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VIRTUAL EXHIBIT

Jahsena is currently participating in a virtual exhibit on the ASA website, www.archivesalberta.org, entitled: *If These Walls Could Talk*, with a few items relating to the history of the Beth Israel Synagogue. Also, look for information on the Synagogue with a link to our website on the new [Edmonton: A City Called Home](#) website to be launched in early 2004.

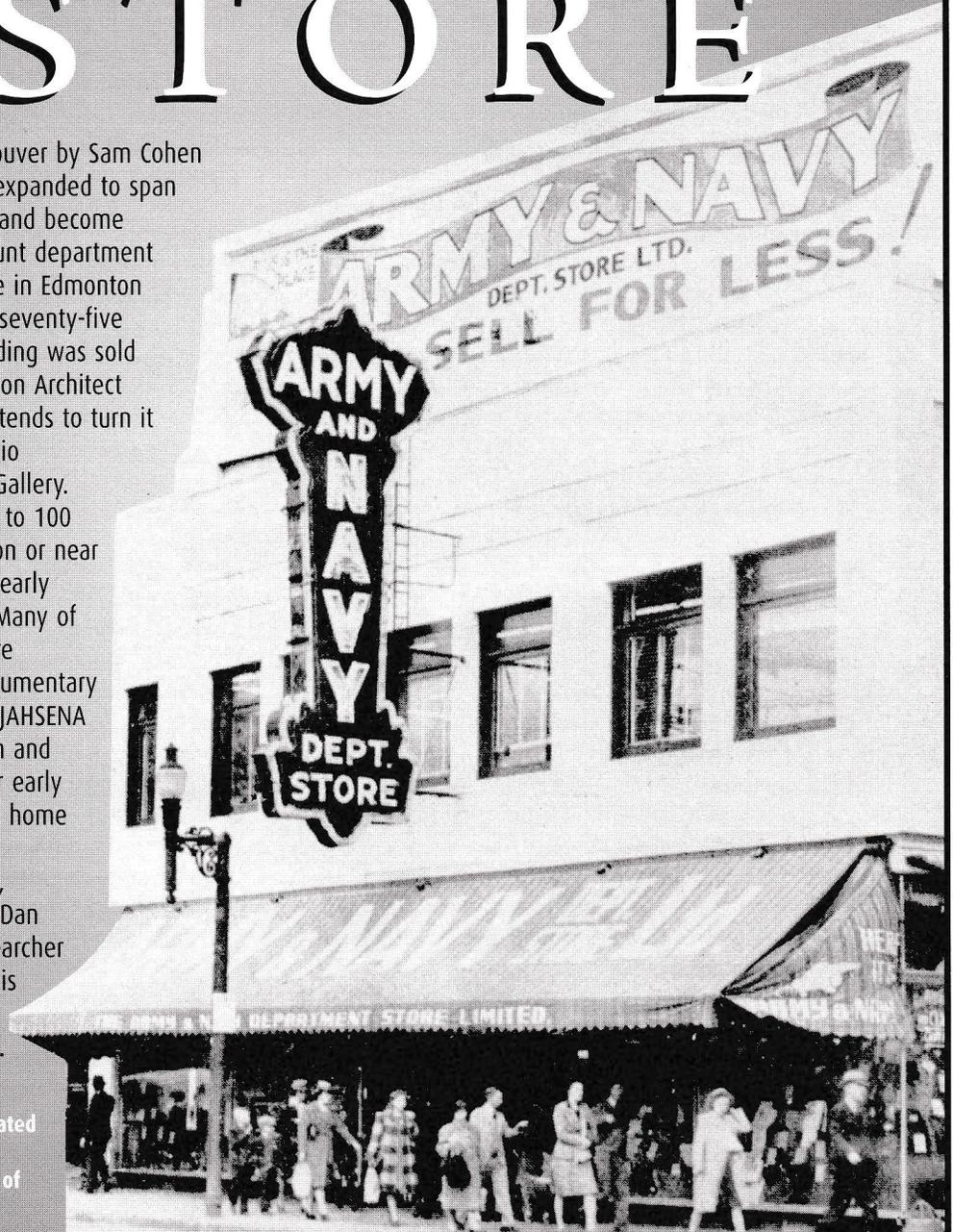
CANADA'S FIRST DISCOUNT DEPARTMENT STORE

Founded in Vancouver by Sam Cohen in 1919, it quickly expanded to span the Canadian West and become Canada's first discount department store. The first store in Edmonton opened more than seventy-five years ago. The building was sold last year to Edmonton Architect Gene Dubb, who intends to turn it into an Artist's Studio Condominium and Gallery.

There were close to 100 Jewish businesses on or near 101st Street in the early part of the 1900s. Many of these businesses are captured in the documentary being produced by JAHSENA reflecting the vision and the struggles of our early pioneers to make a home for their families.

The documentary, being produced by Dan Kauffman with researcher Dr. Reeve Dolgoy, is expected to be finished this Spring.

The Army and Navy Department Store, located on 101 St. circa 1944. Photo courtesy of City of Edmonton Archives.





