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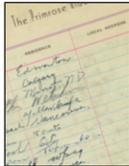
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“Writing Your Family History Workshop”

February 22nd
JCC, 1:00 pm

AZA-BBG District Six Convention, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, June 24-28, 1971



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President's Report,

by JINI VOGEL

Winter, 2008

At the AGM in November eleven people were elected to serve on the Board and they are: Dan Kauffman, Past President, myself as President, Judy Goldsand and Mel Wyne Vice Presidents, Howard Davidow, Treasurer and Gloria Aaron, corresponding secretary. As well, a group of talented directors was elected, including Manny Freedman, Cory Felber, Eric Schloss, Barry Zalmanowitz and our "new kid on the block" Hal Simons. We are developing plans and programs to enhance our profile in the community and to increase our membership base. Our first initiative is to co-sponsor a Family Story Writing Workshop on February 23rd at the JCC with the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. As well, as a result of our very exciting presentation "Little Synagogue on the Prairie" program from Calgary at our AGM, we are looking at the feasibility of a group bus tour to visit the synagogue at Calgary's Heritage Park this summer. If you are interested please call our office.

Dreams really do come true. In December 2008, I received a phone call from a woman who had the same name as my maiden name. She knew my father's name and some details because she had "Googled" my father's name

and there I was!!!!. She told me that she was my first cousin and that there were eight other first cousins in Australia and in England. I nearly passed out. Strange that I have worked the past few years in JAHSENA helping to record and capture family information, thinking that I had little to record myself. Here I was with a trunk load of new relatives and of course family history I never knew. I have no idea how all of this will end as I am off to visit a bunch in California and later in the spring to visit England. I have been pouring over albums, reading old fragile letters from my grandmother to my father, scanning web sites, passenger lists and contacting archival organizations trying to piece together "My Story". As an only child with two parents who never had much contact with their relatives I never had the expectation of "Mispacha" but boy do I have it now. I'll let you know how this all works out in a future edition.

Soon we will all begin to clean out our basement and storage areas in preparation for Passover. So if you have any materials that you no longer want to keep, that reflect history of persons from our community, please let us know. We will take them gratefully and be assured they are well protected and cherished. We even pick up!!!!

As I write this note it is 25 below so I wish you a warmer winter and we will talk again in the spring.

Jini Vogel
President



Ruth Nolan, Guest Speaker Trudy Cowan, Jack Chetner, JAHSENA AGM.



Dan and Esther Kauffman, JAHSENA AGM.

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From the Archivist's Desk...

by DEBBY SHOCTOR

Winter, 2009

The biggest news we have this year, in case you haven't already heard, is that the JCC is not moving, so we don't have to worry about that, but we are still concerned about proposed renovations and our existing space. We would like to centralize our storage of materials, and will explore the possibility of different space within the building. We will have another meeting of the planning committee, consisting of myself, Jini and Manny, and send a new letter to the Federation Board outlining our concerns.

Jini and I were invited to lunch at the University of Alberta Faculty Club by the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies. They had invited Mel Comisarow back to repeat the talk he gave to us last spring

on searching for his family's roots in the Ukraine. We met with two members of the Institute and a member of the Board of Governors, and were treated to a tour of the Institute's offices in Pembina Hall. They would like to develop better relations with the local Jewish Community, and we will pursue this.

We have received a grant from the AHRF through the ASA to develop a new brochure. Judy Goldsand will help me with this in January, as the work has to be completed by April. We are also hoping to receive a grant from the Community Spirit Foundation this year, a new program of the Alberta Government. We will use this grant, of approximately \$8000, to microfilm and

digitize our newspaper collection, and possibly index it. This will preserve it, and make it easier for researchers to use.

The re-designed website will be up and running soon, and will feature all of our newsletters and some video clips. It is being designed by Jason Johnson of Zot Media.

We have decided to co-host a Spring Program called, "Writing Your Family History," with Lil Blume, an expert from Toronto. It will be held Sunday, February 22 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm at the JCC. Our costs on this will be low, as she is coming to Edmonton anyway, and we are co-hosting. There will be one coffee break, and we will charge people a nominal fee of \$10 to ensure their attendance.

