Jews would be offended by Hitler's physician, because Faurisson, the French "Re-

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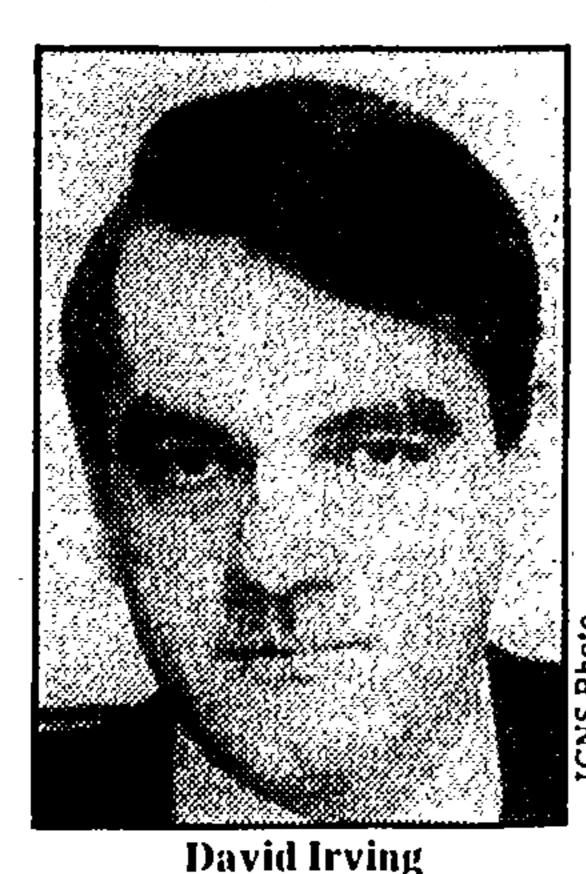
"It is very difficult. We Jews, Hitler was unaware of cannot please them. I do my it. (Mr Irving has offered a hardest to please them, la-\$1,000 reward for any evi- dies and gentlemen, believe dence that Hitler knew of me. If you don't mention atrocities being committed them in a book, they are at Auschwitz.) Billed as "the mortally offended. If you do popular and controversial mention them in a book, they

ing that the Nazis used this certain persuasion". Mr Gil- interested in establishing the bert, of Oxford University, is truth, I think they will long

> live to regret it." Referring to the respected back his thesis about Hitler's ignorance of war crimes.

> > Zionists Use Holocaust

Mr Irving was denounced the following day by Robert ' "they're not mentioned in visionist" and author of The Rumour of Auschwitz, for



even implying that atrocities may have been committed against Jews, albeit without Hitler's knowledge. Mr tation by proclaiming: Faurisson added that Irving's \$1,000 reward for plays today, obtaining its evidence of Hitler's knowledge of war crimes should technology, its billions of be extended to cover other dollars from the pay packets Nazi leaders, like Goebbels

Holocaust has been used as a a game of others." 'weapon' by Zionists to justify the establishment of Israel and, subsequently, for

organized Anti-Zionist communists."

which has been at the center zard of the Knights of the Ku of so much IHR literature Klux Klan, and now leader of found its clearest expression—the National Association for

address of Robert John, an English-born naturalized American citizen who lives in New York City.

John offered an "analysis" of the Balfour Declaration in which he highlighted the "deviousness" of early Zionist leaders in using their alleged political, financial, and personal influences to ments prior to, and during, World War I. Mr John claimed that Theodor Herzl once told his supporters that

about by exploiting the rival-Mr John closed his presen-"This is the game Israel

the Jewish state would come

of American workers because of the rivalries between The conference also the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. delved into a familiar "revi- we should not allow oursionist" theme — that the selves to be made pawns in

Other Notables Present

the Jewish state. This belief ing the conference banquet Street. — an article of faith among—and offering his observation— Willis Carto's staunchly anti- that the problems which communist IHR adherents beset America today result — ironically places them in from a conspiracy of "Zion-tarianism and Genocide; Edmonton, called the film the company of the recently- ists, the super-rich, and the film "Genocide".

The rabid anti-Zionism Duke, former Imperial Wi-

the Advancement of White aware of its aims, there may People: Hans Schmidt, lea- be more incidents such as der of the anti-Semific Ger- occurred last summer, when man-American Political Ac- two respected scholarly ortion Committee; and Gary ganizations were duped into Allen, author of the book letting IHR use their mailing None Dare Call it Conspi- lists to recruit subscribers for its journal. The Institute for Historical

Review has displayed relent-David Lowe is with the US less determination to be Anti-Defamation League. regarded as a scholarly Reprinted by permission institution. Unless legiti- from the "B'nai B'rith mate academics are made Messenger", Los Angeles.

Federation Offer Holocaust Films

A Holocaust Film Series Feb. 14 — Resistance Unwill begin this month at the der Nazi Occupation; film "Soldier of Orange". University of Alberta.

The series, organized by Feb. 28 — Christian Sithe University of Alberta lence, Compliance and Resis-Chaplains' Association and tance; film "The Avenue of co-sponsored by the Jewish the Just". will be held Tuesday even- Universal Law and the Prinings, beginning January 24, ciples of Nuremberg; at 8 p.m. in the Tory Lecture "Guilty Men". Theatre, TL11, adjacent to According to Stephen Lar-Willis Carto made a rare the Tory Building on Sas- son, Lutheran Campus Pascontinued U.S. support for public appearance, address- katchewan Drive at 112th tor, the series is "an educa-

as follows:

Jan. 31 — Life in Death in of combatting the kind of Committee of the Soviet Notable among the confer- the Concentration Camps; racist and revisionist propaence attendees were David films "Night and Fog" and ganda purveyed by people Feb. 7 — Jewish Resis-

Federation of Edmonton, March 6 — War Crimes.

tional response to the recent The themes and films are Keegstra affair". Hillel Boroditsky, Executive Director Jan. 24 — Nazism, Totali- of the Jewish Federation of series "an important means like Jim Keegstra".

In the hopes of encouragtance to Nazi Terror; film ingattendance, there will be free admission to the films.

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Media Head in Town

Michael Chernack, the co-chaired by Shmuel Ha-Director of Communications zanovitz and Eddy Isaacs. of the Canada-Israel Mr Chernack is scheduled to Committee (CIC), will be in meet with the editorial Edmonton this month to boards of the Edmonton discuss media issues.

Mr Chernáck, who works Sun. in Toronto, will be speaking to a meeting of the commu- Chernack was educated at nity on Thurs., Jan. 19. The McGill University, where he programme, which takes received a Bachelor of Laws place at 8 p.m. at the Jewish degree. He has held his Community Centre, is spon-sored by the Edmonton CIC since 1979. Chapter and the Public Af-Hadassah-WIZO.

media. The Edmonton CIC is the general public.

A native of Montreal, Mr

Director will also meet with ded in 1967. It deals with released this spring. the local CIC's Media Moni-relations between the two toring Committee to discuss countries, and promotes the

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ing Committee are Mandle Nominations for the Board Nozick, Chairman; Mrs of Directors will be accepted Gloria Aaron, Mrs Laurie from the Jewish community- Mozeson, Robert Nozick, [

ing, with written acceptance Nine members are elected | by the nominee, prior to the annually to the Board to |'annual meeting. Nomina- serve three-year terms. In | tions should be sent to the instances in which election is JFS, Room 606, McLeod not by acclamation, voting is



ON LOCATION IN ISRAEL — Robert Mitchum (at right) and Rock Hudson drive through the desert in a fairs Chapter of Edmonton The Canada-Israel scene from a Hollywood thriller being filmed in Israel. Committee of the Canadian The movie, dealing with an attempt by PLO and Israeli The CIC Communications Jewish Congress was foun- representatives to negotiate a peace, is scheduled to be

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Controversial Cartoonist Impressed by Israel Visit

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of the Anti-Defamation which included stops at Yad

kind of country Israel is."

Steve Benson, the young—was published in the Edmoneditorial cartoonist who was ton Journal. It became the o the cause of a recent com-source of a successful comgeplaint heard by the Alberta plaint laid by the Jewish Press Council, was one of Federation of Edmonton beive leading American car- fore the Alberta Press Countoonists to visit Israel last cil [The Jewish Star, Nov. November. According to an 1983]. article in the Jerusalem Apparently the visit went there at the invitation

League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith Vashem, meetings with Is-"to see for themselves the raeli politicians and Palestinians, and a trip to Efrat made an impact on the car-During the Lebanon War, toonists. Mr Benson, who has many cartoons appeared in also depicted Israeli soldiers newspapers throughout the as SS men marching around A membership drive at the classes, a fashion show, world in which Israeli ac- a "Beirut concentration Jewish Community Centre, karate and marshall arts tions were compared to camp", responded to what from Jan. 15-24, is featuring displays, a magician, and those of the Nazis, or in he saw at the Holocaust meevents for children and jazzercise classes. There which Holocaust imagery morial in Jerusalem. The will also be other special appeared. One of the car- Post said that the young toons by Mr Benson (which Mormon is not likely to again compared Ariel Sharon and portray an Israeli soldier as Klaus Barbie as butchers), a Nazi.

