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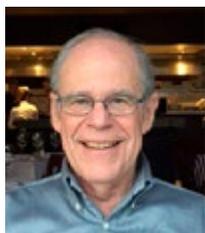
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The Warhaft Store



David and Jenny Warhaft moved to Mundare from Winnipeg with their young sons Leon and Sam in 1923 or 1924. After a few years David established his own general store pictured here circa 1931.

Annual General Meeting; 7 pm, Tuesday November 6 at Beth Shalom Synagogue.
Illustrated presentation by Calgary historian and author, Trudy Cowan who will speak about *The "Spanish Flu" Epidemic 100 Years Later* and its effect on Canadian Jewish communities.



From the President

HOWARD DAVIDOW

September 2018

Here we are on the doorstep of our High Holy Days. It seems to me as though we just commemorated the beginning of 5778 while 5779 is around the corner. It has been a productive year for JAHSENA. We been taken for a most enjoyable trip down memory lane by former board member Dr. Eric Schloss who so diligently and I would say lovingly compiled a history of the first Jewish families in the villages to the northeast of Edmonton in the early years of the 20th century. Kol hakavod, Eric. We are looking forward to seeing more from you.

In my opinion, the highlight of our most recent annual general meeting was the interview of former Edmonton mayor Stephen Mandel ably conducted by vice-president Gillian Horwitz. Steve shared with us his life story and his experiences during his career in municipal politics. We all left the meeting with an insight into Steve's persona and life history.

In April and May we had the good fortune to host a four session series led by professional genealogist Lyn Meehan. Those of us who attended came away with an understanding of the genealogical research process and the tools to begin pursuit of family and immigration history. Thank you, Colleen Paull for all your efforts in launching this valuable program.

It seems to me that in any almost place on Earth one chooses to think about, there has been a Jewish presence at one time or another. The Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce assembled a series of panels that chronicle the stories of Jews and their roles in the Klondike Gold Rush. The montage was well done and most interesting. Did you know

that Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles only came about after Sid Grauman failed as a Yukon Miner? Thank you, members of the Whitehorse Jewish Community, Rick Karp, Fia Jampolsky and Joel Witten for helping to make this exhibit available to us.

The first week of July saw us participating in the Historic Festival & Doors Open Edmonton. Our contribution in collaboration with the Jewish Senior Citizens Centre was a brief talk about the special foods associated with major Jewish festivals and a demonstration of making Challah. Marilyn Glick, the featured presenter (and Yiddische Momma), delightfully shared with all present her insights and experiences as a traditional Jewish homemaker. We left with Challah recipes and samples. This program, in my opinion, meshed very well with the mandates of both our societies, to preserve the collective and local Jewish history, and to provide related educational programs.

This summer we were able once again, as we have since 2013, to support the presence of an interpreter at Fort Edmonton to share the history of the HB Kline Jewelry Store and the Edmonton Jewish community. We were fortunate to have Zachary Tankel, an undergraduate at McGill, to be the main interpreter for the second summer running. What will we do when Zach graduates?

In this edition we will feature two stories about Jewish Edmontonians over the age of 90 as well as two stories about Jewish families who have immigrated to Edmonton. It will all make for good reading.

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Genealogy with Lyn Meehan 2018

JAHSENA presented a four lecture Genealogy Course in April and May this year. Our instructor, Genealogist Lyn Meehan, is a researcher, speaker, author and teacher who has worked with generations of genealogy buffs.

Now JAHSENA members can be added to the list of those who have benefited from Lyn's expertise in family history and library science. Lyn taught us how to employ online databases and on-site research to find specialized

information on emigration and immigration, naturalization and citizenship, migration routes, military research, land records, cemetery records and much more.

Based in Edmonton, Lyn's educational background and extensive research experience have made her a top professional in the effective utilization of research tools at specialized and government libraries, historical societies, and provincial and international archives.

Lyn has kindly volunteered her services to answer questions and offer advice to anyone doing genealogy research on the first Tuesday of the month starting in November. Depending on numbers, we are intending to alternate between afternoon and evening classes.

If you are interested in attending a drop-in class, please let the office know at 780-489-2809. There is no fee.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The month of September will be a busy one. Not only will it be High Holy Day season, we will be relocating our office from the second floor to the main floor of the building. It is possible that we will be reaching out for volunteer help.

Our Society does not run on its own. A special thank you to our past president Judy Goldsand, my mentor, to archivist and editor Colleen Paull, who makes sure that we are well administered and finds outside sources of funding as well as people and resources to help us deliver our programs, and to all

of our present and past board members who provide their time and support to ensure that JAHSENA continues to deliver quality services to the people of Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

We wish all our readers Shana Tova, a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

MY JOURNEY

BY WILLIAM HORWITZ

I was born in Windhoek, South West Africa (now Namibia). My paternal grandparents were German Jews. They left Germany before the turn of the 20th century and went to England becoming German-speaking British citizens. They were an adventurous couple, so decided to seek their fortune in South Africa. They settled in Upington in the northern part of the Cape Province. Their family grew and they had 11 children all told, but, sadly, one passed away.