Our next Casino is scheduled for the second quarter of 2009. This is April, May and June of 2009. The dates we have been given are June 30 and July 1, 2009. Dan will begin organizing for the casino shortly. Our advisor again is Don Patterson. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Debby or Dan.

Operating Room named for Dr. Elliot Gelfand

This past November, a ceremony was held in the as yet unfinished Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute. Over 100 friends, family, colleagues and former patients of Dr. Elliot Gelfand, including many members of the Jewish community, gathered there in celebration of the dedication of an operating room in Dr. Gelfand's honour. This dedication was made possible through a fundraising campaign led by Mayor Stephen Mandel, a former patient of Dr. Gelfand. The campaign raised over half a million dollars towards the creation and furnishing of the operating room.

Dr. Elliot Gelfand graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine in 1965 and interned at the University of Alberta Hospital. In 1966, he went to Marquette University in Milwaukee where he trained in general surgery, and later specialized in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at the Medical

College of Wisconsin, where coronary surgery was in its infancy.

In 1974, after two years on staff at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Dr. Gelfand returned to Edmonton to join the team of renowned cardiac specialists and world leaders in cardiac care led by Dr. John C. Callaghan at the University of Alberta Hospital.

The Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute is built on a long history of cardiac excellence and achievements at the University of Alberta Hospital. During his 33 years as a cardiac surgeon at this site, Dr. Gelfand has been a surgical leader, mentor and inspiration to those who have worked with him.

During his career, Dr. Gelfand served as president of both the Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons and the Western Thoracic Surgical Association – an organization of



Dr. Elliot Gelfand, Shoctor photo.

cardiothoracic surgeons from Western North America. He was only the second Canadian to hold that office with the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, Dr. John C. Callaghan being the other.

Dr. Gelfand is married to the former Dena Tabachnick. They have three children: Michael, Laurie and Susie, and six grandchildren. Both Dena and Elliot have been active in the Jewish and General communities in Edmonton for many years.

Jewish Pharmacists in Edmonton

By PAULA E. KIRMAN

The medical profession is noted for drawing many Jewish participants. In addition to doctors, surgeons, and specialists, pharmacists are an integral part of medicine. Edmonton has been home to a number of Jewish pharmacists active in both their professional field and community causes. This list is by no means all-inclusive, but highlights some of the major names of local Jewish pharmacists.

WILLIAM DAVID "BILL" GOLDBERG

The eldest of five children, Bill Goldberg was born in 1904 in St. Louis, Missouri. The family first moved to Toronto and then to a homestead in Daysland, Alberta. After homesteading did not work out for them, the family moved to Edmonton where Goldberg graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy when he was 25. He became the chief pharmacologist at the University Hospital. When he and his wife, Anne Golosoff from Winnipeg, were expecting their first child, he opened his own compounding pharmacy store, La Parisienne, located on Jasper Avenue near 107 Street. He felt that owning his own business would offer him a larger income to care for his growing family. Being fluent in French provided him with a lot of customers from the local French Canadian community, such as the nuns from the nearby Sisters of the Precious Blood. He opened a second store on Jasper Avenue and 101 Street, but later closed it when his family, now including three children, needed more of his time. He went on to become president of the Alberta Pharmacy

Association, a founder and president of Beth Shalom Synagogue, president of the local chapter of B'nai Brith, as well as serving on the boards of numerous other organizations. He died suddenly at the age of 52, and his large funeral at Beth Shalom was attended by the nuns, in full habit, lining the back of the synagogue.

