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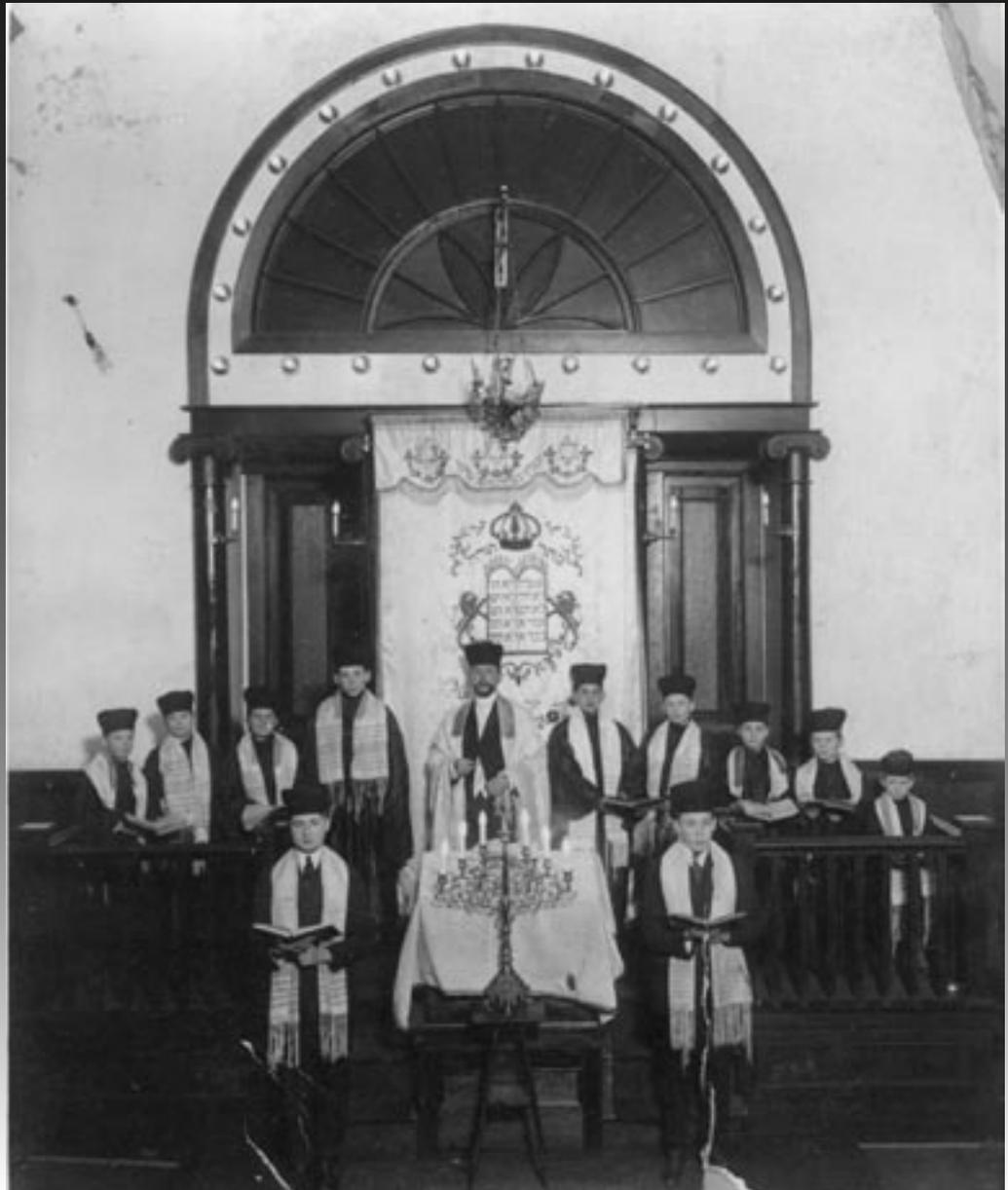
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Beth Shalom's
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Rabbi Abraham Pinsky (centre) and the Beth Israel Choir, 1920s. If you can identify any of the people in this photograph, please contact the office.



