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First Edmonton Talmud Torah School, 103 Street south of Jasper Avenue, built in 1926. Photo circa 1943.



From your President

GILLIAN HORWITZ

February 2022

It is my distinct honour to be President of JAHSENA at this stage of its 'evolution', so to speak.

We have just celebrated our 26th anniversary of existence and coincidentally when I checked how to mark this milestone, I see it is with "original pictures"; how fortuitous is that!

This is, in fact, our mission – we are the custodians of our rich heritage, and it is our responsibility to ensure that Edmonton and northern Alberta's Jewish heritage, be it original pictures, artefacts etc., are preserved for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

Our foundations in this part of Canada are firm and our roots run deep. We need to preserve these and continue to build on our past. We need to ensure that these valuable pictures are never lost. It has been said that Archives are the memory of a society; as such, JAHSENA is a place where people can come to gather firsthand facts, data and information from letters, reports, notes and those "original photographs" that make up the foundation of a society.

Our latest Board is talented and eager to participate in every way to ensure that our goals are reached. JAHSENA's past leadership has continued to build on these solid foundations and today we find ourselves firmly entrenched and committed to preserving and maintaining our relevant Jewish heritage.

Let me introduce you to our vibrant board members:

HOWARD DAVIDOW: Immediate Past President, as well as Treasurer, who has left me with the easy task of taking over the reigns. His quiet, yet steady & unwavering commitment in guiding his board, has inspired me to continue (hopefully), in the same vein. A hard act to follow, but I intend, at least try to maintain the bar he has set!

SUSAN BINNINGTON: Secretary par excellence. I have been on a number of boards but can only say that Susan is one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Her minutes are outstanding. I am constantly amazed when I read them, as to how she manages to record our meetings in the detail that she does. She misses nothing. This is a tireless job, and she has it perfectly nailed.

DAVID MARCUS: V.P. Administration. David is a steady and more than reliable member of our board. His Edmonton roots make him a resource, in effect, that I can turn to when I need to know details of projects and specifics of Edmonton's past. As a born and bred Edmontonian, David is my own personal Archives historian.

KAREN FARKAS: V.P. outreach. Karen is a seasoned board member of many boards with a string of university degrees attached to her name. Graduating from Cornell University with a specialty in finance, she brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our board. Plus, her commitment to Jewish community is unwavering; she is dedicated to her roots and someone I know I can depend on.

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KAREN HERING: I am in awe of Karen's wealth of knowledge when it comes to libraries and their contents. Her position on our board is invaluable as she has taken on the huge responsibility of organizing, cataloguing, digitizing, and ensuring that our collection of archival books and publications will be a valuable resource library for researchers & historians and the like. This is huge project. I am delighted to have her on our board. She is invaluable and a perfect fit for the project that she has undertaken for us. We lucked out with having her on board.

CORY FELBER: Not really a newcomer to our board (she had a few years of a hiatus), but another native Edmontonian who's dedication to preserving our heritage goes above and beyond. Her years of documenting every gravestone at the Edmonton

Jewish Cemetery and making sure that its history is preserved, and that the community can access their loved ones' burial positions with ease, is quite amazing. She is a walking directory and invaluable to JAHSENA and the work we do.

ROWENA SCHWARZBERG: There is not a family or person within Edmonton's Jewish community and dare I say Northern Alberta, who Rowena does not know or is related to. One of my missions during my term, is to increase our membership; Rowena is the resource person I will turn to. We need a strong membership to survive successfully & I know that Rowena is committed to working with me in this area to build on what we have. As well, she is smart and a pleasure to work with.

WAYNE SHUR: Wayne is one of the "newbies" to our board, but how exciting

to know that he has volunteered to work on a "marketing plan" with the intention of finding out what our general Jewish community is looking for from JAHSENA. Wayne has a skill set that is again invaluable to this board, another grass roots Edmontonian. Plus, his sense of humour adds to our sometimes (dry) agenda and for that he is an asset!

SAM KOPLOWITZ: Sam is a man with a vision. We are so lucky to have him join our board. His background in film and with a focus on historical documentaries, makes him yet another important resource for this Archives' board. Sam is a second-generation Holocaust Survivor. As such he is willing to restart documenting some of our Survivors by interviewing them for the oral histories section in our archives. We

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Updates to the JAHSENA Board!

