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were among Teddy's customers. At least three premiers have eaten there, as well as the President of Israel. Henry and Fred Singer, Joe Shoctor, Vic Mah and Chief Justice Alan Wachowich as well as Global Television founder Charles Allard were regulars. In later years, Wayne Gretzky and the Oilers used to hang out there eating Mrs. Taradash's famous Flapper Pie.

Reichert also opened and operated the Carousel Restaurant in downtown Edmonton, and the Pacific Fish Company, and helped to develop the Coloniale Golf Course and subdivision in Beaumont. Saul and Toby have been very active in Edmonton's Jewish community, and have endowed an annual lecture in Holocaust studies at the Wirth Institute at the University of Alberta. Saul was also a Negev Dinner Honouree in 1990

On December 31st, 2005, after 55 years of ownership, Saul sold the restaurant to Nasrollah Ghalehdar and his wife, themselves immigrants who arrived in Edmonton from Iran in 1988. Some of the staff, who had worked for Saul for many years, including chefs Helen and Norman, stayed on. All the recipes were sold along with the business, except for the corned beef, which is still a secret known only to Toby.



Mrs. Sarah Taradash, JAHSENA Archives photo. Top: Saul in Teddy's, JAHSENA Archives photo.

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. Look for our new website on the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, coming soon!

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Bar Mitzvah of Dr. Theodor Shnitka 1940



Bar Mitzvah of Dr. Theodor Shnitka, Dec. 21, 1940, Talmud Torah Hall. Mr. Abe Shnitka was the King's Printer for Alberta at the time, and Dr. Ted Shnitka was a well-known pathologist who practiced in Edmonton. Recently donated by the Estate of Dr. Ted Shnitka. Mcdermid photo, Edmonton, AB.

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JAHSENA President's Report January 2014



I am honoured to serve as the next president of JAHSENA to continue the good work of previous volunteers in searching for and documenting our

Edmonton Jewish community's historical records. My association with this community has been long, as both of my parents came to Alberta as young children during the early years of the twentieth century.

In 1912, my father, John Shuler, aged two years, came from Russia to Calgary with his parents, Hirshe and Sara (Shapiro) Shuler. They opened a grocery store on 4th Street East, and for several years delivered groceries by horse and wagon. One of my happy childhood memories is visiting my grandparents and being allowed to serve ice-cream to customers in the store (of course helping myself to some as well!) My great-grandfather, Yale Shapiro, lived with them in his later years. Eleven of Yale's twelve children married and settled in Calgary, so I share my ancestry with a large number of relatives with roots in Calgary. I remember Zaida Yale as having a long white beard, always wearing a "high" type of kippah and walking to and from shul twice a day. He was a founder of Calgary's House of Jacob Orthodox Synagogue.

My maternal grandfather, Mendel Bernstein, emigrated from Russia to the United States about 1907 and home-steaded in Cherry County, Nebraska. My grandmother-to-be, Kayla Freund, arrived in New York during 1909 and married Mendel on January 1, 1910. They lived on the home-stead for about five years and my mother, Anne, her sister Ida (Ostry) and brother Henry were born there two years apart. Apparently Kayla hated farm life, declaring she was a "city girl" so the family moved first to Milwaukee, then Chicago.

In response to a friend's urging that the Alberta prairie was a land of opportunity, they emigrated again in 1917 to Daysland, Alberta where Mendel found work as a carpenter. (I remember my grandmother telling me she had the children nicely dressed to travel, with the girls in long white stockings, when they stepped off the train into a "sea of mud".) Within a few years, they moved into Edmonton, living in a house that is still standing on 93rd Street and 105A Avenue. Mendel established a second-hand furniture store on 97th Street and 102nd Avenue (where the current Court House stands.) He was an accomplished carpenter and, together with a friend, had a second business building houses in the city. The children attended Alex Taylor School and Kayla and Mendel were actively involved in the Peretz School and Yiddish Theatre during the '20s and '30s. JAHSENA has several photos of these Yiddish Theatre productions.

Kayla and Mendel's three children remained in Edmonton and were actively involved in our Jewish community. Ida married Ben Ostry who for many years owned and operated the Capitol Pipe Shop on the east side of the Capitol Theatre. Ben was active in the expansion of the Talmud Torah and development of the Beth Shalom Synagogue and the Menorah Curling Club. Henry Bernstein married Deby Taradash and was honored for his dedicated work with B'nai Brith and the YMCA.

During the coming year, our JAHSENA Board will continue to film and record stories of Edmonton Jewish residents and initiate programs to share some of the fascinating information contained in our Archives. We hope you will continue to bring us your families' information and materials that you would like to have properly stored for posterity.

JAHSENA wishes you a Happy and Healthy 2014.