From the Archivist's Desk...

by PAUL GIFFORD

Autumn, 2014

ABOUT ME

As our President Judy Goldsand noted in our last newsletter, JAHSENA's long standing Archivist Debby Shoctor has moved on to the role of the new CEO of the Edmonton Jewish Federation. While no one can fill Debby's shoes, I will certainly try to live up to her example. I am not a native Edmontonian, having grown up on the green shores of Victoria, but I have called this fine city home for more than eight years now. I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Alberta with a focus in mid-nineteenth century South African history and culture with an attached Certificate in Mid East and African Studies, though I'd be

hard pressed to cite any period in human history which I am not fascinated by. Aside from scholarly pursuits, I'm an avid reader of everything from Dostoevsky to Asimov. Having assumed this role in mid-July, I am still settling in to both the job and the archive itself, but I am blessed to have ready and gracious access to Debby's assistance, and the long experience of our Board of Directors. As I have yet to meet many of you, I welcome any questions or requests you may have, or just stop by to chat about a good book.

I look forward to working with JAHSENA and all of the community in the days and months to come.

On Display

At the JCC...

Currently on display at the new JCC you will find an exhibit of artifacts from our collections. Come visit us at 10220-156 St., Suite 200 to see the exhibit and our new offices. If you would like to donate a book, document or a piece of memorabilia to add to our collection, call 780-489-2809.

On the Web...

Check out the Archives Society of Alberta Exhibit prepared for Archives Week 2012, entitled "*Looking Good, Alberta, Fashion in the Archives*," at www.archivesalberta.org. You will find five photos from our collection, one of which, a photo of Lou

Moss Manswear is featured in a new 2014 calendar, which is available from our office. Also check out the Peter Owen exhibit online at the same website under "*Letters from the Trunk*." Old issues of our newsletter, Heritage/Yerusha are available on our website, www.jahsena.ca.

New Website!

JAHSENA has revised its website. Please visit us at www.jahsena.ca to see our new and improved website designed by Kyle Huberman of Pixel designs. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Edmonton for the grant we received for this!

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Our special thanks to Sharon Abbott for her continuing and diligent work in collecting newspaper clippings relevant to the Jewish community. Keep up the good work!



From the President,

by JUDY GOLDSAND

August 2014

JAHSENA'S summer has been busy! Following the move of our longstanding Archivist and Director, Debby Shocter, to be the CEO of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, we advertised, interviewed and hired a new Archivist and Director, Paul Gifford, who started work July 15. (Please see related article about Paul.)

The Edmonton and District Historical Society's Festival Week kept us busy during July. Chinese dragons, Ukrainian dancers and exhibits from a variety of cultural groups were some of the highlights at "Doors Open Edmonton", the EDHS kick-off event July 6 that launched its Festival Week. JAHSENA's exhibit was organized and staffed by past-president Jini Vogel and Archival Assistant Colleen Paull with Board member Daniel Larson providing technical help. Twenty-eight different tours were included in the week of events.

As its Historic Week contribution, JAHSENA partnered with Beth Shalom to offer a tour of the Synagogue on Sunday morning, July 13. We were astonished and pleased to see that the tour attracted more than 60 people from the Edmonton community. Cantor David Mannes gave a warm and informative presentation about the history of the Synagogue and answered many questions about Judaism in general. Mel Wyne added some personal anecdotes with his usual good humor. Many of the guests expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn about the Jewish religion.

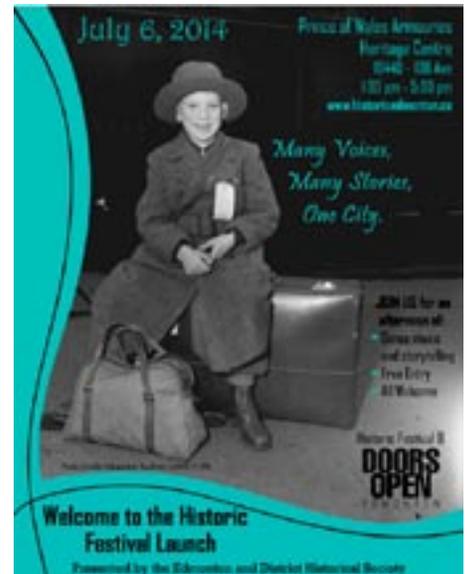
At our year end, August 31, JAHSENA's membership totalled 227. A list of the

NEW MEMBERS

JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members: Morris Levitt; David & Pam Margolus; Barb Murray

2013-14 membership appears later in this publication. We very much appreciate having so many dedicated members who support our archival holdings by contributing letters, papers, photos and documents and who assist us in our education outreach activities.