From the Archivist's Desk...

by DEBBY SHOCTOR

A lot of progress has been made in the Archives office this year. In addition to publishing our quarterly newsletter to rave reviews, we have been working on our documentary project about the early business history of the Edmonton Jewish Community. Dan Kauffman and Reevan Dolgoy have made great strides on this project, research and filming are complete, the script is almost complete, and all that is left to do is put the pieces together and do the final editing of images and lay down the sound track. Watch for your invitation to our exciting premier of this film later in the year.

I was invited this year to visit the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives in Montreal, and spend some time there in March with their Archivist, Janice Rosen, and President, Norma Joseph. While I was there, I spoke to the Montreal Association of Jewish Librarians, and gave a talk about our book, archives and history. Together, Janice and I hope to plan a conference for all of our sister institutions across the country. These institutions include the Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia; the Jewish

Historical Society of Southern Alberta; ourselves; the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada in Winnipeg; the Ontario Jewish Archives; the Ottawa Jewish Archives; the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives in Montreal; and the Saint John Jewish Museum, and a few others. We have banded together as a result of a conference call to form ACJAM — the Association of Canadian Jewish Archives and Museums. This Association, we hope, will bear fruit for all of us around the country in the form of increased communication, cooperation, educational opportunities and collaboration.

Also this spring, Dan and I attended the Archives Society of Alberta Annual Meeting, which took place at NAIT, where we had a chance to talk about our archives and book to the rest of the Alberta Archival Community. In addition, I attended a number of very useful workshops and lectures, and met many of my fellow archivists from around the Province.

This year also saw the opening of the new Provincial Archives Building. Dan and I had a private tour of the facility earlier this spring, and I was

pleased to see board member Florie Axler and her husband David at the Opening function. It is a fabulous new building, and I urge you all to go down and see it for yourselves. It is actually worth the trip to Roper Road.

We received a number of important items to add to our collection this year. I brought back a whole slew of gifts from the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives in Montreal in March, one of which, the cartoon of Two-Gun Cohen, you saw in the last newsletter. Among many other interesting things, we also received the large Sigma Alpha Mu collection from Joe Miller; the first minute book of the Jewish Boy Scouts from Dr. Ted Aaron; a large collection of Federation minutes from Howie Sniderman; an important collection of eulogies from Beth Shalom Synagogue; some interesting items from the Pekarsky family from Sharon Cairns; a number of items pertaining to the National Council of Jewish Women from Gloria Aaron; a number of her father's papers from Cory Felber; and a large collection of Yiddish records. Our Oral History Committee has been busy, and we have added

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CORRECTION

In the last issue of YERUSHA, Board Member Cory Felber was listed as a Benefactor by mistake. She is a Patron.

MANDEL BLOOMFIELD



A H I S T O R Y

by Daniel Shafran, President, Mandel Bloomfield Chapter, AZA #121, 2003-2004

On October 11th, 1921, Menachem Mandel Bloomfield was born to Harry and Becky Bloomfield in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada. He was named after his grandfather, Menachem, but preferred to go by the English “Mandel”. His family later moved to Edmonton, where he attended Oliver school for the duration of his elementary education. Every day after school, however, he would attend Talmud Torah Hebrew School from 4:30 to 6:30pm, and would also attend those Hebrew classes on Sunday mornings.

He went on to graduate from Victoria High School, but not without his extra-curricular accomplishments. Mandel was both a football and baseball player, and played shortstop when he was on the baseball field. When a local Christian baseball team ran short on players, Mandel, his cousin Mandle Nozick, and one of their friends, Dick Fratkin, decided to join the



Photo: JAHSENA Archives, donated by Mandel Nozick

Flight Sargeant Mandel Bloomfield, R-61005, RCAF of Edmonton. Reported killed in action on July 31, 1942.

team. They went on to become the league champions that season.

Standing at close to 5-foot-9-inches, Mandel Bloomfield also played the drums. The sound of choice for he and his friends was swing music,



Photo courtesy of the Provincial Archives of Alberta

The Cenotaph in the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery.

and that was exactly what they would play. Mandel was also a member of Edmonton AZA #121, and served as Aleph S’gan.

Mandel’s first job was at the Rialto theatre, as an Usher. Malcolm Wasserman,

whose son Ken later became a member of what was to be named Mandel Bloomfield AZA, got him the position. Later, Mandel decided to join the armed forces of Canada, in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mandel Bloomfield went on to become a Flight Sergeant and Air Observer stationed in Grimsby, an hour’s train ride Northeast of London. As an Air Observer, he was a combination of Navigator and Air-Gunner, and he eventually found himself in the 415 Squadron. The 415 Squadron was known to carry out “suicide missions”, but Mandel never backed out of the dangerous job. He was stationed on a bomber aircraft, which flew below the height of the guns on opposing navy’s ships — just barely above sea level.

