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## The Torch Has Passed!

### UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2001 LAUNCHED

BY WENDY SCHNEIDER

UJA Campaign 2001 was kicked off at an elegant soiree held at Theatre Aquarius on September 10. Amid elegant surroundings 300 community members mingled, enjoying the elegant ambience, delicious food and entertainment. (see photo spread, p3)

The event was an opportunity for the launch of YAD, the new Young Adult Division of UJA Federation. Formerly known as the Dor EDor Initiative, it was renamed to establish uniformity with other young adult initiatives across the country.

Hamilton's YAD chair, Carolyn Molot, was the evening's host, who set the tone by declaring that



Howard Katz, chair, UJA 2001

the time had come for a new generation to step forward.

Carolyn defined her vision of young leadership with the following words: "It's about our generation coming together and sharing our talents, our skills and our resources with the community at large. It's about making a personal commitment and contribution. It's about modeling for our children the kind of communal responsibility that our parents modeled for us. It's about making Hamilton the kind of community that will have something to offer to our children and our grandchildren."

Richard Diamond, chair of the National Young Leadership Executive for UJA Federations Canada, was the evening's keynote



We've chosen Hamilton as our home, was the message of the personal testimonies given by (from left to right) Mary Martha Starkman, Rebecca Starkman, Catherine Kates, Rina Rodak, Steve Karan and Naomi Eisenberg. Also participating was past UJA Federation president David Steinberg.

speaker. Diamond commented on the intimacy and sense of purpose afforded by being part of a small community. He described community involvement as a win-win situation for both giver and recipient, where the giver



Shelley Waxman, co-chair, UJA 2001 Women's Division

receives the pleasure that comes from helping another. "This is our deepest longing", he said.

"When we give, we must not say 'you're welcome', but 'thank you'. Thank you for allowing me to help, thereby allowing me to become further in touch with my deepest essence."

An emotionally powerful presentation followed in which seven community members gave brief personal testimonies of how the community had enriched their lives. While each gave a different per-

spective, the common theme expressed was that of the sense of belonging and purpose that comes with living in a small

Jewish community.

The headline event of the evening were performances from the Yids in the Hall, a stand-up come-

### "The Birth of a



### UJA Federation of Hamilton

Thank G-d it didn't take nine months! We at UJA Federation are very pleased to announce the birth of a new logo.

Our new logo was created by Pteri Waxman, who is also the designer and inspiration behind the "It Takes a Village" slogan and logo.

We at Federation are very excited and would like to take this opportunity to share some of Pteri's insights into her design.

She explained her vision in the following way. "As a proud member of this Jewish community, I felt strongly that this logo be a reflection of our community pride. The Hamilton-Wentworth area has a wonderful Jewish community. I felt that the choice of a bold typeface for the letter 'H' is illustrative of the strong pillars and welcoming gates of our community. This same pillar motif which houses two Magen Davids also represents a Torah - the backbone of our faith.

The board of the UJA Federation wishes the community a Happy & Healthy New Year

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Israeli youth band thanks commu-

Dear Patricia,  
Shalom. On behalf of the Zichron Ya'acov Youth Band, I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for the great assistance with our tour. Special thanks to the host families for all their hospitality, and warm reception in your community. I sincerely hope you did enjoy the company of the children and also our music.

Hopefully the good relations we established during our visit will bring about a lasting connection between Zichron Ya'acov and your community. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Israel.

Ed.: The UJA thanks the many community members who graciously opened their homes to billet over 40 members of the Band. Thank you to Howard & Marlene Eisenberg; Harvey & Shelley Waxman; Marvin & Judy Caplan; Bruce Greenberg & Lorelei Zeiler, Yael & Alan Livingston, Jeannine and Zoltan Sternberg, Sandra & Philip Yanover; Bonnie & David Loewith; Carl & Vera Loewith; Marcelo & Veronica Wolfe; Miriam Silvert; Wendy & Lorry Schneider; Alan & Patricia Eppel; Laura & David Ludwin; Oren & Deborah Cheifetz; Mickey

### A Thank You to JSS staff

Dear Carol and Bea,

I would like to thank you personally for the many opportunities you have given so many of us to enjoy some exciting trips. Your courageous attempt to book, not one but two buses at a time with so much success deserves a very heartfelt thank you from all of us. Without you how many of us could enjoy such marvelous shows as Mama Mia, The Lion King, Stratford and the forth-coming Jackie Mason event. As a senior citizen, I cannot tell you enough just how important it is to "get out" and communicate with so many other people in our own age category. Hamilton may still be a small Jewish Community, but not so easy to get to see others who live in various areas of the community.

Most of us have done our share of volunteer work within this community-Hamilton Health Sciences Corp., UJA, JSS, Temple, Synagogue, schools etc and we feel that these trips are our thank you. Once again thank you so much for the joy that you bring into our lives.

As we get older, not all our moments are so "golden" illness aches and pains, and unfortunately, the loss of our dear ones. These trips are certainly a much needed ray of sunshine. Yosher Koach and best wishes and

### Can You Help?

The following letter came into the offices of the UJA/Federation. If you can be of assistance to this family please contact Patricia Tolkin Eppel, executive director, UJA Federation, 648-0605, ext 306

I am an Israeli who has been living in South Africa for the last 15 years. Due to the very high crime rate, South Africa is becoming a very dangerous place to live. As we are planning to immigrate to Canada, we need your help. Financially we are okay, but according to the immigration rules, we need a job offer (to have enough points to immigrate) which must be approved by a local official immigration officer. We are a family of four, with two girls aged 11 and 16. My wife, Svetlana Kanar is the main applicant. She is 35 years old, a retail salesperson and sales clerk. I am a 55 year old classical musician and piano technician. Unfortunately piano technician does not exist as a profession on the official list of professions. For the last two years we have been living on a far where

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Special Occasions

RUTH & BEN SHOIGILEV - 65th Wedding Anniversary: Arlene & Richard Leibtag & family. JOY FOSTER - birth of grand-daughter, Dahvi: Sam & Ahuva Soifer. DAVID BURMAN - special birthday: Sam & Ahuva Soifer. HENRY MULLER - 70th birthday: Goldie Robbins. MAX BEER - special birthday: Carol & Lester Krames. HARVEY KESSLER - in honour of your appointment as director of Windsor JCC: Phil & Daphne Leon. ALLEN & FLORA RAMS - birthday of grandchild: Carol & Lester Krames. GWEN & MICHAEL SHERMAN - birth of grandson: Claire & Jack Mandel. EVE FINKELSTEIN - Mazel Tov on new home: Bill & Gerri Goldberg. JORDAN & SYLVIA LIVINGSTON - Mazel Tov on new home: Bill & Gerri Goldberg. JOYCE & DAVID MULLER - birth of son, Avi: Selevan Family. MR. & MRS. A. WEISZ - Mazel Tov on marriage of grandson, Eric: Bobbi & Joel Newman. RUTH CORBIN - Special Birthday: Louise, Oded, Tamar, Naomi & Ilana Klinghoffer. SHOSHANA WALFISH - in honour of your Bat Mitzvah: Sam & Ahuva Soifer

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## Our Apologies



The HJN apologizes to Carl Creachman, who was among the recipients of last year's Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Awards. Carl, who has volunteered extensively for the community, was inadvertently left off the list of recipients. Once

## AIR MILES IF YOU HAVE THEM AND YOU'RE NOT USING THEM WE CAN!

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# UJA CAMPAIGN 2001 AND YAD\* LAUNCH

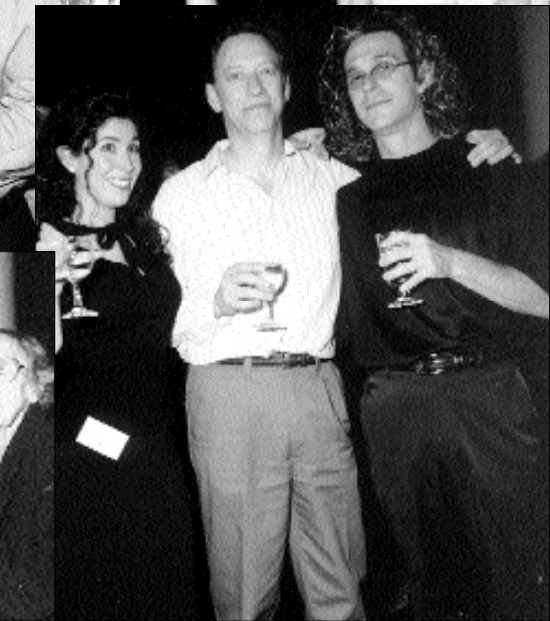
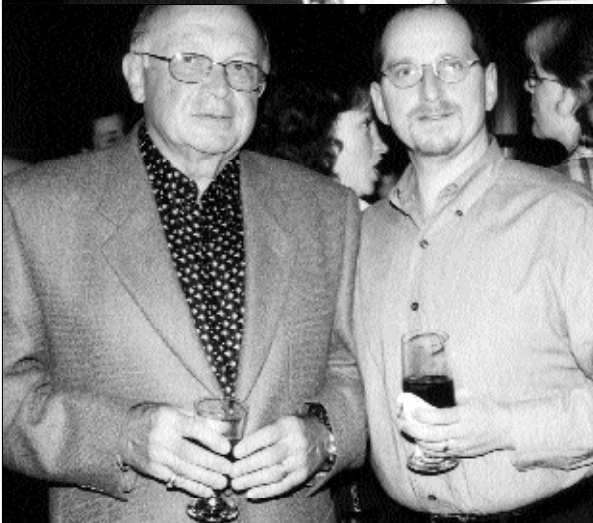
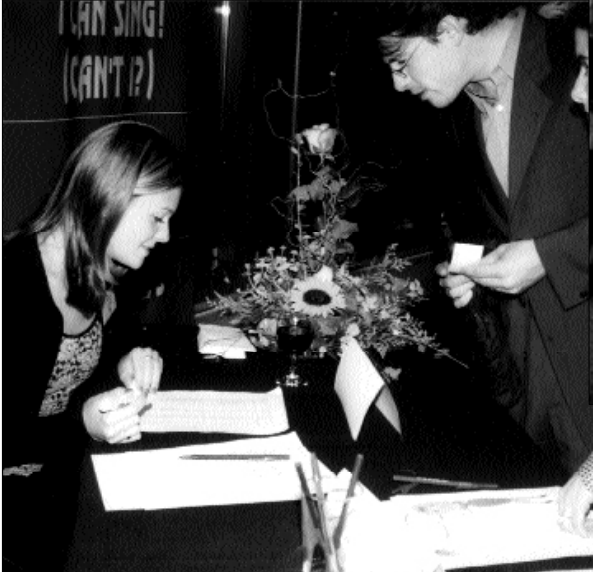
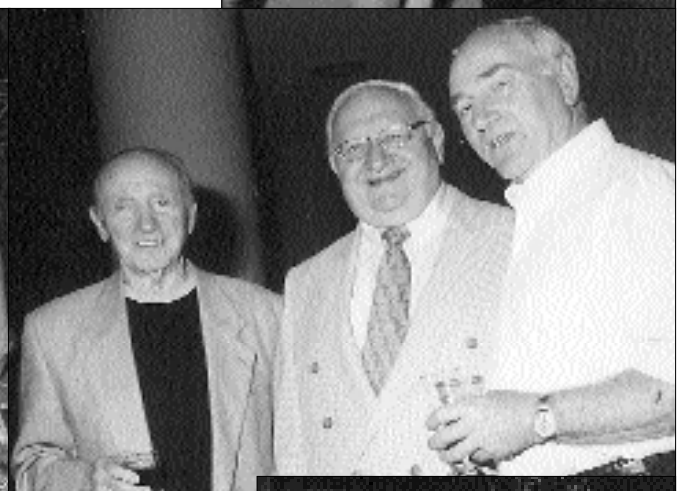
## YAD AND CAMPAIGN LAUNCH CHAIR SAYS THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who joined us at Hamilton's UJA campaign launch 2001 and the launch of YAD (Young Adult Division of UJA Federation) at Theatre Aquarius. Your support and smiles represent the true value of our community, and it is an honour to serve you.

