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## Israel Now and Forever Community Rally

BY GERALD FISHER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UJA

On Sunday, September 23rd, 10:30am, Hamilton and other Southern Ontario communities will gather together in a demonstration of support for Israel at Temple Anshe Shalom, 215 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton.

Across North America Jewish communities will gather on the same day in demonstrations of support for Israel. Organized under the umbrella of United Jewish Communities (UJC) and United Israel Appeal - Federations Canada (UIA-FC) these demonstrations are a major function of the world-wide "Israel Now and Forever!" Campaign. The major event will take place at United Nations Plaza in New York, where

250,000 people are expected to hear from guest speaker Ariel Sharon, Prime Minister of Israel.

The keynote speaker at the local program will be Hamilton native, Joshua Schwarcz, son of Molly Ann and Henry Schwarcz, who was recently appointed as Secretary General of the Jewish Agency for Israel, one of the most influential positions in the worldwide Jewish community. Invitations have also been extended to Non Government Organization (NGO) delegates to the recent Durban Conference on Racism.

### Broad-Based Support

Recognizing that the success of the program depends on support from

across the spectrum of the Jewish community, Federation president, Harvey Waxman, has called for the creation of an event organizing committee that is broadly inclusive.

The organizing committee includes all local synagogues, schools, Israeli based institutions and womens groups. According to Waxman, "every organization in town was extended an invitation to participate. Although it was impossible for everyone to make it to the initial meeting, every organization readily agreed to participate in the planning and to support the program."

Sharon Hart, chair of the Hamilton Board of the Jewish National Fund,

expressed her support for the program and for the way it is being organized. "I am very pleased to see UJA Federation of Hamilton coming forward to unify the entire community at such a critical time."

### Focus on Young People

Along with the keynote speakers, the organizing committee is working on a program that will be educational, interactive and ongoing. Julia Kollek, a member of the UJA Federation board made a special point of the need to engage young people. "We hope to engage our school children in projects that will connect them to Israel in a measurable way - perhaps through an art project that can be signed

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## UJA Federation launches Campaign Israel Now And Forever

UJA Federation of Hamilton has voted to join 189 other federated Jewish communities across North America in the launch of the special 2002 UJA Annual campaign. This year's campaign message is "Israel Now and Forever!" The vote at the August 30th Board of Directors meeting was unanimous.

In response to the deteriorating situation in Israel, our national umbrella agencies, United Jewish Communities (UJC) and United Israel Appeal - Federations Canada (UIA-FC) have developed a three-pronged initiative aimed at bringing the North American Jewish community together. The three components of the campaign are education, political action and fundraising.

### The Key Area is Fundraising

UJA Federation of Hamilton is drawing up action plans to lead the local community in each of the three areas. "The key area, however, is fundraising," says UJA Federation President Harvey Waxman. Waxman explained that the

Federation movement has received a direct appeal from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, for immediate, increased financial support as the Israeli economy reels from the effects of the violence.

New UJA Federation executive director Gerald Fisher elaborated on the points of the Sharon letter. "We are all horrified by the hate and turmoil that confronts us on TV every night, but few of us are especially aware of the less visible effects of the violence."

Fisher referenced the drastic downturn in the Israeli economy, the drop in productivity and the growing unemployment. He made special mention of the difficult decisions recently made in Jerusalem.

### Domestic Budget Slashed to Meet Security Needs

"The deteriorating situation has forced the Israeli government to re-allocate key areas of its domestic budget in order to meet increased spending on security needs. As a result, well over 500 million dollars has been taken out of the domestic budget for social services,



UJA Campaign 2002 Women's Division Co-Chairs Beth Bandler and Naomi Eisenberg with some of their campaign captains.

Pictured above, l to r: Beth Bandler, Shelley Brown, Shelley Waxman, Andrea Molot Cutler, Bonnie Loewith, Naomi Eisenberg,

education and immigrant absorption, causing drastic cutbacks on services to the most vulnerable... children, the elderly, those on public assistance and especially immigrants. This is the situation that has motivated the Israeli government to make this special appeal to us... the only allies that Israel knows it can rely on."

Specifically, the Israeli government request is for Federations to focus their annual UJA campaigns on the growing crisis, to take all possible steps to increase the local campaigns and to earmark much of those increases to Israel for immediate allocation to

alleviate the burdens of those least able to manage them.

### Campaign Leadership

Due to the critical nature of this year's campaign, efforts are now being made to reach out to create a broad-based campaign leadership team that is inclusive of all corners of organized community life. According to Waxman "This is not business as usual. Our success depends on broad-based community support and a leadership that reflects our community's commitment to stand up with Israel. I'm delighted that the women's

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The Board of the UJA Federation wishes you and your family Shana Tova

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## From the desk of the Executive Director



Gerald Fisher

Greetings from Jerseyville. I am now entering my 4th week as Executive Director of UJA Federation of Hamilton.

Believe me when I tell you that the past few weeks have been an absolute whirlwind of activity. I imagine that the first few weeks ( or months ) in any new community can seem chaotic and this is no different. Nevertheless, I have

developed some first impressions and I would like to share them with you now.