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new JAHSENA Board members, as well as a new President. Please join us in welcoming these spectacular additions to our leadership team.

New President

The Jewish Archives is happy to announce that long-time community volunteer, Gillian Horwitz, is its new President. Gillian says she is dedicated to continuing to preserve the Jewish heritage of Edmonton and Northern Alberta communities, and invites you to contact her or Colleen Paull at the

Jewish Archives office, 780-489-2809, if you have items you wish to donate.



Karen Hering

After a first career in dance, I became an academic librarian for many years until I retired in 2014. Since then, I have been involved in several genealogy & archival projects, volunteer for the Talmud Torah and Beth Shalom Synagogue libraries, the Edmonton Jewish Film Festival Committee and sit on the Education Committee of the TT Board. I have long envisioned making the libraries of the

various Edmonton Jewish organizations more visible and accessible and am so pleased by the interest JAHSENA has shown for this endeavour.

Although I am not from Alberta, my 4 grandparents immigrated to Edmonton in the early 1900's and my parents were born in Edmonton and Vegreville. Abe and I settled in Edmonton after living in Vancouver and then Israel. We are blessed with 4 children (who all attended Talmud Torah) and 9 grandchildren. I was honoured to be asked to sit on the JAHSENA Board and look forward with the help of others, to make the JAHSENA Library online catalogue a reality.

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BOARD UPDATES

Continued from page 3**Jeff Rubin**

I am proud and delighted to have been asked to join the Board of JAHSENA as I am a born and raised Edmontonian with strong roots to the Jewish community. My Father, Abner, although born in Pinsk, Poland, moved to Edmonton with his family in 1928. Both he and my mother, Hilda, who was originally from Toronto, became very active members of the Jewish community. I have four sisters, three of whom are living in Toronto (Mimi, Shelley and Carrie) and the other (Risa) living in Hawaii.

My wife, Gaylene (Soifer), and I have tried to emulate my parents commitment to the various Jewish organizations by being involved in the Beth Shalom Synagogue, JNF, Talmud Torah, and the Chevra Kadisha, to name a few.

Gaylene and I are both Talmud Torah alumni and between the two of us, we have two sons, Jared (Hannah), Adam (Kathleen), two daughters, Taylor and Kaylee, and two beautiful grandchildren, Ella and Micah.

I look forward to working with the other JAHSENA board members, and with our President, Gillian Horwitz, in particular, to continue to honour and maintain our vibrant Jewish community's history and legacy.

**Samuel Koplowicz**

I was born in a Displaced Persons camp in post-war

Germany in 1947 and grew up in Edmonton from the age of two. I received my schooling at Talmud Torah, Oliver Jr. High, Ross Sheppard High School, and the University of Alberta, where I graduated in 1968 with an BA in English, minor in Philosophy. I subsequently studied Motion Picture Direction & Production at the University of California, Los Angeles, in pursuit of an MFA. My early dream was to be the Jewish-Canadian version of Ingmar Bergman, but somehow that never happened. I did, however, have an early career in film production with a local award-winning company called Filmwest Associates, working mostly on documentaries about Western Canada. For a while I was a member of the Alberta Film Classification Board, also ran Cinematheque 16 in the old Edmonton Art Gallery, and for several years worked out of the Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium as producer/writer/director of audio-visual programs for the City of Edmonton.

I got married in 1978. In 1982 I moved my family to Victoria, BC, where I produced a/v programs for the British Columbia government. In 1987 we moved to California, living in the country outside of Santa Cruz and I

was hired by San Jose State University's Academic Technology Department, where for the next twenty years I continued to produce a wide variety of a/v, video and online programming for both academic and administrative departments. I also completed all the course and residence requirements for the Master of Education, specializing in Program Design & Development. If I sometimes sound like a "know-it-all" it's because I have worked on well over a thousand, maybe two thousand (I lost count) different topics, always learning something new that needed communicating. I got divorced in 2002. I have three children, Jordan, Amy and Sarah, all now living in the USA, and also have two grandsons in San Francisco.