I'd also like to thank the following individuals who spent personal time and energy to ensure our success: Stuart Zaltz, Sharon Switzer, Joel Starkman, Vicky Wylson-Sher, David Steinberg, Naomi Eisenberg, Steve Karan, Mary Martha Starkman, Rebecca Starkman, Catherine Kates, Rina Rodak, Ayelet Eppel and Karen Schiff, Elaine Kotur and Debbie from Grey's Florist. I'd also like to applaud Wendy Schneider, YAD professional, Patricia Tolkin Eppel, executive director, and Federation staff, Michael Feldman, Dolly Cohen and Chris Nusca.

The evening's ultimate success however, belongs to Helene Katz. Her remarkable use of logic and efficiency cannot be matched, nor can her impeccable taste. I feel fortunate to have learned so much from Helene and look forward to enjoying her magic once again at the JCC SALSA PARTY, on Saturday November 18.

I invite everyone to join our growing YAD committee . If you have an interest or any questions, please call me at 528-9667 or e-mail me at crook@interlynx.net.



\* YAD = Young Adult Division

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We have made every effort to record all volunteers to the 2000 Campaign. Please accept our apologies if we have missed your name. We will be more than happy to acknowl-

### Additions to the 2000 Campaign gratefully received

#### MEN'S DIVISION

Rescuers \$10,000 - \$14,999 The Allen & Milli Gould Family Foundation;  
Protectors \$5,000 - \$9999 - Lewis & Ruth Sherman Foundation;  
Providers \$2,500 - \$4,999 - Albert Lager Foundation;  
Builders \$1,000 - \$2,499 - Sheridan Lax, Barney Rosenblatt, Mark Scholes; Educators \$500 - \$999 - Ernest Mason, Sol Sandberg;  
Defenders \$250 - \$499 - Rick Kwitco, Gary Rich, Larry Szpirglas, Ron Wexler; Supporters \$100 - \$249 - Martin Halpern, Leonid Shkolnik, Aiden Tuite; Shomrim \$26 - \$99 - Dosta Ciganovic, Shannon Shapiro;  
Chaverim \$1 - \$25 - Cecil Saperson, Marcelo Wolff

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION

Builders \$1,000 - \$2,499 - Ruth Sherman; Educators \$500 - \$999 - Kathryn Junger, Jacki Levin, Sorie Rosenblatt, Freda Rosenfeld; Bonim \$101 - \$249 - Amy Back; Shomrim \$26 - \$100 - Julia Abelson, Molly Beube-Shweid; Chaverim \$1 - \$25 - Gilda Ennis, Maya Eventov, Naomi Schwartz, Deborah Winter.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE 2000 CAMPAIGN

Jewish Federation Administration	\$104,905
Including Young Adult Leadership Initiative	11,500

Community Governance, Central Community Resource Centre • Public Relations Spokesbody for Community • Anti-Semitism Watchbody/Community Security • Leadership Development • Community Demographics • Community Calendar • Newcomer Settlement • Holocaust Education Projects • Israel Experience Student Scholarships • March of the Living/Anguish To Hope • Adult Missions

In addition the Jewish Federation office provides the full administration for

United Jewish Appeal • Jewish Social Services • The Sheltered Workshop • Midrasha High School • Kosher Food Bank • Hebrew Free Loan • McMaster Jewish Students Association • Hamilton Jewish News • Legacy Endowment Fund

Jewish Social Services Administration	61,400
Direct Relief	47,000

Jewish Education		
Hamilton Hebrew Academy		100,000
	Plus Gift	1,227
Beth Jacob Religious School		20,000
	Plus Gift	836
Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School		25,000
	Plus Gift	761
Midrasha High School		18,500
McMaster Jewish Students Association		10,000
Special Needs Children		3,240

Jewish Community Centre		
127,000		
Camp Kadimah • Community-Wide Cultural Programming: Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Purim Carnival, etc. Recreational Programming • Youth Leadership Development Adult Jewish Education		
	Plus Gift	224
Youth Leadership Program to be applied for		12,000

Community Services		
Hamilton Jewish News		13,725
Kashrut Services		13,200
Legacy Endowment		14,000

Canadian Services		58,710
UJA Federations • Canadian Jewish Congress Jewish Immigrant Aid Services • Campus Services		
Arrears (last year of five year commitment)		10,000

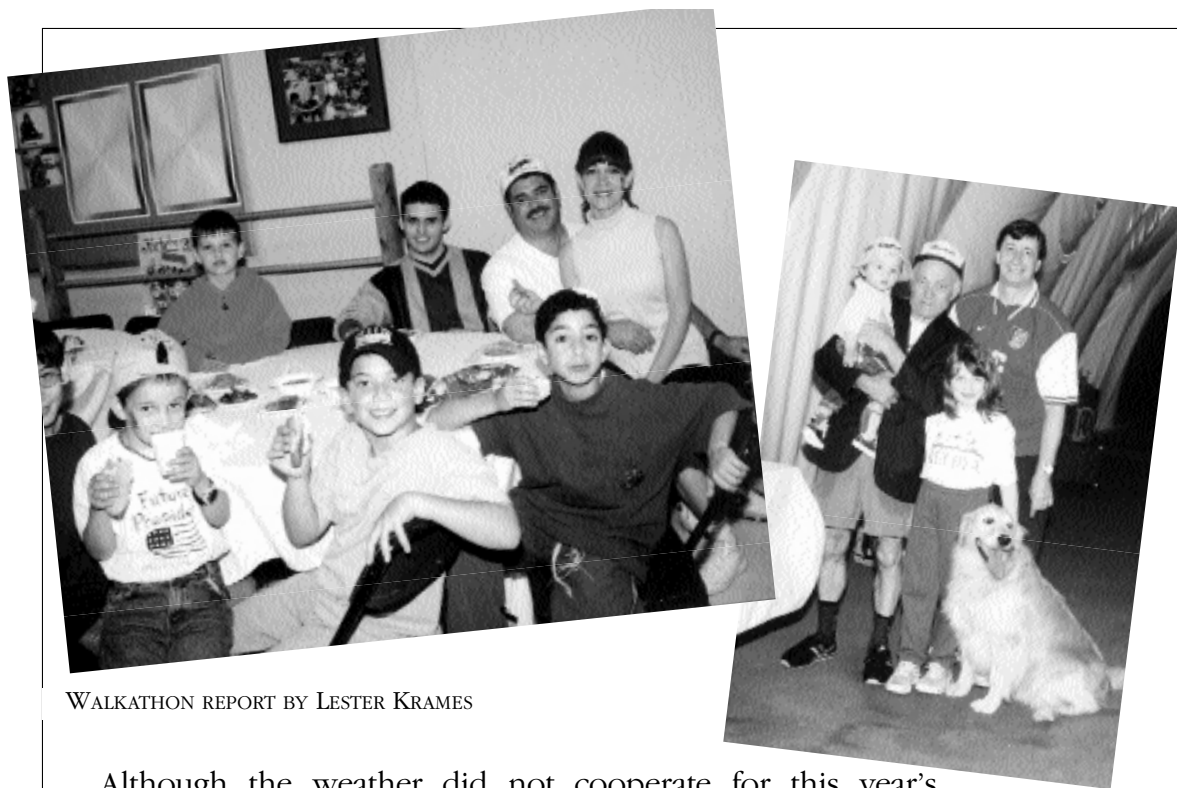
### International Rescue and Settlement United Israel Appeal of Canada

TOTAL FUNDS PLEDGED THROUGH THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 TO 2000 WAS APPROXIMATELY \$980,000 (INCLUDING A RANGE OF ASSOCIATED FUNDS SUCH AS THE KOSHER FOOD BANK, KIEV HUNGER PROJECT, RALPH TRAVIS ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.) ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF RAISING FUNDS WAS \$89,275, REPRESENTING 9.0%

2000 Budget & Allocations Committee: Louise Rotman, chair, Harvey Waxman, William Halpren, Paul Roth, Cele Steinberg, Bonnie Loewith, Mark Gould, Lowell Richter, Shirley Molot, Howard Katz

# COMMUNITY WALK TO KIEV

## OVER \$14,000 RAISED THIS YEAR TO COMBAT HUNGER



WALKATHON REPORT BY LESTER KRAMES

Although the weather did not cooperate for this year's Walkathon the heavy downpour did not dampen the spirits of the crowd of over 500 people who came to the JCC to participate. Unable to follow the outdoor route the participants circled the bubble 72 times to make good the pledges of their sponsors. Over 30 bikers took to the rail trail wrapped in plastic and raincoats. Bikers who did not hit the trail came to the JCC to hand in their pledges.