Judy Goldsand, President

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are collaborative, open to change, take pride in history and traditions and are committed to integrating their research and teaching." Landy has also published three books: *Paradoxes of Paradise in the Song of Songs* (1983, 2nd ed. 2011); *Hosea* (1995; 2nd ed. 2011); *Beauty and the Enigma and Other Essays in the Hebrew Bible* (2001). He is a member of Beth Shalom Synagogue and lives in Edmonton with his wife Bennett Matthews and son.

DR. FELICE LIFSHITZ



Dr. Felice Lifshitz is jointly appointed to the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, and the Program in Religious Studies. "However, my PhD and all of my previous teaching has been in History," she explains. "I am a medieval historian, who specializes particularly in the early middle ages."

She has been at the U of A since July of 2011. Born and raised in New York City, she went to college and graduate school at Columbia University. Her academic life has taken her all over the world. "I was based for over twenty years in Miami Beach, where I taught at Florida International University. I moved to Edmonton from there. I have also lived in Paris, Toronto, Berlin, Vienna, Frankfurt and Princeton, New Jersey."

However, Dr. Lifshitz's original career aspirations were for show business rather than as a historian and academic. "Growing up, and even throughout my college years, my goal was to act on the stage, particularly in musical theatre. However, I was very curious - as a result of my experience as a religious minority - in the question of how Christianity had come to dominate in Europe and North America," she explains. "Even as an undergraduate I was taking graduate courses in ancient and medieval history simply with the goal of

learning about the history of Christianity. I even learned the languages relevant to the question. And it turned out that I was better at being a historian than at being an actress, and got more positive feedback from professors than from producers. I also found history increasingly fascinating, every aspect of it, so I just went with it."

At of the time of writing, Dr. Lifshitz's book with Fordham University Press is due to be published shortly, entitled: *Religious Women in Early Carolingian Francia: A Study of Manuscript Transmission and Monastic Culture*. "I am also already hard at work on another book, one that is terrific fun to research, on mid twentieth-century films set in the European Middle Ages. Probably my biggest honours are having been invited to spend academic years both at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ and at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin in Berlin." She has also contributed major works to other books and published dozens of articles and book reviews.

Dr. Lifshitz is married to Joseph F. Patrouch, Director of the Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies at the University of Alberta. In fact, the couple moved to Edmonton because he was recruited for that position. They have a daughter, Quinn, who is in junior high. In her spare time, Dr. Lifshitz enjoys yoga. She is a member of Temple Beth Ora and did volunteer work for a number of years through the Jewish Federation of South Florida. "Lecturing on history and related topics at Jewish retirement and nursing homes - that is something I would like to do again if the opportunity presented itself."

This article includes only those professors identified to us, and who responded to interview requests. A number that were contacted declined to be included. JAHSENA would appreciate your suggestions of other noteworthy academics who could be profiled in future issues of Heritage/ Yerusha.

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 Aaron Shtabsky, on his birthday, from Miriam Rabinovitch.

To Hannah Pollack on her 90th Birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Abner Rubin on his 90th Birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Mitch Klimove on his 90th Birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Michael Oshry, on being elected a City of Edmonton Councillor, from the Board of JAHSENA.

SYMPATHY

To Mona Witten and Family and to Judge Larry and Marielle Witten and family on the death of Norman Witten, z'l, from Dr. George & Judy Goldsand.

To Mona Witten and Family on the death of Norm Witten, z'l, from Jan Nolan and family.

To Ken Wasserman and family on the death of Jeffrey Wasserman, z'l, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Len Dolgoy and family on the death of Dr. Max Dolgoy, z'l, from Marshall and Debby Shoctor and family, and from Dr. George & Judy Goldsand.

NEW MEMBERS

JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members:

Helen Rosenberg, Edmonton, Alberta
Aaron Shtabsky, Paradise Valley, Arizona
Maury Wasserman, Vancouver, BC
Janice Nolan, Victoria, BC

SHAPING MINDS

*Continued from page 5***DR. ANDREW GOW**

Dr. Andrew Gow studies and teaches the history of culture, religion, and ideas in late medieval and early modern Europe. "I have conducted research on

Jewish-Christian relations, anti-Judaism and apocalypticism (the role Christians have imagined Jews playing at the 'End of the World' or in the 'Last Days'), witch-hunting, demonology, imaginary cartography, German and Dutch Bibles before Luther, and many related topics," he says. "I was hired by the former Department of History (now History and Classics) at U of A in 1993, so I have been in Edmonton just over 20 years. I am Professor of History and Director of the Program in Religious Studies."