Shana Tovah and warmest wishes to all for a year that will bring happiness, good health and peace.



Cover of Historic Edmonton Festival Week launch



Visitors in Beth Shalom sanctuary



Cantor Mannes addressing visitors in Lower Chapel

Jewish Teen-age Life in Edmonton – 1945-55

BY GEORGE GOLDSAND

As grandparents we frequently marvel about our teen-age grandchildren's wide array of activities. Their electronic devices allow for almost continuous communication with friends, not only in Edmonton, but elsewhere in the country, and often other parts of the world. Many of their acquaintances resulted from travel, not only family vacations, but also organized travel with schools, organizations or competitions. Within the last three years, two of my teen-age grandchildren have been to Poland

and Israel with "March of the Living", another on a volunteer project to assist Hill Tribe orphans in Northern Thailand, another just returned from a Talmud Torah sponsored three week exchange program to Israel, including living with a peer group of Israeli students who had visited here earlier in the year. He had previously had a school trip to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. They have also travelled on school-sponsored shabbaton trips to Western Canadian cities and Seattle, even

before their teen-age years.

Seniors often reflect on what they did when they were teen-agers. For my generation this takes us back to the 1945-55 interval. How did Jewish teen-agers in Edmonton spend their time during that decade?

Of major relevance was the absence of computers or television (a few homes had television sets by 1953). Teens listened to music via radio or vinyl records and communicated by telephone-- an activity not as simple as today, as most homes had a single stationary telephone that was shared by everyone. Long-distance calls were expensive. While these realities might seem quite restrictive to teen-agers today, we nevertheless managed to be busy and kept ourselves occupied with various activities.

During this decade, the Jewish community of Edmonton was engaged in a move from the current Boyle Street area to the West End which at that time encompassed the Oliver district with a few homes in what is now Old Glenora. Most Jewish children attended Talmud Torah school (then located on 103 St, a half block south of Jasper Avenue) up to the fifth grade.



AZA Sweetheart Ball candidates – circa 1945: Shirley Bornstein (Laskin), Ruth Podersky (Samuels), Rezelle Myers (Loomer)



AZA basketball – circa 1946



This group photograph appeared in the *Calgary Herald* on the occasion of a provincial Young Judean convention held in Calgary in December, 1949. The Edmonton contingent travelled by train, a six hour journey at that time, and was met at the CPR station by a host group from Calgary. Many of these teen-agers remained in Calgary and Edmonton and became prominent members of those respective communities.

Front Row (l to r): Ed Wolfman; Norm Steinberg; Jack Austin 2nd Row: Ida Zysblat; Fay Gedeger; Ruth Pakes; Lyn Shapiro; Sheila Radis; Phyllis Levine; Fay Spevakow; Bernie Switzer; Pam Hallis; Sharon Hurov; Rebecca Shtabsky; Allan Sheftel; Lil Spevakow; Molly Fishman; Evelyn Bernstein; Sandra Kalef; Betty Hashman 3rd Row: Nettie Satanovsky; Alan Smolkin; Gilbert Libin 4th Row: Phil Libin; _____; Daniel Pekarsky; Aaron Shtabsky; Barry Vogel; Lionel Ravvin; Ted Busheikin; Tessie Sorokin; Faith Riback; Morley Kerr; Miriam Zysblat; Ron Hurov; Noni Pearlman; Naomi Barenholtz; Lionel Tucker; Phil Shapiro; Ron Katzin; Jerry Levy; Manuel Panar; David Huberman; David Hollis; Jack Switzer; Sam Fishman; Maurice Shugarman; Irving Kipnes; George Goldsand; Allan Rose; Leon Miller

Beginning in Grade six, a few transferred to Macauley, but most to Oliver junior high school. Unlike the current situation where students may select their high school, we were required to attend a designated school based on our home address. Most attended Westglen High School (127 St. and 109 Ave). Until 1949, those living in the Oliver area attended Garneau High School. After 1949 the latter group would go to the new Victoria Composite High School that replaced the old brick Victoria High School which most earlier Jewish teens attended when the community was concentrated in the Boyle St. area. With the exception

of Victoria High, all these original older buildings are still standing and functioning as elementary schools, while the new Victoria Composite was recently rebuilt as the Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts. [Of interest is that two Jewish graduates of Victoria High from the 1935-45 decade went on to fame in the theatre world. One is the famous Hollywood director, Arthur Hiller, for whom a street adjacent to the current school has been renamed "Arthur Hiller Way", and the second is Joseph Shoctor who founded the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.]