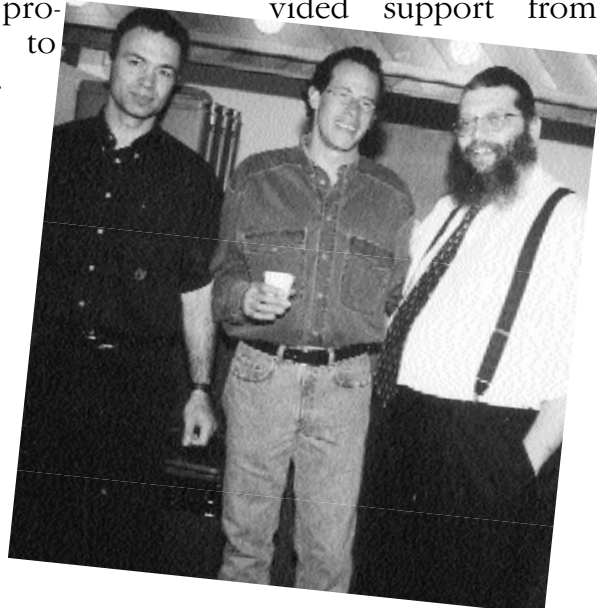
All participants had a wonderful time. The children were delighted to find rides and games to enjoy after their walk. Parents were very happy just to have the time to socialize with friends from the community. All enjoyed the hot dog lunch, prizes and food treats.

The participants were reminded of the significance of the day's events. Illya Melamed brought in a news item from his native Kiev telling of the fire bombing of an Aish HaTorah Yeshiva. The attack took place on the prior Friday evening as a large number of families had gathered for Shabbos. Everything was destroyed, due to the late arrival of the fire department, but the families escaped.

The Walkathon reached its goal of \$15,000.00. This money will be presented to the Joint Distribution to feed the hungry elderly in the Ukraine. We can be proud of the fact that the community efforts will provide over 5,000 hot meals.

Over \$20,000 has been raised since the Mission To Kiev last November ignited interest. In addition to Walkathon revenue, many have made single donations, others have signed up for the purchase of a food box a month, while Kiev Hunger Project Tribute Cards remain a popular way to recognize special occasions.

The community cooperation was outstanding. The entire community came through and supported this critical effort. We were particularly proud of the response of the children attending the three synagogues. Our last mission to Kiev left behind two banners made by the children of the Temple Anshi Shalom School and the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. Our children have reached out and their efforts have created a great mitzvah. Thanks also go to the various businesses that provided support from prizes.

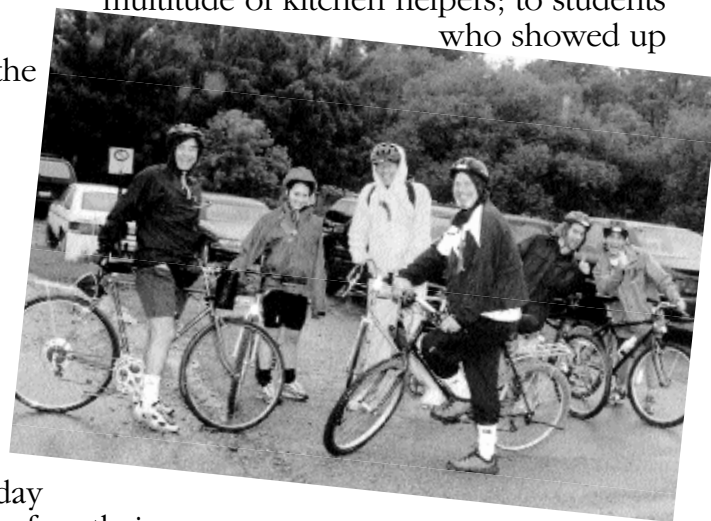


Photographs by Emeric Elkin

### VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Volunteers young and old came forward to make the day special. Special mention go to Lester Krames and Susan Roth, co-chairs, for their tireless dedication to the project; to the Bikers Group, Abe Szpirglas, Leslie Born, Jerome Bergart; to the volunteer coordinators Shelley Marks, Hilton & Shirley Silberg; to Brandon Larry and his crew for the absolutely marvellous post-walk entertainment - you filled the bubble with music and laughter; to the registration desk personnel, Hindy Halpren, Olla Horodesky, Lynne Czutrin, Barbara Laskin; to the many, many rained-out checkpoints; to David Loewith and his truck, the shleppers; to the multitude of kitchen helpers; to students who showed up

the



day before their exams.

TOP FUND-RAISERS WALK TO KIEV 2000  
Kol Hakoved to these three top fundraisers, who cumulatively brought in nearly \$1500 for the Kiev hunger project. We recognize their outstanding dedication. You Have Make A Difference, to the needy Jews of Kiev. Thank you.

**SUPER FUND-RAISERS!**

The UJA Federation thanks the following donors for their continued support of this critical hunger relief project.

Sura Apel, Alec & Leah Bukhman, Gladys Dubo, Boris Elenkrig, Sandra Feldman, the friends of Nachum Spinner, Irwin & Sandra Fuss, Roman Galkin, Hilda and Moshe Gold, Joel & Lonnie Goldberg, Sima and Yechiel Goldreich, Rita Gorrin, Bill & Marcia Halpren, Mary Hunt, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Rhonda & Michael Kemeny, Mladen Krmptotic, Moishe & Francine Lindenbaum, Minna Loewith, Clare & Jack Mandel, Anne Mandell, Sharon & Lawrence Hart, Ilya Melamed, Max & Jeanette Nathan, Alex Ringer, James & Elaine Ross, Zelda Rostoker, Paul & Susan Roth, Yuri & Luba Rotman, Gerri & Sam Shapiro, Mikhail Sher, Jack & Barbara Shinehoft, Anna & Leonid Shkolnik, Phyllis & William Shragge, Sidney Shumacher, Emilia & Joseph Shusterman, Marat Sinaiouk, Nancy & Brian Somer, Jay & Diane State, Leon & Isabel Strub, Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School, Stan & Liz Tick, Henry & Gertrude Turner, Nicolay Umanski, David Volman, Jim Williamson, Andrea & Phil Zians.

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UJA Federation

# Look what's new at Midrasha

The Midrasha High School Program (a joint program of the UJA/Jewish Federation and Hamilton Learning Centre) welcomes Nancy Sullivan as its new director. Ms. Sullivan has been living in Hamilton for the last 16 years. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education from McMaster and has completed courses for an M.A. program at McMaster in Religious Studies. She currently teaches science at Hillpark Secondary School for the Hamilton Board of Education as well as at Anshe Sholom Religious School and the Midrasha for the past 5 years. Previous to teaching with the Board of Education, Ms. Sullivan worked at the Hamilton Learning Centre as Program Supervisor for many of the education programs developed by Leia Ger-Rogers.

Ms. Sullivan is very excited about her new position. "I have a great interest in education on many levels", she said recently. "First and foremost being a student of religious studies myself, gave me a lifelong interest in the value of learning about one's own religious heritage. Secondly, I find a great deal of energy in teaching young people. Lastly, my experience in educational administration has given me the opportunity to see the importance of strong, interesting and relevant education programming. The Midrasha is very close to my heart. I've met many fabulous teachers and students in this program and I am very excited to be able to contribute at an administrative level as well."

The Midrasha is offering a number of interesting courses for September 2000 - June 2001. Along with the usual credit courses in Hebrew and Judaic Studies, the Midrasha is highlighting a new and interactive-based non-credit course called "Doing Jewish Culture". (see ad below) This course runs on alternate Sundays throughout the year. The Midrasha is thrilled to be able to provide this unique and relevant program to Jewish teens. Anyone interested in "Doing Jewish Culture" with the Midrasha should contact Chris at the Federation office at 648-0605 for registration details.

The advanced Hebrew credit courses continue to run on Monday evenings



Midrasha presents

# Doing Jewish Culture

Doing Jewish Culture offers a chance for teens to experience Jewish music, theater, art and film through hands-on workshop experiences with some of our community's talented and experienced artists in these fields. Teens will work with local artists to learn the roots of Jewish cultural expressions, as well as try their hand at creating their own forms of music, art and drama.

Workshops will include working with a local Jewish musician to learn the roots of Jewish music as well as write and perform music in a studio setting, learning various performance techniques in drama under the guidance of an award-winning Jewish play-write and theater director, as well as attending a number of Jewish film presentations at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, and much more. This program promises to be a fun and interesting way to expose Jewish teens to the history and importance of Jewish culture by taking part in the process. For more information call Midrasha director, Nancy Sullivan at 572-6723.

# Legacy Endowment Fund

BY PATRICIA TOLKIN EPPLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UJA/FEDERATION

The Legacy Endowment Committee of the UJA Federation, under the chairmanship of Stan Tick, is delighted to announce the appointment of Wendy Schneider as its new director.