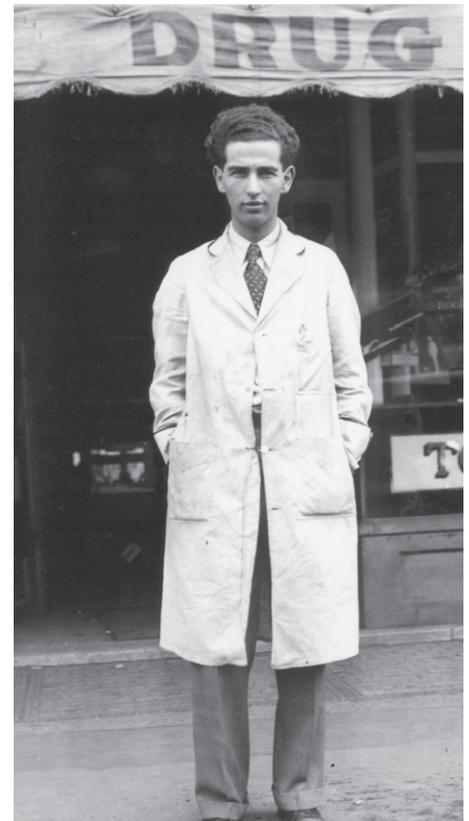
LOUIS RUDOLPH

Louis Rudolph operated Rudolph Pharmacy on Jasper Avenue. He was born in Vancouver ca. 1913 and received his Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Biochemistry degrees from the University of Alberta in the mid-30s. Rudolph Pharmacy was opened in the late 1930s shortly after his marriage to Tryna Newhouse in 1938. "His pharmacy was like an apothecary, with a mortar and pestle, and he made up compounds," explains Beth Sharon Price, Rudolph's daughter.

In addition to his pharmacy business, he was a lecturer at the University of Alberta and later was president and proprietor of Edmonton Photo Supply Ltd., located on the same premises as his pharmacy. "He had a keen interest in photography and photo developing. He had a very strong



William David "Bill" Goldberg, ca. 195?



Louis Rudolph in front of his pharmacy, ca. 193? JAHSENA Archives, donated by Beth Rudolph Price



David Pollack in his Pharmacy. JAHSENA Archives, donated by Hanna Pollack. ca. 196?



Louis Rudolph inside his pharmacy, ca. 193? JAHSENA Archives, donated by Beth Rudolph Price.

relationship with Kodak. He was one of the first shareholders of the company.” Rudolph closed his pharmacy around 1970 due to the changing times. “He was an old-style pharmacist and as the field became more technologically advanced he decided to close the pharmacy,” says Price. Edmonton Photo Supply was sold in 1979.

Rudolph and Tryna had two other children in addition to Calgary-based Price: Ross (who lives in Toronto) and the late Naomi Tova. Rudolph and his wife were passionate about the Jewish community and Zionism. “They were fervent believers that a community was only as strong as the commitment of its members in both the giving of time and financial support,” says Price. The list of organizations with which they were involved includes Hadassah-WIZO, Talmud Torah, the Jewish National Fund, Edmonton Zionist Council, Jewish Community Council, Beth Israel, and B’nai Brith. To honour their commitment to the community and to Israel, Louis and Tryna were Negev dinner honourees in 1962. Louis passed away in 1998 and Tryna in 2003.

DAVID POLLACK

David Pollack was born on August 21, 1921, the day after his parents arrived in Edmonton from Russia. He attended

the University of Alberta and earned a Bachelor and Masters of Science in Zoology in 1946. After teaching biology at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, he returned to Edmonton to continue his studies and graduated in 1953 as a Pharmacist from the U of A. He opened his first pharmacy on 95th Street and later opened Regent Drug Store just north of Whyte Avenue on 104th Street. His parents’ dry goods store was in the same area, and his brother Hymie’s family medical practice was next door. Both David and Hymie were involved in Jewish life in Edmonton as lifelong members of Beth Israel Synagogue, founding members of the Jewish Community Centre and generous donors to the Jewish National Fund. Both men married later in life, David to Hanna in 1982. Hymie and his wife Shoshana had a son named Shai who was born in 1981. David passed away on September 23, 1997, predeceased by Hymie in 1989.

STAN SMORDIN

Stan Smordin was born in 1930 in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, a small town with a population of only 150 people then (around 1500 now). Smordin received his pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1955. After working in Vancouver for a short time after gradu-

ation, he headed to Edmonton where he opened up his first Smordin’s pharmacy in September of 1956 on 116th Street and 115th Avenue. He sold that store in 1970. Around the same time, he opened up a second Smordin’s in the Meadowlark neighbourhood. Smordin sold the store in the early ’90s when he retired, but the store remains in the same location with the same name.