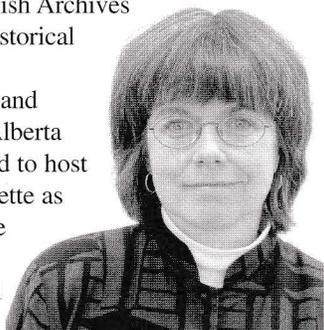
On one of Bloomfield’s missions, the aircraft experienced a crash landing and he badly injured his knee.

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LINDA GOYETTE SPEAKS

at JAHSENA AGM

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta was pleased to host Linda Goyette as the keynote speaker at our Annual General



Meeting. The meeting took place on November 6th at the Jewish Community Centre at 7:30 pm.

Linda Goyette is the Writer-Editor for the *Edmonton: A City Called Home* centennial project. This project includes a website, a book and a children's book, which are being prepared to celebrate Edmonton's upcoming Centennial. Linda worked as a reporter, editorial writer and columnist for the

Edmonton Journal from 1979 to 1999. Linda has won two National Newspaper Awards for her writing, and she received the national Atkinson Fellowship in Public Policy in 2000-2001. Her first book, *Second Opinion*, was published in 1998. If you have any stories about coming to Edmonton, or about Edmonton in its early days, please contact her at: lgoyette@epl.ca.

Photo courtesy AZA #121



Mandel Bloomfield AZA visiting the Jewish Cemetery on November 11, 2003.

Mandel Bloomfield: A History

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However, there was a shortage of Observers and Mandel promptly answered the call to fly more missions despite his injury.

On the 31st of July in 1942, Mandel Bloomfield flew what was to be his last mission. Flying close enough to the water as it was, the bomber experienced engine trouble,

and the aircraft was forced to fly even lower. Gliding towards an enemy ship, the bomber was instructed to launch its torpedo. However, there was a malfunction and the torpedo did not release. Mandel Bloomfield and the rest of his crew were called back in to the base in Grimsby. Circling over the landing pad, the bomber began to run low on fuel. Finally, they were called in to land. As the aircraft

touched down, the torpedo exploded and killed Mandel Bloomfield and the crew.

A year later, in 1943, it was proposed by both the chapter members and the community that Edmonton AZA be renamed in honour of the hero Mandel Bloomfield. Indeed, Edmonton AZA was renamed "Menachem

Mandel Bloomfield Memorial Chapter AZA #121". Mandel is also honoured today as one of the few names on the cenotaph in the Jewish Cemetery in Edmonton. He is buried in the Grimsby Hebrew Congregation Cemetery in Grimsby, United Kingdom, at grave number 258.



Left to Right: Rabbi Abraham Postone of the Beth Israel, H.A. Friedman and Rabbi Jacob Eisen of Beth Shalom, conducting a memorial service for Edmonton and Northern Alberta Jews who served in the Canadian Armed forces during WWII and were killed in Action. Rabbi Eisen served as a chaplain in the Armed Forces.

Photo courtesy of the Provincial Archives of Alberta

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many new interviews to our collection, thanks to the ongoing work of Peter Owen, including most recently that of Rachel Garfunkel, Dr. Marvin Weisler, Paul and Clara Kagan, Sam Lucky and Queena Klein. We also entered into negotiations with the Beth Shalom Synagogue and with Talmud Torah to receive regular donations from them for our collection.

My trip to Montreal also led to another interesting development: I was able to make a connection there, which resulted in the shipment of over 1500 Yiddish books from our library to the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Massachusetts. There, they will be well taken care of for future generations.

I am happy to report that our collection is now searchable. As of the end of October we have 165 fonds-level descriptions uploaded onto the Archives Network of Alberta (ANA) database, a searchable database which can be found on line at www.archivesalberta.org.

Thanks to our institutional membership in the Archives Society of Alberta (ASA), we were able to obtain a grant for cable high-speed internet, in order to upload our records. We were also able to obtain the services of the ASA Archivist-at-large Scott Goodine, who was with us for the month of February. Together, Scott and I were able to catalogue roughly half of our collection of 280 fonds at the first level, and upload these RAD-compliant (or internationally standardized) descriptions onto the ANA database. Thanks to the volunteer services of my friend Barbara Bulat, the librarian at Sylvan Lake Public Library this summer, we were able to complete all of the larger fonds-level descriptions in our collection, for a total of 165.

This database will eventually contain all of the fonds-level descriptions of all of the collections of all of the member archives in Alberta. This includes the collections not only of JAHSENA, but of the Provincial Archives of Alberta, the

Edmonton City Archives, Calgary's Glenbow as well as the many smaller archives across the province, similar in nature to JAHSENA. After the initial stage of this project is complete, the entire database will be merged with CAIN (The Canadian Archives Information Network), its national counterpart. Once this is complete, all the archives in Canada will be able to be searched on the world-wide web at the fonds level.

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Our next project will be to scan part of our large photo collection, and upload the images onto the Alberta Images Database, on the ASA web site. You will then be able to search for photos of our community by keyword, for viewing on the web.