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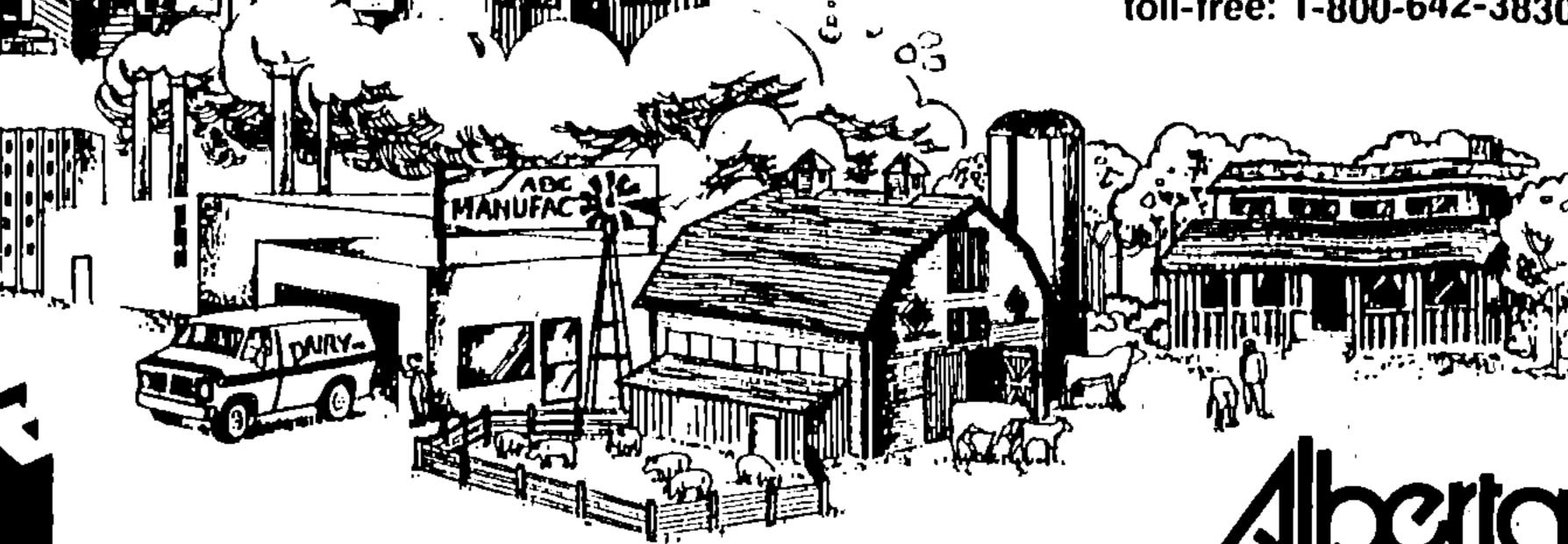
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Defacing Israel

Last summer, Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan set up a federal committee to look into prostitution and pornography.

The seven-member committee will hold four months of public hearings—truth,'' says the author of a study in twenty centres across Canada. There will, as well, be provision for - on the subject-published earlier private hearings.

The committee's mandate is to seek public input into the general state of pornography and prostitution and to examine the adequacy of present

The pervasiveness of both "soft" and "hard-core" pornography sees to re-surface periodically as an issue in most western countries, including Israel. The land of milk and honey is, it seems, defaced by pornography. There is nothing positive that we can learn from the Israeli experience.

This is made clear by Judith Bat-Ada, in an article in the current issue of Lilith magazine, a Jewish women's magazine published in New York. Dr Bat-Ada, director of Israel's Institute for the Study of Media and the Family, paints a frightening picture of pornography in Israel, and of the connection between pornography and violence. The article, titled "Porn nels of truth,", Dr Helmreich sug-hundredth of the real news that's in the Promised Land", cites alarming statistics on rape and other sex—gests that the maligned groups try—going on." crimes. Dr Bat-Ada describes the availability of pornographic to understand the basis or developmagazines, and the use of "soft" pornography in family magazines, in ment of stereotypes, and lay claim women's magazines, and in advertising campaigns. The fact that to the positive stereotypes: "If popular notions about Jews. displaying or selling pornography is against the law seems to be Jewish women have pushed their irrelevant. In a public place such as the Tel Aviv bus station, for example, children, who says that's so bad?" pornography is extensively displayed and sold.

Dr Bat-Ada maintains the law is not enforced, because both the police and the courts are under the ''erroneous impression'' that sex crimes in examining stereotypes. His book better business sense than others, Denmark decreased when pornography was legalized.

She describes an expensive, sophisticated campaign to "sell" the Playboy lifestyle to the under-35 age group in particular. She claims a disaffected portion of the population, without a belief in Judaism or in the ideals that built the State, is buying the package.

Promoted frequently enough, pornographic images are considered acceptable by many. Advertisements for shoes, for blue jeans, for shampoo, and even for children's clothing frequently use pornographic images, including women in threatening or violent situations.

In 1979, Monitin magazine, Israel's largest selling monthly, with a circulation of 250,000, ran a six-page photo display featuring women, clad only in underwear, posed against a backdrop of Holocaust symbols. This juxtaposition of half-naked women and supreme violence would, in other countries, have been denounced as anti-Semitic and severely condemned. In Israel, ironically, the magazine has yet to be called to account for such

a horrifying, shocking display. Women's magazines such as La Isha and At regularly use pornographic images, including children in provocative poses. supplement published by the newspaper Maariv, titled Maariv La Noar (Maariv for Youth) was reprimanded by the Ministry of Education in 1981 for the exploitative advertising that it carried. Since then, claims Dr Bat-Ada, "the ads have actually become significantly more violent and more pornographie.'

The reason for the acceptance of the use of these images seems to be 'Everybody's doing it.

In the space of one year — 1980-81 — Israel's police statistics show a 45 per cent increase in rape. At the same time, police estimate that only one out of twenty rape incidents is reported.

Perhaps the proliferation of pornography, together with the increase in reported rape, is just another indication of Israel's westernization — the reverse side of the coin we know as the consumer society. Perhaps it is nothing more than a testing of limitations by a young, growing country.

Even if widespread use of exploitative images can be explained away, t is still upsetting. Images that are displayed on billboards, that frequently in magazines, and are used to sell a variety of items have an influence, whether conscious or unconscious, on the society at large. When an image that is repeatedly projected objectifies approximately half the society (that is, the women), views children as provocative instead of innocent, and finds glamour in violence, there is cause for concern.

Perhaps Israel, like Canada, should set up an inquiry into pornography to closely examine its effects and if necessary to recommend changes to existing legislation.

FOOTNOTES

Vests Draw Flak

According to a report in the Wall Street Journal, the Reagan administration moved to block a West

Mehler AG of Fulda. West Ger- had processed.

many. The U.S. also formally asked Bonn to stop any shipments by Valentin Mehler that appeared to be bound for Syria.

The use of the U.S.-made fiber to German company from using fiber make vests for Syria came to light Institute covering 500 dunams (125 There is a possible recreational lose their leaves in winter (like the made by Du Pont Co. to make after a complaint from Rep. Bill acres) seems to be like the Garden application, as well as using the oaks and maples of Europe and bullet-proof vests for the Syrian Green, of New York, who protested of Eden. The head of the Forestry tree plantings for noise abatement. because the Syrians were harass- Division, Dr R. Karschon, notes It has already been established at The Commerce Department ing and later firing upon U.S. that soil conservation and land the Institute that broad-leaved cancelled a re-export licence it had troops. It wasn't immediately reclamation in pre-State Israel had trees such as acacia and eucalypgranted last July for shipment of clear how much of the order to always been of prime importance. tus are superior to conifers in Du Pont's Keviar to Valentin Syria the West German concern Israel's independence accelerated reducing noise levels. Such results

IN THE NEWS By Merrie Eisenstadt

Things They Say Behind Your Back

A Jew and a Texan are riding on a train. While the Texan naps. holding his cowboy hat in his lap, the Jew feels sick, and seeing no other place, throws up in the Texan's hat. Now the Jew is really to him when he discovers the mess

The Texan awakens. He looks around, embarrassed and confused. So the Jew leans over, and asks solicitously: "Well, are you feeling better now?"

Are Jews more clever than other people?

Stereotypes are an "exaggeration" of existing conditions, yet many of them "contain kernels of

Professor William Helmreich. who teaches sociology and Jewish also been accused of being t stereotypes in America in *The* Things They Say Behind Your not about to disappear, because

Helmreich's empirical approach to assesses over 90 common stereotypes, and cites studies or data—say Jews are very dominant or which support or refute them. He over-represented in [small] busifound that roughly one-third of the ness."

In a recent analysis of racial and ethnic stereotypes, the author found roughly one-third of the stereotypes are true. The more hateful notions tend to be false.

stereotypes were true, and that the more accurate stereotypes generally dealt with positive attributes. The more hateful, negative notions tended to be false.

Causes of Stereotyping

Dr Helmreich proposes several reasons for stereotyping. For example, stereotyping satis-

fies people's needs for a scapegoat. "Groups we pick on are perceived as being powerless," Dr Helmreich says. Yet, since Jews have studies at the City College of New powerful, they "occupy a unique York, analyses racial and ethnic role in the history of stereolyping."

Stereotyping is also caused by people projecting their own fears Back. He says that stereotypes are and unlikeable qualities onto someone else. And the news media contributes to stereotyping, Dr Helmpurposes. Rather than being defen-reich suggests, in determining sive about stereotypes and "what is news ... What is labeled attempting to "minimize the ker-"news" is probably one-one-

> In lectures, the New York professor traces the origin of some of the

¶ Jews are good in business: Particularly interesting is Dr No empirical studies have been attempted on whether Jews have a Dr Helmreich says. "We can only

He suggests that Jews' success in business may be partly attributable to the fact that "we've been in business a long time so, of course, we've gotten good at it." Historically, Jews have been prohibited from certain professions and trades as well as from owning land. The churches regarded money matters as tainted, and so Jews were allowed to find a niche

Dr Helmreich also suggests that money became important to Jews since, with frequent bans on their owning real estate, cash was the only collateral allowed them. And the emphasis on studying Talmud, which contributed to Jews' proficiency in abstract thinking, helped prepare them for the world of capitalism, which is based on abstract

¶ Jews are Smarter: Jews, Dr Helmreich says, are not necessarily smarter, but are more intellectually inclined than other ethnic

Powerless, he notes, "The Jew had to use his wits to survive. He had to use his 'smarts' instead of beating someone up.'' As evidence of the "kernels of truth" in this common stereotype, Dr Helmreich cites the dominance of Jews among Nobel Prize winners. The three thinkers who have had the greatest influence on the 20th Cen-

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TU B'SHVAT 5744

By Dvora Waysman

Researching the Tree at Ilanot

While the Jews were yet wanderers in the desert, they were commanded: "And when you shall come into the land, you will plant all manner of trees.'