This is a neat place. Hamilton is one of the better-kept secrets in Canada. Having spent most of the past 25 years in Toronto, my primary exposure to Hamilton is the panorama you absorb as you drive over the Burlington Skyway..... huge piles of chemicals, rusting hulks of lake freighters, plumes of orange pollution wafting overhead.

I now realize that this vista is just a "smokescreen" to deflect attention away from the truly wonderful quality life that is available here. This is a region that is rich in natural wonder, parks everywhere, lovely old neighborhoods and more than enough trendy things to suit us. My wife and I found a great old home, nestled between huge chestnut trees, surrounded by gentle hills and some major corn and soybean fields. We are enjoying the serenity of the countryside very much.

This community has wheels. This is by no means a large community, but it has managed to create a very substantial Jewish infrastructure. People must have worked very hard to create the broad range of social services, educational institutions, synagogues and other organizations that thrive here. The infrastructure I observe is the result of not only hard work. It is also the result of both vision and generosity.

This didn't happen by itself. Somebody, or group of somebodies built this. The question I am asking is what can we do now to ensure its relevance and vitality in the future?

This community has potential. From the moment I arrived, people have been pulling me aside and telling me that everybody who cares about this community is getting old and tired and that there isn't anybody else to take up the challenge.

I don't know if its true that everybody who cares or who has made a difference is old and tired. So far, I have met a number of our community's veteran leaders and philanthropists. I can't comment on anyone's chronological age, but I have met lots of people who still care and want to continue contributing to this community's future. The fact that everybody has a different opinion and is convinced that they are right and everybody else is wrong, only affirms for me their obvious commitment to Jewish community tradition.

In any case, I have also had the pleasure of meeting a number of "so-called" younger people ( when they are younger than I, they become "so-called" ) who have interest, commitment, vision and a willingness to play their part. They need to be included.

This community has challenges. When I arrived here, nobody handed me a plan and said, "Here's what we want the future to look like". That plan for the future needs to be developed.

The community decision-making apparatus can be streamlined, made more inclusive and much more pro-active.

This community needs more people. You may want to keep the Hamilton quality of life a secret... but I don't! Jewish families are better off in Hamilton than they are in Kiev, Buenos Aires, J-burg or Barrie. Let's encourage some Jewish immigration, with the services required to support them.

Every community has its tensions. UJA Federation doesn't need to contribute to them. I hope that UJA Federation can provide a healing environment so that we can all go forward, in partnership, for the well-being of all of us here, in Israel and around the world.

We have a Legacy Endowment Fund to develop. No Jewish community is going to survive well into the future without one. The resources appear to be here. Let's not waste time.

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Special Occasion

JASON & MELINDA HORODEZKY - birth of daughter Avi Olivia - Corinne Travis. BEV & LES LASKY - Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter - Phil & Daphne Leon. SHEILA RABB - special birthday - Corinne Travis. JACLYN TRAVIS - Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah - Sheila & Dave

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## UJA Federation

## Israel Now and Forever Community

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and hung in an Israeli school, to let Israeli children know that we care about them very much."

## Hamiltonians in Israel

There is a significant community of former Hamiltonians now living in Israel. Committee members are hoping to organize a direct telephone hook-up to Israel so that local community members

can call their family and friends, for free, right from the program.

## Ongoing Activity

The committee feels very strongly that the program on September 23rd should be the kick-off to an ongoing initiative in political action. According to Alan Livingston, "our community needs to do more in terms of taking a pro-active approach with the local media and with our local parliamentary

delegation. The Canada Israel Committee has offered to conduct a series of workshops to help grassroots committees such as ours. We will be offering a workshop schedule at the September 23rd program and will ask all interested participants to sign up and help out."

As well, a petition in support of Israel is being developed with intent to publish it, with 1,000 signatures in the Hamilton Spectator.

## UJA Campaign 2002

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campaign is in the capable hands of Beth Bandler and Naomi Eisenberg who have been doing a magnificent job. I hope to announce the other members of the campaign leadership team at the September 23rd Israel Now and Forever event.

## Can We Raise One Million Dollars?

Talk is now circulating in the community about the campaign and the need

to raise more dollars quickly... and not just for Israel, but for increased local needs as well. The question is 'How much can we raise?'

The official campaign goal will be revealed later in September explained Fisher. However, he went on to speculate on the community's ability to respond to crisis.