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As you can well imagine, this will be a major step forward for researchers of our collection. Even at this early stage, you can go to ANA, plug in a key word, and find records on line for our community. To my knowledge, apart from the Canadian Jewish Congress Archives in Montreal, we are the only the second Jewish archives in Canada searchable at this advanced level.

You can also see a new virtual exhibit on the ASA web site in which we are taking part, as we did last year, for Archives Week, called, "If These Walls Could Talk: Celebrating Alberta's Built Heritage, which includes images of the Beth Israel Synagogue from our collection.

Our next project will be to scan part of our large photo collection, and upload the images onto the Alberta Images Database, on the ASA web site. You will then be able to search for photos of our community by keyword, for viewing on the web. These photos will be print-protected for copyright purposes, but will be in TIF format, or ultra-high resolution,

so that the viewer will be able to zoom in and out to see minute details. Try looking at some of the Glenbow photos already up there to get the idea. We hope eventually to scan our newspapers and other important collections so that they can also be digitally viewed on the web.

The first step of this project will be the "Archives in the Classroom" initiative of the ASA. This project received a grant to digitize approximately 8000 images in Alberta Archives, both photographic and textual, pertaining to the topic of "Immigration." We will soon embark upon this large project with help from the Archives Society of Alberta.

Our most recent project is an initiative by a new board member to investigate the possibility of restoring the Old Beth Israel Synagogue building on 95th Street and Rowland Road, which is now the St. Boniface Catholic Church. Because of the upcoming centennials of both the City and Province, there is grant money available for restoration of historic buildings. At present, we have applied for a grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to do a feasibility study into the restoration of the building. If restoration is feasible and should Saint Boniface be willing to part with the building we will be looking into fundraising possibilities for this exciting project, and into having the building designated as a civic, provincial and federal historic site. Although only at a conceptual stage, possible uses for the building include: JAHSENA offices; exhibit space, possibly including a permanent holocaust exhibit; a sanctuary for smaller bar/bat mitzvahs and weddings or special services or events. Its uses should serve as a living monument to the origins and vibrancy of the Jewish Community in Edmonton, Alberta and Canada. We hope to be able to tell you more about this exciting project in the near future.

In conclusion, it has been a busy and exciting year, full of work and much progress, and I look forward to continuing the work of the Society in the coming year.

Debby Shocter, Archivist



THE STORY

OF THE

A & N BOUTIQUE



BY ALEX MAIR

ARTICLE ORIGINALLY RAN
IN THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY,
APRIL 29, 1999

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You can tell how long a person has lived in Edmonton by finding out how many Army & Navy Store outlets they can remember.

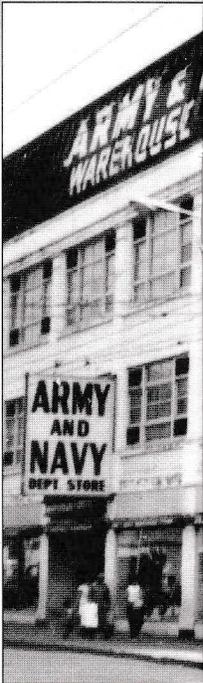
Of course most Edmontonians associate the name Army & Navy Department Stores with the main outlet on 97 Street at 103 Avenue. If you're a south sider, you will think in terms of the store on the south side of Whyte Avenue at 104 Street. But in actual fact, the north side outlet has moved around a little, and the history of the Army & Navy store on the north side is an integral part of the story of Edmonton itself.

The first Army & Navy store in Edmonton was opened more than 70 years ago, and it might catch you by surprise to learn that it was right in the heart of the city, on the west side of 101 Street, north of Jasper. One of their neighbours was the early Henry Singer clothing store.

Then, around 1935, they moved across the street to the east side of 101 Street into the Bell Building. The address of the Bell Building was 10131 101 Street, and around 1952 the move was made to the present 97 Street location. Again, there was a bit of Edmonton history tucked into that 97 Street site. Originally known as the Livingstone Department store, it became the home of the Great Western Garment people and was referred to as the GWG Building.

When we're thinking in terms of image, the Army & Navy sometimes gets the short end of the stick, and that isn't necessarily justified. There is a tendency, in many social circles, to downplay any shopping that might have been done at the Army & Navy. There are those, on the other hand, who delight in the bargains they have found there.

One of Edmonton's more successful attorneys makes a habit of cutting through the store after a stint in the Court House across the street and before she heads back to her office. At a



Army & Navy Department

social occasion, her husband took her to a gentleman's gentleman's course of the introduction of the mention of the fact, in a subdued voice, that he had been to the Army Navy store.