The Psalms tells us: "Happy is the wise and righteous man. He shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whose leaf shall not wither".

When a city is conquered, the Bible states: "You shall not destroy

we are taught in the Midrash that man's life depends on the tree, even forbidding our living in a city without trees and gardens. Our Torah is described as ''a tree

With such an all-abiding love and respect for trees as part of God's creation, it is not surprising that one day a year — the 15th of Shvat (this year, January 19) — has been set aside as Rosh ha-Ilanot ("New Year of the Trees").

Arboretum at Hanot

Even before the State of Israel was proclaimed, an arboretum was established at Hanot, near Netanya. Photographs of Ilanot taken in 1947 show it as a sandy waste land, arid and desolate, the only vegetation being spare

Today, this beautiful tree-filled

projects in forestry and wood garden architects, and urban planproducts are carried out every

One project is research on Aleppo pine, with a study made of the effect of the slope ascent on an Aleppo pine plantation in the southern Judean mountains. The results have enabled the best sites to be selected for planting these trees, with a view to timber

Another tree being extensively investigated is the cypress, which crack rocks and the side shoots is one of the best-known and grind the stone into rock meal). characteristic trees of the Mediter- Land which has no soil for ploughranean region. Even though the ing often becomes arable after a timber is of high quality, and is few generations of trees have suitable for many uses, until now grown there. little research has been done on it.

Eucalyptus from Australia (which played such an important role in draining Israel's swamps)

At Ilanot, research is also being the work, so that today dozens of will benefit environmentalists.

At the arboretum at Ilanot, dozens of research projects in

forestry and wood products are undertaken each year. This

is an indication of the trees' significance in modern Israel.

Other work at the Institute builds upon existing knowledge about

For example, it is known that tree crowns prevent heavy rains from washing away the soil, and fallen leaves form a topsoil which absorbs the water. Tree roots hold the loose soil and insure that it is not blown away. Trees also help to create soil (the thickening roots

A Part of the Land

There is a feeling of peace as you are also being studied for their walk through Ilanot, whether potential as an energy source, you're at the nursery (where tree possibly in the Hula Valley. At saplings are being propagated) or least 150 different varieties of in the shade of tall and fragrant these beautiful gum trees grow in eucalyptus forests. The trees of Israel are often a surprise to tourists, who expect to see only conducted on natural oak scrubs. pines and broad-leaved trees that

> Instead, at all seasons of the year there are evergreens to soften the landscape in most parts of the country, which add an unexpected green beauty even in desolate (continued on page 5)

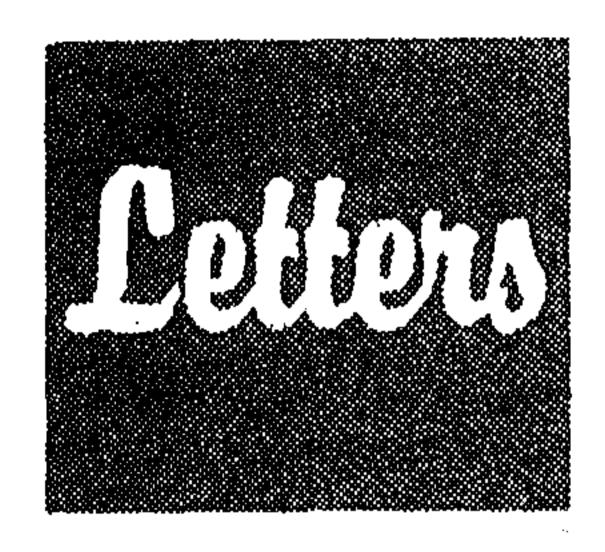
(continued from page 4) tury - Marx, Freud, and

Einstein — were all Jews. Dr Helmreich denies t the number of Jews in high positions in the media irrelevant.

More important, he maintains, is whether they act a Jews: "Do they try to injec their coverage?" What he says is that the anti-Israeli bent of much of the media's coverage of the Lebanon war neither use the media, nor control it.

Anti-Semitic views have decreased significantly over the last 15 years, says Dr Helmreich, but "there are still plenty of them out

Jewish Times".



To the Editor:

The United States Depart ment of Justice is looking for witnesses to testify regarding the activities of the former mayor of Kaganovitche (also known as Popasnaya) in the U.S.S.R. during the German occupation.

Anyone having relevant information should please contact me.

Aba Beer, Chairman National Holocaust Remembrance Committee Canadian Jewish Congress. 1590 Ave.Dr.Penfield Montreal H3G 1C5 514/931-7531, ext.263,248

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and a preview of plans for the coming year.

Organize Alberta CJC

never actualized.

On Jan. 24, representatives of the Edmonton and Calgary Jewish communit ies will meet here to discuss future plans for an Alberta Region of the Canadian Jew-March, 1982, David ility of making an extradithe Edmonton Jewish prominent accused war cri- Uruguay, West Germany, land, not only because Mr dian national Jewish sity of Toronto, he has

an Alberta Council, to enable Chicago, Valerian Trifa the Jewish communities (The Star, Sept. 19, 1980). here "to assist one another. to share ideas, and to form a persons for crimes commitunited voice on matters of ted elsewhere (but Israel has common concern." (The such a law for Nazi crimin-Jewish Star, March 1982) als), the American Justice The proposal, which Department was hopeful of emerged from the first-ever being able to deport war burial Western Canada Conference criminals to Israel. Howein Edmonton (sponsored by ver, according to Mr Kessel, the CJC in Oct. 1981), was up until recently Israel had Since becoming CJC Presi-

dent, one of the main thrusts Many Israelis seem to agof Mr Harris' efforts has ree with Moshe Nissim, the been to encourage the re- country's Justice Minister, structuring and revitaliza- that "It is a moral imperation of an Alberta Region tive for us to ensure that



THE FRUITS OF TU B'SHVAT — A woodcut from an early 18th Century book of customs (Amsterdam).

Researching the Tree

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wintry landscapes. New spe-agricultural people living cies of trees are also fos- close to nature, and with the gical standards and the qual-true. On Tu B'Shvat we are

As the month of Shvat is ushered in, nature in Israel begins to don its spring garb. Red poppies and anemones sprout in meadows and on jects replanted by pioneers hill sides. Cyclamens peep—who returned to a country shyly from rock crevices, that had been tragically The almond tree is the first neglected and denuded of its tree to open its buds and trees and shrubs. The Jewish bedeck itself with rose-white National Fund encourages blossoms. Birds begin to arrive: some to stay in Israel, others on their way to thus uniting themselves las-

more northern countries.

tered, further raising ecolo-State of Israel, this is again told that the sap begins to rise in the trees of Israel. A is not a meaningless or archaic holiday here.

The trees are living obvisitors to plant a tree with their own hands in Israel, tingly with the soil from

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guard at the Treblinka death camp, in Poland.

According to an awardthe Cleveland Jewish News. witnesses testified that the Ukrainian auto worker was known then as Ivan Grozny. "Ivan the Terrible", for his

More than 800,000 Jews, as well as hundreds of non-Jews, were murdered by the Nazis at Treblinka in 1942-43. During the fourth week of the trial, the U.S. Justice Department produced an original identity card of the accused, which linked him to Treblinka. It was the first time that Soviet authorities had allowed an official document to be used as evidence outside of their own country.

"A Moral Imperative"

According to articles by Yoram Kessel, writing in The Wall Street Journal, Israel held talks with the United States last summer in Jerusalem about the possib-Community Council) pro- minal living there, the Roposed the establishment of man Orthodox archbishop in

Since the U.S. cannot try been hesitant to proceed in

and "it is preferable that this be done here." But some (such as Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn) feel that such trials in Israel might be Congress; of our self-image counter-productive. Yet others, concerned about the difficulty of finding accurate witnesses to events of four or

failed attempt by Israel to gain a conviction. The reason Israel decided to initiate a test case with Mr Demjanjuk, instead of with Valerian Trifa, is because officials there felt the former case would be more likely to succeed, Mr Kessel wrote.

There are currently 27 cases concerning accused Nazi war criminals before the U.S. courts. The over-all number of suspects being investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice is perhaps in the hundreds,

Six-Month Trial

Demjanjuk in 1981, five able controversy in the Uk-Treblinka survivors (from rainian community in Cleveand Israel) confronted the Demjanjuk was regarded as accused in court.

Another survivor was asked:

Terrible"] eyes?" "To my [in 1932-33]". great sorrow, constantly," was the response recorded by the Cleveland Jewish with those demonstrators News reporter.

Yet another survivor testified: "Ivan split one head ing "Holocaust is a Hoax" or justice is done to all Nazis", after another. I heard "Six Million Lies".