Dr. Gow spent his childhood in Montreal and adolescence in Ottawa. He was led to pursue his academic area of interest because, "Constant contact with Holocaust survivors among my parents' friends, and the fact that my mother and her family survived as some of the very last refugees to leave Belgium, played a critical part in awakening my interest in history and in most of the topics I have researched."

He lists being promoted to Full Professor (at the age of 40) in 2003 as one of his major accomplishments. "I am a Fellow of the Humboldt Foundation (Germany) and served in 2008 as Mercator Professor in Augsburg, Germany, awarded by the German federal research agency, the DFG."

Dr. Gow has two published books and edited several others. His books are:

The Red Jews. Antisemitism in an Apocalyptic Age, 1200-1600. SMRT 55. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1995, and *Male Witches in Early Modern Europe*, co-authored

with Lara Apps. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2003. "I have a semi-academic interest in German-Jewish and Spanish & Portuguese (Sephardic) history and genealogy in North America before 1850."

Dr. Gow and his family, which includes his wife and two children, currently belong to Beth Tzedek. "I ride a motorcycle or scooter whenever the weather permits," he adds.

PROFESSOR LEWIS KLAR

Professor Lewis Klar has been with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law since 1973. His area of expertise is Tort Law. "This is a very broad

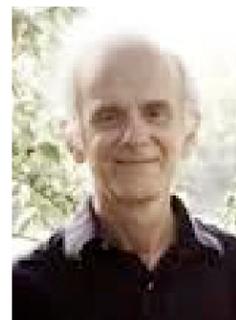
area of law which encompasses actions for personal injuries, deaths, property damage caused by the fault of others, whether due to negligent driving, professional malpractice, defective products, harmful drugs and other products, unsafe premises, etc. Tort law also deals with other topics such as defamation, pollution etc. I became interested in this field when I first started teaching it at the Faculty of Law," he explains.

He has written several books, including five editions of *Tort Law* published since 1990 by Carswells of Canada, and eight editions of *Canadian Tort Law: Cases, Notes, and Materials* published by Butterworths. "I was Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1997 - 2002. I was awarded a Queen's Counsel in 2002; received the Distinguished Service Award for contribution to legal scholarship from the Law Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association (Alberta) in 2005; the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research from the University of Alberta in 2007; and the Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award from the Faculty of Law in 2009. I am an elected member of the American Law Institute and was a

member of the Alberta Auto Insurance Rate Board from 2005 - 2013. I am currently a Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta."

Klar is originally from Montreal and was quite involved with the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Centre in the '80s and '90s. Dr. Klar was Vice President of the Federation in charge of the Jewish Community Centre when it had an active program and membership. "I have been a canvasser for the United Jewish Appeal. I have been a member of three Edmonton synagogues and am currently a member of Beth Tzedek," he says.

"My wife Irene and I are avid lawn bowlers and we encourage everyone to come and give this fantastic sport a try. Irene is a well-known painter. Our daughter Samara is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Arizona in Tucson; our son Noah is a law graduate from the University of Toronto, a Director of the Trillium Foundation in Ontario, and a singer and composer of children's music, his latest CD being *Young Folk Rock* by his group Oozakazoo. Noah and his wife Emma have two children, Isaac and Delilah. Emma is an anthropologist. Samara's husband Yotam is joining academia as an Assistant Professor in 2014."

DR. FRANCIS LANDY

Dr. Francis Landy has been a professor of Jewish Studies for 29 years. Originally from London, England, Landy was initially interested in studying the

Bible from a literary perspective. During his career, Landy has achieved a McCalla Professorship, which is explained at the U of A website: "McCalla professors are those who value excellence in teaching, acknowledge the importance of students, conduct themselves in an ethical manner,

Letter to the Editor

Dear JAHSENA:

On behalf of my sister Bonny Golub and myself, we would like to thank you for our beautiful 2014 Alberta Archives calendars.

All the photos presented are amazing and very nostalgic, but the November photo is the "BEST"!

The selected photo of our Dad's Whyte Avenue store front brings back many, many happy memories of growing up in Edmonton and being a part of our Jewish community.

How fortuitous or just lucky for Bonny and I that it is also the month of our birthdays! I know Dad would have been more than pleased to see the picture in the calendar.

Yours truly,

Linda Moss Hilford
Richmond, B.C.



Lou Moss Menswear Store, Whyte Ave. Donated by Linda Moss Hilford. Calendars are still available from the JAHSENA office.

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Items from the estate of Dr. Ted Shnitka, donated by Ron Wolch, including photos, awards and other memorabilia.

Text, photos and other items donated by Beryl Goorevitch Nahornick, including items from the Goorevitch family and Na'amat Edmonton.

Text, photos and books donated by the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Photos of the Hurtig family, donated by Clyde Hurtig.