Smordin laughs when asked why he chose a career in pharmacy. “I decided to go into something, so I decided upon pharmacy. Back in those days you were very happy just to be working and making a living. Things weren’t so easy back in those days.”

Smordin and his wife Doris met in Winnipeg, and were married in 1956. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Other pharmacists in the family include older brother Shelby Smordin, and eldest daughter Judy who lives in Texas and is still working. Another daughter, Sandra, is a teacher for the deaf, and son Malcolm is a lawyer in Vancouver. Sister Phyllis served on the board of JAHSENA and many other Edmonton Jewish organizations. Smordin has served on the Board of Beth Shalom.



Harry Nolan, JAHSENA Archives.

HARRY NOLAN

Harry Nolan was Born in Trochu, Alberta (near Pine Lake) in 1927. He apprenticed at Rudolph Pharmacy under the supervision of Louis Rudolph. In those days, one had to do a two-year apprenticeship, which was a requirement for enrollment at the University to study to become a pharmacist. He graduated in 1953 with a BSc in Pharmacy. Afterwards, he worked at the Corona Drugstore on Jasper Avenue. He then purchased a drugstore on 118th Avenue and 90th Street, renaming it Nolan Drugs in 1954. In the mid- 1960s, he purchased Lynnwood Drugs on 149th Street and 87th Avenue. Although Nolan Drugs was sold later on in the 1960s, and in fact has had three owners since, the name of the store has been kept and remains at the same location. "We still get people who say 'Nolan – oh, I've been at your store on 118th Avenue,'" says Ruth Nolan, Harry's wife.

As a pharmacist, Nolan was most concerned with service to the customer, a tradition which has carried on with subsequent owners and employees. "It's been a tradition started by Harry at Nolan Drugs, and it is wonderful to see it still be carried on – the service to the customer -- the personal service." Lynnwood Drugs was sold in 1987, and for the most part Nolan



Stan Miller, JAHSENA Archives, donated by Evelyn Miller.

retired, save for a few times coming in as a relief pharmacist.

Nolan was one of the first pharmacists in Alberta to participate in the introduction of computers in the practice of pharmacy, done under the auspices of the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association. He is a past-President of the Edmonton Society of Pharmacists. The Nolans, who still reside in Edmonton, established a scholarship for third-year Pharmacy students at the U of A.

Nolan was a member of Jewish Family Services for twenty years, and a former President of the organization. He is also a Past President of the Jewish Drop-In Centre. Ruth was a charter member of an Edmonton Ladies Pharmaceutical Auxiliary. The Nolans married in 1954 and have two daughters and two grand-daughters.

STAN MILLER

Ruth Nolan's late brother Stan Miller was a President of the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association in 1967-68 and served on the APHA Council in 1972. He had been a President of the Edmonton Society of Pharmacists. Miller was born in 1925 and grew up in Alliance Alberta. He owned a pharmacy on the corner of 156th Street and Stony Plain Road (Miller's Drug Store), which became



Daryl Katz.

a Shopper's Drug Mart from which Stan retired. He also owned The Dispensary at the Wianco Clinic on 149th Street (now Medical Centre Pharmacy) from 1965 to 1973. Involved in a number of Jewish and Zionist causes, Miller was a Negev Dinner honouree in 1984. He had been active as a Mahal volunteer in Israel's War of Independence and served with the Canadian Army during World War II from 1943 to 1945. Miller married Esther Helman in 1969, with whom he had three sons, and also a daughter and son with his previous wife Miriam. He passed away in 1991.

DARYL KATZ

While not a pharmacist himself, Katz is the founder and owner of the Katz Group pharmacy chain, best known for the Rexall chain of drugstores, as well as Medicine Shoppe, Pharma Plus, and Guardian IDA. In 2006, Katz donated seven million dollars to the University of Alberta's school of pharmacy to help develop new standards of pharmacy care. Most recently, Katz made headlines by purchasing the Edmonton Oilers hockey team for \$200 million. Katz is the son of Edmonton pharmacist Barry Katz, a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, who was one of the founders of the Value Drug Mart chain. In an article in the U of A

Blueprints Found for Auschwitz Camp

ERIK KIRSCHBAUM - NOV 10, 2008 REUTERS

BERLIN (Nov. 10) – The original construction plans believed used for a major expansion of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in 1941 have been found in a Berlin flat, Germany's Bild newspaper reported on Saturday.