CIC Head Hopes to Make Major Changes in Community Thinking

By Douglas Wertheimer Special to The Jewish Star

I ran across a newspaper article on Irwin Cotler the other day. There is nothing particularly surprising about that, or about the fact that he was giving a talk for a UJA luncheon. The report in The Jewish Floridian 'McGill Professor'

Not even a year has passed since Mr Cotler completed his three-year term as President of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), and it seems that he has already returned to his previous identity: legal counsel, human rights advocate, academic and scholar. This is not mentioned in criticism of Mr Cotler, but as a way of introducing a comparison to his successor, Milton Harris, who became CJC President

of, an ambitious agenda for their interests, and the just looked to the day when all Canadian Jews. An articu- interests of others. They will Jews would live in Israel. late, thoughtful spokesman, accept openness and be toler- "We know now that the Zionhis efforts gained wide atten- ant of diversity. And, per- ist objective of complete altion. But if Mr Harris is even haps, they will be honest iyah of world Jewry is unpartially successful in with, and fair to, themselves attainable," he said, "and it achieving his agenda for Canadian Jewry, he will likely be known not as the been acclaimed CJC presipresident of a steel company grossing nearly \$200 began his fight against unfair practices in the Jewish

because he is the first one to raised in London, Ontario, a set front-and-centre some long-standing, contentious, families, he knew the feeling and sinewy issues in the Jewish community. described to The Star, with Others have spoken of evident pride, how he had these issues; Mr Harris appears bent on doing something about them. Everywhere he goes these days one hears him talking of a truly representative Canadian Jewish allowing religious education to be taught in them) as Canadians, and Jews; of

openness and diversity; of a revised Zionist philosophy. Besides these matters, he more decades ago, are is also concerned to continue shoot, stab, beat, rape and afraid of the impact of a the CJC's work in the such areas as that of Soviet Jewry and human rights; Nazi war criminals; hate legislation; and women's rights.

Our Self-Image

In a late-night interview held last October following Mr Harris' first visit to Calgary as the CJC President. The Jewish Star learned about the goals which will be pursued by Congress in the next three years.

They appear to be rooted in Mr Harris' self-confidence about himself as a Jew and

screams, crying. There were no words to describe it. My fate was to remain alive.' The trial aroused consider

a devout member of a Uk-One of the survivors, now a rainian church, and his son wealthy textile manufac- an altar boy there. Accordturer, recalled that his job at ing to the Cleveland Jewish the death camp was to cut News, some in the .. Ukrainthe women's hair before they ian community did not try to were killed, pull gold fillings hide their anti-Soviet feelfrom the mouths of corpses, ings, and tended to downplay and carry the bodies to the the signficance of Holocaust pit. atrocities. "Let them ask us about our Holocaust . . . ask "Were you ever in a position us about the Ukrainian milto look into Ivan's ["Ivan the lions killed by the Russians

> Ukrainian officials denied, outside of the court house who carried placards read-



as a Canadián. He wants Canada; in fact, he foresees

others to feel the way he no end to Jewish life here. does, and if they do, they, What this means is that it too, will resent exclusion; is necessary to redefine the will not be afraid to lobby for Zionist philosophy, which

> is likely that at least 75% of world Jewry will continue to live in the Diaspora. A Zionist philosophy that does not include a major role for the Diaspora in the national life

of the Jewish people is doomed to failure.' As a life-long Zionist, Mr Harris is convinced that "we owe Israel our support". Yet that does not exclude discussion and debate about Israel's future, which must be conducted publicly and openly, not behind closed doors by a clique, he be-

the city's public schools (for lieves this is the healthy way: I have always adopted the principle that we never refrain from doing anything for fear of [what] the anti-Semite [will say]. Do we launched his fight against really believe that it endiscrimination in the Canahances our image with our dian Jewish community. friends if we project ourselves as a monolithic, strict-West from the centre is a · disciplined community. reality of Canadian life," he afraid to disagree with an said, "and is accentuated in authoritarian leadership?" our community by the 70%

Mr Harris' experiences as concentration of Jews in Toronto and Montreal. In order president of the London Jewto convince the rest of Cana- ish Community Council, and dian Jewry that they are full as founding President of the and equal participants in Toronto Jewish Congress. Congress, we will have to have convinced him that re-focus our efforts and fund Canadian Jews live in a basiprograms on a more equit- cally sympathetic environable basis in the other com-ment. Yet Jews can not be afraid to "make waves" To succeed in making al- with the "Anglo-Saxons". He ienation in the Jewish expressed dissatisfaction to community a notion of the The Star over Premier past would be nothing less Lougheed's reaction to the

than an historic achieve- Keegstra affair. ment, for Canadian Jews The 56-year-old President and for Canadians. But it is a of the Harris Steel Group. necessary first-step in Mr Inc., was born in Detroit. Harris' programme. "I am a Michigan, but raised in Lon-Canadian," he told The Star. don, Ontario. A graduate in "My job is to build a Cana- commerce from the Univerdo this is to build a Canadian chairman or president, of national Jewish involve- many Zionist, Jewish, and business enterprises. Mr Harris is married, and the Mr Harris intends on chang- couple has three children.

ing out to bring the commumaking processes of the CJC. The visits of Congress officials to the West and the East will also be a sign of a 🛘 🚣 desire to re-orient (that is, Mon., Jan. 23 decentralize) the Canadian

Zionism II

To get this involvement,

ing attitudes at the "centre".

while simultaneously reach-

Mr Harris believes that Jews are not "guests" in

Alumni Group Begun by Hebrew University

An association of Hebrew be able to be involved in sev-University alumni is being eral University-related acformed in Alberta, accord-tivities. For example, they cutive Director.

The alumni association is meant to fill a previously existing gap, by ensuring that former students will be able their studies and return t Canada. Membership in the alumni association is open a no charge to all those who have studied in a Hebrew University undergraduate or graduate programme. There are an estimated 50 Hebrew University alumni living in

across Canada, but will also 252-5545).

ing to Joshua Lederman, the will be able to help in selectorganization's regional Exe-ing, counselling, and orienting local students interested in participating in one of the even after they complete community. Some alumni will also wish to be involved ersity. Alberta alumni will Petach Tikvah. receive the association newsletter, as well as regu- hotels at affordable prices, lar reports and information

about, or to join, the alumni derman (Canadian Friends By joining the association, of the Hebrew University, alumni will not only be 1607 - 90 Avenue S.W., Callinked with similar groups gary T2V 4V7; tel.:

from the Hebrew University.

Nate Siegel Honoured

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Head of Aviva Club.

Mr Siegel joined the Beth Israel Synagogue in 1937, and was involved in the construction of the present shul. As a board member and gabai, he remains involved in all aspects of the synagogue.

He has also been very active in the Chevra Kadisha since 1937, and was instrumental in building the Chevra Kadisha Chapel. He now serves as President and Treasurer.

Mr Siegel's many acts of service extend into every facet of Jewish communa clude visits to the sick, canvassing for U.J.A., and voluntarily serving as mashadditionally, a board member of the Jewish Fed-

A life-long member of the Labour Zionist Organization, Mr Siegel has worked extensively for Histadrut over the | on all

Organizers of the tribute dinner note how appropriate it is that funds raised will go | Caids \$5 and up to help children, for both Lil and Nate Siegel firmly be- Helen Dlin 452-7527 lieve that the needs of chil-

dren are paramount. The facility, will serve the entire town of Petach Tikvah. They add that a gift to this project Israel's future — its chil-

A plaque will be placed in the entrance hall for donors of \$1,000 or over. A book in the entrance foyer will contain the names of all donors of \$100 or more. Donors may also select the room of their choice and have it inscribed as they request.

The community is invited Pioneer Women-Na'amat in honouring Nate Siegel. Reservations for the kosher dinner can be made by phoning Lynne Milner (484-2909) or Rebecca Abofsky (455-6957).

SIMCHA CARDS member of the Kashrut A Great Tradition. 1 Remembering Boys Town Jerusalem

Pioneer Women

Pioneer Women-Na'amat is organizing a tour to Israel, departing Montreal on May at the home of Jenny Mar-21, 1984. While the tour officially ends on June 4,

academic offerings to the Chaim Herzog, President of the Israel Family Counsel-Israel, as well as attendance at the official opening of the in fundraising for the Univ- Canada Na'amat Centre in

The tour, featuring deluxe includes 6 nights in Jerusalem, 5 nights in Tel Aviv at For more information the Astoria (a new hotel on the sea) and 2 nights at association, contact Mr Le- Kibbutz Kfar Giladi (the Galilee tour base).

Cost of the tour (subject to change) is air: \$983 Canadian, Montreal-Tel Aviv; land: \$500 U.S. or Israel bonds. These rates, based on daily Israeli breakfast plus lunch or dinner. Weekends are at leisure. Tour buses

are air conditioned. Add-on fares from cities other than Montreal will be Child Campaign. His daughter, scurrently community centre itself, a quoted as soon as the information becomes available. deposit is due at time of resource persons. booking, refundable in full

> until April 15. information are asked to Milner Lynne

NCJW

Chapter News Section will have a meeting on Jan. 17, at 9:30 a.m.,

meeting at the home of on in Israel or visit other Gloria Aaron, 110 Laurier Drive (436-1294). The meetling Association (IFCA).

The evening branch will now be known as the Eyshet Chayil branch.

Seeking Members

The Edmonton Multicultural Society (EMS) is seeking to increase its member-

The EMS acts as a spokesman and provides a strong, representative voice for Edmonton's 60 or so ethnic organizations to ensure that their views on issues of common concern are represented at all levels of government and community.

The EMS houses an invenmation becomes available. tory of social services direc-Detailed brochures will be tories, ethnic group conavailable Feb. 15. A \$100 tacts, and has access to l

The EMS office is located in the McLeod Building — Those interested in more Suite 308, 10136 - 100 Street. Interested groups and individuals can phone 420-6866 for additional information.