Eulogies of Rebecca & Leon Warhaft, donated by Penny Warhaft Hardin.

Eulogy for Norman Witten, donated by Stephen Witten.

The National Yiddish Book Centre

The Yiddish Book Center, in Amherst, Massachusetts, was founded in 1980 by Aaron Lansky, who remains to this day President of the Center. Lansky's mission was to rescue Yiddish books that would otherwise be discarded by those not able to read them, and to make them accessible to others. The center has grown greatly since then and has its own beautiful campus. At www.yiddishbookcenter.org/our-story, among other things, it is stated: "In 1997 we took a giant step forward with the establishment of the *Steven Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library*. In 2009 we placed our first 11,000 digitized titles online, free of charge. They've since been downloaded 300,000 times."

JAHSENA has twice donated large volumes of books we have accumulated to the Yiddish Book Centre, in total about 3000 volumes.

What are you to do if you have been left with relatives' Yiddish books that you can't read? Donate them to The Yiddish Book Center. JAHSENA is the Edmonton *zamlar* (volunteer book collector) who will pick up your books. For information, send an email to bookdonations@bikher.org, or call 413-256-4900.

The Yiddish Book Center's website has many things to explore, including exhibits and numerous podcasts. There is a podcast on genealogy from this past July featuring Heidi Urich, co-chair of the recent IAJGS Conference in Boston:

www.yiddishbookcenter.org/audio/jewish-genealogyfirst-hand-account

There is also a podcast about a new Yiddish-language Canadian film, *The Pin*, by Toronto director, Naomi Jaye (soon to appear in theatres).

www.yiddishbookcenter.org/audio/pin-yiddish-language-film

Two photos and a memoir by Suni Silverman, donated by Ruth-Ellen Silverman Shafir.

Two photos of the Cantor family donated by Sharon Cantor Abbott.

12 Photos of Temple Beth Ora, donated by Francie Nobleman

45 photos and 20 cm. of text relating to Beth Shalom Women's League, donated by Penny Hardin, President.

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.

Shaping Minds, One Class at a Time

Contemporary Jewish University Professors

By PAULA E. KIRMAN

For Jewish people to attain high levels of education and enter the world of academia is not unusual. In Edmonton, there are numerous Jewish professors at the University of Alberta. Here are profiles of some of them in the faculties of Arts and Law. Many retired and earlier academics have been the subjects of previous articles, in particular one by Dr. Eric Schloss in *Heritage/Yerusha*, Summer 2009. A feature about **Dr. Jacob Masliyah** of the Faculty of Engineering appeared in the last issue of *Heritage/Yerusha*, Fall 2013. We did not include professors in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, as there are many. They will be profiled in future articles.

PROFESSOR ANNALISE ACORN



Born and raised in Edmonton, Prof. Acorn is a professor of law specializing in legal theory. "My primary area of research is in the philosophy of the emotions

in the context of justice and conflict," she explains. She has been teaching at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law for 24 years.

Professor Acorn has been interested in her chosen area since a young age. "Since I was in high school I was fascinated by political philosophy. After my undergraduate degree, however, I felt that I wanted some more practical context within which to think about philosophy," she says. "I took a law degree at the U. of A., but was

still more interested in the philosophical aspects of what I was learning. I then went to Oxford to do graduate studies in law and was able to study with some of the leading legal theorists of the time. I was at University College Oxford where renowned Jewish legal theorists HLA Hart and Ronald Dworkin were professors."

Professor Acorn has written a number of articles on various aspects of legal theory, including law and the emotions and is the author of a book: *Compulsory Compassion: a Critique of Restorative Justice* (Vancouver: University of BC Press, 2004). She also has a long-standing connection with the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany, where she is a frequent visitor and contributor to conferences and seminars.

"The Einstein Forum has as part of its mandate the continuation of intellectual connections between the countries that Einstein was committed to: the United States, Germany, and Israel. Somehow, I got in under the wire as a Canadian," she says.

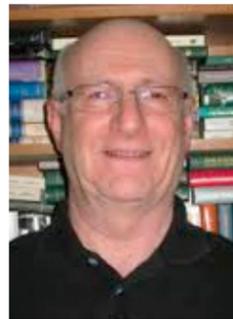
"In 2007 I was a visitor at the Einstein Forum for six months and had the great honour of living in Einstein's Garden cottage in Caputh, Germany. There is also a small cottage on the property where Einstein's sons stayed when they visited. It was in this cottage that I lived in 2007 and I have had the privilege of staying there again numerous times in the past few years. It has been extraordinarily inspiring to be living in a place that was so special to one of the greatest thinkers of all time," she says.

"Through my connections with the Einstein forum I have had the privilege of

meeting many wonderful scholars from Israel, Germany, and the US in a variety of disciplines."