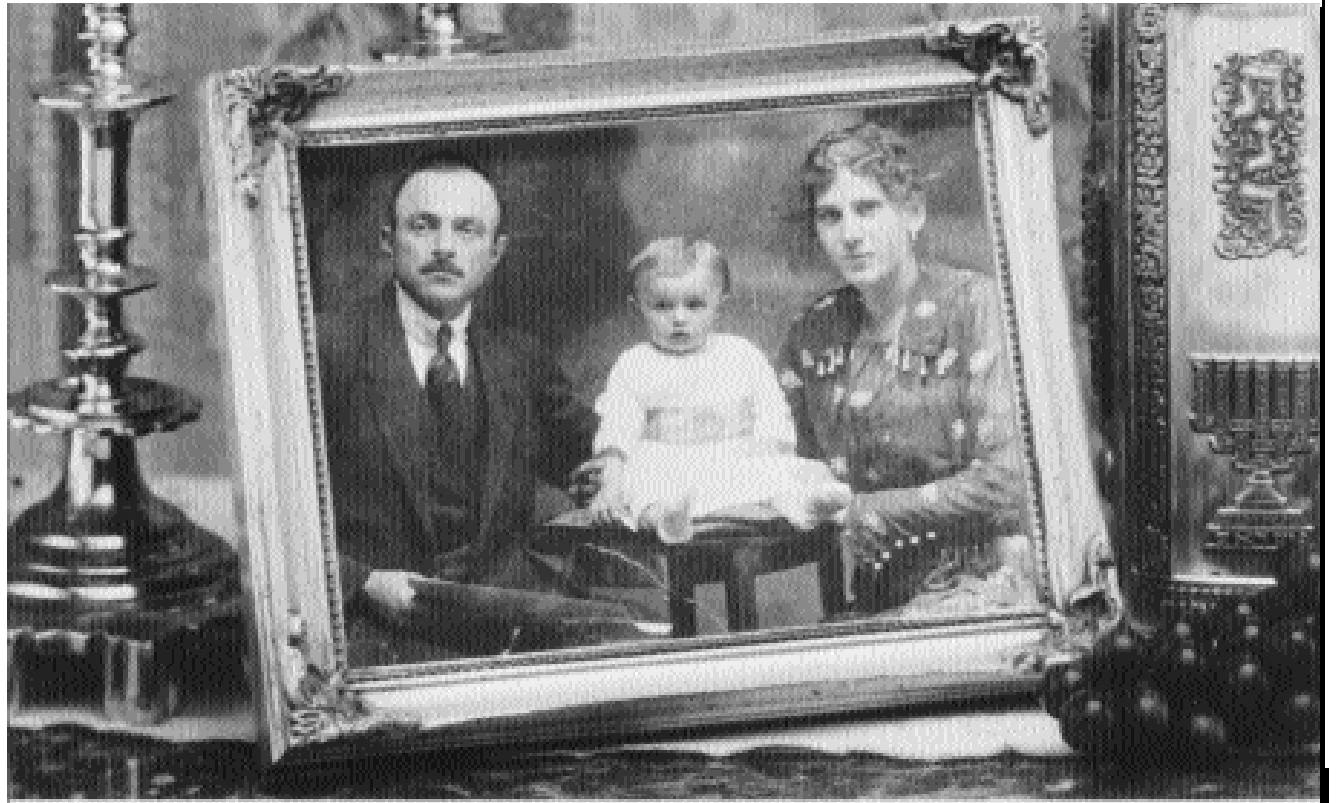
Wendy, who is presently the editor and publisher of the Hamilton Jewish News, has also recently taken on the portfolio of Young Leadership Development for the UJA Federation. Within one year, she has mobilized a new generation of committed community members, whose talents and resources are being applied to a wide range of YAD programmes. Many community organizations have identified leadership vacuums in their organizations. In response to this concern, the board of the UJA Federation set

aside UJA monies for this initiative, and is now seeing the fruits of this financial and staffing commitment, (see this issue HJN).

As an associated challenge, Wendy has identified the need to shore up future funding for the wide range of agencies and programs funded through the UJA. She believes that proper funding goes hand in hand with strategic and leadership planning for the future of the Hamilton community.

Wendy takes over from Frank Simkevitz, who for three years was the professional for the Tri-City Legacy Endowment initiative. Frank set the groundwork for the Hamilton Legacy Fund, heightened its profile in the community, and began to address a long recognized gap in the financial management of the Jewish community. Many new endowment

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

The government of Germany recently passed legislation authorizing payments to those who suffered in Nazi slave labour camps. Payment of successful claims will come from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany Inc. in New York.

Specific details concerning criteria of eligibility and application procedures will be forthcoming in the fall. We will inform the community of all the necessary details and how to get help in completing the application forms. Please look for specific announcements in your local community newspaper. For further information, please call 1-888-440-1836.

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**UJA Federation**

# Birthright instills yearning to

by Jason Markusoff

For most of my life, I have been taught about the wonder of Israel. After nearly 19 years of being educated in Jewish schools and summer camps about the land's history and beauty, I yearned for my chance to go there. Thanks to the generosity of philanthropists Michael Steinhardt and Charles Bronfman, the Birthright program fulfilled this life-long dream.

This past July, I joined 120 Jewish students from across Canada on the second instalment of Birthright, the free 10-day tour through Israel for Jews aged 18-26 who have never been to the Holy Land on an organized tour. The program's mission is to instill Jewish pride in young people, and help them appreciate their homeland. Well, Messrs. Bronfman and Steinhardt, you have one very satisfied customer right here.

There are just so many facets of Israel that I find intriguing: the history, religion, culture, cuisine, architecture, nature, geography, and even the politics. And on a number of occasions on this 10-day whirlwind trip, several of them converged.

The first sites we went to brought one of these convergences. At the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem, we overlooked the Old City, and saw the holy sites that three of the world's major religions hold dear. I knew that Jerusalem was the cradle of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, but I could not believe how close together they all were. No wonder the city has been the breaking point in Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations.

As our group walked through the grounds of this ancient citadel-turned museum, I noticed that among the breathtaking limestone architecture were scattered brilliant, brightly-coloured glass sculptures by French artist



Jason in the Judean Desert

Chihuly. The clash of old and new art was breathtaking; and, rather than being behind glass cases or a velvet rope in a museum, it was in the open for all to see and appreciate.

Another interesting contrast was the difference between Friday night and Saturday night in Jerusalem. We welcomed Shabbat at the Kotel. Years of learning about the Beit Hamikdash (Holy Temple) were fleshed out in magnificent real life at this holiest site in all of Judaism.

While we welcomed Shabbat in a serious fashion, we closed it out with a party. We spent Saturday night on Ben Yehuda, in Jerusalem's nightlife district. The streets and bars were buzzing with the same unique mix of people that I met at the Kotel: tourists and locals, secular Jews and Hasidim, young and old. I stood in the middle of it all, trying to absorb as much of the culture and beauty that I could. Israel was even better than I had dreamed it would be.

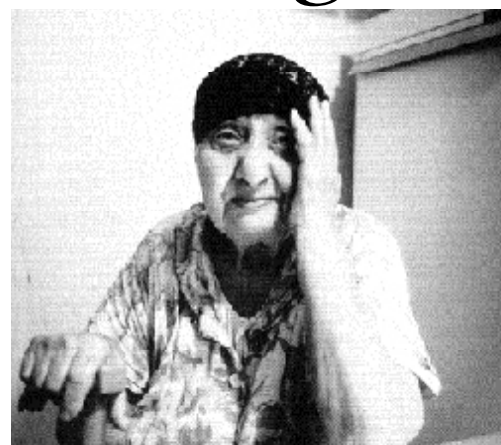
In another convergent highlight of the trip, there was the beauty and tragedy that intermingled on Masada. As our tour guide told us of the nearly 1,000 Jewish revolvers that killed themselves rather than being captured by the Roman army here, I was admiring the amazing panoramic view of the desert.

It was an awe-inspiring vista, but the myth of a terrible mass suicide put a tragic twist on it. Coupled with the geographical marvel that was Masada came a strong historical lesson of self-sacrifice in the face of adversity.

In the north, I witnessed even more overlapping glory and misfortune. We visited the beautiful Golan, which is home to both beautiful nature reserves and still-active minefields - humble border villages with ruins from recent shell attacks; An early Israeli kibbutz with high-tech chicken coops next to high-tech bomb shelters.

One of the most gripping experiences on the trip was visiting Yad Vashem, which commemorates the Holocaust. I was especially touched by the Children's Memorial, where one candle is refracted in mirrors 1.5 million times, representing 1.5 million Jewish children murdered. Against a black backdrop, the reflected candles looked like stars in the sky. I imagined that even though these children's lives were extinguished, their neshamot - their souls - still shone. But, as I told some of my weeping friends from the group, Israel's very existence was proof of our resilience and ability to recover from that darkest of events. Jews now had a land to call their own -

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## WE PROMISED TO GET YOU TO ISRAEL



In addition to six recipients featured in the June issue of the HJN, the UJA Federation is proud to announce to further Israel Experience scholarships have been awarded to Jonathan Wolff (MBI Habonim Dror) and Miriam Simma Walfish (Hebrew University). Funds have been provided



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# YAD\* INITIATIVES

The Dor L'Dor Initiative has a new name and a new chair. Formerly known as the Dor L'Dor Initiative, it was renamed to establish uniformity with other young adult initiatives across the country. YAD welcomes Carolyn Molot, who has headed up a number of Dor L'Dor committees over the last year as its new chair. Carolyn also headed up a committee of volunteers who planned the UJA Campaign 2001 launch held at Theatre Aquarius.

YAD also welcomes Lila Strub, chair of Genesis, a Leadership Development Program (see box below), Vicky Wylson Sher who is spearheading the HAMILTON JEWISH COMMUNITY GROWTH PROJECT (see below) and Pteri Waxman for her design of a logo for UJA Federation of Hamilton and her artistic direction of the design of the upcoming Jewish Hamilton website. YAD also thanks Helene Katz for her superb skills in overseeing the UJA Campaign 2001 launch at Theatre Aquarius on September 10 and launch committee members Sharon Switzer and Joel Starkman. Below are a number of recent YAD initiatives.

\*formerly known as the Dor L'Dor Initiative

## 1. GENESIS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SEE BOX BELOW)

## 2. HAMILTON JEWISH COMMUNITY GROWTH PROJECT

The first meeting of the Hamilton Jewish Community Growth Project will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 8:00pm at the home of Vicky Wylson Sher, 21 Deerview Avenue, Ancaster. This exciting project will bring together individuals from varying backgrounds in our community who would like to develop strategies to attract Jewish families from communities such as Toronto, Montreal and South Africa to Hamilton. All are welcome. We'd love your input and participation. More information call Vicky Wylson Sher, Hamilton Jewish Community Growth Project at 648-2296.