Although I haven't been here long, I see obvious evidence that all the

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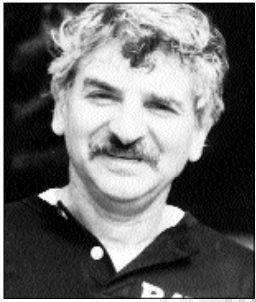


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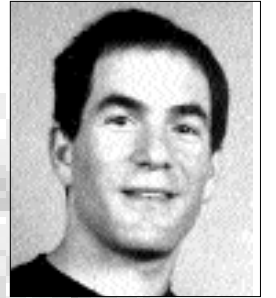
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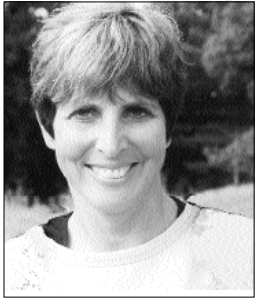
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**Campaign 2002 Women's Division at the head of the pack under joint leadership of Beth Bandler and Naomi**



It comes as no surprise that women are at the forefront of UJA Campaign 2002's leadership team. In fact, for the last several years, UJA Women's Division has consistently brought in excellent results as the message gets

out that it makes sense for financially independent women to give their own gift to the annual community campaign. In a report to this year's Women's Division captains, Shelley Waxman, UJA Campaign 2001 women's division co-chair, was delighted to share the news that last year Women's Division increased their overall total by \$15,500.



Campaign 2001 Women's Division Co-Chair,

"Our captains and canvassers provide the spark, the connection for the community campaign and our community

couldn't function without you and what you do," she told this year's team.

Waxman concluded by saying how proud she was to have had the privilege to serve the community before introducing this year's Women's Division co-chairs.

Beth Bandler, a corporate lawyer and Naomi Eisenberg, a physiotherapist are relative newcomers to the Hamilton Jewish community. Both these women already have a track record of involvement and commitment to the community. Eisenberg was last year's chair of the UJA Telethon and co-chair with

**Why an individual woman's gift?**

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UJA Federation of Hamilton has received a cheque from Lawrence Yanover for \$562.09, representing profits from the phone plan he has operated on behalf of UJA Federation for the last year.

"We had a few teething pains in our first year of operation, including the bankruptcy of Destia Canada", he said. Undeterred, he was able to move clients to Metcom within a few weeks, where they now have even better rates and service.

Lawrence sees this as a win-win program for both Federation and phone plan members, who receive

unsurpassed rates of 7 cents per minute, day or night, anywhere in North America and support their local Jewish community at the same time. Great international rates are also available, including to Israel, for 13 cents per minute.

"I now have the support of more than 70 home and business subscribers and hope to grow this program by word-of-mouth to raise more than \$1,000 per year", he said.

He hopes to do this by asking each happy client to sign up one friend. Forms are available at Hamilton Kosher Meat Market, Ken and Sandy's No Frills, the

Adas Israel Synagogue or by calling Lawrence at 905-628-8270.

Phone plan clients like the rates, service that includes a toll free number for their home or business that is charged only for usage.

"My kids can call from a pay phone without a quarter anywhere in North America and all I pay is 7 cents a minute", he said. The company has just introduced a cell phone program with the same great home phone rates and will soon introduce internet and other services.



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# Missions to the FSU and Israel leave lasting

## Lessons from Kiev

BY  
ANDREA MOLOT AND LORNE

Last spring, we spent the holiday weekend in one of the oldest cities in Eastern Europe. We were among a group of young leaders from across Canada and Israel who had been asked to represent our communities on a UJA young leadership mission to Kiev.

Our weekend was an overwhelming experience where we learned some of life's most precious values. We were fortunate enough to see, feel and learn about the power and commitment of those who have struggled to express their Jewish identity and about those who have given their lives to ensure that all Jews have the right to live as Jews anywhere in the world.

The message is pretty simple. Jews help Jews. We help each other at home and all over the world. In Kiev, as in all countries, we let them know that they, as Jews, have the right to settle in our homeland, Israel. We have also provided an infrastructure for everyone to learn and become exposed to modern Israeli and Jewish culture. For those who are physically unable to leave, we make sure that they are fed, clothed and have shelter.

Since the dismantling of the Former Soviet Union Jewish communities have received a great deal of exposure to Jewish culture for a couple of reasons. Firstly, these cities had been the cradle of Jewish life for the last number of centuries. Today, there are still hundreds of thousands of



Andrea Molot and Lorne Gaffe

assimilated Jews living in these regions. Secondly, the elderly living in these communities are now starving. The new governments have not been able to provide social assistance to the pensioners. The result is that people over the age of 65 are living on \$20 a month.

The work of the Jewish Agency for Israel and The Joint Distribution Committee is simply inspiring. Both organizations have become well entrenched in the Former Soviet Union. They work together to ensure that Jews are free and can live with dignity.

We were deeply touched and impressed by the efforts of Jews from around the world. We personally saw our UJA dollars at work in soup kitchens and in small villages providing food, medicine, and clothing for Jews who are not as fortunate as our forebears who left these communities decades ago. We kept wondering whether these people knew some of our families. We also knew that, but for a twist of fate, it could have been us going hungry and depending on the tzedakah of our Jewish brothers and sisters in

## How Our UJA dollars are spent overseas

Louise Rotman, UJA Federation Budget & Allocations Chair and Bonnie Loewith, UJA Federation Vice President recently joined 23 campaign leaders across Canada on a fact-finding mission to the Former Soviet Union and Israel.