In November, it was announced that Professor Annalise Acorn has been elected as a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford, UK. This is an incredible accomplishment as All Souls College has been described in *The New Statesman* as: "Oxford's most prestigious college and the only one without students" and in *The Telegraph* as a place where "the brainiest of brainiacs" go to study. Former Visiting Fellows have called election to All Souls a "crowning achievement" and have noted the intense competition for the handful of Fellowships offered to visiting scholars each year. Professor Acorn will spend her time at All Souls completing her book "Resentment and Responsibility".

DR. EHUD BEN ZVI



Dr. Ehud Ben Zvi has been with the University of Alberta since 1989. His areas of teaching include: Ancient Israelite History, Historiography and Social

Memory; Hebrew Bible; Ancient Near East; Second Temple period; Biblical Hebrew; Judaism; and an Introduction to the Religions of the World (Western traditions).

"My main research interest and expertise is in the area of ancient Israelite history in general and in particular in

JAHSENA Welcomes New Board Members

DANIEL LARSON



Born and (mostly) raised in Edmonton, Daniel has always been fascinated by history and global culture. Daniel holds a BA in Anthropology and Sociology from the U

of A, with a focus in anthropological archaeology. He has been involved in archaeological digs related to pre-contact Alberta lithic ware and late glacial-period settlement patterns. Professionally, Daniel works for The Jewish Federation of Edmonton as Director of Communications and his portfolio includes UJA, the Edmonton Jewish Film Festival and Hillel among others. Daniel looks forward to bringing his love of history and culture to his involvement with JAHSENA.

COLLEN PAULL



Colleen is married and has three adult children and for over 30 years has been living and volunteering in Edmonton. Her longest involvement has been with Hadassah-WIZO

which she joined as a young wife. She has served a number of capacities on the board and co-chaired two Bazaars. A lot of her volunteering coincided with stages in her children's lives. She served/chaired in the following organizations: PACE (parents of asthmatic/allergic children of Edmonton); Lung Association, Indoor Playground (infants to 3), The Glenora Preschool, The Glenora Elementary School, Westminster Jr. High School, The Glenora Community League and Social Committees planning events for these boards. She has not been actively involved for a couple of years and is looking for the opportunity to be more involved again.

LAWRENCE RODNUNSKY



Born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to parents Isabel and the late Harold (Z'L) Rodnunsky, Lawrence moved to Edmonton in 1987. His reason for settling in

Edmonton was not only to attend post-secondary school, but because of the roots of his family. He is part of the Hardin, Rodnunsky, Satanove clan that settled in Edmonton in the early 1900s.

Lawrence is a university-educated engineer, and is currently employed at NAIT, the same Polytechnic that he first attended when moving to Edmonton. He is an active volunteer in the Jewish and secular communities, something that he inherited from both his parents, who themselves, were tireless volunteers.

Lawrence is the immediate past president of the Edmonton Heritage Festival Association and has served on their board in various capacities for over eight years. He was a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton for 10 years, serving two years as treasurer and completed a two-year term as a board member for the Beth Israel Synagogue. As well, he is an active member of the Chevra Kadisha in Edmonton. Lawrence served for two years on the Edmonton branch of APEGA (Professional Association) and continues to volunteer in various capacities for APEGA (over a span of 10 years).

A hobby Lawrence inherited from his father is genealogy, and continuing the family's family-tree project. Thus, the opportunity to participate with JAHSENA would give Lawrence the ability to learn about his family's past and help keep alive the history of the Jewish communities of Alberta, specifically Edmonton.

JAHSENA AGM



Incoming President Judy Goldsand thanks outgoing President Jini Vogel for her years of service, JAHSENA AGM, November 21, 2013. Shoctor photo.



Lawrence Herzog addresses JAHSENA AGM, November 21, 2013. Shoctor photo.

Michael Oshry

Elected to City Council in Ward 5

By PAULA E. KIRMAN

A member of our Jewish community was elected to Edmonton's City Council in the October 21, 2013 civic election.

Michael Oshry is the new Councilor for Ward 5. He replaced former councilor and community member, Karen Leibovici, who chose to run for Mayor. Michael follows in the footsteps of many Jewish politicians in City politics, including Abe Miller, Morris Weinlos, Helen Paull, Tooker Gomberg and Mayor Stephen Mandel. More information about them can be found in *Heritage/Yerusha*, Fall 2006.

As a businessman, Michael began his career as the Assistant Festival Coordinator for the Edmonton Heritage Festival, then went on to start a variety of local businesses in the retail, hospitality, and business services industries. He is best



Michael Oshry, supplied photo.

known for founding FIRMA, formerly Globex, a foreign-exchange company 15 years ago with his brother, Clive. FIRMA started with one office and one employee, and now has offices in every major city in Canada, as well as in the U.S., U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. Oshry and FIRMA have won numerous accolades over the years, including the 2007 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and was named one of the 50 Most Engaged Employers in 2011, by Achievers.