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It Takes A Village

## 3. It Takes A Village

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We call ourselves "It Takes A Village" and our role welcome newcomers to the Hamilton Jewish community, get them acquainted with community services help out in whatever way we can. Thanks to Waxman for organizing the make up of 40 welcoming baskets to be delivered in time for Rosh Hashana. If you're new or know of someone who is new to this community call Carolyn Molot, chair, YAD Hamilton, at 528-9667 and we'll be in touch.

## 4. B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY MITZVAH PROJECT

Put the "mitzvah" back into your child's bar or bat mitzvah! Involve your whole family in a mitzvah project and make this year especially meaningful by getting involved in a social action project. For a list of organizations and agencies that have volunteer opportunities for your bar or bat mitzvah child call Wendy Schneider, Young Leadership Professional, UJA Federation, at 628-0058 or committee members, Karen Saperson at 304-6011, Adele Wolpert Zur at 628-0370 or Laura Wolfson at 528-8002.

## 5. SKILLS BANK

YAD is working on the creation of a SKILLS BANK, to which any member of the community can make ongoing "withdrawals" or "deposits". A "deposit" would be any service a person would be willing to provide for another community member. Examples of deposits are: computer training, financial consulting, business advice, career counselling, bicycle repair, plumbing or electrical services, lawn care, dog walking, challah baking, math tutoring, meal preparation, resumé typing, etc. A deposit in the skills bank will entitle a person to make a withdrawal of any service that s/he requires. This project is open to everyone: Your child, your teenager, your parent: everyone has something to offer. Tell us about your special skill that you can share with the community. Email Carolyn Molot at crook@interlynx.net, write her at 14 Bond St. N. Hamilton, L8S 3W1 or send a fax to Wendy Schneider at 627-7099, Skills Bank chair, Carolyn Molot, 528-9667.

## 6. HAMILTON JEWISH COMMUNITY WEBSITE

We'll be up and running soon at [www.jewishhamilton.org](http://www.jewishhamilton.org). If you have skills in website maintenance, we can use your help. Please call Wendy Schneider at 628-0058. Our thanks to Pteri Waxman for her artistic direction of the website look and to Dundas resident, Mike Quinn for his design of the website's front page.

## 5. 2001 CANADIAN YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL, OTTAWA, MARCH 30 TO APRIL 1, 2001  
This bi-annual Canadian Young Leadership conference attracts the best and brightest of young leadership across Canada and is open to anyone. The conference is an extremely important tool in engaging your peers in conversation about issues that affect us as Jews locally, nationally, and internationally and provides a wonderful occasion to network and celebrate Jewish life with young leaders from across Canada. Take on the mantle of leadership to ensure that you and your community benefit from this superb opportunity. Subsidies are available. For more information call Andrea Molot at 522-2844.

## 6. YACHDAV 2001 INTERNATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP

# YACHDAV Young Leadership Mission

BY NAOMI EISENBERG

Last summer, Naomi Eisenberg was Hamilton's representative on YACHDAV, an international young leadership mission to the Former Soviet Union and Israel.



For me, the recent YACHDAV 2000 Young Leadership Mission to Vilnius, Minsk and Israel was affirmation of the importance of the work done by United Israel Appeal Federations Canada (UIAFC).

My emotions in Vilnius, Lithuania ran a gamut from heartbreak to rage desperation to hope. Once the heart of Jewish intelligentsia, Vilnius has been reduced to the threads of its once great fabric. The Nazis and their Lithuanian collaborators wiped out 95% of the local Jewry. Once making up 50% of the population, Vilnius' Jewish community now makes up less than 1%. Only one synagogue remains of the nearly 100 in the past. Much of the remnant Jewish community is intermarried and those that have declared themselves Jewish do not have the knowledge to sustain their heritage. Only the survivors remember. We met old men at their morning prayers who sang with us some Yiddish and Hebrew melodies. Amid moist eyes we forged a link across generations, miles and history. In their eyes we read their

Naomi Eisenberg visits an elderly shut-in in Minsk thoughts: "Here is our future... they know what it means to be Jewish".

Just outside Vilnius lies the Ponar forest, where we acknowledged the horrors committed there against Jews. Monuments in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish pay homage to the thousands of Soviet "citizens" murdered in those pits. We recited Yizkor as trains whistled and rolled by, the sound chilling our hearts. We met with teenagers involved in Jewish Agency programs that promote aliyah, toured Vilnius' only Jewish day school and the grave of the Vilna Gaon. Amidst small signs of hope ugliness remains - anti-Semitic graffiti on the walls of the newly restored Jewish ghetto and an absence of any signs of remorse for Lithuanian collaboration with the Nazis during WWII.

Belarus seemed like a black and white postcard, with its gray skies, gray buildings, gray people who were unable or

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## UJA FEDERATION DOR L'DOR INITIATIVE

### PRESENTS

UJA Federation's Dor L'Dor Young Leadership Initiative is proud to announce the launching of GENESIS, an 18 month leadership development program, whose goal is to foster future leadership in the community.

Anyone between the ages of 25 and 50 is welcome to sign up for what promises to be an outstanding program that will impart the skills to enable participants to take on leadership roles, not only in the volunteer sector, but in the workplace and personal realms as well.

Participants will be encouraged to take part in intellectual risk-taking, experimentation and creativity. Topics covered during bi-monthly meetings will include: Vision Mapping; Leading a Fulfilled and Balanced life; Planning and Implementing a Community Project; Exploring the Qualities of a Jewish Leader; An Update on the Middle East; Canadian Jewry into the 21st Century; Beyond Tolerance: Embracing Jewish Pluralism and Holocaust Education, among others.

An integral feature of Genesis will be participants' taking part in the creation and implementation of a community-based project. A retreat and/or a mission to Israel and the Former Soviet Union are also being considered as a culmination of what promises to be an outstanding program.

The cost of Genesis, which will be highly subsidized by UJA Federation, is \$150 per person for the entire 18-month program. The first session, scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 23, 7:30 pm at the home of Lila Strub, 86 Highland Park Drive, Dundas, will provide an opportunity for the group to get to know each other and set the tone for the 18 months that follow.

If you are interested in being a Genesis participant, please call Lila Strub, Chair, UJA Federation Genesis Young Leadership Development Program at 628-4390.

**Jewish Social**

BY CAROL KRAMES, DIRECTOR, JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

**JSS THEATRE CLUB REPORT**

All who joined our Theatre Club trips will long remember the summer of 2000-and it will not be because of all the rain. We had some wonderful trips. Mama Mia, Lion King, and Fiddler on the Roof, to name a few. The summer may be ending but not our trips. We will be going to see Mama Mia again on Monday evening, November 13, 2000 Cost is \$80 for the bus and the show. Our special trip will be on Sunday, November 26, 2000 to see Jackie Mason at Toronto Centre for the Arts. The cost is \$80. For these trips we have booked two buses. If you would like to join our Theatre Club or register for a trip please call 648-00605 ex 325 or 326 to be put on our mailing list. There are no age restrictions, these trips are for the young at heart.



Irv and Bess Dulberg are regular Theatre Club participants

We at the Jewish Social Services Wish everyone in this community a very Happy and Healthy New Year. May you and your families have a prosper-

**KOSHER FOOD BANK REPORT**

With the approach of the High Holidays everyone is very excited about having their families and all the wonderful meals they are going to enjoy. For Jews the Rosh Hashana is not a time for excessive celebration (like New Years Eve). Rather it is a time for meditation and repentance. Unfortunately in our community there are many families who do not have the funds to have a festive meal. As the holidays come closer and closer more and more people begin to worry where the money will come from to buy the food to make the holiday special for their families.

Our community is fortunate to have a Jewish Federation who have made a commitment to ensure that no Jewish person in Hamilton will be hungry. We have a Food Bank that who ever needs to use it can use it in complete confidentiality. The Food Bank needs your help. Our shelves are getting low. We need, rice, mayonnaise, tuna fish, gefilte fish, salmon, toothpaste, tissues, soups, cookies, crackers, grape juice and of course any financial donations. All products should be kosher. All products can be dropped off at the Jewish Community Centre, or at the three synagogues. If you would like to give a donation you can mail us a check or leave it at the butcher shop or Westdale Delicatessen when you do your shopping.

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unwilling to make eye contact with passers-by. The post-Soviet depression has left pensioners a mere \$US 25 per month to live on. Were it not for the work of the Joint Distribution Committee Chessed community centers, many of the elderly would be left hungry and go without medical assistance. Despite abysmal living conditions they seemed cheerful. Asked why they didn't leave to join their families in America or Israel, they shrugged and said matter-of-factly, "This is where I live."

We were the first Western group to see the newly unveiled monument to the Jews who died at Yama a graveyard where the bones of thousands of Minsk Jews lie beneath the cobblestones. Designed in Israel and cast in bronze in Belarus, the monument portrays a group of emaciated Jews descending to their deaths.

Our last visit was to a Jewish Agency sponsored summer camp where Jewish children learn about and celebrate Jewish and Israeli culture. We watched joyful children dance and sing and proudly show us their Israeli kibbutzim, Bedouin tents, and coffeehouse. This was unquestionably the happiest memory of an otherwise bleak visit.

When our plane left for Israel, we were so happy that we clapped as we took off. Amongst young Jewish people from 13 countries, whose common language was Hebrew, we gained an understanding of the complexities of Israeli society and politics.

As Diaspora Jews living in wealthy nations, I am proud of our practice of tikkun olam both at home and abroad. We are our brothers' keepers.



**Sweet**

**EACH YEAR** WE CELEBRATE ROSH HASHONAH by dipping apples in honey, hoping that the new year will be filled with sweetness. With your help, the United Jewish Appeal makes life a little sweeter for Jews in our own community as well as in the Former Soviet Union and in Israel. By providing food and care for the elderly, rescuing people from the ravages of war or hatred, or simply by strengthening our own communities, we're saving Jewish lives.