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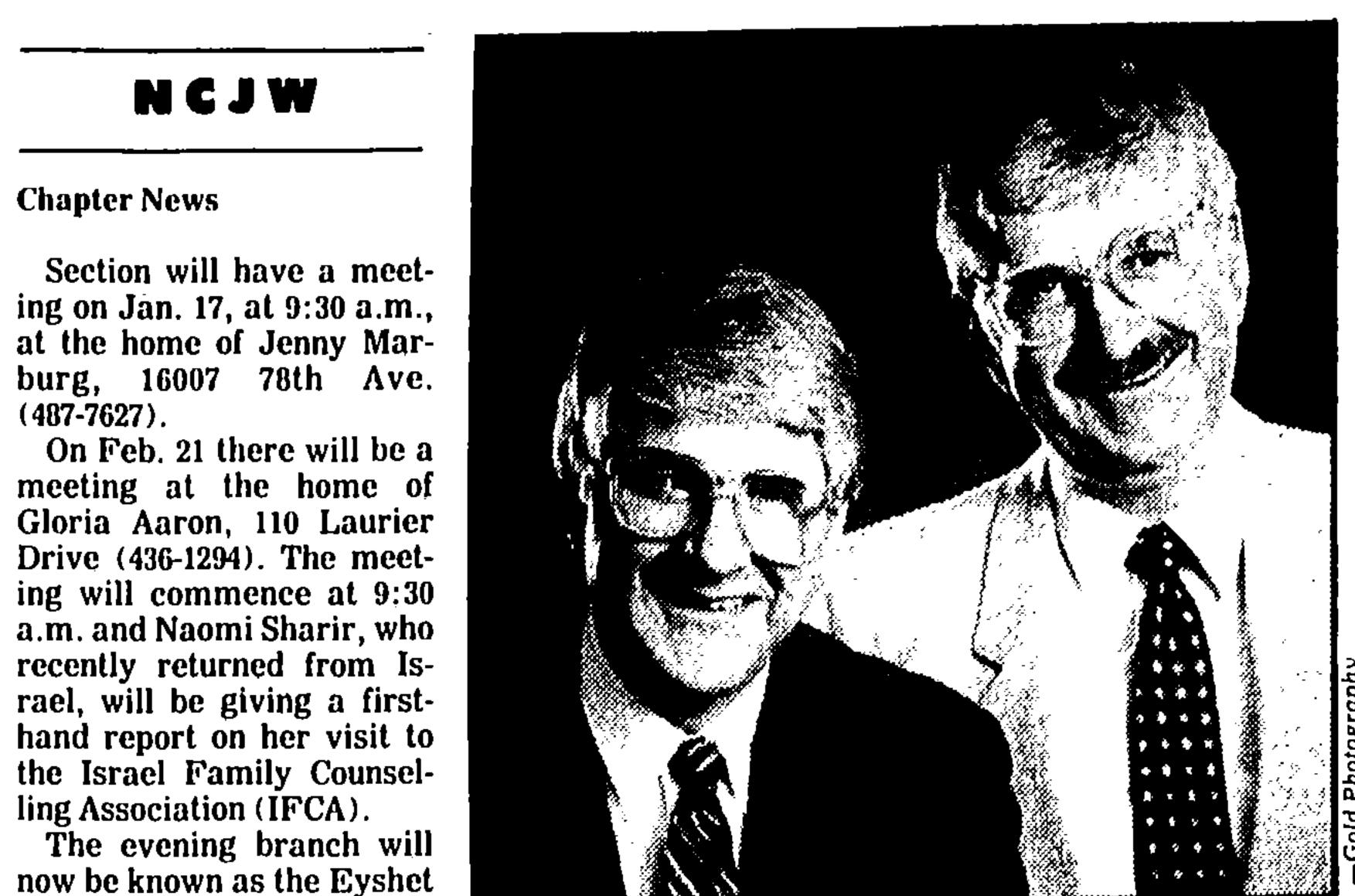
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COHEN BROTHERS ARE NEGEV DINNER HON-OUREES — William and Myer Cohen (from left, above) have been named the 1984 Calgary Negev Dinner Honourees. The dinner-dance, to be held at the Palliser Hotel on Feb. 12, will have Rabbi Lewis Ginsburg as Master-of-Ceremonies. The Frank Bailey Orchestra will provide musical entertainment.

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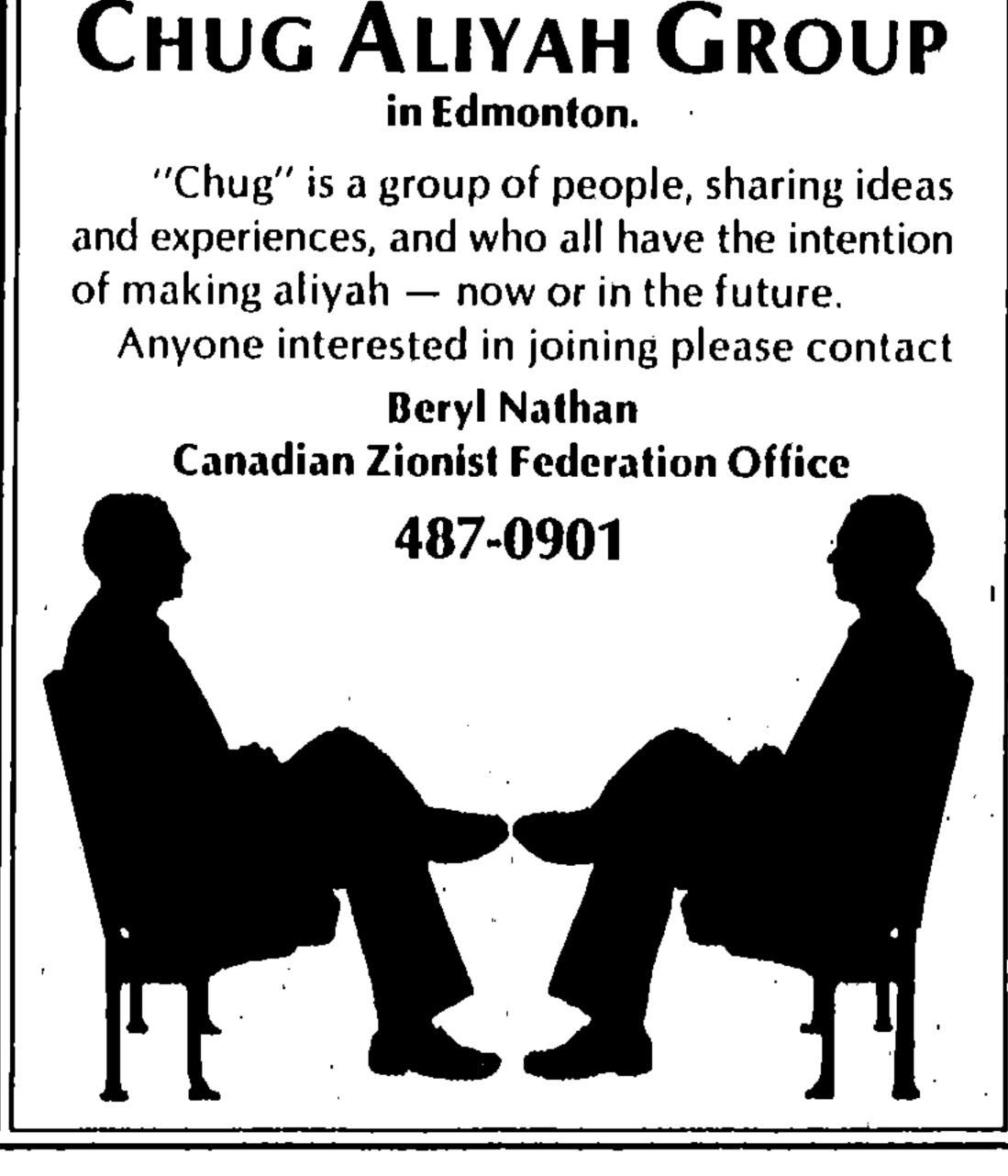


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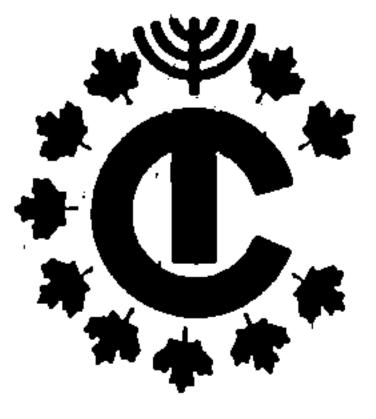


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BOOK MARKS

North America, South Africa

and Britain, who made up

What these foreign volun-

were veterans of World War

combat experience, their

technical expertise and their

underground army, the Ha-

The idea of recruiting

ceived by David Ben Gurion,

who recognized the limita-

that could face the conven-

ing Arab states. He foresaw

Illegal Arms

In addition to expertise,

such a transformation re-

quired modern weapons and

planes. An arms embargo by

that most of the armaments

Britain and the U.S. meant

had to be acquired illegally.