He is the son of Aaron and Jean Oshry, who immigrated to Edmonton from South Africa in 1974. Aaron Oshry was President of the Board of Camp B'nai Brith, and Jean Oshry was a National Vice President of the National Council of Jewish Women and a Senator at the

University of Alberta. Upon their arrival here, Aaron Oshry worked as a diamond importer until he could resume the practice of law, his profession in South Africa. He practiced for a time with David Grossman, and later started his own firm, Oshry & Co., in which his daughter Karen is a partner.

Michael and his siblings attended Rio Terrace School and Sunday school at Beth Shalom. He is an accomplished athlete who has previously

been profiled in *Heritage* in an article about local, high-ranking Jewish athletes. He competed in fencing at a national level, winning a few regional tournaments and a bronze medal in the Western Canadian Championships. He qualified for Canada for the 1993 Maccabi Games in Israel, also winning bronze. In addition, he played in the Edmonton Jewish Hockey League (EJHL) for a while, winning a scoring title one year, and Goalie of the Year after switching positions. He has also spent several years coaching Whitemud West Hockey. He played in the local Jewish baseball league, winning the Golden Glove and earning the highest batting average. FIRMA sponsors a team in the Jewish baseball league.

Oshry is also a former director of Hillel. In addition to his involvement in the Jewish community, Oshry recently served as a board member and past-president of Starfish Family Resources, a non-profit organization that assists children, teens, and families with moving through major life transitions. As well, he co-founded a non-profit organization at FIRMA, which initiates funding and volunteer opportunities for the company and its employees, such as the building of a garage at Y.E.S.S. (Youth Empowerment Services Society).

"I feel it is important to be active in my community, both the Jewish community as well as the entire community in which I live," says Oshry. "I believe Edmonton is a fantastic place to live, to do business, and to raise a family and I feel very fortunate to have ended up living here."

Oshry grew up and still lives in Ward 5. He is married to Alissia (nee Horwitz), of Calgary, who worked for a time as Youth Program Director at the JCC here in Edmonton, and later owned a shoe store on Whyte Avenue. They are the parents of two children, Jacob and Isabel, who have both attended Talmud Torah and Camp B'nai Brith.

the books that were eventually included in the Hebrew Bible (for the main part, the "historical" and prophetic books) as social products that emerged within a certain set of historical circumstances," he states on his website. "As I analyze these books, I tend to focus on questions such as how they were read and reread by the (historical) communities within which they were written, and for which they were first intended. Who were included in these communities? How did they relate to other groups in ancient Israel? Which groups supported these groups of readers and writers and why? Which social functions were served by the writing, reading and rereading of these texts in ancient Israel? What kind of "mental" universe did these books reflect and shape? How did these ancient Israelites construct their own story about their past? I study ancient social memory in Israel and its social roles in general and I tend to focus on sites of memory and arrays of sites of memory that existed in the minds of Yehudite literati during the Persian period."

Originally from South America, Dr. Ben Zvi has authored or co-authored eight books, and edited or co-edited more than a dozen others. He is a former president of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS; 2000-2001) and of the Pacific Northwest American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature (1995-1996). He serves as the Chair of the International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Task Force of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) and on the Committee of the European Association of Biblical Studies. He is the founder and general editor of the *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* (1996-present) and serves as co-general editor of the SBL series *Ancient Near East Monographs* (ANEM/MACO) and as a member of other editorial boards. He is the co-founder and co-chair of the research program of the European Association of Biblical Studies on Israel and the Production and Reception of Authoritative Books in the Persian and

Hellenistic Periods and has chaired/co-chaired in the past units devoted to study of the Prophetic Texts and Their Ancient Contexts (1998-2006), the Deuteronomistic History (1995-1998) in SBL, and other similar units in academic organizations.

In terms of accolades, Dr. Ben Zvi has been awarded the Killam Annual Professorship (2008-2009; University of Alberta), the 2007 Research Excellence Award (Full Professor Level; Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta), the 2005 McCalla Professorship (University of Alberta), and the 2000 Norman W. Wagner Technology Award of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, for his teaching website *Assisting You to Learn*, which can be accessed via www.ualberta.ca/~ebenzvi.

Apart from teaching and research, he has been a member of Temple Beth Ora and enjoys yoga and laughter yoga.

DR. JUDY GARBER



"In January 1990, when it was about -30 degrees, I interviewed for a job in the Department of Political Science at the U of A and was thrilled to get a job here," says

Dr. Judy Garber. "I have been here ever since, and I was also Executive Director of the Centre for Constitutional Studies in the Faculty of Law."