I recently returned from a mission to Kiev and Israel. I wanted to experience first hand exactly where our overseas dollar was going. The Jewish population in the Ukraine is 400,000 – the third-largest Jewish community in Europe and the fifth largest in the world. The poverty is unbelievable – I visited one lady's two-room home with holes in the ceiling where the rain comes in, and no hot water. She lives on a pension of \$20 US a month. Thank heavens for the monthly food packages of staples that are delivered by the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and the meals on wheels which some receive. We visited the JDC Hesed Avot in Kiev which provides a soup kitchen and medical treatment.

I sat at a table in another soup kitchen in Belaya Tserkov with a lady born in Zhitomir. When I told her that my mother was born in the same village, she couldn't stop talking – she didn't even get a chance to finish eating – she was too excited. Thank G-d my grandparents took the family to Canada when my mother was a baby. It could have been her sitting there – if she even survived!

We had dinner with Hillel students who have found their Jewish roots and can't learn it all fast enough. JDC has started hundreds of Jewish days



Campers line up to welcome the Canadian UJA delegation responsible for funding their summer camp experience. Pictured above: Louise Rotman, UJA Federation Hamilton and a

schools in the Ukraine, and a Jewish University. JDC's role is to provide the Jews of the Former Soviet Union (FSU) with the tools, the skills, and the resources they require to lead and shape the community building process themselves. At the same time, JDC is committed to helping meet the needs of

I'm proud of our Budget & Allocations committee. We were able to modestly increase our allocation to UJA overseas. Maybe next year,

the FSU's Jews until such time as the community-rebuilding process is complete and the local communities achieve self-sufficiency.

We visited the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) Educational Centre where they run free day camps for the children where they learn Hebrew songs, and they learn about the Jewish holidays and Israel. JAFI's mission is aliyah and rescue, enhancing Jewish identity, enhancing Jewish unity, and strengthening the State

of Israel as the State of all Jews. They run the programs to encourage the students to think about making aliyah to Israel. We visited the JAFI overnight camp for kids 10-16 and what a joy it was. The sessions are one week each, and kids wore JAFI T-shirts, and did Jewish projects and sang the same Hebrew songs our kids sing. When we got to Israel, I had lunch in a Canadian Youth Hostel – the Posluns Tel Hai Youth Hostel up by Metulla. I sat with a student from the former Soviet Union who made Aliyah 3 years before. I asked him what made him come to Israel and he told me he had attended the JAFI overnight camp as a teenager and it was one of his best experiences. He came first, and then his family followed and made aliyah the next year as so many do. That's the Selah program – Students before parents. We visited the Canada Centre in Metulla built by UJA Canada and the Canadian Jewish Federations including Hamilton – I never even knew it existed. The centre contained two ice hockey rinks. The Israeli skaters were practicing for the Olympics there. The centre contained a bowling alley built by Zoltan and Yetta Freeman. There were

## Don't Miss This Unique Opportunity! Participate in

Many of us have thought about our roots in the Former Soviet Union: perhaps wondering what life is like there now that the Soviet Union has collapsed. Furthermore, we've all been hearing stories about Israel on the news recently. We try to cut through the sensationalism and understand the true nature of what is happening in Israel. How are people really living? What is really happening there? The people in the Ukraine need our help, the Israelis need our support now, more than ever.

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**Jewish Social**

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When you come to the Jewish Community Centre you will see many changes in the Jewish Social Services daily program for seniors. For years the "workshop" had packaged candies for Allen Candy Company. Like everything else all good things must come to an end.

Now the day program or the "workshop" as the people who attend like to call themselves have a different and more fun-filled day. All Senior programs have been moved to the lower level of the Jewish Community Center- and are all totally accessible for everyone.

On Mondays there is Bingo for cash prizes. Tuesday there is a ceramic course under the experienced direction of Suzanne Goldflus. There is also knitting and puzzles. The choir under Leon Karan's leadership will continue every Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Wednesday a new program is being started by the literacy council-- learning to read and write English. And of course there is always Wednesday lunch with our wonderful homemade soup. After lunch on Wednesday people stay to play games such as cards, Rumoli and Scrabble. On Tuesday and Thursday English as-a-Second Language classes will continue under the direction of Louise Klinghoffer. We will also be setting up computers to give seniors a chance to go into cyberspace. The days are full and interesting. The languages spoken are Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, and English. If you would like to meet new friends, fill your day with fun and learn please come to join us. For more information call Carol or Bea at 905-648-0605 (325)

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Aish Hatorah has a hot line for all singles between 23 and 40. The number is 1-905-764-1808. The Web site is www.Speeddating.com. They arrange evenings where people meet at a coffee shop and have a chance to talk with everyone present. You get a chance to talk with everyone for seven minutes. (No more long evenings wishing for the date to be over) Afterwards there are forms to fill out and if two people have expressed interest in meeting each other Aish Hatorah

**JSS honours WWII Veterans**



Last May, the JSS sponsored a luncheon in honour of World War II Veterans, including both Hamilton's Maccabee chapter and veterans from the Former Soviet Union. The honorees enjoyed an outstanding lunch and entertainment by the Chai choir. A special presentation was awarded to Chai choir founder, Goldie Robbins, in recognition of her efforts at keeping the choir in top form. The veterans were thrilled to get this recognition that is so deserved. The Hamilton Maccabees have been very good to the Hamilton Kosher Food Bank. In addition to their annual donation of income raised from their annual poppy campaign, last year they purchased Passover products for 75

**Community Walk/Bike-a-thon raises record \$25,000 for hungry**

Thanks to the support of the Hamilton Jewish community last spring's community Walk/Bike-a-thon raised a record \$25,000.00 for the chesed program in Kiev. This money will provide aid for the infirm elderly Jewish residents. Without the support of the Chesed program of the Joint Distribution Committee these elderly individuals would be subsisting on pensions worth less than \$15.00 a month. The aid provided by the chesed programme helps the elderly Jewish population live in dignity and avoid the spectre of starvation.