I retired from SJSU at the end of 2007, at the age of 60, and returned to Edmonton to look after my elderly mom, Eva (z'l), about two years after my father, Morris (z'l), passed away. Since 2008 I've been active in the annual Edmonton Jewish Film Festival, and have been the Chairman for about ten or eleven years. A few years back I became more active with the Edmonton Jewish Seniors' Centre, accepted a position on the Board, and am currently serving as the President of JDIC. I have always been interested in all aspects of history and since returning to Edmonton have attended many JAHSENA programs, this year accepting a position on the Board.

NOACH (NORMAN) ZALMANOWITZ

AND THE FIRST JEWISH GHETTO UPRISING OF THE HOLOCAUST

by Eric Schloss



Noach Zalmanowitz (photo from Beth Israel Gala Honouring Noach Zalmanowitz and Nate Segal)

Of the 1143 ghettos established by the Germans in the occupied eastern territories, the first major uprising occurred in the small shtetl of Lakhwa (pronounced “Lakva”) in Belarus. This was the hometown of long-time Edmonton residents, the three Zalmanowitz brothers. Norman (Noach), Feivel and Mayer grew up there, where their father was the kosher butcher and Noach and Feivel learned the trade. By the late 1930s the Jewish population of the shtetl was approximately 2300 out of a total of 3800 citizens. Over the years the area had been under various national jurisdictions but was largely Polish until 1939. The shtetl was only 18 kilometres from the border of the Soviet Union and was situated approximately 80 kilometres east of Pinsk.

After the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, Soviet troops entered and occupied Lakhwa on September 17th, 1939, and the Byelorussian SSR was established. Jewish religious and other activities largely ceased, and Zionist meetings were repressed in the little village. Despite the restrictions, the town’s Jewish population grew with the addition of refugees from German occupied areas in Poland.

Two weeks after the German invasion of Russia, their troops entered Lakhwa on July 8th, 1941, to occupy the town and surrounding areas. On April 1st, 1942, the Jewish residents, including

Noach Zalmanowitz, his parents Tsipora and Binyamin, and two sisters, Yecheved and Masha, were forced into a ghetto consisting of two streets, forty-five houses and surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Mayer Zalmanowitz had immigrated to Palestine in 1939, and Feivel had been pressed into the Russian Army so were fortunate to avoid the ghetto. The ghetto was extremely crowded and housed approximately 2350 Jews. News of surrounding massacres spread to the Jews in the ghetto, and Jewish youth, particularly of the Betar Zionist group, organized underground resistance assisted by the Judenrat. They managed to stockpile very small weapons such as knives, iron bars, and axes but were unable to secure many firearms. The ghetto was surrounded on September 2nd, 1942, by German troops along with Belarussian and Ukrainian auxiliaries. The inhabitants were informed the next day that the ghetto was to be liquidated and were ordered to gather for “resettlement”.

After discussions and negotiations by the Judenrat with the German occupiers, which initially helped save their lives, the first Jewish ghetto uprising of the Second World War was planned. This started with the head of the Judenrat setting fire to a main building as a signal for the uprising. Other buildings were then set in flames which soon consumed much of the ghetto. The inhabitants then desperately fought

their oppressors with axes, knives, sticks and their bare hands.

At least 650 Jews were killed in the fighting and flames, and a minimum of 500 Jewish residents of the ghetto were transported to execution pits to be shot and killed. Wagon loads of bodies of those killed elsewhere in attempts to flee the ghetto were also taken to the pits and buried. Only six German soldiers and eight Ukrainian policemen were killed. Approximately one thousand Jews were able to breach the ghetto fence and escape to the surrounding forest, and roughly 600 took refuge in the nearby Pripet marshes. An estimated 120 of the escapees were able to join partisan units, but most of the others were eventually tracked down and killed, many by machine gun and rifle fire, plus land mines in the surrounding areas. Only 90 residents of the ghetto survived the war and Noach Zalmanowitz was one of them.

Noach was in the Lakhwa ghetto with his parents and two sisters at that

time, and he and his father participated in the uprising. Tragically, his mother and sisters were killed in the ghetto. Noach and his father Binyamin were able to escape, but Binyamin catastrophically was soon shot and killed in the forest by a Soviet partisan leader. Information on partisan groups surrounding Lakhwa at the time indicated there was often lack of cooperation between various units and a large amount of antisemitism among the non-Jewish partisans. However, one report related that Binyamin Zalmanowitz was unfortunately killed following information supplied by a Jewish partisan collaborator.