Garber grew up in Dayton, Ohio, did her BA at Kent State University, and then moved to the East coast to do her doctorate at the University of Maryland. She came to Edmonton from upstate New York, where she had been teaching while finishing her dissertation. "Though I moved here for my job, it turned out that I have family in Edmonton! In the 1920s, my mother's aunt, Mollie Kaufman, married Jack Dlin, a shop owner in Mundare. Mollie moved all the way up

here from Minnesota. Aunt Mollie and Uncle Jack raised three children, Bernard, Rhetta, and Sharleen, in Edmonton. My mother had taken the train to Edmonton to visit Aunt Mollie in the 1940s, and when I told her I got a job in Edmonton, one of the things she remembered clearly is how late it stays light in the summer! I hadn't met this branch of my mom's family before, so ending up in Edmonton was a very happy coincidence," she explains.

Garber teaches mostly in the areas of U.S. politics and law and politics. Her research and publications are about urban politics. "I am interested in how different kinds of spaces serve political purposes, cities, and also in how law shapes how cities are able to govern land use," she says. "I can say that I come by these interests honestly - I grew up in a declining Midwestern city during the turbulent period of the 1960s-'70s, and both of my older sisters have degrees in city planning."

In terms of Jewish community involvement, Garber served on the Board of Jewish Family Services for several years, "An experience I quite enjoyed. JFS is an organization that does great work." She is also a member of Temple Beth Ora and was "...honoured to be a member of Rabbi Daniel Friedman's Master's thesis committee in 2012."

She has received a number of awards for her research and service to academic organizations, "...plus a lovely teaching award for which a student nominated me," she says. "I feel most honored to be involved with Jewish Family Services, The Edmonton Inner City Housing Society, and Habitat for Humanity Edmonton."

Garber is married to a Franco-Albertan and has "An increasingly busy 12-year-old stepson. In the past five years I learned a lot about being a soccer mom and small-town Alberta! My interests are those of the typical of American-raised Jewish academic: baseball, reading, comedy, films. And because I am from southern Ohio, alt-country music (but not NASCAR)."

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Teddy's Delicatessen

A fixture in the Edmonton Jewish Community for over 80 years

By DEBBY SHOCTOR

The familiar brown brick building on Jasper Avenue known as Teddy's was recently included as a stop on the Edmonton Heritage Council's second Curiosities bus tour. More tours are planned for 2014, with space for about 35 people available each time.

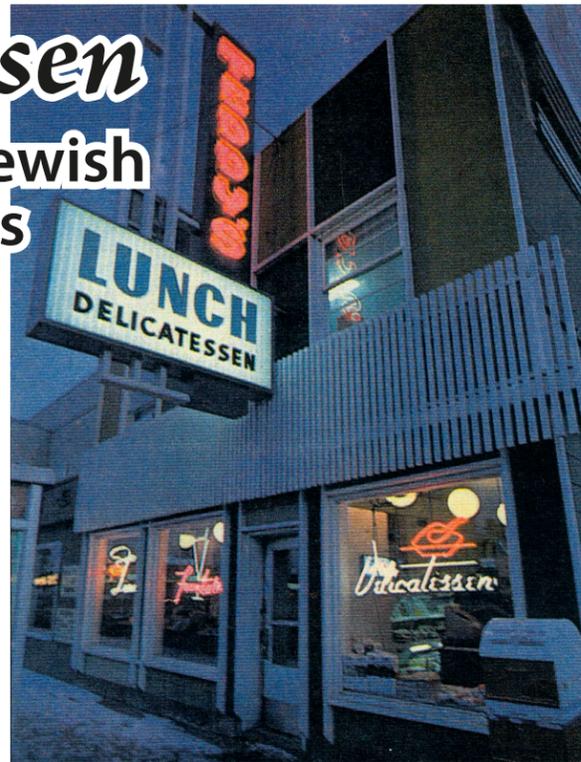
Claudia Bustos co-ordinates the Heritage Council's city museum strategy, which aims to one day open a city museum. That won't happen for a long time and, in the interim, the Council wants to use the city itself as a tour space.



The Curiosities Tours stop at obvious and unorthodox locations to highlight Edmonton's social and natural his-

tory. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum and the former Municipal Airport are stops, along with smaller gems like Teddy's restaurant on Jasper Avenue that has a connection to Edmonton's Jewish community, or the pile of silver balls called the Talus Dome, a recent and controversial public art project near the Quesnell Bridge. One of the most popular stops on the first Curiosities Tour earlier this month was to view the outside of the Civil Defence Bunker.