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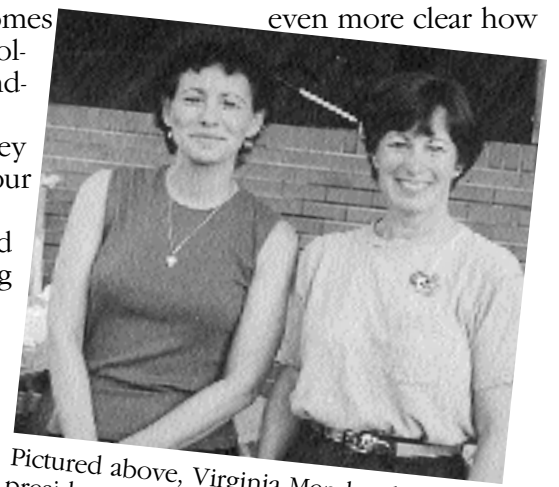
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Interested? Please call Michelle at the JCC at

## Thanks for making a differ-

At a time of heightened technology, it becomes even more clear how valuable our community volunteers are. Our volunteers are masters of communication, extending their warmth and caring in every act. Our heartfelt thanks to volunteer coordinator, Shelley Waxman, who welcomes other volunteers to our annual volunteer thank-you event; to Rochelle Waxman and Barbara Laskin for preparing food and taking tickets; to Norma Wright for helping out at reception twice a week; to Moishe Chaimovitz, for leading Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations year after year; to Abe Szpirglas, for cooking for and planning events; to Larry Szpirglas, Dave Loewith, Howie Brown, Susan Gilbert and Bonnie Loewith, long-standing volunteers who help out in both mind and body; to Larry Szpirglas and Sheldon Frank for convening the JCC/Beth Tikvah golf tournament and skiathon to raise funds; to Mark Gould, for

planning our future, to Richard Leibtag and Aubrey Friedman, for taking time from their work day to help maintain our facility; to Virginia Mendes da Costa, Joel Feldman, Randy Levinson and Howard Eisenberg, for attending 8 am meetings; to Al Harris, for teaching table tennis every week, year after year and for working together with David Bromstein with Maccabi Youth; to Michael Kemeny and Rick Black, for shoveling snow off of the bubble and being role models for their children; to those whose financial generosity touch the hearts of staff and change the face of this wonderful facility; to Harvey Waxman, who with his eye always on the ball, continues to strengthen our community so that others in the future will find intact what has been so generously



Pictured above, Virginia Mendes da Costa, President of the JCC and Shelley Waxman, JCC volunteer coordinator

## More Thanks

- A heartfelt thanks for the years of thoughtfulness of Daniel & Natalie Strub and in memoriam for Daniel's generous gift enabling the JCC to purchase gymboree equipment
- Thanks to the Herb & CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation for the continuity of the Ben Meyer Memorial Lecture. As this paper was going to press, the JCC was expecting over 100 to hear Dr. Robert Jan van Pelt "no Holes, No Holocaust? reflections on the Irving-Lipstadt Trial" held on September 18 at the JCC. Dr. Robert Jav van Pelt, a professor at the University of Waterloo, is an authority on the Holocaust. He was recently brought in as an expert witness for the defense of Dr. Deborah Lipstadt in the case brought against her by Holocaust denier, David Irving in London. Thanks to Alan Mendelson of McMaster University for arranging these lectures.
- The Tzedakah Tzentrepiece project has been an incredible success over the past few years. A special thank you to Rachel Loewith and Danna Brown who, despite busy schedules, managed to shop for the groceries that end up in the Kosher Food Bank, as well as for wraps and ribbons to match the colour scheme of the function, always carefully chosen.

## THANKS TO OUR FABULOUS BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Joel & Nicole Feldman  
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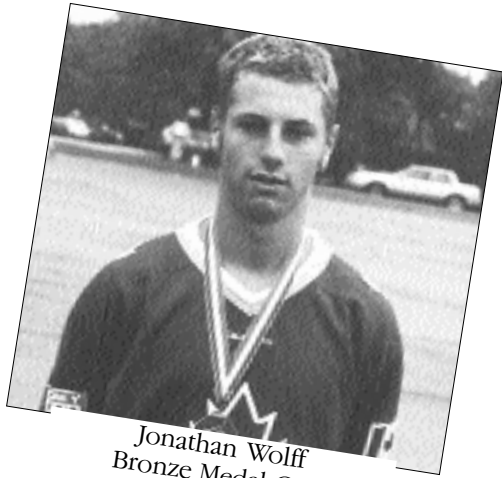
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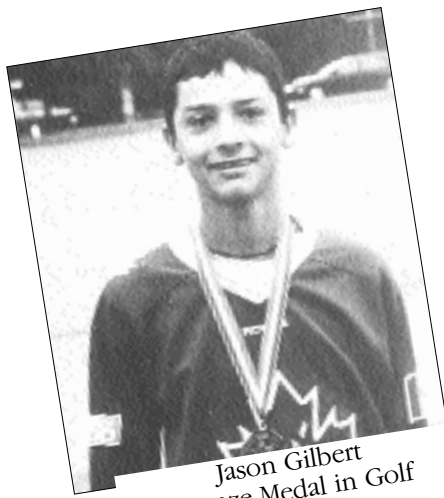
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# 2000 Maccabi Youth Games



Jonathan Wolff  
Bronze Medal Golf



Jason Gilbert  
Bronze Medal in Golf

by Allen Harris

A small but enthusiastic group of young Hamilton and area athletes have once again made their mark at the 2000 Maccabi Youth Games held in Cincinnati in August.

The week commenced with a never-to-be-forgotten opening ceremonies. Over 1500 young athletes, ages 13 to 16, from five countries gathered in Cincinnati, along with their coaches, family members and friends, local supporters and host families bringing the crowd to over 8,000 people.

Canada was represented by delegations from Calgary, Toronto, Windsor and Hamilton. Other foreign delegations were from Australia, Great Britain and Israel. 27 delegations came from all over the United States.

The theme of the games was Kavod, Respect, and a reminder of a world without respect was the evening's moving memorial to the 11 Israeli athletes killed by terrorists at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. To describe the memorial is almost impossible. One had to be there to see the happy and boisterous crowd grow suddenly silent as a slide show on a giant video screen explained the significance of an Israeli delegation travelling to a post-Holocaust Munich and described the tragic events that occurred there. Then, the arena was linked by a live CNN satellite feed to Israel, where families of the slain Olympic athletes, one by one, recalled their husbands, brothers and fathers. One family relative spoke of the Olympic ideals. "in spite of everything," she said, "we still believe in that dream."

Another relative said, "Each of you bring honour to their names". As each relative finished speaking, a Cincinnati youth lit a memorial candle. It is doubtful that there was a dry eye anywhere in the entire arena. In the silence we heard the voice of a small child nearby asking, "Mommy, why did they die?" The answer was muffled but we could see more than one mother hugging a child very close.

The program was paused to honour the four Australian athletes who died in an accident at the last international Maccabiah.

The solemn mood shifted back to celebration as the Maccabi torch was paraded into the arena, carried to the top of the podium and lit to the cry "Let the Games begin!"

And begin they did. Our small group of just five athletes won a total of six medals. Leo Eikelman was the big winner in the senior boys' table tennis competition. The standard was set extremely high by the British delegation. However, Leo managed to meet the challenge and come home with one gold and two bronze medals.

Michael Shkolnick, the other member of our table tennis team also excelled. Competing in his very first tournament, Michael made us all very proud when he captured a silver medal on the last day of competition.

Our golfers also managed to finish on a winning note. Jonathan Wolff won the bronze medal in the senior boys age group and Jason Gilbert won the Bronze in the Junior boys category. David Goldberg won the Marshall Shapiro Memorial Award for congeniality and sportsmanship. The winner of this award is selected by the athletes. Congratulations David.

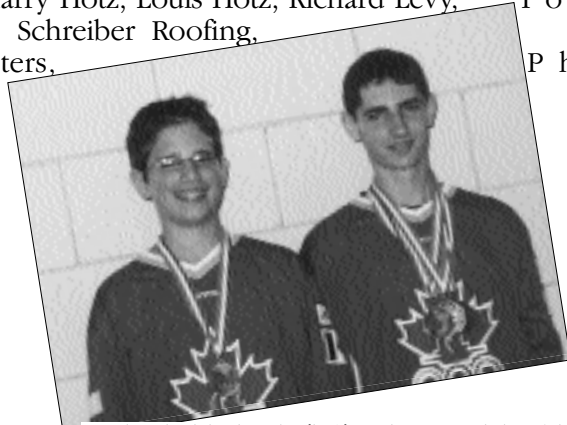
The week was not entirely devoted to athletic events. Tuesday afternoon was named, "A day of caring, a day of sharing", with the theme "One good deed leads to another." All the athletes visited various locations, such as seniors homes and helped with such things as painting, gardening and general help. We were very proud of them.

Social events filled the evenings, including a visit to King's Island Theme Park and a great party at the closing ceremonies. The Cincinnati people were wonderful hosts and our tanks go out to them. The JCC staff, bus drivers, host families, hundreds of volunteers, and, of course, the Maccabi Games committee. You were all fantastic. You put on a great set of games and we thank you. We also thank the parents who attended, who were a great help.

This report would not be complete without a mention of David Bromstein, our golf coach. Although David has attended a number of games, this year was different. Unfortunately, Jerry Bromstein was unable to be with us, so the additional work fell on David's shoulders and he was terrific. Thank you David.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the kind help of our sponsors. Once again, we thank them sincerely. Their names are listed here. Please remember them when in need of their products or services. They helped us. Now let us help them.

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Michael Shkolnick (left), silver medal Table Tennis and Leo Eikelman, one gold and two bronze medals in table tennis.

# It was another great summer at Camp Kadimah

Camps Kadimah and Gadna had a phenomenal 2000 season. By the second month of the summer both camps were full. Our staff worked hard to ensure that the campers were presented with a variety of different activities every day. Our LIT program introduced enthusiastic young people to camping leadership skills and was a financial benefit to community members.