Eventually they settled in the colony of German South West Africa where my grandfather, William Horwitz, opened a butchery. Unfortunately, he died shortly after WWI broke out, leaving his impoverished wife, Fanny, to raise 10 children by herself in Keetmanshoop in the southern part of South West Africa. Keetmanshoop had a vibrant little orthodox Jewish community and my father Herbert (Bert) Horwitz and his five brothers almost formed a minyan by themselves.

My dad met my mother, Pearle Pieters, when he was 32 and she was 19 and they were married in 1935. Eventually Dad opened a general store in Windhoek and he and Mom ran the business until they left Windhoek to retire in Cape Town in 1975. Dad passed away in 1989 and is buried in the Cape Town Jewish cemetery. Mom and my elder sister, June, then set about writing the history of the Jews of South West Africa/Namibia, but Mom passed



Brian, Gillian, William and Terry Horwitz becoming Canadian citizens. c.1982

away in 2005 before it was published. She is also buried in the Cape Town Jewish cemetery.

My maternal grandfather, Louis Pieters (born Pietruska), left his home in Poland in the late 1800s and also went to England where he became a Polish speaking British citizen. He then left England to join an uncle in the Belgian Congo in Africa. However, he decided to leave the Belgian Congo and went to Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and from there walked and probably got ox-wagon rides to Swakopmund, a small coastal town in SWA. Soon after, he was joined by Esther (Hettie) Pieters,

a young London cockney and they were married in Swakopmund in 1905. Granny Hettie had to come ashore in Swakopmund in a basket as the harbour was too shallow to accommodate her ship.

The couple settled in Usakos, a little town on the edge of the Namib desert where Louis opened a general store. They raised five children, the only girl being my mother who was born in 1916. Mom was academically brilliant so it was decided that she, as well as two of her siblings, would be sent to schools in Cape Town. Unfortunately, the depression forced her to return and Mom did

not finish her education. When WWI broke out the German administration in South West Africa interned British aliens in very harsh conditions in the north west of the territory. Louis and Hettie were interned there and Granny often spoke of the horrid conditions. She had one infant at the time and was refused food and milk for the baby. They were liberated by the British/South African Army in 1915.

I was born in Windhoek on November 29, 1939 and went to school there until the age of 12. Most of the children came from German or Afrikaans speaking homes and we would speak English, Afrikaans and German every day, often in the same sentence. Windhoek had a flourishing Jewish community with about 70 families and had a lovely Shul and a Rabbi, Rabbi Rachman. The other Jewish children and I went to cheder three or four times a week where we learned to read and write Hebrew. I fondly remember sitting on "uncle" Herman Zinn's lap and pestering him while he was trying to daven. My parents considered my Jewish education a priority and insisted that I go to Shul on most Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

In 1952 when I was 12, my parents decided that I should go to Port Elizabeth, to attend an after-school Jewish education facility there. Port Elizabeth was a large city in South Africa with a sizeable and active Jewish community. My mother and I stayed in a boarding house for the year and my Hebrew improved dramatically. I attended regular school there as well and eventually I had my bar mitzvah in Port Elizabeth, after which Mom and I returned to Windhoek. My older sister June had been sent to an excellent girls' school in Grahamstown South Africa and I was sent to a leading boys' school, Queens College, in Queenstown South Africa in 1953 when I was 13. It used to take three days by train from Windhoek

to Queenstown so I only came home during the three-week June holidays and the six-week December holidays.

I matriculated in 1957 and then went to Rhodes University in Grahamstown in the Cape province, where June was studying. She became the first Namibian woman to achieve a degree in zoology and entomology. While I was at University, my younger sister, Fay, attended the same school at which June had matriculated. I studied law and eventually emerged with BA and LLB degrees. I then went to Europe and Germany. One of the highlights for me during those months, was when I went behind the Iron Curtain to see how the Communists lived.