Thus the story of the mahal-

story of arms smuggling.

niks is intertwined with the

much of the military equip-

ment of the Allied forces

became surplus, and was

nies were set up in North

America and throughout Eu-

rope, airplanes were given

Panamanian registration,

documents were forged — in

short, every way imaginable

choslovakia sold arms and

provided an air base to ferry

exciting, and the stuff that

reader enters a semi-legal)

world of alliances between

exposure, of outwitting inter-

eloak-and-dagger opera-

and of attempting the im-

Pre-War Situation

Secret Army, Prof Bercuson

sets the context for the story

of the mahalniks. The book

opens the day before Pass-

over, in 1920, in Jerusalem,

with a Moslem riot against

In the first part of The .

tions, of daring and danger,

national investigators,

Details of arms deals and

them in to Israel.

circumvent the arms

When World War II ended,

the majority of the volun-

by Gila Wertheimer

Victory of the Volunteers

one thinks of the International Brigade of the Spanish Civil War. Well-known percism; some of them, such as George Orwell, wrote about standing of the situation mir Jabotinsky. their experiences, and, as often as not, their disillusionment. Their romantic ideal-Recruiting Volunteers ism was sorely tested in the muddy, bloody battles and

independence were known as Another group of foreign mahal, from the Hebrew volunteers, numbering more acronym for "foreign volunthan 5,000, also went to a teers''(mitnadvei chutz l'arfar-off war, this one waged etz). They came mainly in 1948 for the refrom the United States, Caestablishment of a Jewish state. Motivated less by Africa and South America.

by the political realities of

THE SECRET ARMY

By David J. Bercuson

Dennys, 1983. 278 pp., \$19.95.

When one thinks of foreign

volunteers to far-off wars.

Toronto: Lester & Orpen

idealism than by the recogni-Prof Bercuson's study refers tion of the practical need for mainly to mahalniks from a Jewish homeland, the story of these volunteers is not well known. Yet their contribution to Israel's military victory was crucial. They are, says University of teers contributed to Israel Calgary historian David was their expertise. They Bercuson, "forgotten roes", and an understanding II, and they brought their of the first Arab-Israeli war is not complete without

acknowledging their role. large-scale organizational In The Secret Army, Prof skills to Israel's pre-State Bercuson has written the first comprehensive account of the part played by foreign volunteers in this war. Using foreign volunteers was conarchival material from Israel, Canada, the U.S. and Britain, published and untions of the Haganah and the published works, and pernecessity to build an army sonal interviews, he has made a contribution to a tional forces of the surroundfuller understanding of Israel's War of Independence. that the declaration of an | /

Through their story, he independent Jewish state has shown that Israel was would lead to war, and he not created by the U.N. realized that the Haganah partition resolution and aided had to be transformed, as militarily by Britain and quickly as possible, into a the United States. Contrary modern-day army. to popular assumption, "the Jews themselves, with the limited help of four or five

IN PALESTINE FIGHT

Consulate General Save They Face Loss of Passports and All Profestive Rights

"AM POPE BREWER

Special to The New York Track JERUSALEM, Jan. 30 - United States citizens fighting in the armed pervices of the Jews or the Araba will lose their passports and their right to protection, the United States Consulate General warned Americane in Palestine tonight. Furthermore, naturalized citizens, It was said, would lose their American nationality if they fought fo

a foreign power. [Zionist hopes for getting United Nations help in arming a " Jewish militis in Palestine were dimmed by the statement of Si Alexander Cadogan, chief Brit ish representative, that the Britich Government would not allow formation of such forces before the end of the mandate.)

The consular warning is being lwisted by Arab sources into a promise that those fighting for the when the fighting ends. The relevant passage reads: "American passports valid only for direct.

A story on "mahalniks" in "The New York Times" Jan. 31, 1948.

created and sustained by its own people for their own possible. purposes.... The U.N. resolution, therefore, did not create Israel; the Israeli armed forces created Israe by backing the U.N. resolution with military power and winning a victory.

the result of that first war the Jews inside the walled

remains at the root of the city. When a small selfthus crucial to an under- arrested the leader, Vladi-

ically motivated riot which tion of independence. "reflected a growing desire As a group, those who to rid Palestine of Jews." It battles which involved sizecame to Israel to fight for also "showed that the British

of Palestine."

Prof Bercuson focusses on control of the area.

rival nationalisms," sums Language was a major diffi- ly impossible plans made several continents.

up Prof Bercuson.

With the scene set, the the pre-State fighting, and that a lack of understanding Prof Bercuson calls this finally to full-scale war led to a retreat from Latrun, the first religiously and polit- following Israel's declara- which allowed the Transjor-

able numbers of mahalniks, priority for Israel, and its history, told by Prof Bercu-... could not be counted upon—such as the battle for Nazar—effectiveness was due mainly—son in a clear, lucid style, to protect Jewish lives," and eth and the western Galilee, to the mahalniks. Israelis, mixing drama and history led to the formation of the largely fought by the Se- for the most part, simply into a compelling account venth Brigade, commanded did not have the experience which gives a picture of the Riots continued to break by Canadian Ben Dunkel- and expertise needed to war itself, through a focus on out, and on Nov. 30, 1947, the man, or the unsuccessful build a modern air force, specific actions. nada, Europe, Britain, South day after the U.N. voted to battle for Latrun, led by the "The volunteers," concludes It is unfortunate that no partition Palestine, the fight- Eighth Brigade. This bri- Prof Bercuson, "did not aid maps have been included in ing ''exploded into a full- gade included volunteers the Israeli Air Force, they the book. They would have scale civil conflict [between from Canada, South Africa were the Israeli Air Force.' clarified battle descriptions

Jews and Arabs] for control and Britain, as well as The stories are many, and allowed the reader to Russian immigrants who They recount the ingenuity, follow the trail of arms and "Two rival peoples; two—had served in the Red Army.—the uniqueness, the seeming-equipment, which spanned

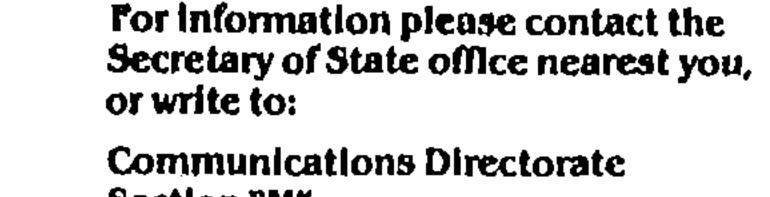
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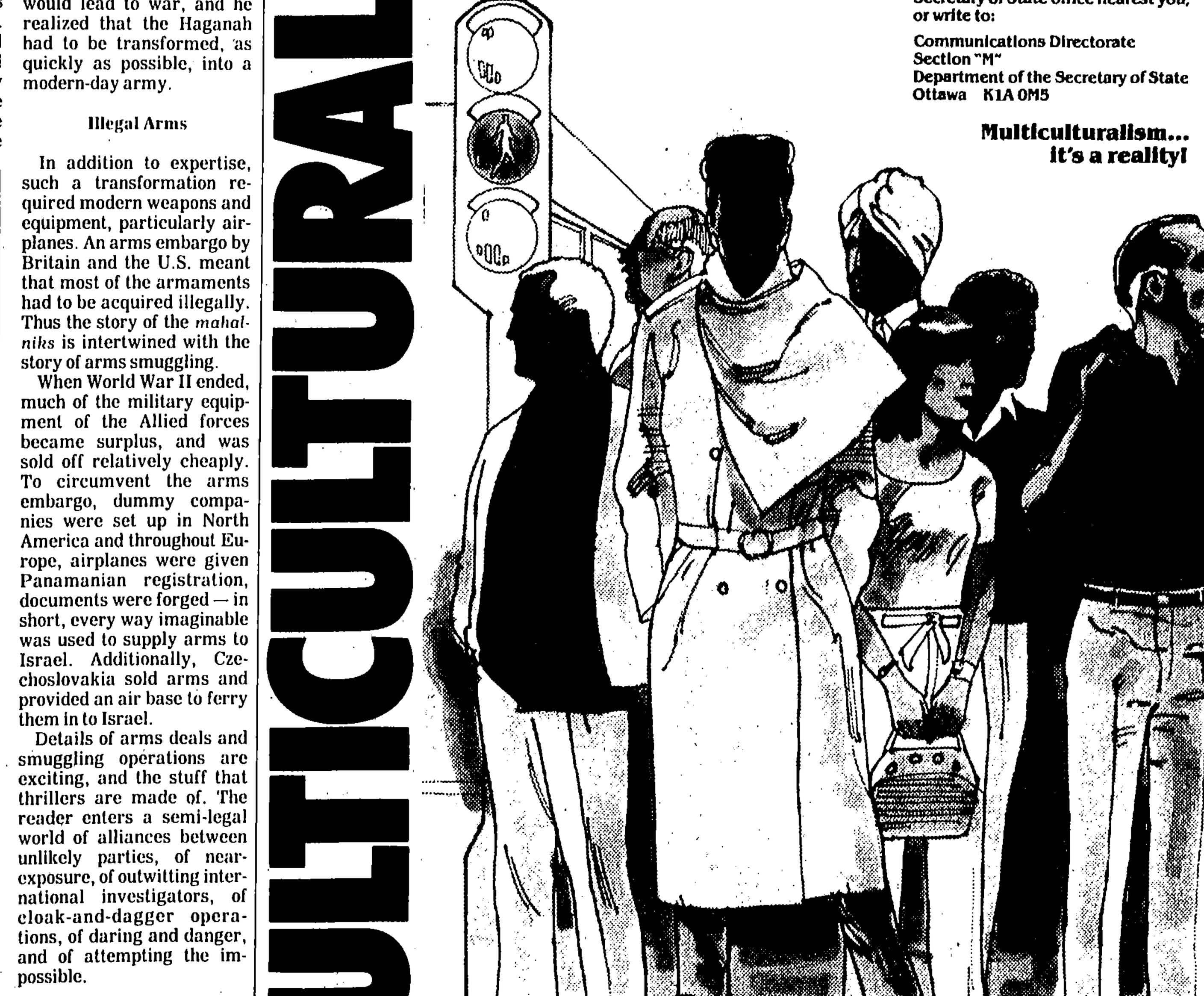
feasible by sheer necessity The air force was a major—It is a remarkable piece of

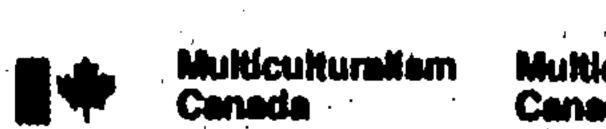
Multiculturalism isn't just a dream It started in 1971 when Multiculturalism

became an official policy of the Government of Canada. And in 1982, the cultural mosaic that is Canada became enshrined in the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Today, everyone, no matter what their cultural heritage, shares in those rights and freedoms.