The nature of Jewish youth activities was

to some extent influenced by the extraordinary world events of that time. The end of World War II in 1945 and the evolving awareness of the extent and horror of the Holocaust could not help but influence the nature of conversation and attitudes of parents. Similarly, the prominence of the Zionist movement in the struggle toward establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 led to strong support and participation in Zionist youth groups. The most prominent of these was Young Judea, an organization to which most Jewish teenagers belonged. There were regular meetings that often

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included much of the singing and dancing that characterized the early kibbutz movement in Israel. Most teenagers also belonged to parallel BBYO organizations which included the Lillian Freeman BBG and the Mandel Bloomfield AZA chapters. These organizations served as important social outlets that included not only informal parties and sports activities, but also more formal annual events that were keenly anticipated. For example AZA held an annual "Sweetheart Ball" where several girls were nominated and the winner announced at a gala ball after voting within the general community.

Both Young Judea and BBYO planned provincial conventions, usually during the Christmas school break, that involved getting together with their peer group from

Calgary. Interaction also occurred via planned bus excursions to one or the other community or to intermediate points. For example, for several years an annual BBYO spring bus excursion to Sylvan Lake was eagerly anticipated to meet friends, enjoy a barbeque and a baseball game between the two cities. While occasionally an individual was selected to attend a national convention of these organizations, the predominant interaction was with teens from Calgary, with whom strong relationships were established. For most, Calgary was about as far as our teen-age travels would permit.

Summer camps, attended predominantly by teens and pre-teens from Edmonton and Calgary were organized by Young Judea until 1956 when the B'nai B'rith organization built the permanent camp at Pine Lake which continues to this day as Camp BB-Riback.

Group and social activities were usually

held at the 103 St. Talmud Torah school where a basement dining hall and upstairs auditorium accommodated large groups. This changed in 1951 when the current Beth Shalom synagogue opened on Jasper Avenue and 119 Street. Planned originally as both a synagogue and community centre, the current upstairs auditorium was initially constructed as a gymnasium, with locker rooms and showers available in the basement. This facility served as an ideal magnet for Jewish youth as a place to have meetings, play basketball, or just "hang out". Given the current discussions about the nature and location of a new Jewish Community Centre, it is interesting to speculate that for a few short years, there was a convenient location where the community, including its youth, could meet. The community centre component of Beth Shalom was unfortunately a victim of its success. The noise created by bouncing



A group photograph of the 1951 Young Judea camp attendees at Chestermere Lake near Calgary.

Front Row (l to r): Barbara Sector; Bernice Srolowitz; _____; Evelyn Dietch; Ruth Shapiro; Ellen Hector; Carol Sklar; Sharon Sanford; _____
 2nd Row: Judy Hector; Barbara Blumes; _____; Jerry Dubisky; Alan Smolkin; Shelly Bercovitch; Barry Sanderson; Eliot Phillipson; Alfred Blumenthal; _____; Annette Belkin; Adrienne Kline
 3rd Row: Rita Caplan; Dena Litchinsky; Belva Libin; Sid Maerov; Rabbi Ebner; Mrs. Ebner; Eva Fishman; Eva Herman; Mrs. Rose Jacobson; _____; Sheila Radis; Miriam Zysblat
 4th Row: Josie Austin; Adele Satanove; Mel Levitt; Annette Sheftel; George Barenholtz; Roz Slutker; Sheila Gordon; Brenda Smolensky; Rena Dvorkin; Marcie Kalef; Natalie Viner; Harvey Hurov; Gail Goldin; Lois Mitchell; Boomie Trute; Betty Hashman; Peter Rabin; Naomi Barenholtz
 5th Row: Gilbert Libin; Norm Steinberg; Leo Zipperstein; George Nagler; Jerry Levy; George Goldsand; Barry Vogel; Larry Witten; Gary Salter; Ezra Ebner; Byron Jacobson; Yochai Goelman; Arnold Bernstein; Dan Pekarsky



A group photo of Sigma Alpha Mu at their annual formal banquet and dance in 1955.