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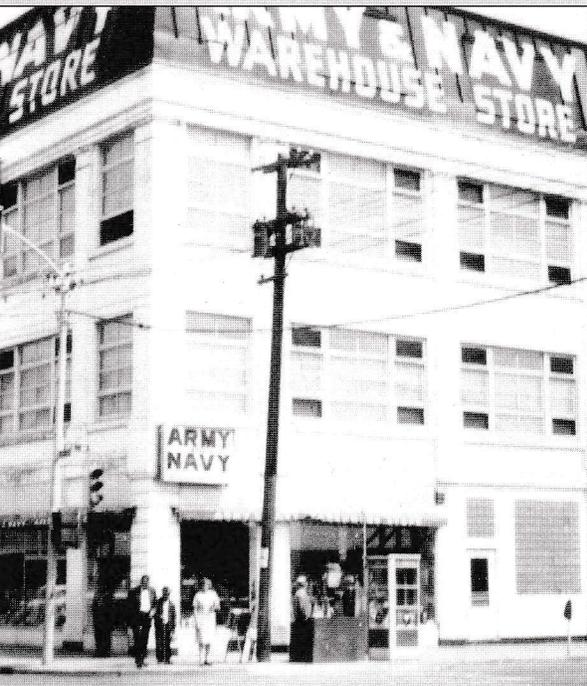
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proceeded with the introduction. A lady lawyer stopped her. "That's all right. We've already. After all, he's

There is a marvelous story that appeared in the *Edmonton* issue of November 1999 that the Army & Navy



store on 101 St. circa 1970s. Photo courtesy City of Edmonton Archives

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The hostess then

sale and the staff at one of the A&N's
competitors spotted the ad and rushed
over during their lunch break. They
bought ladies suits for \$44, the same
suits they were selling in their own
store, but priced at \$130 for the same

ARMY & NAVY STORE IN EDMONTON

AND MORE THAN 70 YEARS AGO, AND IT

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item. Company loyalty is fine but you
have to draw the line somewhere.

The current north side outlet on 97
Street has a history that goes back to
Edmonton's earliest years. Referred
to as the Livingstone Department
Store before GWG took over, you
will find, on checking at the City of

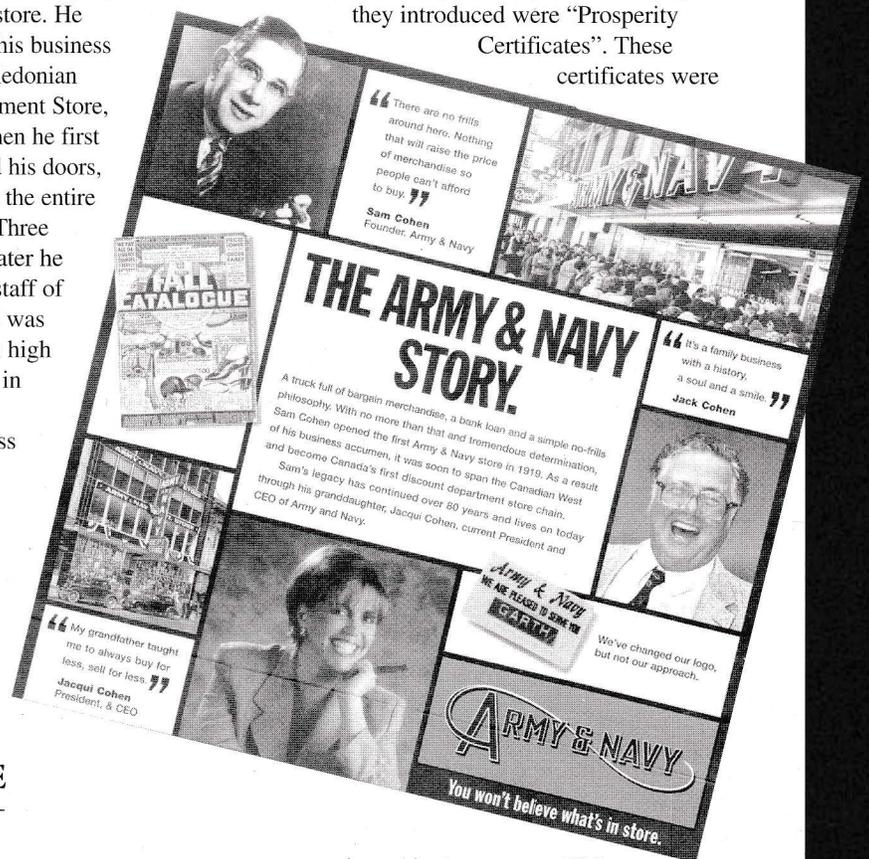
Edmonton Archives, that a gentleman
called Alexander Livingstone came to
Edmonton in 1908. He rented a small
store on 97 Street, opposite the GWG
Building, and went into the retail
business. Alex Livingstone was the
first Edmonton merchant to introduce
special sales. He would offer marked
down merchandise at nice prices, and
he gets the credit for being the first
Edmonton merchant to offer end-of-
season sales. That not only cut down
on his off-season inventory but it
helped attract people
to his store. He
called his business
the Caledonian
Department Store,
and when he first
opened his doors,
he was the entire
staff. Three
years later he
had a staff of
25 and was
held in high
regard in
the
business
and

west there are stores in Moose Jaw,
Regina, Vancouver and New
Westminster as well as here..

It was the middle of July, 1950,
when the south side branch opened on
Whyte Avenue in a new building.