I was recently asked to give a mini-lecture on Teddy's by the EHC as part of these tours. I can testify that the interior looks almost exactly the same as it did when the new building was built in 1979, according to a design by Arthur Fishman of Calgary, who also designed



Original Teddy's, 1977, JAHSENA Archives photo.

the interior.

Teddy's, located on 114 Street and Jasper Avenue, was first opened by Ted Gardner, in 1932. When he sold it to George Levine, Ben Ostry and Wolfe Margolus in 1940, it was called Teddy's Lunch. Levine managed the restaurant and when he went into the Navy, his wife Esther ran it for a while. Wolfe Margolus was a leader in the local and national Jewish communities and a successful businessman, with interests in Canadian Bedding, the Caravan Sheraton and Greenbriar hotels. He was active in the foundation of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. George Levine later owned a printing business and another restaurant, ran the Jewish Boy Scout troop and was President of the Edmonton Scouting Association.

The next owner, Saul Reichert, was born in Poland and came to Edmonton in 1948, the lone survivor of his family. His parents, chassidic Jews from Pabianice, Poland, and his five brothers



Margolus family: Ida, Charles, Seda, Wolfe and David, 1952, JAHSENA Archives photo.
Top: George Levine, JAHSENA Archives photo.

and sisters, perished in the Holocaust. Saul was one of the Jewish war orphans brought to Canada after the war by the Canadian Jewish Congress, and was taken in by the Margolus family. Reichert remembers being taken with his mother and five sisters from their hometown to the Lodz Ghetto in 1942.

Two years later, they were loaded into cattle cars on a train bound for Auschwitz. Once, when he was sure it was his barrack's turn to go to the gas chambers, he crawled out of his wooden bunk and hid in a manhole all night. He was spared. (When he and wife Toby went to visit Auschwitz

in 1992, he found the very hole he had hidden in.) When the Russian army began closing in in early 1945, the 58,000 prisoners, including Saul, were forced to march westwards towards Germany. This was the famous "Death March", during which thousands died at the side of the road. The survivors were eventually packed into open rail cars in the middle of winter with no food or water and shipped to Czechoslovakia, where they were eventually rescued by allied troops. When the Canadian Jewish Congress sponsored 1,000 children to come to Canada after the war, Reichert was one of them. As quotas for Montreal and Toronto were full, he arrived in Edmonton in winter, 1948.

Saul worked at Teddy's as a teenager, from morning until night, seven days a week. After three years, Margolus offered to sell his share to Reichert for \$9,500, a lot of money at the time. He got a loan from the Bank of Nova Scotia and, in 1950, with Wolfe Margolus' help, he purchased Teddy's and soon hired Sara

Taradash to assist him. Sara Shugarman Taradash came to Edmonton in 1919 from Pischunka, Russia and married James Taradash, who came to Edmonton from Odessa, Russia, in 1913.

The original Teddy's had a 29-seat horseshoe-shaped counter and stools, where rich and poor mingled and



Teddy's, 1977, JAHSENA Archives photo.
Top: Reichert family, ca. 1985, JAHSENA Archives photo.

were treated with warmth and respect. Customers could purchase newspapers, magazines and pocket books at a stand inside the deli. People could also buy bread, milk, candy and gum. On Sundays, hot bagels were served. Salami was brought in from Chicago, and gold-eye fish, corned beef and pastrami from Winnipeg.

The original kitchen was just a little stand so, in 1953, they built a proper kitchen and put in air conditioning.

In 1954, Sara Taradash went to Los Angeles, where she had a brother in the deli business. Sara got recipes from him, and they started to make their own corned beef, coleslaw, borscht and blintzes at Teddy's. The Jewish community came and bought the corned beef and sides to take home and enjoy, while enjoying a visit with those eating at the counter. After football and hockey games, Teddy's was packed, and many an interesting conversation was had. Reichert then added a few booths and increased the seating from 29 to 35 seats. They introduced brisket, which was unique in Edmonton, and created some specialty dishes like the French Dip, the Western Dip and the Panorama Supreme. They also served great pies, especially the 10" high lemon meringue and the famous

flapper pie, which included a special blend of eggs, sugar, milk and graham wafers, topped with meringue. It seems this pie actually had its origin in Western Canada, possibly at Teddy's.

Through Mrs. Taradash, Saul met and then married the love of his life, her daughter, Toby.

They had four daughters, Rochelle, Jerell, Adelle, and Bonnie, who took turns helping their dad on Sundays, standing on a coke box to reach the cash register.

In 1978, they tore the building down and built a 250-seat bar and dining room, with a disco upstairs and more seating. The restaurant continued to flourish. Mrs. Taradash worked there into her 80's.

Many prominent Edmontonians

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