Front row (l to r): Morris Friedman; Manuel Friedman; Israel Switzer; Henry Gutman; Mort Libin; Dr. Morris Weinlos; David Panar; Burton Margolis; Walter Barron; Don Weidman; Aubrey Levy *2nd Row:* Dennis Lerner; Terry Kline; Eli Adler; Ted Busheikin; Lorne Hock; George Goldsand; Dave Chetner; Manual Panar; Ed Wolfman; Sol Estrin; Marvin Mitchell; Saul Hoffman; Stan Hollenberg *3rd Row:* Saul Berman; David Cowan; Roy Shaw; Al Ragosin; Earl Hardin; Morris Katz; Sol Berg; Bernie Adler; Roy Chernoff; Ray Lieberman; Sid Simons *4th Row:* Allan Rose; Raphael Engle; Ron Wolch; Larry Witten; Phil Mickelson; Tevvy Estrin; Arnold Conn; Larry Shapiro; Lou Faber

basketballs was sufficiently disruptive at the level below to prevent the effective use of the various meeting rooms located there. For that reason, the use of the auditorium as a gymnasium was reluctantly stopped after a few years.

Dating seemed to be more prevalent than is the case today. Teens of both sexes asking peers, "Who are you going out with this weekend?" was commonplace.

House parties, going to movies and "hanging out" downtown were the main evening social activities. There were no malls and the vast majority of movie theatres were downtown. After movies, or if you wanted to just see what was going on, one usually went to the Seven Seas, a late-closing Chinese restaurant located on the south side of Jasper Ave between 105 and 106 St. For many years this served as an evening "hangout" for Jewish youth.

As teen-agers graduated from high school, some entered the workforce, but many continued to university. At that time, there was still no major university in Calgary,

so many Calgarians, mostly males, came to Edmonton to the University of Alberta. The two major venues for social interaction among Jewish university students were Hillel, which continues to be active today and, for male students, the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, usually referred to as the Sammies. While many male students joined the Sammies, a few joined other campus fraternities and others did not join any fraternity. Many male students from Calgary lived at the Sammie house, located on 88th Ave between 111 and 112 St. The house also served as a social hub for many Jewish male students from Edmonton. In February of each year the Sammies held a formal ball at the MacDonald Hotel that for many years was the social highlight for older Jewish youth in Edmonton. Dates for this event were highly sought by both males and females and often arranged well in advance. The local chapter of the Sammies disbanded in the late 1960's, largely due to a general declining interest in the fraternity and sorority culture among all students

because they were perceived as representing a form of elitism, but also related to the establishment of the University of Calgary and a decline in numbers of Jewish males from outside Edmonton requiring accommodation.

Clearly, times are very different for teenagers today than they were in 1945-55. While speculating about how wonderful it would have been to have the electronic gadgetry, communication and travel opportunities available to our grand-children today, one also appreciates that we may have been a bit more protected from many of the risks associated with the social media, rapid transportation, and the drug scene. The bottom line is that most of us did OK and succeeded in enabling opportunities for our children and, hopefully, their children to enjoy a full and meaningful life.

George Goldsand attended Talmud Torah, Oliver, Victoria Composite High school, and the University of Alberta. As a Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Alberta, he served as Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases from 1967-1984, and from 1985-2000 as the Associate Dean of Medicine responsible for postgraduate medical education.

Reverend Abraham Isser Pinsky

– Beth Israel Congregation
(1912 - 1933)

By GREG DE JAÉN AS TOLD BY MARCIA (PINSKY) BURNS ON DECEMBER 17, 2006
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Marcia (Pinsky) Burns (88) lives in Seattle with her husband, Bernard M. Burns (92). She is the youngest of eight children. Greg de Jean is her grandson. Many of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also reside in the greater Seattle area.