One of the other historic chapters in
the story of the Army & Navy took
place here in Edmonton at the depths
of the Depression. In 1935, the
Province of Alberta was broke, and the
new Social Credit Government
attempted a number of things to help
solve the problem. One of the things
they introduced were "Prosperity
Certificates". These

certificates were



issued in the amount of 25
cents, \$1 and \$5 denominations.
These certificates were in lieu of cash,
and the legality of the scheme was a
subject of great concern.

Most merchants wouldn't touch these
Prosperity Certificates, but the Army
& Navy did. So much for their more
conservative competitors, but the Army
& Navy Boutiques are still with us.

financial community. Just as an
indication of the changing times in
Edmonton, the address of the
Caledonian Department Store was
401 Namayo Avenue.

There are Army & Navy stores all
across Western Canada, and here in
Edmonton we have two. Across the

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

The following article appeared in the Vegreville Observer, January 25, 1921. It is typical of wedding announcements and social columns of the time, of which there are many in our archives. This one is of particular interest, being from a small town, and with the references it makes concerning Jews in Canada, and because it was written by a local writer who had never attended a Jewish wedding before.

It was donated by Mandle and Norma Nozick.

MATRIMONIAL

NOZICK - SHAW

A most interesting and happy event was solemnized in Dobbins Theatre on Sunday afternoon last at five o'clock when Miss Evelyn Shaw, daughter of Mr. B. Shaw became the bride of Mr. Leo S. Nozick of Mundare. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pinsky of Edmonton. A large assemblage of invited guests attended the event and to several of them at least is was of unique interest in that it was their first opportunity to witness a Jewish wedding, performed with the ceremony sanctioned by centuries.

The bride who was most charmingly dressed, entered the hall with her father and was also



Members of the Shaw-Newhouse family in 1918. Evelyn Shaw-Nozick is second from the left. JAHSENA Archives, donated by the Rudolph family.

attended by her oldest sister, Mrs. Newhouse of Edmonton and by Mr. Newhouse. The groom entered with his parents. They passed between two

rows of guests, (ladies on one side, gentlemen on the other), each guest with a lighted candle, and then took their position under a canopy upheld by four little

girls. Rev. Mr. Pinsky then read the marriage service in Hebrew. Naturally it was far from being intelligible to some of the guests; but it

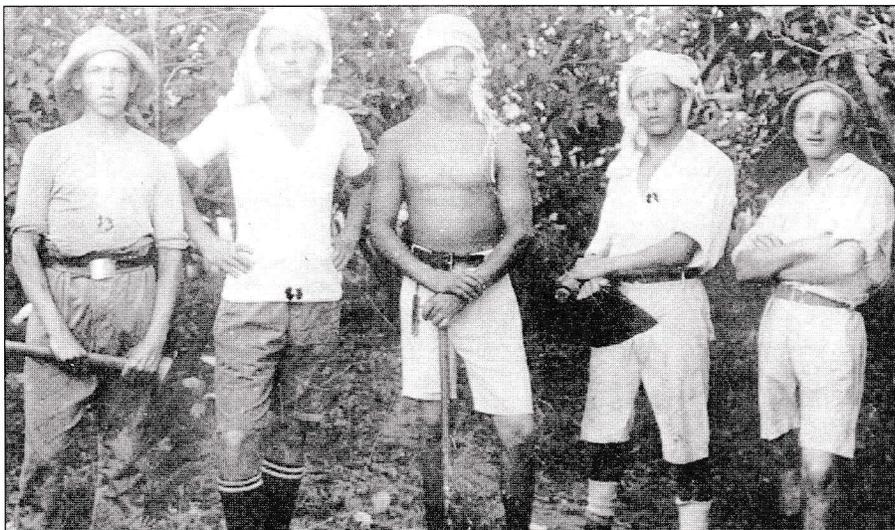
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Matrimonial*Continued from page 8*

nevertheless apparently made as solid a matrimonial know as ever was tied.

We forgot to mention that little Misses Dena Bloomfield, Annie Shaw and Ethel Nozick were flower girls. Mr. Bloomfield directed the ceremonies and Mrs. Bloomfield was matron of Honor. While Mrs. R. Shaw welcomed the guests, Lottie Newhouse, niece of the bride, played the wedding march.

The ceremony over, congratulations and good wishes were extended to the bride and groom, and the invited guests then sat down to an ample luncheon. At the conclusion of the luncheon, Mr. Joseph Shaw presided at an impromptu series of speeches. He called upon Mr. Horton, who expressed his pleasure that...racial and religious differences did not count, but were superseded by a feeling of mutual tolerance and goodwill: where a community spirit of kindness and courtesy was so evident; and where all joined heartily in giving honor where honor was due. He referred to the fact that it seemed to be only in British countries that such good will could be openly expressed and stated that it was the crowning glory of the empire that all races, all religions and nearly all classes of men were welcome to develop along their own lines, provided only that in so



Leo Nozick, age 17, second from right, circa 1916. Leo joined the Jewish Legion in Palestine in 1916, during WWI and served under Trumpledor. JAHSENA Archives, donated by Mandle Nozick.

doing they did not encroach on the rights of others. Such was not possible in many other lands as for instance, Central Europe.