Aside from daily games of softball, soccer, and yama, the campers also had the opportunity to try their hands at arts & crafts, drama, nature, and kibbutz life. As every week of camp had a different theme, the campers also had a daily activity related to that theme. This exposed campers to aspects of science, art, animal life, as well as the lives of Jews all around the world. Camp Gadna adventured out on many trips all related to the weekly themes. Among the trips were Wild Water Works, African Lion Safari, Sports World, and the Science Centre in Toronto. Gadna campers also took part in a wonderful nature program hosted by the staff of Camp Discovery, C.J.C.

Once a week Gadna met at Dundas Conservation Area to take part in these fun yet educational programs. We learned how to fish, how to identify various creek creatures, and played a great game of "survival." Some weeks we did not go to the Conservation area, but instead we travelled to Bronte Creek Park where we participated in programs about history and nature. All in all the 2000 camp season was a remarkable one. Campers went home smiling, parents dropped their children off confidently, and the staff developed and polished strong leadership skills that can only benefit our community further. We have only one another to thank

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He was a shy man, sometimes timid, yet he had a joie de vivre that is rare and was always contagious. Quiet and shiny; a jewel with so much potential.

His foibles included his insecurity and naivete, and, yet, I believe these contributed to the openness and empathy that he afforded others.

Too, Leslie had a love of culture, music, books, nature and art. In all his endeavors, including his medical practice, Leslie was a perfectionist and an inspiration.

He was not egotistical, nor materialistic, but sensitive and practical. He was privately spiritual and religious. He had a sense of the sacred.

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BY RABBI TZVI SENDLER

We often confront the High Holiday season with a certain sense of uneasiness - or at least we ought to if we truly consider the importance of the days before us. We are asking G-d to grant us life, health, and happiness, forgiveness for our transgressions, and sometimes just some sense of direction in our complicated and oftentimes confusing lives. In return however - and this is where that uneasy feeling creeps in - we sense that G-d expects something of us. We ourselves are expected to critically examine our actions, clarify our goals, and exert ourselves to achieve that which is within each of us. There is a law of nature however which states that a body at rest has a great desire to stay at rest - a law which certainly applies to people too. We have a certain degree of natural reluctance when it comes to considering even slight modification in the path of our lives. Deep down however we know that life is never a plateau, and that if we do not continue to grow, we can neither expect to remain static. The Kuzari, one of the great medieval Jewish philosophers, explains that which differentiates man from animal is in his ability to make real decisions -

decisions which affect others, decisions which affect the world, and most significantly, decisions which affect ourselves. We must exercise this unique quality, we must contemplate change - the only question is how in the world to do so.

Certainly one reason why any possible redirection in our lives is such a daunting task, is that we have so much before us to redirect. It helps though, to keep in mind how G-d views our actions. A great Hasidic teacher, the Kotzker rebbe, once asked his students a seemingly strange question. "If there are two people on a ladder, one at the top and one at the bottom, who is higher?" His answer though is quite profound. "Who is higher? - the person who is climbing up." Where exactly a person is at is not as important, both in terms of their own self-evaluation and in the eyes of G-d, as to where he or she is going.

If each of us could choose specific, realistic goals for ourselves on Rosh Hashanah, no matter how small those goals may seem be in relation to the mountain that we perceive before us, and work on achieving those goals throughout the year, then come next Rosh Hashanah we truly will have some-

thing not only to take great satisfaction from, but to build further upon, as we progress up our own individual ladder.

We must also take advantage of our unique spiritual heritage, the Torah, in order to define those goals of true significance and import within our lives, and identify the means by which to achieve them. The Torah was given to mankind by our Creator in order to provide clear direction as to how one can truly refine and better their basic self. The mitzvot (ordinances) of the Torah may be roughly divided between being adam l'chavero - between man and his fellow man, such as honesty in interpersonal relations, acts of chesed, and care in terms of how we speak about others, and being adam la'makom - those that are more easily grasped as particularly between man and G-d, such as prayer, Torah study, and religious observances such as kashrut and Shabbat. The 613 mitz-

## BOOK REVIEW

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur Survival Kit  
by Shimon Apisdorf

REVIEWED BY

Here's a book that defiles the adage "Don't judge a book by its cover". The humorous cover illustration effectively depicts the book's purpose and reflects the author's writing style. Shimon Apisdorf has been hailed as the man that "understands the heartbeat of our generation." The Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Survival Kit smoothly blends various strands of Jewish Wisdom to bring out the depth and meaning of the High Holy Day prayers and traditions. With rare sensitivity, humour and clarity, Apisdorf speaks to many of the essential issues facing the mind, heart and soul in today's world. The Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Survival Kit allows you to understand the prayers before saying them, appreciate the hidden meaning behind the shofar sounding, gain insights into Yom Kippur as an opportunity for personal growth and to access new keys to your ultimate potential. No more counting the ceiling tiles - this year follow the services and discover their relevance

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## Teens learn leadership skills at Shalom

BY NAOMI LOEWITH

This summer I had the privilege of directing Shalom Village's Teen Leadership and Volunteer Camp (TLVC). Funded by a grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation, and supported by Shalom Village, the program offered teenagers the opportunity to develop leadership skills and gain volunteer experience in an exciting camp atmosphere.

The four-week TLVC program ran once in July and once in August. The first two weeks focused on the development of leadership skills through formal workshops, group activities and fun programs. The itinerary was developed through a

compilation of leadership exercises in which I had participated in the past, as well as recommendations from books and programs that I developed independently.

Campers also benefited from the expertise of guest-led workshops, whose topics ranged from "Writing a Resume" to "Risk Management in Volunteering." Furthermore, all participants were certified in First Aid and CPR.

The latter two weeks gave students an opportunity to apply their skills through volunteering at various locations. Among other experiences, campers assisted at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Day Program and served lunch

at the Wesley Urban Ministries Drop-In Center. They designed and ran a children's program for an inner-city day camp and worked with disabled adults at the March of Dimes.

The July group initiated a clothing and school supplies drive for a family which recently immigrated from Kosovo and the August group organized a food drive to benefit the Kosher Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

Throughout the month, the students became very comfortable with Shalom Village staff and residents. Each camper had a one-to-one partner, and they had a chance to spend time together on a daily basis. The participants often helped out with regular programs, garden lunches and performed a TLVC Musical. Many of the students come back on a regular basis to visit their friends or run an activity with other TLVC graduates.

The skill and energy displayed by the participants allowed me to reach and surpass every one of my objectives. Field trips, picnic lunches and a focus on fun games allowed the students to feel comfortable with each other and develop personal strengths. I am confident that each of the twenty-five students emerged from the program a stronger leader. Furthermore, not only did the students learn about the many worthwhile Hamilton programs in need of volunteers, they had a

## Na'amat News

BY SIMONE ROTSTEIN

Na'amat Canada (formerly known as Pioneer Women) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in the year 2000 - an outstanding milestone for the 3,000 members of Canada. From the time of its founding in 1925, Pioneer Women was a dynamic force in the shaping of the history and destiny of the Jewish people in Palestine/Israel.

Pioneer Women was unique because it did not consider itself to be a charitable or philanthropic organization. Therefore, a strong bond was created with the Working Women's Council and Working Mothers Association in Palestine and an everlasting partnership was developed. The philosophy was of sharing responsibility. Throughout its history, the organization was ever mindful of the rights of women and children. Women such as Golda Meir, Beba Idelson, Tamar Eshel, wife of the former Ambassador to Canada and Nava Arad, who served as leaders of the sister organization in Israel, were elected to the Knesset.

Two slogans were woven into the fabric of its history: "We go where there is a need," and "We change with the times." The organization was founded because the women pioneers who arrived in Palestine wanted to be emancipated and to participate physically in the building of the country. Nurseries were needed and that is how it began ... but that is not where it ended!

Pioneer Women went on to build agricultural schools and vocational centres. It provided lectures and courses in outlying Moshavim and communities where big city facilities were not available. It provided camps for mothers of larger families to give them respite from their arduous tasks and provide them with recreation and cultural programs. After the dramatic creation of the State of Israel in 1948 and the tremendous influx of immigrants, Pioneer Women played an important role in their integration.

In 1976, after it celebrated its 50th anniversary, Pioneer Women experi-

enced the greatest change of all, a new name. Throughout the world, in the 14 countries where Pioneer Women exist, the same name is shared - NA'AMAT, the Hebrew acronym for "Working and Volunteer Women." NA'AMAT heralded in new promise, renewed hope and unification. The new logo can be seen affixed to hundreds of installations throughout the length and breadth of Israel.

Na'amat Canada is proud of its diverse program and of its involvement in the communities in which it has branches. It has been in the forefront of the fight for Soviet Jewry; for the rights of Agunot; in educating the woman about her rights; in encouraging high level programming on a club and council level; in perpetuating Jewish and Hebrew education; and involving children in Habonim Dror. Today, there are services such as community centres, daycare centres, technological high schools, legal aid services, domestic violence counselling centres, shelters for victims of violence, absorption of new immigrants, vocational retraining for women, health education, and university scholarships for women.

In Hamilton, Pioneer Women were a visible force on the Hamilton scene. Hamilton women, such as Helen Yellin, Pearl Cohen, Adele Rotman, Freda Hoffman and the late Zelda Rostoker formed a dynamic group and were very active in the community. They were instrumental in creating the Dollars for David campaign, which, to this day, remains vital to Na'amat's Chanukah fund raising efforts. Eventually their club became inactive though some of the women rejoined when a new club, Nitsan, was formed in the city.

Club Nitsan, Hamilton is happily celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Our goals are closely tied to Na'amat Canada's philosophy. We are active in women's issues and have created programming and workshop that have enhanced the lives of women of Hamilton. We have shown our commit-

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# Kehila School

BY HAMUTAL DECKEL

As we go into our second year, our enrolment is up and we have assembled a wonderful team: Francine Lindenbaum will continue to maintain the delicate balance between the students, the teachers, the parents, the Board and the community. Jo-Anne Bernstein will continue her warm and challenging work with our Kindergarten students. Louise Klinghoffer will bring her skills and talents with emphasis on general studies for the older students in the afternoon. In the morning, Sari Ackerman will lead our school in religious studies. Zehava Chaimovitz's native Hebrew in conjunction with our state-of-the-art Hebrew curriculum will continue to inspire our students to reach higher levels of fluency. I will introduce our First Graders to Hebrew.