"Where is it written?" asks Yentl, yearning after the world of Torah learning, a world closed to women in turn-of-the-century Eastern

As for any yeshiva bocher. All these elements are prelearning is Yentl's world, and even though it is forbidden to her, she decides to tone of the film is serious, disguise herself and thereby yet the story becomes more attain access to it. She man- and more preposterous. How ages to fool everyone — for a is the viewer to respond to while, even herself — as she learns and argues with the came out feeling confused - Mall. Running time: 135 most advanced yeshiva stu-should I laugh it off, or pondents, most notably Avigdor, played by Mandy Patinkin.

Predictably, the situation gets complicated. It becomes more and more difficult for her to maintain her disguise, especially as she her desire to study was unfinds herself falling in love derstandable and commendawith Avigdor. Yet there is no ble, even if her way of doing way out. Yentl plays her role it was unconventional. The so well that it becomes almost impossible for her to seeking to escape a narrow. stop playing. Of necessity, she must hurt others, as she struggles to find expression both as a scholar and, ultinothing was impossible. mately, as a woman.

There are a number of things wrong with this film version of the Isaac Bashevis Singer novella, Yentl, The Yeshiva Boy. One of them is the music. Why has the comic; elements of the warmth and, perhaps surthe story been turned into a tragic, resulting in neither. partial musical? (I use the Hadass became what the takes Anshel under his wing. word "partial" because only men in the film claimed all His fiancee Hadass, played Barbra Streisand, who plays Yentl, has a singing role, which serves for her interior monologues.) Her voice is, situation warranted. as usual, wonderful, but superfluous to the story. It's

not Fiddler on the Roof. The musical score itself. by Michel Legrand, is singularly unnotable — you won't come out humming from this

Then there's the story it-

self, which, potentially, could have been played as a farce, a tragedy, a situation comedy, a story of perversent in the film, but not one comes through clearly. The this mixture of messages? I der it, in search of its deeper

As the film progressed, wondered about Yentl the character. At first, I empathised with her situation; androgynous Yentl/Anshel, circumscribed world, was appealing as she proclaimed her naive conviction that

But in her desire for her own freedom, she nearly destroyed another character — the gentle, innocent Hadass, whom she married, playing Anshel. Elements of women were — unthinking, by Amy Irving, is beautiful, switching her devotion from gentle and innocent, as she one man to another as the accepts her future role —

In spite of these criticisms,

YENTL, screenplay by Jack Rosenthal and Barbra Streisand, based on the novel "Yentl, the Yeshiva Boy", by Isaac Bashevis Singer; directed and produced by Barbra Streisand; music by Michel Legrand; lyrics by Alan and Marilyn Bergman, Rated PG. At the Famous Players Cinema, West Edmonton

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. Reb Mendel Visually, the film is wonderful, and has clearly been done with a great deal of caring. Barbra Streisand plays

Barbra Streisand.

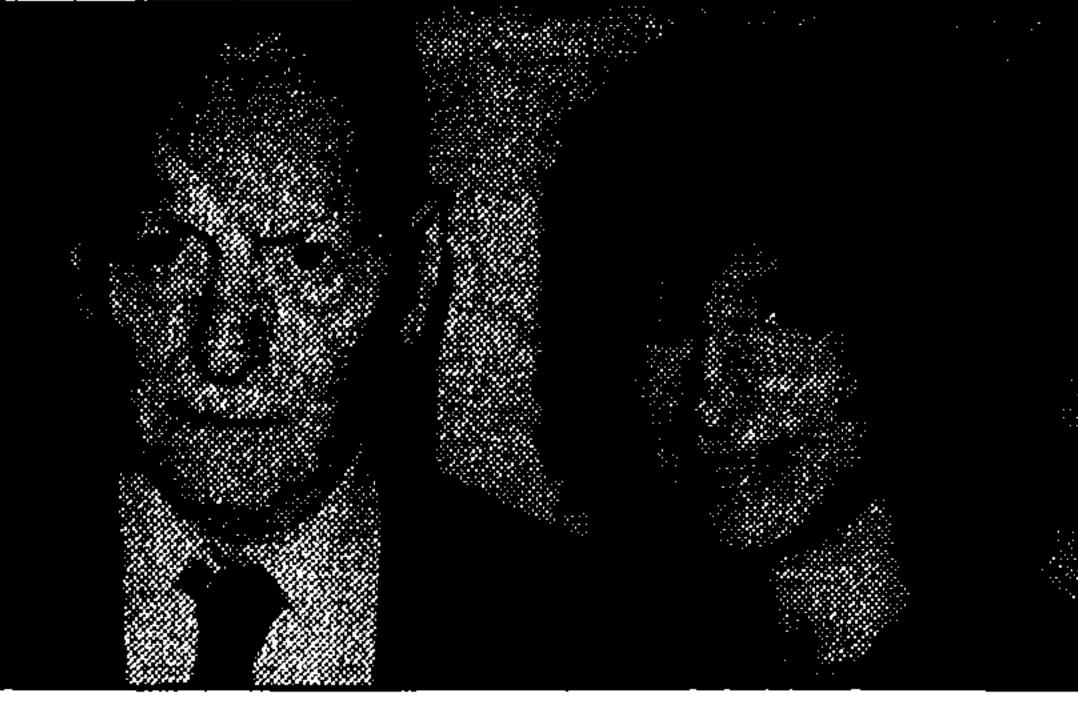
Yentl/Anshel with sensitivity, and against the odds. manages to carry off the role. With a kipah atop a short, boyish hairdo, with baggy clothes, with wirerimmed glasses, she conveys a real sense of a young veshiva student who lives for

Mandy Patinkin, as the mature student Avigdor, has prisingly, sex appeal, as he that of pleasing her husband.

Yentl's father, who defies there are things right with tradition to teach his daugh-Yenti, too. The settings are ter Talmud behind closed authentic, the attention to curtains (he's sure God will | detail has been careful, and understand; he's not so sure what emerges is a portrait of about the neighbours), is a vanished world, photo-played by Nehemia Persoff. graphed in Czechoslovakia The scenes between father | in beautifully muted tones. and daughter are tender and

loving, and even after he dies, her father remains a sort of touchstone through-

Isaac Bashevis Singer is reportedly not happy with the film version of his story. I never intended to make Yentl into a musical," he .. 'Neither would I have liked her to go to America [she does at the end of the film] after what she went ted it and wrote another



Isaac Bashevis Singer, author of "Yentl", and Barbra Streisand, who plays her in the film version.



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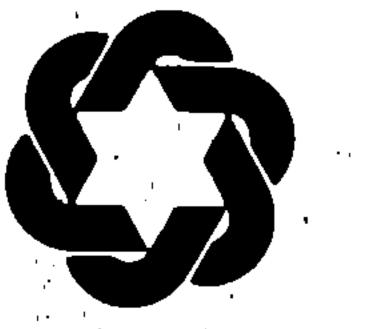
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President, Jewish Federation of Edmonton, will report on the state of the Edmonton Jewish community.

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Rose Bogoch, 66, Was Local Hadassah Leader

Special to The Jewish Star

Rose Bogoch, who achieved local and national prominence for her work for the Hadassah-WIZO organization, and who was active in the Edmonton cultural and business community, died here of cancer on Dec. 16. She was 66-years-old. The funeral, at which Rabbi Lewis Ginsburg officiated, took place at the Chesed Shel Emes on Dec. 18.

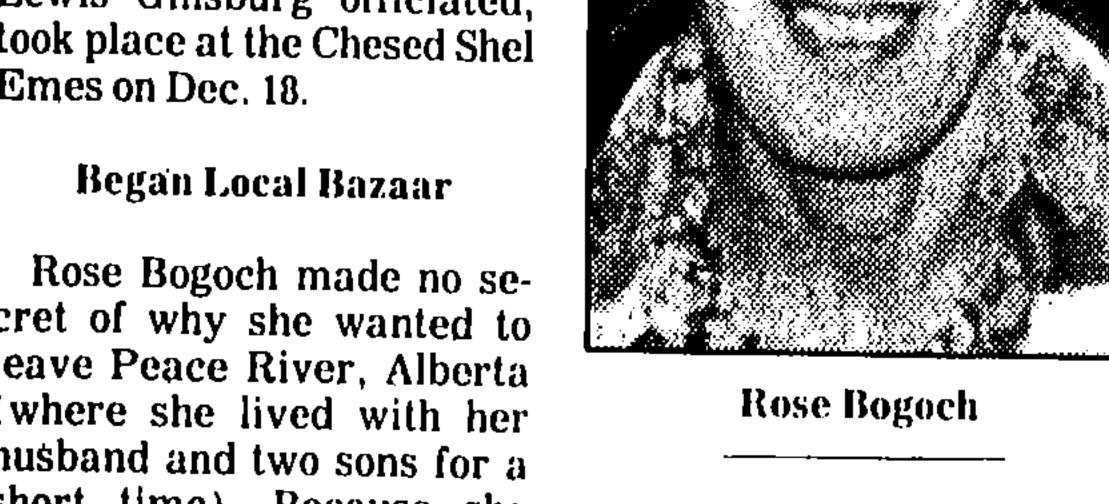
Began Local Bazaar

cret of why she wanted to leave Peace River, Alberta (where she lived with her husband and two sons for a short time). Because she wanted to live in a city with a synagogue, a Talmud Torah, and a Hadassah chapter, the Bogoch family moved to Edmonton in the early 1950s.