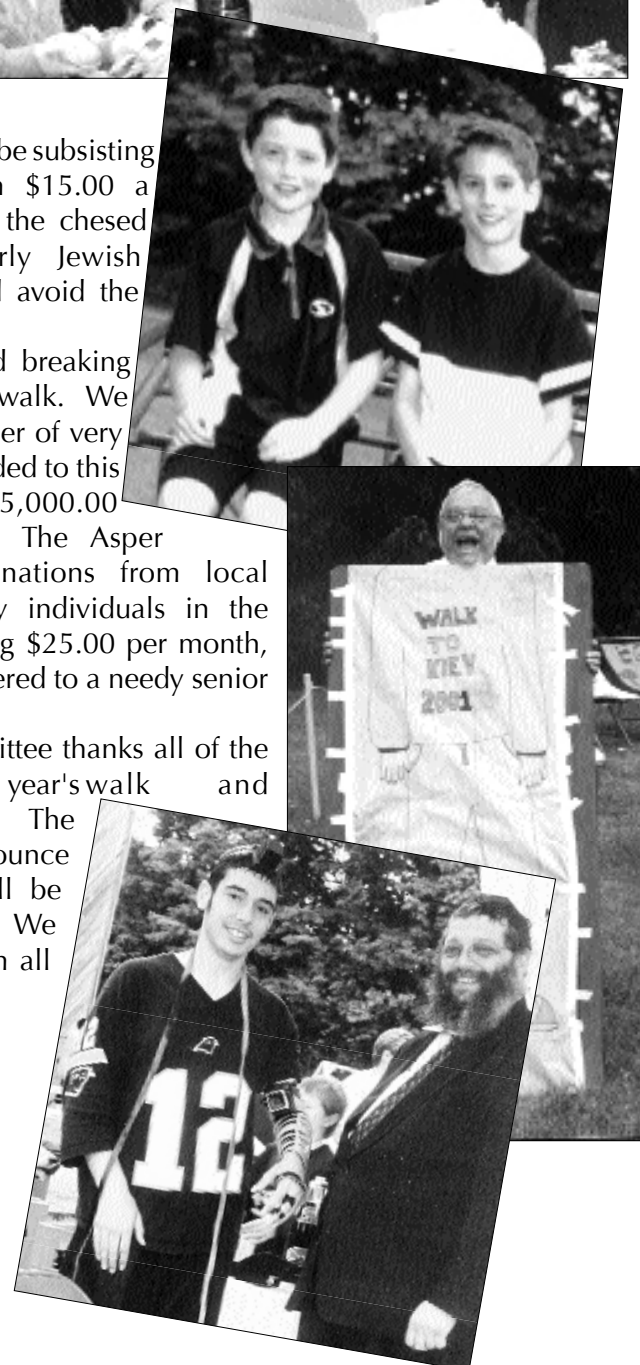


The event raised a record breaking \$13,000.00 on the day of the walk. We were fortunate to have a number of very generous sponsors who responded to this year's Walk/Bike-to-Kiev, \$5,000.00 from Apotex, \$500.00 from The Asper Foundation and various donations from local sponsors. In addition, many individuals in the community have been donating \$25.00 per month, the price of a food basket delivered to a needy senior in Kiev.

The Walk/Bike-a-thon committee thanks all of the volunteers who planned this year's walk and helped make it a success. The committee also is proud to announce that next year's co-chairs will be Andrea Molot and Lorne Gaffe. We wish them well and offer them all of our support.

by Lester Krames and Susan Roth

Co-Chairs UJA Walk/Bike-a-thon 2001



The Hamilton Hebrew Academy is delighted to announce the launch of

**The Shabbat Box**



a children's book by Lesley Simpson  
**November 18, 2 to 4 pm**

The launch will include an author reading, creative activities for families and too many treats.

(The Shabbat Box is available at Bryan Prince Bookseller or at amazon.com)

## “Pluralism and Jewish Continuity” not just buzz words at Midrasha



Andrea Krames

The Jewish community is ablaze with the buzz words “Jewish continuity and Pluralism”. Plenary sessions, committees and studies within the Jewish community have recently begun to ask “How will we ensure a future of committed Jews?”, and “How can we all get along as Jews? We have realized that Jewish continuity is a concern. We have come to see that our children are being lost to a Judaism that they do not understand or see as relevant to their lives. Discussing Jewish continuity as an issue is important, but perhaps a more effective measure is to ensure that our children at all age levels receive appropriate Jewish education.