The First Grade is a foundation year not only academically, but also in terms of attitude, self esteem and learning habits. In a supportive environment, we like to develop inner confidence in our students. We want them to feel that they can do well in school and that learning is fun.

Small class size is good at any age but our First Graders particularly benefit from the low student-teacher ratio, as we all assist them with this important and challenging transition from the early years into the first

of many years of study. Another generation will continue the tradition of the people of the book.

As a part of our preparations for next year, we are taking advantage of the teachers, training workshops and the excellent resources at the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto. We are also working together towards integrating the curriculum according to our plan.

We will continue some of the innovative and effective programs we started last year such as bringing our heritage to life by giving our students an opportunity to correspond with famous people in our history through The Magic Mail Box. The second annual Avigail Award will be given to those students who employ imagination, creativity and originality in their Israel project. Our students will ask questions and read first hand reports about Israel by keeping in touch with last year's Teacher's aid, Miriam SimmaWalfish, by E-mail.

We will also expand and build on the foundation we established last year with our science program. Our friends at McMaster University will help us bring science to life. Our students will use the library and Internet to research pets, their care and life cycle. The students will chart and graph school wide preferences and then proceed to get a class pet. During our

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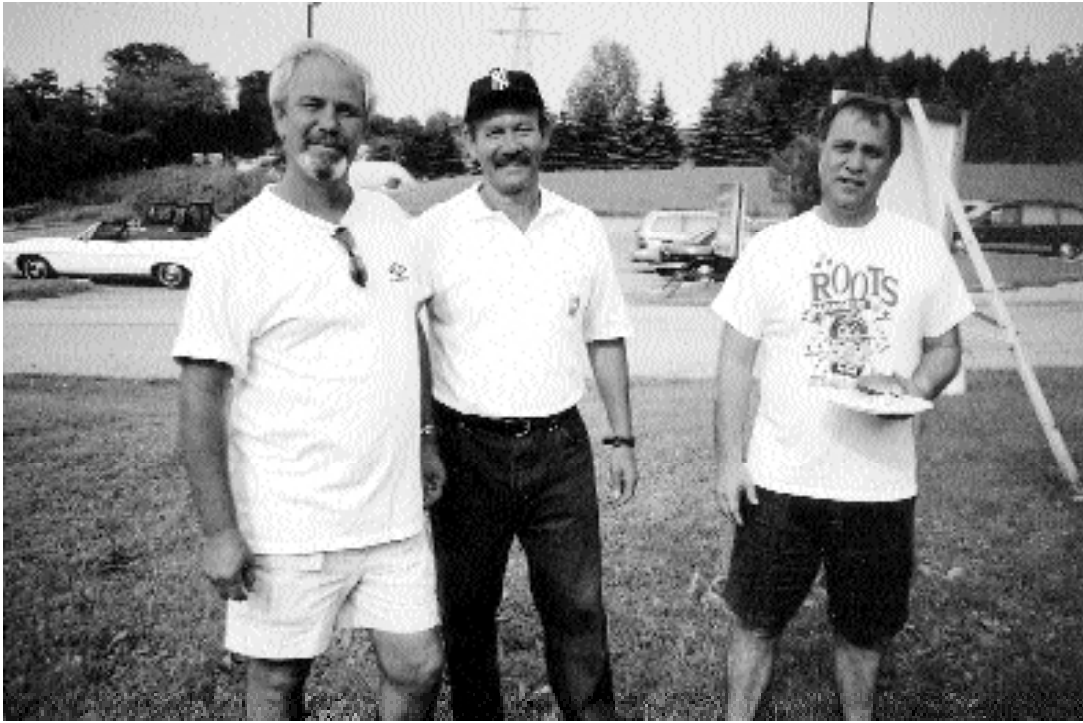
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- ▲ Sunday, October 29 State of Israel Bonds Breakfast.
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# Wake up Hamilton, get into the Maccabi

BY SUSAN AND ALEX GILBERT

What an awesome, exciting, fun week we just experienced at the JCC Maccabi games in Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the 5 host cities for this year's games. The Maccabi games, the largest youth athletic event in the world, take place each year in North America. Delegates participate from JCCs across the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Israel and Australia.

This year in Cincinnati our Hamilton delegation competed with 1,400 other Jewish teens, aged 13 to 16 in various athletic venues, within a Jewish context. The week of competition and events was planned and orchestrated to perfection, beginning with an impressive Olympic style opening ceremony. All delegations paraded into the arena in their team uniforms. The Hamilton team's uniforms were the envy of all. We proudly wore the official Roots Olympic podium uniforms that Canada's athletes will wear in Sydney. During these opening ceremonies the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes murdered in Munich in the 1972 games were remembered in a very moving tribute. The opening ceremonies ended with a sentimental relay of torchbearers and finally the lighting of the Maccabi flame. Let the games begin!

The games are not only about athletic activities, but

are a re-affirmation of one's cultural identity. Jewish learning opportunities were incorporated into the week's programs. The theme of the week was kavod (honour and respect). Respect for Israel was emphasized during "Israel Night", where there were several Israeli related activities for the delegates to participate in. All delegates were asked to give to tzedaka by donating a knapsack for underprivileged children and each giving 3 children's books. 1,400 kids, 3 books each and voila you have set up a new children's library for those in need.

Tikun olam (repair of the world) was the theme for the Day of Caring/Day of Sharing. The teens participated in various community service projects throughout the greater Cincinnati area, wearing t-shirts with the saying, "One good deed leads to another". Rachmanus (compassion for others) was a constant theme throughout the games.

The one thing for us that was so awe-inspiring was the way that the host community came together to put this event on. The planning and hard work for this event took place over 2 years, with well over 1,000 volunteers proudly helping and over 600 host families happily billeting the athletes. The organization, spirit, enthusiasm and excitement of the community were

absolutely amazing.

We cannot say enough about our coaches. Jerry Bromstein, Allen Harris and David Bromstein have been attending the games since they began in the early 1980s. Thanks to them the Hamilton JCC is known in Jewish communities worldwide. Allen Harris is dedicated to our youth and is an untiring, unbelievable volunteer. You can find him every Tuesday night at the JCC training our table tennis team. The kids love him and he loves the games.

David Bromstein, so excited to be at the games, coaches our golf team and watches over our kids. Thanks David for getting the awesome uniforms. Allen and David deserve gold medals for their dedication, enthusiasm and participation. They worked hard preparing for the games as well as all week at the games, going from early morning meetings, to coaching, motivating and managing our athletes all day long, to late night meetings after the eve-

ning programs. You guys are the greatest!!!

We are proud of the way our athletes represented our JCC. Their enthusiasm shone like a gold medal. They met Jewish kids from around the world. More importantly they met and became good friends with kids from their own community, who they did not know before the games. The bond that was created this week will no doubt lead to long-term friendships back home. Our team

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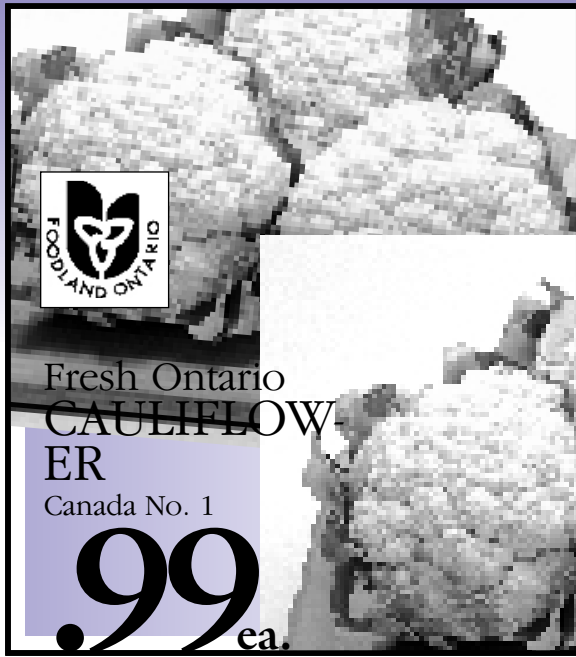




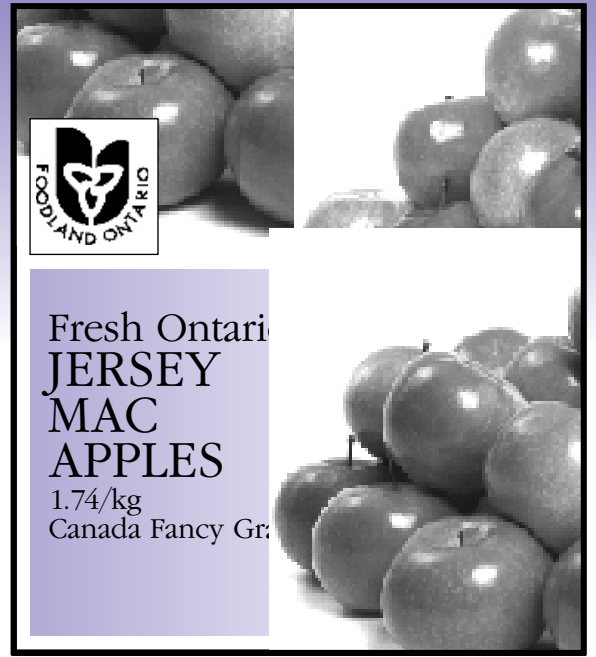
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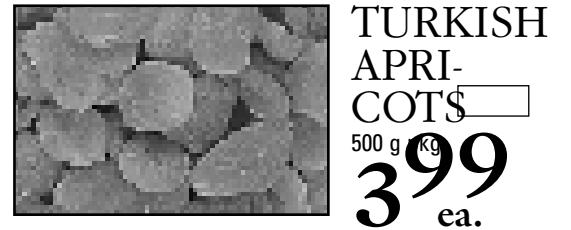
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