Rev. Abraham Isser Pinsky had no idea where Edmonton, Alberta was. Back in the early 1900s, clergy could travel for free by train, so when the opportunity to visit and “audition” for the position of Rabbi was presented by the Beth Israel Congregation, he thought, “why not?” He left Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was Rabbi at Congregation B’nai Abraham



Reverend Abraham and Mrs. Leah Devorah Pinsky.
Photo donated by the Pinsky family

from 1907 to 1912. He brought his son, Sam, who must have been around 12. Both of them had beautiful voices. Rabbi Pinsky led services, accompanied by his son. Needless to say, after the audition, he was not allowed to leave without having signed a contract to be Rabbi for the congregation.

So, the Rabbi, his wife, Leah Deborah, and their seven children moved to Edmonton, Alberta. They would add one more child (Marcia) to their family during their long stay at Beth Israel.

The Rabbi’s youngest daughter, Marcia, recalls some of her earliest memories of going to the synagogue. She sat upstairs with her mother and remembers looking between the rails on the balcony and making faces at all the boys, especially her brothers. That usually did not sit well with her father. At the house, her prompting Bar Mitzvah students when they forgot or mispronounced the brocha was met with disapproving stares from the other room. To this day, she can recite the blessings over the Torah and Haftarah from memory. It was a sad day when her father walked her to cheder for the first time – her mother would not let her wear



Rev. Pinsky deep in thought. Photo donated by the Pinsky family.

her favorite dress and she would miss out on the home activities.

Shabbat was often a Thursday to Sunday affair. In addition to his Rabbinic duties of leading services, Rabbi Pinsky was also the Shochet and Mohel (sorry to use these two in the same sentence). He made the rounds on Thursdays as requested to perform the kosher slaughter in preparation for Shabbat and also performed those duties for drop-in clients at his house. It may have been around 10¢ a piece for house visits and 5¢ a piece for drop-ins. Marcia recalls that if a family in-need had fowl that was diseased and/or did not meet the standards of Kashrut, they would be supplemented from the household supply. In fact, they had a makeshift refrigeration system set up in the backyard where they had large crocks buried in the ground. These were so large that the children could hide inside of them. They maintained a temperature that could allow for the safe storage of food. When the weather got too cold for the fowl to survive, they were slaughtered and frozen to last through the winter.

As Shabbat approached, the household

was often abuzz with activity in preparation. It was sure a good thing the house was large with six bedrooms, study area, dining room, and well equipped kitchen. At one time, the kitchen had both wood-burning and gas-fed stoves. "There were always potatoes baking in the stove," recalls Marcia. When asked if they put anything on them, she replied, "They didn't need anything— they were as sweet as sugar."

Out-of-town visitors, often from the Yeshiva with fund-raising in mind, were known to drop by with the expectation of being put up for the weekend, since there were no kosher "establishments" at that time. Marcia recalls one particular "schnorrer" who sat eating hard-cooked eggs and baked potatoes. This ruffled Mrs. Pinsky's feathers because it was as if this guy was questioning her kitchen because she had non-Jewish help. In contrast to that experience, one highlight included the stay-over of Rabbi Kahanovitch – the Head Rabbi of Western Canada. Marcia remembers her mother taking great pride that Rabbi Kahanovitch would stay at their home. That more than made up for the bad experience with one of her other "guests."

The Rabbi's house was also a gathering place, in which the Rabbi often had to officiate many a heated debate over biblical text.

Prior to driving, Rabbi Pinsky often rode his bicycle to shul. He was quite the sight to see riding well over a mile (his house was on 106th) in his frock coat and top hat. He would conduct services, leave his bicycle at the shul, and walk home for dinner. In the morning, he would walk to shul for services and return home (via bicycle) after sundown.

Mrs. Pinsky was an efficient household manager. You do not often hear about the role women played "behind the scenes" during this part of history. The Rabbi's household was often called upon to host simchas for brit milah or weddings, for those from surrounding small towns, often unannounced. Mrs. Pinsky made it all happen. There was always the expectation for at least baked goods or possibly a meal, for these events. This was all well-coordinated, especially considering



Pinsky children and grandchildren (left to right) Bob, Vera, Sam, (Marilyn and Bill – bride and groom), Marcia, Jack, Anne, Maurice, and Harry. Donated by the Pinsky family.