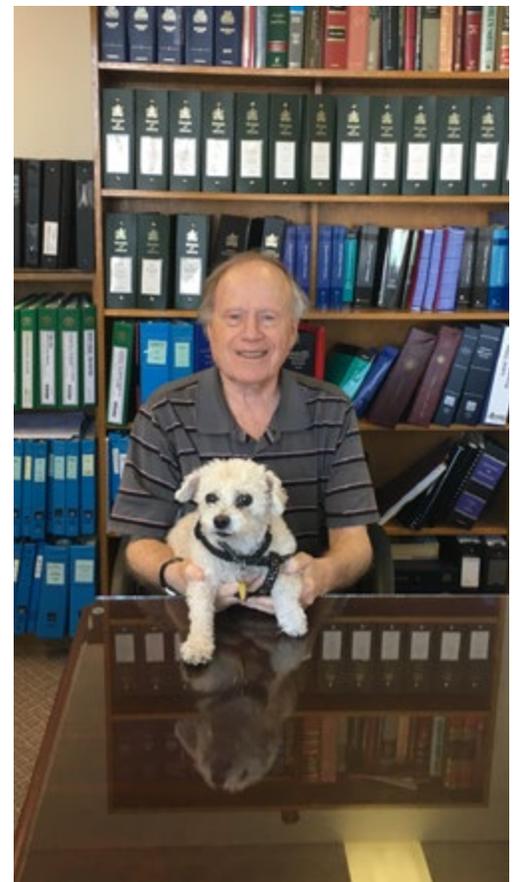
After that, I went to Cape Town to start my career. There I met Gillian Robinson, a lovely young red-head who was at the University of Cape Town studying to become a teacher. She qualified as one with a special focus in dramatic arts. I was lucky enough to marry Gillian in July 1968 and she blessed me with two beautiful children, our daughter Terry (who sadly passed away in 2008) and Brian who lives on Vancouver Island. By coincidence we found out that Gillian's paternal grandfather had worked for my paternal grandfather in Keetmashoop in the butchery for a short period, after which he returned to South Africa where he opened an Art Gallery and Auction House which soon became known as The Sotheby's of Southern Africa.

We decided to make a life for ourselves in Cape Town, and soon built our own home in the beautiful wine suburb of Constantia. I became a partner in a law firm there. My office was in an area where the races had mixed over centuries and I had what today would be called a 'multicultural' clientele. Slowly but surely the cruelty of the apartheid legislation affected Gillian and me more and more, so we decided to leave

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Billy and Gillian's Wedding July 1968



Billy in his office c. 2018

“Everybody Likes Me, Except My Wife...”

Sharing some Laughs with Harvey and Minnie Emas

BY DANIEL ERIN

Shortly after a lovely conversation with Harvey and Minnie Emas, Harvey looked seriously at your author and said: “About the article... it is very important—*very important*—that you have as much fun as you want with it.”

It should come as no surprise that Harvey is a comedian. What did surprise your author was when Harvey started doing Stand-up Comedy (age 85). But, we’ll get to that story shortly.

It was 10:00am on a vibrant, sunny Friday morning in late July when I had the pleasure of sitting down with the Emas’ to discuss the secret to their longevity. By the time your cake-stuffed author left their welcoming and beautiful apartment, it was a sweltering afternoon. However, it felt as if the three of us had sat down for but a couple of minutes – far too brief of a time. Humour allowed the time to sneak past us unnoticed.

Minnie and Harvey have been married for 73 years. When I asked them the secret to maintaining a relationship for that long, Harvey looked at Minnie and then back at me. He explained that they had come to an agreement that was fundamental to their marriage’s success: *the first one to leave had to take the kids...* This solemn pact provided the fertile soil in which their relationship



Minnie and Harvey have been married for 73 years

flourished during wonderful and difficult periods. Luckily, your author had swallowed his tea before Harvey shared the couple’s secret.

Born and raised in Toronto, Harvey lived there until he was 18, at which point he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Harvey trained as a pilot, and part of his training involved moving to western Canada. His first stop was in Edmonton for a training course, which is where he met Minnie. Minnie was raised in Edmonton. After dating for a while, the young couple decided to get married. Harvey’s training took him to High

River, just south of Calgary where Harvey and his cohorts flew single-engine Corvairs, then on to Calgary where he trained on twin-engine Cessnas. However, before long, the young pilots were told that there were no more pilots needed in Europe, so they had a choice: join the air force for three years or receive a discharge.

Harvey opted for the discharge from the air force. In 1944, Minnie and Harvey were married in Calgary. Immediately after their marriage, the young couple discovered that they were going to be parents, so they moved back to Edmonton in order to be close to

Minnie's family. Their first child, Toni Linda, was born in Edmonton in 1945.

Having trained with the air force since he was 18, Harvey was unsure of what he wanted to do to earn a living. He had worked since he was 12 years old and had a long-practiced work ethic, so it was incredibly important to find a job. Early on, he sold insurance, but without a car it was difficult to get to the ideal areas. Eventually, Harvey decided to move back to Toronto, where he found a job with General Electric. Once he secured the job, Toni and Minnie followed him.

After living in Toronto for three years, Minnie became pregnant, and she wanted to return to Edmonton to be with her mother for the birth of the couple's second child. Back in Edmonton, Minnie gave birth to Karen Beth. Following Karen, Harvey and Minnie had twin boys, Gerrald and Eric. By this time, Harvey had made Edmonton his home base while working with a friend touring the country running a novelty stand at exhibitions for *Royal American Shows*. These exhibitions would start in Vancouver and conclude in Toronto.