The daily printed three architect's drawings on yellowing paper from the batch of 28 pages of blueprints it obtained. One has an 11.66 meter by 11.20 meter room marked "Gaskammer" (gas chamber) that was part of a "delousing facility."

Sixty-three years after the end of World War II, the original construction plans believed to have been used for a major expansion of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz have been found in a Berlin apartment, a German newspaper reported Monday.

No one from the federal government's archives was immediately available for comment on the authenticity or importance of the documents.

The plans, published ahead of the 70th

anniversary of the "Kristallnacht" or the Nazi pogrom that was a harbinger of the Holocaust, also include a crematorium and a "L. Keller" -- an abbreviation for "Leichenkeller" or corpse cellar.

A drawing of the building for Auschwitz's main gate was also found in the documents that Bild said were believed to have been discovered when a Berlin flat was cleaned out.

The mass-circulation newspaper quoted Hans-Dieter Kreikamp, head of the federal archives office in Berlin, as saying the blueprints offered "authentic evidence of the systematically planned genocide of European Jews."

There were mass killings of about one million Jews before the Nazi's "Final Solution" was formulated in late 1941. The decision to kill Europe's 11 million Jews was made at the Wannsee Conference in January 1942.

A copy of the minutes, known as the "Wannsee Protocol," is one of the most important documents from the war.

The newly found Auschwitz blueprints are dated October 23 1941 and could offer historians earlier evidence of Nazi plans to kill Jews on a mass scale, Bild said.

"These documents reveal that everyone who had even anything remotely to do with the planning and construction of the concentration camp must have known that people were to be gassed to death in assembly-line fashion," Bild wrote.

"The documents refute once and for all claims by those who deny the Holocaust even took place," it added.

The concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland was the largest -- at least 1.1 million Jews were killed there.

Auschwitz I was set up in May 1940 in an old Polish army barracks. The first victims were gassed in September 1941. Auschwitz II, or Birkenau, opened in October 1941. Four large gas chambers were added to the camp in January 1942.

PHARMACISTS

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Alumni magazine, New Trail, Daryl said, "As a son of a pharmacist, I know that a pharmacist is more than a dispenser of pills, and pharmacology is more than a trade. A pharmacist is always a scientist and healthcare provider, sometimes an employer, often a friend and, from time to time, a lifesaver. I can't think of a better place than the University of Alberta and the City of Edmonton for young pharmacists to absorb the power of community spirit while they obtain the best academic education in Canada."

A FEW MORE NAMES

Other members of the Jewish community who owned pharmacies include Sam Hardin (who was also the Mayor of Fort McMurray) and his brother Byron Hardin.

Rosalie Shaw and Joyce Markson-Besney are current pharmacy practitioners who are notable for being women as well as Jewish.



Visit to the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies, December 2, 2008. L-R, Prof. Mel Comisarow, Debby Shoctor, Dr. Zenon Kohut, Jini Vogel, Edith Zawadiuk, Jars Balan, Dr. Mykola Soroka. JAHSENA Archives photo.

DONATION CARDS

JAHSENA now has donation cards with historic pictures on them available for purchase. Mark your special simchas by sending a donation to JAHSENA. Contact the office for more details at: 489-2809. We have received the following donations:

REFUAH SHALEMAH

To Mel Wyne, from the Board of JAHSENA

SYMPATHY

To the Kagan Family, from Dan & Esther Kauffman

To the Segal Family, from Debby & Marshall Shoctor

To the Nozick family from Barry Vogel & Sarah Brickett

To the Horwitz family from the JAHSENA Board, and from Debby & Marshall Shoctor

To the Samuels family, from Violet Owen & June Winfield.

Hold That Date!