Pinsky children (left to right) Jack, Macie "Mo," and Bob
Donated by the Pinsky family



Marcia Pinsky Burns.
Donated by the Pinsky family.

the Rabbi's modest salary.

Mrs. Pinsky did have some help. She often took in recent immigrants from Russia, Poland and the Ukraine, giving room, board and training in exchange for their help. Once these girls acquired skills and learned some English, they were ready to enter the general workforce. Marcia easily picked up Russian and Polish, in addition to Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

Music had a great influence on the Rabbi's home and congregational life, as can be seen in the following photographs.

Music held special importance during

Hanukkah time, because that was when the Rabbi conducted the fund-raiser concert. For one of Marcia's grand performances, she sang "Mary had a Little Lamb" in Hebrew. The choir and orchestra also participated and the event often included a dramatic performance.

Rabbi and Mrs. Pinsky had eight children. Due to the age-span (19 years between youngest and oldest) the photograph above is possibly the only one to include them all. This is a wedding photo of Marilyn (Sam's daughter) and Bill Lasarow from 1951.

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Letter to the editor:

In reviewing the Winter and Summer 2014 issues, I note an omission. There were two ex Edmontonians who weren't listed. They are Eliot Phillipson and Paul Cantor, who were appointed to the order of Canada in late 2013. Eliot is now retired but practised medicine for many years in Toronto at Mount Sinai Hospital. Paul is also retired.

Cyril Sapiro

JAHSENA thanks Mr. Sapiro for alerting us to our oversight, and extends warm congratulations to both recipients.

The Order of Canada is the highest honour awarded to civilians by the federal government. It recognizes a lifetime of high achievements to both the local community and the nation. Recognizing people from all parts of society and in different career fields, the Order of Canada is given to those who enrich the lives of those around them. There are three levels of the Order of Canada: Member (achievement in or to a specific field, activity or community); Officer (a high degree of service to Canada and greater humanity); and, Companion (achievement to

the highest degree to Canada and humanity at large, throughout one's lifetime).

The specific awards were to:

Eliot A. Phillipson, O.C., of Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Phillipson was advanced to a Companion of the Order of Canada for his contributions to the field of sleep medicine and for his visionary stewardship of health and science institutions.

Paul G. S. Cantor, C.M. of Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Cantor was instituted as a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to the Canadian financial sector and for his support of post-secondary education.

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Three items found behind a wall at Edmonton House dating from ca. 1981 relating to the Schechter family of Columbia, donated by Marc de La Bruyere. If anyone knows something about this, please call the office.

A box of 25 books donated by Isabel Rodnunsky 9cm of clippings submitted by Sharon Abbott.

A picture of a report card issued to Ruth Nolan's grandmother dated 1897.

A program copy of the October 2, 1977 event featuring Theodore Bikel, donated by Eva Weisz.

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.

Oral Histories Project

This year we at JAHSENA have been gearing back up the Oral Histories Project, in which we record YOUR stories. It is essential that we have a chance to speak with and record the stories of the older members of our community, as the insight which can be provided is priceless in understanding our collective past.

This fall and winter we will be undertaking several interviews a month based on our own list of community members, but we need your help to ensure that no one slips through the cracks! If you or someone you know has a story that needs telling, please get in touch!

Colleen Paull and our Past President Jini Vogel are spearheading this project, so if you have any questions please get in touch with them, either directly or through the JAHSENA office by phone at (780)489-2809; fax at (780)481-1854; by email at jahsena@shaw.ca; or in person at #200 10220 156th St Nw, Edmonton, AB.

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: 780-489-2809. We have received the following donations:

MAZEL TOV

To Mel Wyne on his 80th birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA

To Cecil Paull on his 85th birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA

To Abe and Toby Silverman, from Marshall and Debby Shoctor

To Michael and Colleen Paull on the wedding of their son, from George and Judy Goldsand

SYMPATHY

To Rita Weinstein, from Pierre and Arlene Morin and family

To Kayla Shoctor and family, from George and Judy Goldsand; from Eric and Sharon Macklin; and from the Board of JAHSENA

To Marshall and Debby Shoctor, from Eric and Sharon Macklin; and from the Board of JAHSENA