Today our children live in a fast paced, exciting, and instantaneous world. The challenge of keeping their Judaism alive and relevant has seemed to grow more difficult. Jewish continuity depends upon our ability to transmit the relevancy and vibrancy of our values and heritage to our children.

Another need within our community is the need for tolerance. The need to see each other as Jews and hear each others’ voices. We have dubbed this utopian state as “Pluralism”. The opposite of pluralism is fragmentation, and disunity. Our tradition tells us that disunity amongst us Jews has caused sufferings, exiles and the loss of our Holy Temple.

The need to raise children who have a love for Judaism and their fellow Jew is very real. At Midrasha we have found a way to address these vital needs.

This year Midrasha will be offering a new class called Topics for Teens. Topics for Teens will deal with pertinent issues that interest today’s Jewish adolescent. These topics will be explored through multi-media and group discussions. Modern sources such as movie clips, TV shows, documentaries, book excerpts and articles from the Internet will serve as a spring board for group discussion and a chance to examine applicable Jewish sources. Students will deal with difficult topics and in the process of examining them will come to realize that our religion has as much to do with life in the twenty-first century as it did when Abraham came on the scene.

Topics for Teens provides more than just educational opportunities. There will be a social benefit to taking this course as well. Topics for Teens is also a forum. Students will be given an opportunity to share ideas and opinions. The very nature of an open discussion fosters relationships and great socializing with Jewish friends at the JCC. Students also learn to find their own voices and value others’ opinions as well. Mutual respect in the area of Jewish thinking is fostered. The end result will be a dynamic,



### You are invited to the Midrasha Open House

- \* Would you like to find out more about the Midrasha High School Program?
- \* Would you like to meet our teachers?
- \* Would you like to learn about the courses offered this year?
- \* Do you wanted to know how our credits are administered?

Please join us at the  
Jewish Community Centre on  
**Tuesday, September 25 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm**

## the YAD report



Allow us to introduce



UJA Federation's Welcome Wagon Committee (from l to r) Danna Horwood, Deborah Frankel, Nicole Feldman, Jill Gaffe and Cindy Dam. Not shown:

'It Takes A Village' is now in its second year and going strong. UJA Federation gave birth to this special committee in order to meet the needs of our ever-expanding Jewish community. We are the Jewish 'Welcome Wagon' of Hamilton and surrounding areas. Every year we have an influx of Jewish families all of whom we hope will make Hamilton their permanent home. The concept of a village is very important. It begins by uniting people with a common thread. Let's take that a step further- young or old, single or married, with or without children, employed or possibly a student, and of course Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform, we must try to find common ground. It's really very simple- Judaism and humanity. We wish you health, happiness, and mazel for the coming year and may all of your dreams come true. I think that is basically what we all want for ourselves and for our loved ones. This of course is much more attainable and far more pleasurable if we can both give and receive a helping hand from time to time.

With that in mind, each year in July or August, our committee approaches local trades people, merchants, and professionals so that we may send out gift baskets prior to Rosh Hashanah to welcome those people new to Hamilton. We include any business cards, printed material, and any donated products or services pertinent to their business. We provide information on anything from schools to shuls - from kosher treats to pedicured feet! We count on you, the community, to notify either the JCC or your synagogue of any newcomers.

We greatly appreciate all of the volunteers on our 'It Takes A Village' committee and everyone for their generous donations. A very Happy New Year to all of you.

### The Village People

Pteri Waxman, Jill Gaffe, Danna Horwood & Cindy Kam  
Thanks to Nicole Feldman and Deborah Frankel  
for all their help!!!

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

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UJA Federation extends a warm thank you to Carolyn Molot for the excitement and momentum she helped create during the inaugural year of our Young Adult Division (YAD). We wish Carolyn the very best of luck as she pursues new and exciting career paths.



Local Events

# Prophetic message delivered on eve of World Trade Center

'The enemy is at our doorsteps' prove eerily prophetic

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

In what turned out to be an eerily prophetic address on the eve of the horrific attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice-chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, told 450 community members, "Don't think the front is far away. The front is everywhere".

Hoenlein was the keynote speaker at an evening of solidarity with Israel co-sponsored by State of Israel Bonds and UJA Federation's Legacy Endowment Fund on September 10.

The thrust of his talk was that the events of the recent UN conference on racism in Durban revealed the full extent of the war against the Jewish people. The 'thin veil of anti-Zionism'



State of Israel Bonds honored its past and present co-chairs over the last 50 years.

Photo by Lawrence Yanover

was lifted he said, to reveal that it was not Israel's political policies or human rights records that were being called into question, but its very right to exist.

The Arab and Muslim world, Hoenlein said, is intent on portraying Israel as the South Africa of the

21st century. It would be a mistake for any of us to down play the significance of these developments, Hoenlein stated, as an historical record gets created that labels and libels Israel as guilty of racism, genocide and crimes against humanity. The potential damage is no less serious than that caused by suicide bombers.

The hostilities over the last year have been portrayed in a succession of ever-changing ways: as a religious war, a war against Palestinian children, a war for the right of return, a war against excessive brutality and a war against the settlements.