JAHSENA's CASINO

will be held on June 30th and July 1st, 2009 at the Palace Casino, WEM. If you can volunteer, please contact the office at 780-489-2809.

Online Archival Exhibits recently launched:

University of Calgary, Archives & Special Collections – *Emerging Alberta: the Alberta Report Photograph and Negative Collection* at <http://wcmprod1.ucalgary.ca/emergingalberta>

University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections – *Landmarks, Monuments & Built Heritage of the West* at http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/digital/built_heritage/

New Brunswick Museum, Archives & Research Library - *All in a Day's Work* at <http://www.nbm-mnb.ca>

Trinity Historical Society Inc. – *The Art of Shipbuilding, an Inherited Skill / L'art de la construction des navires, une compétence héritée* at <http://www.newfoundlandshipbuilding.com>

Northwest Territories Archives – *The NWT Historical Timeline / Chronologie des Territoires du Nord-Ouest* at <http://pwnhc.ca/timeline/index.html/> (English) and <http://pwnhc.ca/timeline/French/index.html> (French)

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management – *Canada's Ocean Playground* at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/tourism/>

City of Ottawa Archives – *Building A Capital: 150th Anniversary of Ottawa as the Capital / La Ville d'Ottawa devient la capitale du Canada* at http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/archives/virtual_exhibit/index_en.html (English) and http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/archives/virtual_exhibit/index_fr.html (French)

Grey County Archives – *The Women's Institute of Grey County* at <http://greyroots.com/exhibitions/virtual-exhibits/tweedsmuir/>

McMaster University – William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections: *Peace and War in the 20th Century* at <http://pw20c.mcmaster.ca>

Archives of Ontario – *The Magnificent, The Merry and The Mundane: The Display*

Windows of the Eaton's Department Store at <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/exhibits/eatons-windows/index.html> (English), and *Le fantastique, le festif et le familier - les vitrines des magasins T. Eaton* at <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/french/exhibits/eatons-windows/index.html> (French)

Elgin County Archives – *Toujours en Avant: A Pictorial History of Alma College* at <http://www.elgin.ca/alma-web/Alma-Web-Home.html>

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec – *Courir les magasins : de la rue principale au centre commercial* at <http://www.banq.qc.ca/rallye> (French)
Note: An English version will be ready shortly.

Université du Québec à Montréal – *Pierre Dansereau, écologiste : rencontre de l'Homme avec la Nature (1^{ère} partie, 1911-1968)* at <http://www.archives-expopd.uqam.ca>

Ville de Montréal – *La Roulotte : un demi-siècle de magie !* at <http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/archives/roulotte>

University of Saskatchewan Archives – *Our Legacy* at <http://scaa.sk.ca/ourlegacy>

University of Saskatchewan Archives – *Persuasion: Print Advertising and Advocacy on the Prairies* at <http://scaa.usask.ca/gallery/persuasion/>

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick has just launched its virtual exhibit, *Where is Home? Communities Past and Present / Ma ville, mon village : collectivités du Nouveau-Brunswick d'hier et d'aujourd'hui*.

Two more virtual exhibits will be launched within the next weeks: Hamilton Public Library's *Ontario Time Machine or Ontario Pioneer Bookshelf* and Victoria University Library/ University of Toronto's *A.P. Coleman: Geologist, Explorer (1852-1939) – Science, Art & Discovery, a Virtual Exhibit*

Archives Society of Alberta - Letters from the Trunk, "The Peter Owen Suitcase," www.archivesalberta.org.



NOVEMBER 26, 2008

Mazel Tov! It's a little... synagogue!

Dear Friends,

Last night when you were tucked away warmly in bed, a new arrival came into Heritage Park. The little synagogue on the prairie travelled through the city and arrived at the park in the early morning hours on Wednesday, November 26th, 2008.

Sorry we couldn't invite all of you for the big moment... because little synagogues sitting on big trucks can make a very big splat.

Mother and little synagogue on the prairie are doing fine. It's yellow with white windows and incredibly cute. The little synagogue on the prairie will be named Montefiore Institute.