To Jack Chetner, from Marshall and Debby Shoctor; from the Board of JAHSENA

To Michael, Bonnie, and Daniel Chetner, from Marshall and Debby Shoctor

To Dan Kauffman, from Ed and Joy Ruth Mickelson; from Mel Wyne and Phyllis Nurgitz; from Edgar and Jane Karstaedt; and from the Board of JAHSENA

GET WELL

To Judy Goldsand, from Larry and Marielle Witten; and from the Board of JAHSENA

To Donna Weisler, from George and Judy Goldsand

To Maurice Shugarman, from George and Judy Goldsand

To Jane Karstaedt, from the Board of JAHSENA

To Joy Ruth Mickelson, from the Board of JAHSENA

In Memoriam 2013-14

The following individuals were lost to us this year. We offer our condolences to their families and friends, and hope that their memories will be blessings to us all.

Dr. Theodor Aaron, z'l	Harry Kardish, z'l	Rebecca Shputalnik, z'l
Nate Alterman, z'l	Marcia Kline, z'l	Eva Silverman, z'l
Roman Aronov, z'l	Boris Kolominski, z'l	Jeffrey Wasserman, z'l
Zena Babushkin, z'l	Sofia Levin, z'l	Norman Witten, z'l
Leia Belster, z'l	Esther Lieberman, z'l	Doris Zlatskaya, z'l
Fredelle Bensimon, z'l	Selm Lutsky, z'l	
Ron Bercov, z'l	Rabbi Shmuel Mann, z'l	The following have been
Esther Besney, z'l	Dr. Lutz Marberg, z'l	buried elsewhere, but lived
Harry Bondar, z'l	Boris Mayzels, z'l	in Edmonton
Phillip Chatrin, z'l	John Milner, z'l	Roman Aronov, z'l
Sylvia Chetner, z'l	Abe Ovics, z'l	"Bunny" Thelma Cristall, z'l
Minni Cohen, z'l	Earl Parker, z'l	Esther Kauffman, z'l
Allen Cooper, z'l	Anita Pearlman, z'l	Omissions from last year:
Thelma Cristall, z'l	Anita Pearlman, z'l	Gregory Fraimark, z'l
Dr. Max Dolgoy, z'l	Anna Pertsovsky, z'l	Arkadiy Ayzenberg, z'l
"Buddy" Harvey	Allen Prepes, z'l	
Federgreen, z'l	Yaakov Prizent, z'l	Every effort has been made
Riva Fuksman, z'l	Louis Raymond, z'l	to identify all those who
Bertha Goldberg, z'l	Margarita Rodnyansky, z'l	have passed away in the last
Bessie Goldstick, z'l	Etta Sheckter, z'l	year, but if we have omitted
Semyon Gorodetsky, z'l	Ian Shoctor, z'l	someone, please contact the
Geraldine Hundert, z'l	Rivka Shoitalnik, z'l	JAHSENA office.

EULOGY:

Esther Kauffman

Esther Kauffman's involvement with the Edmonton Jewish community dates back to shortly after our arrival in 1960. She volunteered as an advisor in BBYO, mentoring a BBG chapter for several years. Later she joined a Hadassah chapter, then became involved with Na'amat and became president of the B'not Shalom chapter, helping with fund raising and programming activities.

In the early 1990's she was invited to become the office manager for Temple Beth Ora, working with the rabbi and the board. Her hard work and warm personality were greatly appreciated and she was given a special presentation on her retirement.

We both retired in 1996. I took on volunteering on the board of JAHSENA and Esther assisted in the office and we both helped our founding president Uri Rosenzweig as he took on the task of producing the book *The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta*. When I took on the challenge of producing the two films on our history, Esther assisted me in many ways and always supported my efforts.

Esther was blessed with many good friends over our years in Edmonton and it was with deep regret that we left Edmonton for Vancouver in 2010 to be with our son David and family. We will miss her warm smile, caring personality, and her unique ability to connect deeply with so many people.

Dan Kauffman,
Past President JAHSENA

Please join us for JAHSENA's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Thursday, October 30, 2014, 7:30 pm

Where: Beth Shalom Synagogue, 11916 Jasper Avenue
Lower auditorium; please use rear entrance

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Ivany, City of Edmonton's Archivist

Topic: Edmonton: the First Half-Century

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