Harvey explained that he enjoyed working in sales, because he got along with people, and people liked him: "Yes, people like me, except for my wife," Harvey laughed. Minnie laughed at this, and expressed a dose of good-natured, ironic doubt that very many people liked Harvey.

After working with the Awid Brothers, Harvey opened his own print shop, Copy Fast. It was a quick print operation that he ran for 11 years before deciding to leave and work with Bruce Campbell, who was running for a seat as an Alderman on Edmonton's city council. With Harvey's assistance, Bruce won a seat, and Bruce asked Harvey to join him at City Hall as his Executive Assistant. Three years later, Harvey decided to work as a print broker before



72nd anniversary circa 2016

retiring in 1975.

After one month of retirement, Minnie told Harvey, "Either you go (back to work) or I go!" The couple laughed as Harvey recounted this story, and Harvey acknowledged that he didn't like being retired. He was bored and wanted to do something.

So, in June of 1975, Harvey took a job with the Fantasyland Hotel as the Corporate Sales Manager. He worked with the Fantasyland Hotel for nine and a half years, before retiring for a second time at the age of 85.

Despite being retired, Harvey kept working. His most recent career took root one evening when he and Minnie were watching television. After they switched the program off, Harvey said that he would like to be an actor. There was a brief pause, before Minnie erupted in laughter and derision. The very next

day, Harvey enrolled in acting classes at the Citadel, where he took three semesters of acting classes. Soon, Harvey was acting in videos, movies, television commercials, as well as photo shoots for the *Edmonton Journal* and magazines. He even performed on stage at the Walterdale Theatre in productions of *You Can't Take It With You*, *Boys Next Door*, and *Who's Looking after the Farm?* Acting inspired Harvey to take another leap into the performing arts with stand-up comedy.

This activity gives us a slight glimpse into the secret of the Emas' longevity. They never stand still, and they are always finding humour in life. Moreover, they consistently try new things and learn new things – all with a healthy sense of humour. According to Minnie and Harvey, it is essential to crave new-

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ON BECOMING 90 NINETY

BY RUTH NOLAN

My becoming ninety is not just a date on the calendar. It's a process, a continuing journey as recorded in my memory album; beginning on the farm where I was born. It was on the outside edge of the town of Alliance (over 120 miles south east of Edmonton). Here we were the only Jewish people for miles around, because of Dad. Israel Miller, a teenage Russian immigrant living among family in New York city, wanted something else. Eventually he found it --- in Alberta! At the cost of ten dollars, a grant from the Canadian Government enabled Dad in 1914 to fulfill his dream of owning land and becoming a farmer. There was no village until 1918. When Dad met Esther Waterman, he was "smitten". They were married in 1918. Sadly, Mother died of cancer in 1933 in a Calgary hospital before her fortieth birthday.

Then, although there was help with housework and cooking, it was our amazing Dad who raised us six children. There were the three big kids, Evelyn, Ethel and Stan and the three who sat at the "little kids" table – Ruth, Mona and Clarice. Dad's focus was on us becoming respectful, responsible citizens – "good people" and, according to our ages, taking on responsibilities at home. After school there was no "hanging out" downtown. There was homework, farm and house chores, practicing piano at the teacher's studio or helping Dad in his General Store in town. We went to the four-room town school for grades one to twelve. We took part in school activities including Christmas concerts



Ruth with grandchildren Sarah and Lisa c.1997

and many town activities. Because of Dad's attitude, I met and felt comfortable with people of differing religions and backgrounds. At home, Dad sang Yiddish songs and we celebrated the Jewish holidays; lit Chanukah candles, enjoyed Dad's potato latkas, singing and reading at the Seders, enjoying Dad's chicken soup and knaidlach.

Bad News for Me: We're moving to the city. Oh, how I will miss the Northern lights, being surrounded by Nature, the quiet, my friends.

1944 Culture Shock: noise, cars, streetcars, dial telephones, Victoria High School, huge class sizes, too many rooms, too many teachers. But, I made friends (steering clear of cliques), joined the Current Events club, and got my High School Diploma.

Plus Side of City Life: running water, indoor bathroom, electric appliances. I had Jewish friends, went to Synagogue, had valuable volunteer experiences in many Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. I heard and saw for the first time, live performances at concerts, got our first piano, more advanced music studies, my teaching diploma, and a studio at Alberta College.

Other Good News: I met Harry Nolan from small town Trochu, when he and my brother were pharmacy students at the University of Alberta. Harry and I shared common interests and friends. We were married in 1954 by Rabbis Postone and Ginsberg. Our house and Harry's Drug Store were in the Lynnwood area. To me, it was like a little village, a good place to raise our two daughters, Jan and Carla.