Noach then survived in the forest in a ten-man group, including a 16-year-old fellow survivor, Kopel Kolpanitzky, who wrote a major book on the ghetto and subsequent events entitled, "Sentenced to Life: The Story of a Survivor of the Lakhwa Ghetto" (2007). A Hebrew edition had been published in Israel in 1999. He lost his entire family in the ghetto uprising. Noach Zalmanowitz is mentioned several times in the book in their travels in the forest and the shelters where they needed to survive. Soon after their escape they realized that Yom Kippur was to occur the next day, and they prepared baked potatoes for their group of 10 for the pre-Yom Kippur meal. The book indicated that Noach Zalmanowitz, handled the preparations and the prayers. "He was the most religious of the group and knew all the prayers by heart". This was not surprising, as he later served as the long-time observant Gabbai of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Edmonton.

In the book, Kopel Kolpanitzky relates his subsequent activities and life with the partisans and subsequently the Red Army, in which he eventually served in the counterintelligence division. He



Zalmanowitz Family Lachva circa 1929 L-R Mayer Binyamin Noach Yocheved Tsipora holding Masha and Feivel

clandestinely left the army, managing to reach Paris and join Kibbutz Dror and then a Betar Zionist group. The group was eventually able to leave by ship destined for Palestine in early 1947, but the ship was detained by the British near the port of Haifa. They were then taken to Cypress and encamped there for a further year before eventually reaching Palestine, soon to become the state of Israel. Kolpanitzky subsequently served in the War of Independence and in later Israeli military operations.

Noach, after leaving the Kolpanitzky group in the forest, eventually served in the Russian army. He was shot in the leg and ended up for a lengthy stay in a hospital in Russia. Following the war, he was reunited with Feivel and they travelled to a displaced persons camp in Farenwald, Germany. In this camp they functioned as kosher butchers in a difficult atmosphere where Noach related a great deal of smug-

gling and illicit activity was being carried out. Eventually they were able to emigrate to Edmonton in 1948, where they had an uncle and aunt, Tsipora and Osher Heifetz, parents of Sophie and Eva Margolus (Burton). Noach soon married Sara (Woodrow) shortly after arrival.

Their wedding took place at the original Beth Israel synagogue on 95th street. Their children soon arrived: first Deby, followed by Barry, Danny and Hal. Brother Mayer and his wife Batya came to Edmonton from Israel in 1953. Noach and Feivel soon established their family kosher butcher tradition associating with Noach's brother-in-law Jack Woodrow at Zal's Kosher Market on 124th street. Many years later they operated, (as octogenarians), Edmonton Kosher Meats associated with Lil and Nate Siegel, on 127th street, until they retired. They were also prominent long-time active members of the Beth Israel synagogue where Norman served as



Photo of survivors of Lachva circa 1946. Noach Zalmanowitz second row, third from left.

Gabbai, and Feivel never missed a minyan. Mayer initially also served as the Shamas of the Beth Israel.

Both Barry and Danny Zalmanowitz, sons of Noach, visited Lakhwa twice, where Lakhwa Holocaust Chronicler Kolpanitzky had led, often yearly, memorial events. He had instituted memorials at the gravesites where Barry and Danny said Kaddish. Kopel commissioned an artist to portray the Lakhwa Ghetto Uprising, which graces the cover of his book, plus at least one other commemorative painting on display for visitors. On one of the visits Barry's daughters, Hannah and Becca, and Danny's daughter Jana were present and were profoundly affected by the experience. Another time, Uncle Feivel visited with Danny, which was a

memorable occasion for both. All three Zalmanowitz brothers (including Hal) also twice visited Kopel Kolpanitzky in Israel before he passed away. The Zalman-

owitz families have always been prominent, active, and helpful participants in the Jewish community.



(Left to Right): Danny, Jana, Hannah, Becca and Barry Zalmanowitz. Lachva, Belarus.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT*Continued from page 3*

cannot lose these valuable testimonies and for obvious reasons, time is of the essence. A sensitive area to document but an important one.

JEFF RUBIN: Jeff is a busy man. He is involved in other organizational work, but I am of the mind that it is those who are the busiest who give of their best and I have seen Jeff excel in leadership positions in Edmonton, and as such am confident that he will bring to our board the leadership skills that he has displayed as a community leader in many of this other area of Edmonton's Jewish community. He is clearly deeply committed to Edmonton's Jewish fabric and an asset to our board.