Proud Mamas and Papas are Trudy Cowan, Shauna Switzer, Leslie Levant, Shel Bercovich, Emanuel Cohen, Daryl

Fridhandler, Dr. Ralph Gurevitch, Bobby Libin, Jack Switzer, Betti Weiss, and Irena Karshenbaum. We're all welling up with naches!

Proud Bubbes and Zaydas are all of you! Our incredibly generous donors and society volunteers, without whom our little Montefiore Institute would be just a twinkle in her Mamas' and Papas' eyes.

We love our little synagogue and are extremely proud of it. We hope you will make a point of visiting it at Heritage Park during the winter holidays. Heritage Park is open on the weekends between November 22nd and December 21st, 2008.

As all of you proud parents know, babies are very expensive and our little baby still needs your generous support. If you have given to our little synagogue, we are

incredibly grateful to you. Thank you! Or if you, your family, relatives and friends have been waiting for the little tyke's arrival. It's here! (Please spread the word around.) To find out how you can make a tax-deductible donation to this very special made-in-Calgary Jewish heritage project, please call me at (403) 287-8464.

L'Chaim!

Sincerely,

Irena Karshenbaum
President

The Little Synagogue on the Prairie
Project Society
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JAHSENA is planning a trip to see the Little Synagogue in its new home this summer. If you are interested, please contact Debby at 780-489-2809.

On Display

At the JCC...

Currently on display at the JCC you will find an exhibit of dolls from around the world, which are on-loan to the Archives. If you would like to donate a book, document or a piece of memorabilia to add to our collection, call 780-489-2809. Please stop by the JCC and view these items on display opposite the office in the glass display case.

At the Beth Israel...

Please check out the new permanent display at the Beth Israel Synagogue, "Beth Israel: 100 Years of Memories." This display was put together by the Beth Israel Historical Committee, with help from JAHSENA, and highlights the history of Edmonton's oldest Jewish

Institution through 108 photographs, and a chronology. In addition, there is a temporary display of artifacts from the Beth Israel and its members.

At the Beth Shalom...

There is also a display in the Board Room of the Beth Shalom Synagogue, put together by Rabbi David Kunin with help from JAHSENA. This display chronicles the 75-year history of Beth Shalom Synagogue.

On the Web...

Check out the Archives Society of Alberta Exhibit prepared for Archives Week 2008 (October 1-7), titled "Historic Hi-Tech", at www.archivesalberta.org. You will find five photos from our collection, one

of which is featured in a new 2009 calendar. These calendars are available for purchase from our office for \$10.

A new trunk about our own Peter Owen has been added to the "Letters from the Trunk" portion of the Archives Society of Alberta website. This is a virtual, on-line learning tool which teaches children how to use archives. It features, letters, photographs, and the voice of Peter Owen, who was the only child allowed to immigrate alone to Canada during the Holocaust. Peter was a JAHSENA board member, and his granddaughter, Tess Owen, wrote the teacher's guide for this learning tool. This exhibit was made possible through a grant to the Archives Society of Alberta from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Whitehorse, Peace River, New York, Illinois, Los Angeles, Miami, Detroit, San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, and even London. Many of the names appear numerous times over the years, indicating that the Primrose Club was a prime stop for Jewish men visiting Edmonton. The names of the sponsors of these visitors are also listed, such as: Benny Margolus, Sam Kaplan, Henry Singer, Maurice Stochinsky, Charlie Podersky, Jake Superstein, Lou Ghitter and Fred Swartz.

The club eventually moved to another location on 105th Street. This location was ultimately sold sometime in the 1980s to none other than former Edmonton Mayor William Hawreluk, who built a hotel on the site. The money was donated to Jewish charities. Abner remembers there was a Board of the Club, with a President, VP and Treasurer who collected dues. Mo Lieberman and Sam Greene served as Presidents, Eugene Pechet and Shep Slutker were Treasurers. Although it is not clear what if any activities the club engaged in which stretched the letter of the law, everyone I talked to seemed slightly reticent to say too much. What they did say, however, echoed Abner's sentiments, "It was a classy place. We liked it there." It was certainly a well-loved slice of Edmonton Jewish history.