Community Service: I canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and other charities in support of cancer research/treatment. I volunteered with the Talmud Torah School and also helped with the National Council of Jewish Women that (among other projects) provided hospitality to newcomers. As a volunteer with Jewish Family Services, I organized a food bank. For a few years, I served as a telephone companion to help new Canadians work on their English. It was a very good feeling when they didn't need help anymore! I also volunteered with the Youth Emergency Shelter (now Youth Empowerment and Support Services - YESS). It was not long before I realized how little I knew about homeless youth



Ruth Nolan in New York at 25 c.1953

in crisis, but I persevered, and worked with YESS for 26 years.

The Moves: from our house in Lynnwood -- to a high-rise condo on Jasper Avenue -- to Rosedale, a "Seniors' Living Complex". Hooray! My windows overlooked trees, the small grassy Railtown park and public walkway. It's close to downtown, but lovely and quiet. At age 86, Harry and I enjoyed the feeling of community and the security of health care services. Also included - dinner in the dining room and some housekeeping services. I was now happily semi-retired.

2014: Harry's health problems and Alzheimer's worsened. He moved to extended care. Our living separately was very difficult for us both. I had cancer surgery, the second since 1981, this time with chemotherapy. This gave me my life, neuropathy in my feet and poor balance. I now have good mobility with the help of a new friend - my walker.

November 20th: at age 87, Harry died suddenly of a heart attack.

2017: Toronto. I was there to be with my daughter, Carla, who had become terminally ill. She died August 28th at age 60.



Carla, Ruth, Harry and Jan Nolan c.2002

2018: I've been blessed with the love and support of my children, my grandchildren and a spouse; my siblings, their children, grand and great grandchildren and their spouses.

On being 90: On July 1st, I went to celebrate Canada Day in Alliance. It was the 100th birthday of my birthplace and I wanted to reconnect with friends from town and school days. HA! I met only their second and third generation descendants. I was too OLD. At Rosedale, I meet residents who are from 94 to 103. I'm YOUNG.

Now, as the oldest member of the Miller clan, being the source of Miller family history is up to me and my two younger siblings. I've just realized that we may not be ready but, whatever we don't know or remember, the young people can look up on their computers. Right now, I'm still busy "becoming"; knowing that although sorrow doesn't leave me, it also doesn't define me; learning not to "sweat the small stuff"; not being too judgmental; exercising, eating right, meeting people, travelling, playing the piano, and maybe making a CD of the children's book I wrote. There's lots to do. After all, I'm only 90!



On the Farm in Alliance; Clarice, Dad, Ruth and Mona c.1942



Ruth playing the autoharp c. 1980

Thinking of – and Taking Action for – Others:

Unique Perspectives from Sam and Michelle Marcushamer

BY DANIEL ERIN

It was a glorious summer morning when your author enjoyed the opportunity to sit down and share an hour with Sam and Michelle Marcushamer. Sam is a pulmonary physician and Intensivist at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. As we will see, he and Michelle—a former Biology and Math teacher at Tempo School—are both incredibly active in supporting the local community and the people of Israel. Michelle and Sam are friendly, witty, and very kind, so it was a pleasure to hear their unique stories about growing up in Mexico City and their thoughtful perspectives on the importance of community.

Both Sam and Michelle grew up in Mexico City. Sam's parents were late immigrants from Europe during the early 1930s; his father, Enrique, came from Poland, and his mother, Eva, was from Russia. Sam explained that during the 1930s, immigration to the United States was tighter—and therefore considerably more difficult—than to Mexico, so after looking at a map, his grandparents decided to move to Mexico. Michelle's parents—Juan and Perla—were born in Mexico, but her grandparents were of European descent. Juan had Russian parents, and Perla had Polish parents.

According to Sam, Mexico City was a wonderful place to grow up; it provided a very relaxed and secure environment with kind, noble people. Indeed, it was a tight-knit community where everybody knew one another's names. A large,



First family trip to Israel.

diverse Jewish community centre and a plethora of Jewish schools buttressed this supportive, integrated Jewish community. In fact, there were multiple Jewish day schools, where children would attend their first and last days of school. Sam notes that children would be in the same school with the same friends until they graduated. Essentially, they would spend 15 years together.

Time outside of school involved the Jewish community centre, which provided the heart of Jewish cultural life outside of the synagogue. The community centre also provided the

resources and atmosphere to foster the competitive nature that existed between the different Jewish schools. For instance, Sam remembers the “mini-Olympics” that would occur during the summer. For two weeks, students from the different schools would compete in numerous sports—e.g. swimming, volleyball, and track—for actual medals. It was great fun and nurtured the sense of community that Sam remembers so fondly. Sam stressed that the Jewish community centre was integral to his upbringing, and because of its large, diverse community, for a significant part

of his youth he thought the whole world was Jewish. It provided a very consistent cultural milieu.