Mr. Holden, Mayor Gordon, Messrs. Riddell, Johnston and Dr. Reid also spoke briefly emphasizing the good will that existed in the community and the sincerity of the congratulations extended to the bride and groom.

Mr. Shaw then called upon Mr. H. Olyan who gave an address on conditions in Central Europe, pointing out the suffering imposed on the Jews by the various pogroms instituted against them. A subscription list was in circulation among

the Jews in Canada to assist their unfortunate brethren and in Edmonton District alone it was expected that twelve thousand dollars would be subscribed. \$500 was subscribed at the wedding alone.

The luncheon was succeeded by a dance, which kept the guests until midnight.

In addition to the Vegreville guests, visitors were present from Winnipeg, Edmonton, Mundare and other points.

Citizens of the town in general will extend to Mr. And Mrs. Nozick their hearty good wishes. The bride has been especially popular, well-liked and esteemed during her residence here.

OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, March 28th, JAHSENA will be hosting its first annual open house and archives drop-off. Come to the JAHSENA office at the JCC between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm and drop-off your family memorabilia. While you're there, see what we have in the office and on display and help identify some photographs, if you can! This is your chance to empty your attics and basements of papers and photos while you look for chametz. We will keep these items properly preserved for you and your family and for researchers of Jewish History for generations to come. Watch for more details to follow in Edmonton Jewish Life.



JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Curling Sweater from Menorah Curling Club - **Leon Kagna**

Collection of Orah Magazines (National Magazine of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO) - **Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO**.

Collection of Yiddish Records - **Cory Felber**

"*And the Sun Kept Shining*", by Bertha Ferderber-Salz (mother of Rachel Garfunkel) in English and Yiddish - gift of **Rachel Garfunkel**

Two Yiddish 8-track music tapes, gift of **Irv Kipnes**.

"*Voice of a City: The Edmonton Journal's First Century, 1903-2003*", by **Marc Horton** and **Bill Sass**.

"*Alberta's Camelot: Culture and the Arts in the Loughed Years*", by **Fil Fraser**.

Collection of Jewish community phone books, Talmud Torah Newsletters and photos, from the **Talmud Torah Society Archives committee**.

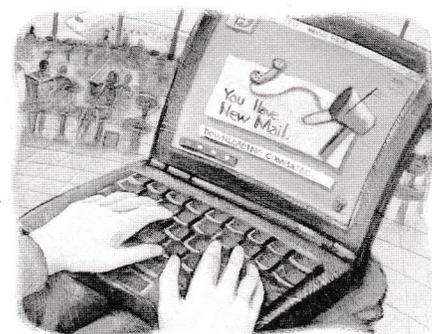
"*Treasures of a People: The Synagogues of Canada*" By **Sheldon Levitt, Lynn Milstone, and Sidney Tenenbaum**. Toronto: Lester & Orpen Dennys Limited, 1985.

Architectural Drawings of the renovations to St. Boniface Catholic Church (formerly old Beth Israel Synagogue) dating from 1972. Copies made from those in the possession of the Edmonton Catholic Archdiocese Archives.

Article from the Israelite Press, November 28, 1958, about the building of the new wing on the old Talmud Torah building, with poems and letters written by former students. Gift of **Neil Loomer**.

Book of raffle tickets for Zionist Organization of Canada/Jewish National Fund, Winnipeg, circa 195? Donated by **Ellen Dlin**.

Oral Histories: **Dr. Marvin Weisler; Rachel Garfunkel; Paul Comisarow, Dr. Len Fratkin; Jack Newhouse, Tammy Greenberg**.



ON THE WEB...

Our archives is now a full-fledged member of the Archives Network of Alberta Database. If you visit the Archives Society of Alberta website at www.archivesalberta.org, you will find the holdings of JAHSENA listed on their database. We currently have over 160 fonds-level descriptions listed on their searchable database. While you're on the web, check out our own site at www.jahsena.org. And please note that our email address has changed to jahsena@shaw.ca.

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.

**ONLY
50
COPIES**

ONLY 50 COPIES of our history book are left! **YES! Only 50 copies** of "*The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta*", by **Uri Rosenzweig** are left. At \$50 a piece, they are going fast, so get them before they are gone. When they're gone, they're gone!

AT THE JCC...

Currently on display at the JCC you will find an exhibit of recently donated materials relating to Sigma Alpha Mu, the now-defunct Jewish Fraternity at the University of Alberta. The Fraternity was founded at the U of A in 1936, and its first incarnation was Zeta Alpha Upsilon. It existed until 1972, when the fraternity house was sold. Some of the most prominent members of the Edmonton Jewish Community belonged to the Sammys. The material was donated by Joe Miller, SAM's last president. If anyone else has items related to Sigma Alpha Mu that they would like to donate, or would like to spend some time identifying photographs, please contact the office at 489-2809.