Abner Rubin, and Aaron Furman, ca. 1943.
JAHSENA Archives, donated by Abner Rubin.

JAHSENA / JFE SPRING PROGRAM

Writing Jewish Family Stories and Memoirs

Brought to you by JAHSENA and the
Jewish Federation of Edmonton

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: JCC, Edmonton

Registration Cost: \$10

Refreshments will be served

Phone Debby @ 780-489-2809 to register

Workshop Description

Stories passed from one generation to the next carry the values, culture, and unique mythology of that family. Knowing our family's stories solidifies our sense of belonging. If you have been thinking of collecting family stories for your children and grandchildren, then this workshop is for you. Writer and editor, Lil Blume, will give you ideas for reviving memories and writing and organizing your family story project. Come prepared to do some writing and storytelling.

Presenter

Lil has run family stories workshops for shuls in Hamilton, Victoria, and Vancouver. She will be presenting this workshop in the upcoming Limmud Festival in Toronto. Her story about the game of chess over four generations of her family was published in *Parchment: The Journal of Contemporary Canadian Jewish Writing*. Lil's communication workshops have been held in industrial, health care, and educational environments on both Canadian coasts and many places in between. In addition she is currently an instructor in the Computer Science Department at the University of Toronto. For more information see www.lilblume.ca.

Overcoming Existing Barriers: Telling Stories of Interfaith Co-operation

The *Phoenix Multi-faith Society for Harmony* is looking for stories about co-operation between different faith groups. We are collecting stories which demonstrate that people of different faiths and backgrounds can work together to fight racial discrimination and can live harmoniously. This historical and anecdotal evidence is being gathered by the Society to demonstrate to school and community groups that interfaith cooperation and good will is pos-

sible, and has existed since the early days of Edmonton's history.

If you have a story about how someone from your faith or ethnic group helped someone from another group to start a business, get a job, find a home, raise funds, or in some other way, please contact your Phoenix Society member, Debby Shocter at 780-489-2809, so that we may tell your inspirational story to others. Ultimately these stories will be compiled and published, either in book form or on the internet, so that they will help to inspire others to cooperate with one another and thereby create a better world for us all.

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

These items have recently found their way into the archives, and are available for research purposes:

339 Slides of Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO, Calgary Hadassah-WIZO and Nate Siegel & Noach Zalmanowitz, donated by Cory Felber.

Biography of Netta Phillet, donated by Karen Farkas.

Biography of Karen Gall, donated by Miriam Cooper.

Framed pastel drawing by Montreal artist Sol Relenos, circa 1958, donated by Elizabeth Alphonso of Grand Prairie.

Text and photos donated by Norma Nozick relating to the grave of Mandel Bloomfield.

Eighteen photos from the estate of Esther Simkin Comisarow, donated by Lynn Pechet Bruser.

Three VHS videocassettes of Talmud Torah concerts, donated by Donna Freedman.

Oral History Interview with Earl Lyons, 1975, 73 minutes in length, donated by Alan Lyons.

Four photos of the Lieberman family, ca. 1920s, donated by Dr. Murray and Susan Lieberman.

The Jewish Archives & Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is always looking for new donations. If you have any personal papers, photographs, negatives, books, audio-visual recordings or other items relating to the history of the Jewish community of Edmonton and Northern Alberta that you would like preserved for generations to come, please contact our office at (780) 489-2809.

NEW MEMBERS

JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members:
Naomi Shoctor, Edmonton, Alberta
Grant Vogel, Edmonton, Alberta

*"FROM PEDLARS TO PATRIARCHS:
A LEGACY REMEMBERED"* and

"BITTERSWEET MEMORIES: THE WAR YEARS"

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is taking orders for copies of "From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered," and its sequel: "Bittersweet Memories: The War Years" its documentary films about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of these films, they are available on DVD for \$18. Please contact the Archives office at 489-2809.



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I (we) would like to become part of the continuing quest into our historical past by joining the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta in the category marked. A charitable receipt will be issued. Membership for other than individuals includes spouses. Membership includes an annual subscription to Heritage/ Yerusha, the Society's newsletter, published 3 times a year.

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