COLLEEN PAULL: Last but certainly not least is our invaluable archivist and office manager. This organization is dependent on Colleen. She is an amazing worker. I lean on her and depend on her and thank her for running our office as

expertly as she does. She is our only paid professional with a huge load on her shoulders. She carries it extremely well, always positive, accessible, knowledgeable and an asset to JAHSENA. Nothing is too much for Colleen. Without her, we would be a ship without a mast! What more can I say.

In my experience I have come to know that in order to succeed one needs to surround oneself with strong, talented and focussed people. This is what I have obviously done. Our board is just that. We will work together as a team to fulfil our mission of Preservation.

I am also pleased to announce that I have given Debby Shoctor, who was JAHSENA's professional activist for many years, the special title of "Archivist Emeritus".

Debby is not officially on our board but regularly goes into the office. Her expertise is essential; in fact, she is indispensable!

Eric Schloss continues to be a major contributor to our publication. His articles are a joy to read – his research is extensive as he brings the history of many of our community members' journeys to life through his colourful stories and in-depth descriptions. I know you will enjoy this month's article which focuses on Edmonton's Zalmanowitz family.

On behalf of my board, I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Izzy Gliener and Al Lyons, both of whom were dedicated board members whose experience and knowledge will be sorely missed. May their memories serve as a blessing.

And so as we approach our next Jewish Holiday, I wish all our readers a Happy Purim. Stay healthy and vibrant. Spring is on the horizon. May the past few years be a dim memory in the not-too-distant future.

- Gillian Horwitz

In Memoriam 2021

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.

Elaine Baram, z'l	Rosalee Galper, z'l	Eugene Linetsky, z'l	Sema Shore, z'l
Joshua Bookhalter, z'l	Harry Garfinkle, z'l	Dr. Leo Lyman, z'l	Arkadi Slutsker, z'l
Bella Brenman, z'l	Yui Gerchikov, z'l	Alan Lyons, z'l	Ben Starkman, z'l
Beverly Brezer, z'l	David Gorodetsky, z'l	Ernest Mermel, z'l	Harriet Switzer, z'l
Frieda Bugis, z'l	Dr. Tom Hardin, z'l	Earl Milner, z'l	Mariya Vayner, z'l
Boris Chekhtman, z'l	Bernard Hoffman, z'l	Boris Oskin, z'l	Rita Veinshtein, z'l
Stanley (Vyacheslav)	Sandra Jean Jacobson, z'l	Fani Proper, z'l	Anna Wolovich, z'l
Dvorkin, z'l	Bernard Katz, z'l	Eric Schaibman, z'l	David Woolfson, z'l
Sylvia Frolich, z'l	(Morris) Mitch Klimove, z'l	Anna Shapiro, z'l	Ronald Wunder, z'l
Alexander Gagkayez, z'l	Raisa Liger, z'l	Vilyam Sheyvekhman, z'l	Albert Zuhair, z'l

Every effort has been made to identify all those who have passed away last year, but if we have omitted someone, please contact the JAHSENA office.

Jewish Newspapers in Edmonton

An Historical Perspective

by Debbie Shoctor

The Edmonton Jewish community has been covered by numerous newspapers over the years. It is an ongoing project of the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta to collect, preserve, catalogue and digitize those newspapers for posterity, in order to preserve the heritage of this vibrant, Western Jewish community.

Before the Jewish community here was even close to the size it is today, local events were covered by the Western Jewish News out of Winnipeg. Started October 6, 1926, as a weekly, the last issue appeared on July 1, 1987. This newspaper covered Jewish community events in Winnipeg and the Western provinces, and was all this community had until 1958, when the Edmonton Jewish Community Council (EJCC) started production of Our/Your Community News. Winnipeg still has the Jewish Post and News today, which never really covered anything outside of that city.

Our/Your Community News was published monthly by the EJCC from approximately 1958-1980, in a smaller than tabloid size, in very small editions of 4-8 pages in length. Whomever was President of the Council at the time oversaw its publication along with the Executive Director, who for most of that period, was Uri Rosenzweig, who was also instrumental in founding JAHSENA.