During her childhood, Michelle was incredibly active in the community; she contributed much of her time to the Jewish Scouts—an organization similar to the Girl Scouts—in Mexico City. Michelle's experience growing up in Mexico City offers a different informative perspective of the community from Sam's experiences. She explains that one's school profoundly imbued the perspective that he or she would have of the community. Unlike Sam, who went to a smaller school, Michelle went to a large school of approximately 1,800 students, and it had a very Zionist focus. At Michelle's school, Hebrew teachers came from Israel to teach for a few years. They brought a very strong Zionist influence, and they would integrate this into their pedagogy.

Children were immersed in Jewish education, and the available Jewish education was diverse: there were four schools for the Ashkenazi community, two schools for the Syrian community, and one school for the Sephardic community. Furthermore, there were multiple synagogues for each community, and in addition to the schools and community centre, there were different Jewish youth groups. Some of these groups focussed on religious issues, but not all of them did.

The Jewish schools in Mexico City differed in religious, cultural, and philosophical background, but the members of each school would still interact in the city's Jewish activities through the unifying force of the community centre. It provided a unique place where differences did not divide people, but instead allowed people to see and share in what they had in common while respecting each community and individual's differences. From an early age, Sam knew that he wanted to be a doctor. Since he was bad at math, he laughed, he knew

that he couldn't be an engineer, so it was medicine for him. Indeed, by high school, he was absolutely certain that he wanted to practice medicine. Sam was part of the National University of Mexico's (U.N.A.M) class of 1973. The U.N.A.M was a free, public university, and it provided Sam with an eye-opening experience—one that he admits to not fully appreciating at the time. Sam explains that he had come from a uniquely sheltered Jewish community to a world that he knew about but of which he had never been a part. It was difficult to adjust to the diverse philosophical, political, and socio-economic differences at the National University. Yet, Sam adjusted and successfully completed his medical training.

After graduating from medical school, Sam did a one-year residency in Mexico City before heading to Atlanta in 1980 to start his specialization. This was common for Jewish physicians, who would go to the United States to specialize and then return to Mexico. While in Atlanta, Sam encountered an old friend from Mexico, who had done a residency at the University of Alberta. This friend encouraged Sam to apply for residency training in Edmonton. By June of 1981, Sam and Michelle had moved to Edmonton. Laughing, Michelle noted that neither of them knew where Edmonton was. At first they guessed that it must be near Toronto, then were shocked to see its location on a map.

Michelle studied at the Universidad Ibero Americana, a private university in Mexico. She studied nutrition technology and food science. In Edmonton, Michelle completed an Education degree at the University of Alberta becoming a Biology and Math teacher.

Sam remembers thinking that Edmonton was an incredibly advanced society because the cars had plug-ins. He thought that perhaps he had moved

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Isaac, Michelle, Sam and Sharon at Kedumim.



Enrique, Sharon, Michelle, Isaac and Eva Marcushamer in Canada.



Visiting MDA in Israel.



Family Marcushamer/ Kampler at the Beth Israel Synagogue c. 2004.

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our home and families and bring up our children in a country without the hated Apartheid Laws that we found so abhorrent.

I eventually found a job in Edmonton and, through the efforts of Hershel Sorokin and Norman Simons, we were able to emigrate. Sadly, we left both sets of parents who had settled in Cape Town to be near us and their grandchildren. It was an extremely difficult decision to make at the time but we knew that there would be no future for people like us who did not believe in the system in a country where the discrimination laws reminded us of the hated racial laws in Germany that led to the Holocaust.

I had to re-qualify as a lawyer in Edmonton and could not practice fully until I was a citizen which took three years. Gillian was supportive and took care of our home and children while I spent most of my time studying, often



Billy being admitted to the Canadian Bar c. 1982

in the library at the law courts. Gillian immersed herself in the Jewish community. She worked at Talmud Torah

in the kindergarten for a while, hosted the weekly Jewish radio program at CKER, as well as the Sunday Jewish TV program 'On Being Jewish'. Gillian has taken on many leadership positions in the community, having been president of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, president of Hadassah WIZO Edmonton as well as national vice-president of that organization. As well, she has been officially recognized by the City of Edmonton for her charitable work and her involvement in the Edmonton community. Amongst her many involvements, at present Gillian is a vice-president of JAHSENA and sits on the annual Saul and Toby Reichert Holocaust Lecture committee, at the University of Alberta.

Brian and his wife, Orith have blessed us with a beautiful grandson, Troy, who is named after Terry. Gillian and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by taking our family on a Disney Cruise to Alaska.

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ness, remain open to new information and new ways of attaining that information. Furthermore, Harvey and Minnie state that they are proud to be Jews, and they want people to know that they are Jewish. "It is important to be proud of who we are," Harvey explained.