It is, he said, a war over Israel's right to exist. And though Arafat has realized his goals of resurrecting his standing among the Palestinians, mobilizing the Arab world, isolating Israel

and hurting its economy, none of them, said Hoenlein, have, in any way, benefited the Palestinian people.

Israel, on the other hand, has been held to an impossible standard, the world's voices rising in unison against her every act of self-defence. And yet, he said "there is no government on earth that has exercised similar restraint and care to avoid civilian casualties".

There should be no doubt, said Hoenlein that people living in Israel are not the only ones at risk. Attacks against Jewish institutions around the world have grown over the last year, including 110 in Canada 140 in France and 75 in Australia.

Jews cannot live in isolation and not concern themselves with what's happening to their fellow Jews, he said. It's our

obligation, he said, to stand up, speak out and bring the battle to their turf.

Today Jews have power, he said, but are reluctant to use it. Telling the audience that they have an obligation to thank their government when it takes a stand against singling Israel out for criticism and holding it accountable when it doesn't. They also need to mobilize themselves against an onslaught of the negative images of Israel portrayed in the media. Most importantly, he emphasized, Canadian Jews must visit Israel. With the Israeli economy reeling from the massive downturn in



Malcolm Hoenlein

Photo by Lawrence Yanover

tourism, nothing has a greater psychological, economical and social impact than the presence of Jews in the streets of the country.

The audience appeared to be deeply affected by Hoenlein's address. One community member was

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## Shana Tova from the JCC

## Camp Kadimah has another great

BY

RINA RODAK

The success of Camp Kadimah and Gadna this summer is due to a perfect mixture of old tradition and new ideas. I returned for my second year as the camp director and Matt Szpirglas moved up in the ranks from counsellor extraordinaire to assistant director extraordinaire. The JCC welcomed Naomi Bernstein as the leader of the new Leadership in Training program for youth entering grades 7 through 10. The contribution of our team of counsellors was invaluable to the success of the summer; A hardy 'todah rabbah' to Michelle Katz, Andrea Shragge, Karly Katz, Jason Silvert, Mitch Ritter, Maggie Mariasin, Rachel Levy, Carl Creatchman, and Tamar Klinghoffer!

The JCC served as home base to an average of 50 campers per week. When the camp was not adventuring beyond the JCC, we swam daily at the Dalewood Community Centre. Every second week the entire camp adventured to Bronte Creek Provincial Park for a morning of programmed activities and an afternoon of swimming at the Park's swimming pool.

The Gadna campers tripped twice weekly to destinations such as the Skydome for a Jays' game, African Lion Safari, Wild Water Works, and to Harbour West for a day of sailing. In the weeks that Gadna was not at Bronte Creek with the rest of the camp, they spent a day at the Dundas Valley Conservation Area with Sandy Root, the Director of the "Down 2 Earth" program.



Kadimah campers enjoy the best season ever!

With Sandy, the Gadna campers had the opportunity to learn how to fish, to study the creek and its inhabitants, hike to the Conservation Area's waterfalls, and play a game of "Survival."

Almost every week we had a theme day such as "Crazy Hair Day," "Kadimah/Gadna Survival," "Yom Pyjama," and "Yom Beach." A definite highlight was on "Yom Geebor" (Superhero Day) when Mr. Scott Balinson, a Hamilton-Wentworth police officer joined us to talk to the camp about being an every day kind of hero. Miriam Silvert also joined us on two occasions to entertain us with her story-telling talents.

### Leadership Training Program new addition to

BY NAOMI BERNSTEIN

A new addition to Camp Kadimah this summer was the Leadership Training Program. This program is intended for adolescents

entering grade seven to grade ten and is designed to equip participants with the leadership skills needed to be successful future counselors.

Leadership skills are best developed by hands-on, interactive experiences. It was with this in mind that Matt Szpirglass and I created the actual program components. The leadership participants were divided into two groups "Kadimah Leaders in Training" (KIT) and "Gadna Leader in Training" (GIT). The KIT's and GIT's met at the being of each day as a group for about forty five minutes to receive instruction, directions and their responsibilities for the week. The Leaders in Training (LIT) were expected to be assistants to the counselors and role models to the campers setting a positive example. While the majority of the program focused on hands-on experience the KIT's and GIT's were expected to keep daily journals as well as a daily task that would help the trainees consider some of the skills required to be an effective responsible and safety conscience counselor. The Leaders in Training were given the opportunity to share their journals as well as practice scenarios and plan camp games.