As the result of a recent researcher inquiry, we have been trying to compile lists of the past Presidents and Chairmen of organisations within our Jewish Community, with the dates they served. I have recently completed these lists with the help of Gayle Tallman, of UJA/Jewish Federation of Edmonton. If you notice any errors and/or omissions, please contact the office at: 489-2809. If you have any similar lists pertaining to other Edmonton Jewish organisations, please send them to the office.

PAST CHAIRMEN OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGNS

Dr. Morris Weinlos & Hy Weisler	1955
Sam Belzberg & Joe Shoctor	1958/59 (First UJA Campaign)
Wolfe Margolus	1960
Mickey Dlin	1961
Tevie Miller	1962
Sam Belzberg	1963
Henry Singer	1964
George Levine	1965/66
Marvin Dower	1967
Al Cooper	1968-70
Henry Brezer & Harold Fayerman	1971
Louis Rudolph?	1972
Dr. Noel Jampolsky	1973
Joe Katzin	1974
Noel Jampolsky	1975
Harry Friedman	1976
Aaron Shtabsky	1977-78
Dan Pekarsky?	1979-80
Marvin Weisler	1981
Irving Kipnes	1982
Dr. Eric Schloss	1983
Jack Mayer	1984
Marvin Weisler	1985-86
Irving Kipnes	1987
Valda Levin	1988-89
Shelly Maerov	1990-91
Shelly Maerov & Tulane Rollingher	1992-93
Pnina Staav , Steven Mandel & Catherine Miller-Dolgoy	1994-95
Catherine Miller-Dolgoy	1996
Bruce Elman & Sharon Marcus	1997/98
Len Dolgoy	1999/2000
Selwyn Romanovsky	2001/02
Selwyn Romanovsky & Dr. Jerry Katz	2003

WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAIRS

Seda Margolus	1960
Evelyn "Jerry" Kline	1961-1962
Sybil Dlin	1965
Zelda Kalensky	1966-67
Martha Kushner	1969
Kayla Shoctor	1970
Diane Marcovitch	1972
Becky Fayerman	1973
Tulane Rollingher	1974
Eve Uram	1975
Mamie Sorokin	1976
Lois Sorokin	1977
Lois Sorokin	1978
Anita Sky	1981
Betty Mayer	1982
Valda Levin	1984
Marielle Witten & Miriam Sheckter	1985
Donna Weisler & Marielle Witten	1986
Dena Gelfand	1989-91

Other Women's Division Chairs, dates unknown:

Fran Belzberg
Ruth Brody
Helen Dlin
Martha Kushner
Lyla Lebane
Helen Paull

FEDERATION/COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

1939-1948	Fred Swartz (Federated Jewish Budget)
1949-1954	John Dower
1955	Wolfe Margolus
1956-1957	George Levine
1958-1959	Wolfe Margolus
1960-1962	Joe Shoctor
1963-1964	Hy S. Baltzan

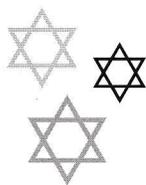
1965-1966	Mickey Dlin	1988	Shelly Maerov
1967-1968	Tevie Miller	1989	Shelly Maerov
1968-1969	Henry Brezer	1990	Michael Goldstein
1969-1970	Sam Friedman	1991	Marshall Shoctor
1971	Dr. Harold Fayerman	1992	Marshall Shoctor
1972	George Promislow	1993	Bruce Elman
1973	George Promislow	1994	Bruce Elman
1974	Dr. Joe Bugis	1995	Len Dolgoy
1975	Dr. Joe Bugis	1996	Len Dolgoy
1976	Florence Singer	1997	Stephen Mandel
1977	Larry Rollingher	1998	Valda Levin
1978	Larry Rollingher	1999	Valda Levin
1981	David Grossman	2000	Alvin Goldsman
1982	Howard Starkman	2001	Alvin Goldsman
1983	Howard Starkman	2002	Alvin Goldsman
1984	Abe Silverman	2003	Russ Joseph
1985	Judy Goldsand		
1986	Judy Goldsand		
1987	Shelly Maerov		

UJA WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING, 1974



L-R clockwise: Donna Weisler, unknown, Betty Mayer, Becky Fayerman, Trudy Katz, Donna Freedman, Diane Marcovitch, Dianne Jampolsky. JAHSENA Archives

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DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD 95TH ST. SYNAGOGUE?

We are looking for photos, films, drawings and stories about the old Beth Israel Synagogue on 95th St. We are currently applying for a grant for a feasibility study to be conducted on the possible restoration of the 95th St. Synagogue.

This is the oldest extant brick synagogue in Alberta, and it is not historically designated. JAHSENA is looking for evidence to support our campaign to protect, preserve and possibly restore this building, which is currently the St. Boniface Catholic Church. If you have any artifacts, photos, memories, etc. having to do with this building, please contact the office at: 489-2809.



Rabbi A. Pinsky, the second rabbi of Beth Israel Synagogue, from 1912-1933, standing in front of the oren Kodesh (Ark) in the original synagogue, at 95th St. and Rowland Rd. Photo courtesy of the Provincial Archives of Alberta.