Lastly, Minnie and Harvey say that the true secret to longevity is laughter. Laugh at yourself and with others. Harvey is always laughing at himself, and Minnie added that she's always laughing at him, too. Before I left their apartment, Harvey and Minnie told me that their mothers told them to always respect their elders, but, they paused, "now we are having a tough time finding elders!" Then he and Minnie laughed.



Gerry, Rick, Harvey, Minnie, Toni and Karen circa 2016

SAM AND MICHELLE MARCUSHAMER*Continued from page 11*

to a place where people just plugged their cars in for power... And then winter hit. Smiling, Sam mentioned that the original plan was to stay in Edmonton for three years and then move back to Mexico, but three years became five years, and five years became seven years, and seven years became 37 years.

In addition to raising a family, Michelle and Sam made a point of volunteering within the community. Sam is a past president of the Jewish National Fund (JNF); past vice-president of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, current vice-president of the Beth Israel Synagogue, national board members of JNF, and both served on the board of Talmud Torah when their children attended the school.

Both Sam and Michelle also work diligently to raise funds and support for Israel. For example, Sam led the first ever JNF bike tour in Israel in 2015, and he led a second tour in 2017. In 2014, during the war in Gaza, Sam and Michelle went to Israel to help in whatever manner they could. Their time and resources have provided multiple Intensive Care ambulances for Magen David Adom, life saving equipment, and several projects for JNF, among others. They both emphasize how valuable and reliable the Edmonton community is in supporting Magen David Adom and JNF, and say that without the community's generous support these important programs would not be possible.

Michelle also worked for Hadassah WIZO as well as Pioneer Women, and currently serves on the national board of Magen David Adom Canada. In addition to this work, Michelle also went to teach pre-army students in northern Israel about Canadian Jewish history, through a program from the Edmonton Jewish Federation (P2K) and she remembers how enthusiastic her students were.

Sam and Michelle think that it is

essential to think beyond their own situations and work to improve the lives of fellow community members, locally and abroad. They both grew up in a community and moved away from it, so they came to see life from a communal perspective, not an individual perspective. And, they wanted to take the opportunity to say that the Edmonton community warmly embraced them upon their arrival; friends became family. They truly feel like they are part of a large family in Edmonton, and they remarked that the community here is very special.

**ANNUAL GENERAL
 MEETING**
TUESDAY, NOV. 6
7 PM AT
BETH SHALOM
SYNAGOGUE

DONATION CARDS

JAHSENA 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 Dr. George and Judy Goldsand on the engagement of their granddaughter, Hayley, from Aaron and Jean Oshry; the JAHSENA Board.

Dr. Eric Schloss on receiving the Order of Canada, from Debby and Marshall Shoctor; Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

Irving and Dr. Dianne Kipnes on receiving the Order of Canada, from Debby and Marshall Shoctor; Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

Billy and Gillian Horwitz on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, from the JAHSENA Board.

THANK YOU

To Ruth Ellen Shafir and Penny Hardin for co-chairing the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce display of the Jewish presence during and after the Gold Rush of 1898.

Judy Goldsand and Gillian Horwitz for co-chairing the program for the Edmonton Historic Festival's Doors Open program.

Svetlana Pavlenko and the JDIC for hosting the Edmonton Historic Festival's Doors Open program.

Marilyn Glick for being our speaker at the Edmonton Historic Festival's Open Doors program.

GET WELL

To Harvey Emas, from Mike and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

SYMPATHY

To Phyllis Nurgitz and Mel Wyne, on the passing of Phyllis's sister, Sally Bookbinder, z'l, from Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

Hal Simons on the passing of his brother, Sid Simons, z'l, from Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

Sharon Abbott on the passing of her brother, Paul Cantor z'l, from Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

Miriam Shekter on the passing of Sam Shekter, z'l, and Sonia Shekter, z'l, from Michael and Colleen Paull; the JAHSENA Board.

A TASTY PROGRAM

Last July, JAHSENA held its annual program within the Edmonton Historical Festival's Doors Open celebration, in partnership with the Jewish Seniors' Centre. About fifty visitors attended and found our guest speaker, Marilyn Glick, both informative and entertaining.

Marilyn discussed four major Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover, talking about the different traditional foods associated with each. She recited at least one blessing related to each holiday and described some of her own family's holiday traditions.

Marilyn ended the evening with a discussion of the significance of Shabbat, explaining the importance it plays in traditional Jewish family life. She concluded with a demonstration of challah braiding. At every table, guests enjoyed honey cake and challa prepared by the Centre's chef.

Marilyn shared anecdotes about her own family's holiday celebrations and it felt like she had invited us to dinner at her home! Thank you, Marilyn.



Marilyn Glick speaking to visitors at the Doors Open event in July.