Once in Edmonton, she quickly gained a reputation as a capable worker in the community. In 1958, she served on the city's first United Jewish Appeal Women's Division Committee. Two years later, she initiated the first Hadassah Ba-The one or two-day event

(at which new and used merchandise is sold to the public at very inexpensive prices) raises money for Hadassah projects in Israel. In 1982, 10,000 people searched for bargains at the Bazaar.

In her work for Hadassah. Rose Bogoch was known as a



bring these skills to her work, but rather acquired entered with her husband during the 1970s.

name was inscribed on the

She was highly-regarded locally for her support of cultural causes. She served as a Board member of the like many others, she did not Edmonton Symphony So-

ciety and of the Edmonton Opera Association, and she was a supporter of the Edmonton Art Gallery. She was also a founding member of ' the Citadel Theatre, opened in 1965, and headed the wo-

One who was close to her described her as a hard- ' working person whose devotion to a cause was enhanced by a tough-minded determin-

She was born Rose Roth-

them as a volunteer. She grade 12 there before movlater applied them to the real ing to Toronto, where she estate business, which she married in 1943. The Bogoch

In recognition of her local efforts, she served as a national Vice-President of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, attending many national conferences and conventions. She was the only person in the 65-year history of Edmonton Hadassah ever to hold such a position. As a mark of the esteem in which she was held by the national Hadassah organization, her

memorial wall in the synagogue at Hadassim, in Israel.

men's campaign to fund it.

stein in Mossbank, Saskatchewan, in 1917. Her father, who had fled Russia in 1905. worked as a grocer, a far- ' mer, and at other jobs before opening a movie theatre. That business eventually blossomed into a chain of theatres located in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Al-

The Rothstein family later moved to Winnipeg, where ' Rose, together with her two sisters and a brother, were ' educated. She completed family subsequently lived in | Vancouver and Peace River before finally setttling in Ed-

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Manuel; by two sons, Milton (of Calgary) and Dr Earl Bo- | goch (of Toronto), and by three grandchildren.

In her remarks at the funeral, Selma Linzer, President of Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO, referred to Rose Bogoch as a ''well-known, re- ' spected, and admired" leader who "stood out in our ' crowd". Mrs Linzer said that ' "she wanted to be remembered as a person who 'made $^{\prime}$ the difference' ... Rose Bogoch was an elegant, classy

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Harris Pledges

More Western

Input to CIC

By Norm King

Special to The Jewish Star-

"The Canadian Jewish Congress

Mr Harris, who became the new

CJC president last May, began his

first address to the Edmonton

Jewish community by emphasis-

ing that the CJC is attempting to

decentralize its perspective. The

"town hall" meeting with Mr Har-

ris on Jan. 25, at which Howard

Starkman, the President of the

Jewish Federation of Edmonton,

also spoke [see related article].

was attended by 125 people at the

Jewish communities outside of

Toronto and Montreal must cease

to feel isolated from the main-

stream of national Jewish activity

Mr Harris stated. To accomplish

this, the CJC wants greater partici-

pation from communities outside

of the large population centres, he

said. "We want to bring local

leadership into the national leader-

ship [body]''.

Jewish Community Centre.

must increase its focus," accord-

ing to the president of that national

organization, Milton Harris.

Cohen-Orgad Struggles against 3-Digit Inflation

By J. Chesky

With labour unrest spreading in Israel as the ravages of triple-digit inflation press down on workers, the country's Finance Minister is proposing a wide-ranging program to deal with the situation.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad wants to chop the state budget by \$1 billion, cut subsidies that have kept some

> basic foods at half the price they cost to produce, bring down the standard of living, encour-

age exports, and decrease imports. It is a drastic programme. But it became essential in the summer of 1983 when the World Bank rated Israel as one of the world's worst credit risks as its foreign debt repayment topped the total foreign aid it was receiving. The balance of payments deficit was over \$5 billion, exports had dropped by \$450 million a year, and imports were up by \$350 million, as Israeli troops continued their stay in

Israeli industrialists blame former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's policy of artificially supporting the shekel against the dollar to fight inflation. While it kept the prices of imported goods down, it also hampered local industry's ability to compete at home and abroad because production costs were in expensive shekels. "The situation became so absurd,'' says former President of the Industrial-

water from South Africa." One result was that Israelis bought 70,000 new cars and 75,000 video sets since the beginning of 1983, and more than 700,000 were expected to travel abroad that year. Some observers think this was partly due to the 7 per cent increases in real salaries.

Every finance ministry since the 1973 Yom Kippur War has has received firm undertakings known that the Israeli budget, from key officials in the new including defence, which uses up a Argentine government that no staggering 30 per cent of the gross effort will be spared to establish (continued on page 5)



UJA Collections Steady, Pledges Off 30%

By Norm King

Special to The Jewish Star

Although cash collections on pledges made to the 1983 Edmonton United Jewish Appeal Campaign slightly exceeded the 1983 exceeded pledges by \$94,000. amount for the previous year, there was a serious decrease in the total amount pledged.

Howard Starkman, President of the Jewish Federation of Edmonthe Jewish Community Centre that campus, and continued to provide Starkman said.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel

the fate of Argentine Jews who

drop 33% over 1982, from \$1.7 B'rith. million to \$1.15 million. It was only through a great deal of hard work, he said, that actual collections in

"Despite this reduction, major

ists' Association Avraham Shavit, ton, said at a ''state of the helped to establish a Hillel House means of adjusting budgets to the noted. that "it even paid to bring soda—community" address on Jan. 25 at—near—the—University—of—Alberta—present economic realities," Mr

the 1983 Campaign saw pledges scholarships for Camp B'nai

tee, told reporters of his hope that

For its part, the CJC is also Mr Starkman also stated that at seeking greater involvement in the the next Federation Board meeting Western Jewish communities. For a proposal would be made to waive—example, the 1983 allocation to the the current split of the UJA funds. Alberta region has been increased At present, 55% of the money from the previous year's amount of services such as the Kashrut collected is sent to Israel through \$26,300 to \$50,000, and Mr Harris Committee, Meals-on-Wheels, and the United Israel Appeal of Ca-noted that the small Alberta Jewothers were able to continue func- nada, Inc., and 45% is used for ish communities should benefit tioning," Mr Starkman said. In local funding needs. "This from this funding. "Alberta's voice 1983, the Jewish Federation also [change] is being proposed as a - is being heard at the CJC,'' he

In his talk, Mr Harris also discussed the importance of Israel to all Jews. "Jews have different opinions on everything except Israel," he said. "Israel can't sur-Argentinians to Seek 'Disappeared' Jews vive without the Diaspora, and the Diaspora won't make it without

He also maintained that Jews need to make non-Jews aware of their sensitivities. He cited as ex-

(continued on page 2)

Israel could send observers. (continued on page 7)

Silence Reinforces Myth of

Non-Violent Iewish Homes

Although violence is as prevalent in Jewish families (10% to 20%) as in non-Jewish households, the re- 209 members belonging to nine luctance of those involved to speak

These conclusions are reported issue of Reform Judaism, a quarterly magazine published by the Union of American Hebrew Con-

Ms Goldsmith, Assistant Director of the Adult Program at Belle Park Psychiatric Hospital in Houston, Texas, conducted a study in

Angeles Jewish community. Completed questionnaires from

Orthodox, Conservative, and Reof the problem reinforces the myth—form synagogues revealed 22 incifew illusions that any of the that it does not exist in the Jewish dents of battered wives; four incidents of sexual abuse; 11 incidents of forced social isolation; and 118 by Ellen Goldsmith in the current incidents of violent acts towards

> "Jews, like non-Jews, transmit family violence from one generation to the next," Ms Goldsmith writes, noting that previous studies have shown that child abusers were often abused children, and

> > (continued on page 2)

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NEW JTS LIBRARY COMPLEX — The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, the main centre of the Conservative movement, now has a new library complex. The \$20 million building, opened recently. provides a new and modern home for more than 250,000 volumes of Hebraica and Judaica. It is regarded as the largest collection of this type in the Western hemisphere. The library, founded 80 years ago, suffered the loss of 70,000 volumes as a result of a severe fire in 1966. Part of the library's serials collection is shown above.

"disappeared" during the "dirty war'' years under the military

The commitment was made to David Kimche, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, represented Israel at the inauguration ceremonies for President Raoul Alfonsin in Buenos Aires last

Kimche met with two senior officials in the Argentine Foreign Ministry and with leading legislators in the new parliament, including the powerful chairman of the affairs committee. Israeli sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they had

Israel felt it vitally important to establish details of their fate and, if possible, their places of burial. Some 2,000 Jews are estimated to have been among the many thousands of desaparacedos in Argen-

Delegation to Argentina

Meanwhile, the Alfonsin government has set up a prestigious 1980 of family violence in the Los commission, which includes two prominent Argentinian Jews, to investigate the entire tragic episode and Israel hopes, according to a leading Knesset member here, to be able to send observers to its proceedings.

Labour MK Uzi Baram, chairman of the Knesset aliya commit-