In 1980, Calgary's Douglas Wertheimer decided to expand his Calgary Jewish Star to two editions: Edmonton

and Calgary, and covered the community from afar, along with local reporters like Carol Ritch, and accounts manager David Moser. The Edmonton edition of the paper ran from December 1981, to sometime in 1990.

In the meantime, another purely local paper started to be published here by Ron Harris. The Edmonton Jewish Times & Record began publication on a monthly basis in November 1987, running for four years until the fall of 1991. This paper had larger editions in the tabloid format, running most often from 12 to 16 pages, with special editions for holidays. Although not a member of the Edmonton Jewish Community, Harris employed me (Debby Shoctor) as editor and Devorah Patterson as the graphic designer, as well as inviting local experts to write columns, such as the current rabbis of the synagogues, and subject specialists like Jim Sikora for stock market analysis, Marty Blatt for tax advice, Marla Miller for legal commentary and Maxine Fischbein for Federation news.

After its demise, the Jewish Federation attempted to fill the gap with one sole edition of the Jewish Express, which it self-published, but then two community newcomers came along to fill the gap.

The first of those, and the one which serves the community to this day, was the Edmonton Jewish News. It commenced publication of its monthly tabloid on March 25, 1991, published originally by Barry Slawsky for nine issues, who sold it to then publisher of Alberta Native



The Jewish Star, 1980.



The Edmonton Jewish Times & Record, 1990.

News, David Moser for \$1 in 1992. The Edmonton Jewish News was originally edited by Bruce Elman and then by Deborah Shatz, and included columns by community members such as Penny Tappenden, Uri Rosenzweig and Barry Slawsky. In 2011, Shatz became publisher of the newspaper, and Daniel Moser became editor in 2014 with an emphasis on increasing its reach through internet presence and Social Media.

At the present day, the News is the Edmonton Community's newspaper of record, and chronicles, on a regular, monthly basis what is happening in the Edmonton Jewish Community. The Edmonton Jewish News expanded in late 2019 to include the Calgary Jewish Free Press, purchased from Judy Shapiro and Richard Bronstein, and now covers both cities as the Alberta Jewish News, with the first issue coming out in January 2020.

In January 1992, local community member Neil Loomer left the Edmonton Journal circulation department and commenced publication of another monthly tabloid, Edmonton Jewish Life. In 1999,

John Bresler took over publication of Edmonton Jewish Life, when Neil and his wife Sharon moved to Vancouver, however Loomer remained as editor until the paper's demise in 2006.

These last two papers were true tabloids, with larger editions running from 12 to 36 pages and more sometimes, including special editions for holidays, the UJA campaign, advertising features, etc. and were both distributed monthly to approximately 2000 households in Edmonton. Alberta Jewish News is now being sent to approximately 4100 households in both Edmonton and Calgary, by far the largest distribution of any Alberta Jewish newspaper.

Edmonton's Jewish community has, of course, also been covered by the larger local newspapers, including the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Sun, and sometimes by the National Post and the Globe and Mail. Those national papers are of course preserved on microfilm and digitized in various private and public archives and continue to be so, as now newspapers are born digital in the first place.



Edmonton Jewish News, March 1991.

We have also received occasional coverage in the Canadian Jewish News, whose paper edition is now defunct, however they mainly covered Toronto and Montreal.

Another aspect of community coverage includes the newsletter. The Jewish

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Several historical books of the two centuries of Jewish Community in Canada from Claudio Bringas;

A variety of Jewish tradition and learning books from Debby Davis;

Historic organization cookbooks, reference books and newspaper articles about Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO from Dr. Murray and Susan Lieberman;

March of the Living documentation and DVD April 28-May 11, 2008 and March of the Living DVD April 30-May 4, 2000 from Michael and Colleen Paull;

Music DVDs, Israel Slides, and reference books from Patricia Rempel;

Several reference books from Anita Sky and Howard Davidow;

Articles and documents of the Beth Tzedek Synagogue, reference books and organization cookbooks from Bluma Goldberg;