L to R Judy Goldsand; Marilyn Glick; Howard Davidow, President; Colleen Paull; Svetlana Pavlenko, JDIC Director at the Doors Open event

Don't Throw Away Those Papers!

Don't throw away those papers – at least not until you decide whether they form part of your family's history. The objectives of the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta (JAHSENA) are to collect, preserve and make accessible for public benefit the history and artifacts of the Jewish people of our city and region.

WHAT TYPES OF RECORDS ARE THE ARCHIVES LOOKING FOR?

PERSONAL RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS

These include correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, drawings, photographs, films, audio and video tapes, organizational membership materials, or business records – any material that an individual has created, used or received during his or her lifetime. These materials provide insight into the interests, occupations and life of an individual which contributes to knowledge about our community. If the individual wishes to keep any originals, the Archives will

make a copy and return the original to the donor.

CORPORATE OR ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS

Operational records that document the core functions of a business: its essential activities, decisions, legal obligations and responsibilities, such as policies and procedures, minutes, legal agreements, newsletters, records of assets.

If privacy is a concern, the donor of materials may set access restrictions to anything of a sensitive nature. For these types of records, the Archives prefers to restrict the records for a period of time rather than destroy the material.

HOW DOES DONATION OF MATERIALS WORK?

The donor is asked to gift the material to the Archives by signing a Certificate of Gift. Once materials are donated, they become the legal and physical property of the Archives and therefore of the Edmonton Jewish community. Over time, collectively these materials will provide a picture of the Jewish communities of Edmonton and Northern Alberta for the benefit of future generations.

So, DON'T DISCARD – DONATE! Your grandchildren and great grandchildren will thank you!

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Various newspaper articles and historical documents from Judy Goldsand.

Family photos from Billy and Gillian Horwitz.

Organization and family photos from Ruth Nolan.

Family photos from Dr. Sam and Michelle Marcushamer.

Family photos from Harvey and Minnie Emas.

Sorokin family photo from Anita Sky.

Historical papers from Beth Shalom and papers from his mother's time in Beth Shalom Women's League, from Cantor David Mannes.

Various papers and minutes from her Presidency at Federation, from Stephanie Hendin.

Various articles and papers from Jini Vogel.

Hand painted Jerusalem wall hanging from Francie Nobleman.

Various articles, booklets, invitations and photos from JNE.

Jerseys from competitions at the Maccabi games and jerseys from the Edmonton Jewish Hockey League, from the Michael and Colleen Paull family.

Historical articles, papers, invitations about Canadian Hadassah WIZO, from Colleen Paull.

Menorah Donation from Monique Dietvors.

Newspaper articles, programs, photos and historical papers from Neil Loomer.

Talmud Torah "Nozick Cup" presented to Sheila by Mr. Nozick c.1950; immigration papers for Jessie (Cherkover) Newman, Sheila's mother, from Sheila (Newman) Riesenber.

Information for the Cantor file from Sharon Abbott.

Two Torah covers from the Chevra Kadisha.

4 Yiddish notebooks written by Rabbi Hyman Goldstick while at yeshiva in Latvia c. 1890's donated by his granddaughter, Thyrsa Cohen.

IN APPRECIATION:

A special thank you to Sharon Abbott who continues to comb through all local publications and recently brought us a box of clippings, invitations, magazine articles in a box 8" by 15". Thank you Sharon!

AGM Program Announced

This Annual General Meeting will feature an illustrated presentation by Calgary historian and author, Trudy Cowan. She will speak about *The "Spanish Flu" Epidemic 100 Years Later* and its effect on Canadian Jewish communities.

Please mark your calendars; 7 pm, Tuesday November 6 at Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Help Us Preserve Our Past for the Future!

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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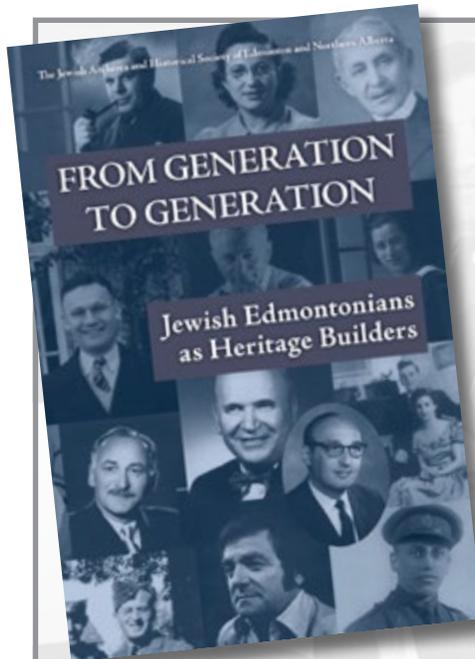
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These documentary films about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community are available on DVD for \$18.

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