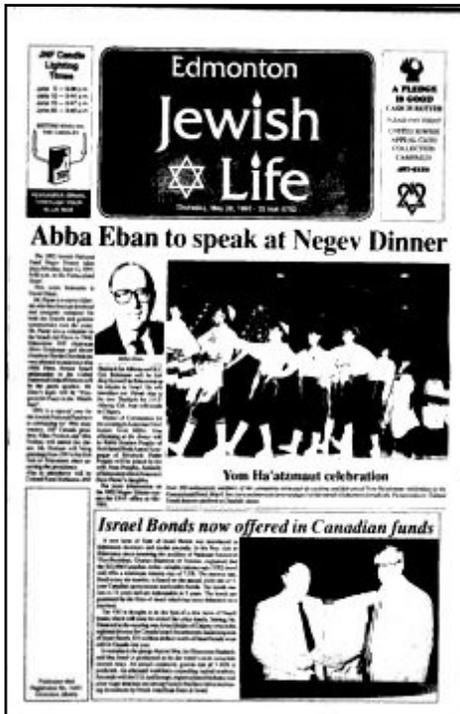
Materials related to Hy Klein including photos, books, articles and various items from Esther Slofsky;

Uretsky Family photos, books, certificates for Harry Uretsky and books from Karen Hering;

Newspaper articles and the book "Knishes are Out and other sketches" by Becky Sokolov from Judy Goldsand;

One class photo from Talmud Torah around 1950 and Young Judean Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan c. 1932 from Linda Hilford.

Should you have any questions about donations, please contact our office.



Edmonton Jewish Life, 1992.

Federation of Edmonton started to publish a tri-annual newsletter, Ha Kol, in 2010, which partially covered the activities of the community, specifically Federation. In addition, the Synagogue and other organizational newsletters, like that of JAHSENA (Heritage/Yerusha), and the Senior's Drop-in Centre, also capture some of the goings-on in the community, as do the Federation's JFED E-Weekly, the

AJNews' weekly digital "schmooze" newsletter, and the Edmonton Jewish Pipeline, an online newsletter published sporadically by Bernie Estrin from approximately July, 2003. However, newsletters are not newspapers, and tend to be organizationally specific. JAHSENA of course collects these, as well as the actual newspapers.

In 2009, JAHSENA got a grant to digitize all the previous newspapers in our possession, including most copies of Our/Your Community Star, the Jewish Star Edmonton Edition, Edmonton Jewish Life and Edmonton Jewish News. These copies are available on the Alberta on Record Database: www.albertaonrecord.ca, and are electronically searchable. We also retain hard copies in our archives and continue to collect and preserve them. From 2014 on, copies of the Edmonton and Alberta Jewish News are available on their own website, www.albertajewishnews.com. We are working with AJNews to complete the accessibility of this collection.

Nowadays, papers are, as mentioned previously, born digital, so there is no worry about having to microfilm or digitize them in order to preserve them. However, they still have to be collected

and made easily accessible for reference purposes. This is the mandate of JAHSENA, which continues to strive to do this, along with its willing community partners, like AJNews.

JAHSENA continues to collect as many extant copies as possible of the above newspapers that we can get our hands on. There are still gaps in our collection arising from incomplete runs of several of the older papers. If you have any copies of any of these papers sitting in closets or mouldering away in your basement, please bring them into the JAHSENA office so that we can add them to our collection. We preserve the originals in acid-free boxes with acid-free tissue to prevent further deterioration of the paper, as newspapers have always been printed on one of the lowest grade papers, full of acid, and they tend to deteriorate very rapidly with age. Our digitization process is ongoing.

If you are interested in perusing our newspaper heritage, please come and visit at the JAHSENA office at the JCC, and be sure to bring any donations of newspapers, photos or other memorabilia you may have so that we may properly preserve and house it for posterity.

Donation Cards

JAHSENA has donation cards with historic pictures on them available for purchase. Mark your simchas by making a donation to JAHSENA. Contact the office for more details at 780-489-2809. We have received the following donations:

SYMPATHY

To Saul Reichert on the passing of his wife, Toby Reichert, z'l, from Anita Sky;

To Saul Reichert and his family on the passing of Toby Reichert, z'l, from Michael & Colleen Paull;

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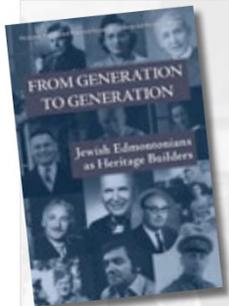
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