The Leadership program proved to be a

Mazel Tov to the following community members who were among this year's winners of the Max Rotman Awards held last June:

**Leah Bender, Dora-Ann Cohen, Laurie Fainer, Catherine Kates, Laura Kobetz, Oren Levine, Jeff Rochweg &**

### JCC/Beth Tikvah Golf Tournament raises much-



Sheldon Frank, Stan Tick and Bill Morris at the JCC/Beth Tikvah Foundation Golf Tournament 2001

The JCC thanks the 6th Annual JCC/Beth Tikvah Golf Tournament committee Larry Szpirglas, Sheldon Frank, Stan Tick, David Walman, Ira Greenspoon, Stephen Foster, Jeff Paikin, Wendy Frank & Fern Szpirglas

Thanks also to all those who gave their time the day of the tournament: Pearl Enkin, Marilyn Foreman, Betty Foster, Bert Frankel, Betty Foster, Betty Furman, Marlene Gains, Suki Garson-Berman, Susan Rosenblatt, Anne Gooblar, Hynda Halpren, Allen Harris, Maureen Harris, Nancy Katz, Esther Levy, Sandy Silver, Jonathan Szpirglas, Liz Tick, Shirley Wexler, Rochelle Waxman, Susan Waxman. SPECIAL THANKS TO all the sponsors, patrons and donors and Larry & Doreen Goldblatt for their donation of signs and time

## Great JCC Happenings!

### Photography

#### "From the Beginning"

Photography Exhibition by Shai Ginott  
Sponsored by the Consulate General of Israel, Toronto and brought to Hamilton through The Jewish National Fund and The Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton & Area

Shai Ginott was born in Jerusalem. A biologist by profession, her career as a fine arts and nature photographer began in 1984 as director of photography of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority. Her photographs have appeared in newspapers, periodicals and books and have been displayed in exhibitions in Israel and abroad, among them the Barbican Centre in London and the Olympus Gallery in Tokyo.

View the collection: Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Fridays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm ; Sundays 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

### Leadership Opportunity for your Teenager!

#### YOUNG JUDAEA HAMACHON

HaMachon brings together teenagers, aged 15-17 from Hamilton, London and Windsor to learn more about their Jewish heritage and develop leadership skills in Judaic and cultural programming. Participants will be attend intensive weekend seminars 3 times a year led by Young Judaea staff and hosted by a different community each time. Upon completion of the seminars the leaders will be required to lead programs for young children in their JCCs.

### New this year!

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Who will survive? All or none?

#### KRISTALLNACHT

Shattered Glass, Shattered Illusions  
Thursday, November 8, 2001  
Guest Speaker : Professor Howard Lupovitch

#### CHANUKAH PARTY AT THE JCC

Sunday, December 9, 2001  
Thursday, November 8, 2001

### THANKS TO OUR BINGO VOLUNTEERS

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Please note the following changes to the community calendar:

**HAMILTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

March 2 & 3

**JCC PURIM CARNIVAL**

Sunday, February 24

**MORRIS BLACK PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

Sunday, February 17

Shana Tova from the JCC

# Athletes Excel at Maccabi Youth Games

BY ALLEN HARRIS

Forget about the Liberty Bell, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Ben Franklin and Soft Pretzels. What our local athletes will remember most about their week in Philadelphia is the friendship, the competition, the incredible volunteers and host families and the social events that followed each day's athletic events.

In 1982 Jerry Bromstein convinced the JCC board to let him take a soccer team to the very first Maccabi Youth



The Hamilton athletes ready for the opening ceremonies

Mexico, Venezuela, Great Britain, Israel and Poland took part in a week-long sporting, cultural and social extravaganza.

The Olympic-style opening ceremonies were held at the Liacouras Center at Temple University. The lights from the television cameras glared and

the late Kenneth D. Soble as their champion. A biography and Mr. Soble's photograph were displayed on the large television screen during the opening ceremonies as well as being featured in the souvenir program book.

The games came to a halt Tuesday for a "Day of Caring, Day of Sharing" giving all the athletes a chance to participate in Tikun Olam, Repairing the World. We were all very proud of our kids as they took part in various projects including environmental work, helping at a seniors' home and working with underprivileged children. At the end of the day they all commented on how good they felt 'giving something back.'

Once again our athletes excelled. Yael Hart was the "talk of the town" following her gold medal performance in the dance contest. Her routine was so outstanding she received a perfect score from one of the three judges. Michael Gainfort, a late substitute on our delegation, won a silver medal in the three-day golf tournament. In a table tennis competition that was the highest playing standard ever seen at the games, Nicki Goldberg took the bronze medal in the girls' singles event and, with her Australian partner, won the silver medal in the doubles tournament. Also in table

tennis, Adam Dembe won a bronze medal in the team event.

Although not a medal winner this year (he won medals in golf in 1999 and 2000), special mention must be made of the performance of Jonathan Wolff in the tennis tournament. Over 280 athletes competed in this event and Jonathan made it to the quarter finals, eventually losing in a thrilling game to a boy from Los Angeles, who at the time, was being scouted by Penn State.

Evening activities included a night at the Shampoo Club, an evening and barbecue at the Philadelphia Zoo, free tickets to a Phillies-Astros game and the closing ceremonies at the Franklin Institute.

This year we had great family support. Three of our athletes' families made the trip to Philadelphia and were immediately co-opted onto the volunteer committee. The work

to Sharon Hart, who took over from Jerry Bromstein when, at the last minute, his health prevented him from making the trip. She did an incredible job. Not only did she become the official dance coach, she also became a supervisor at all the evening events, checking hundreds of kids onto and off buses. Thank you Sharon.

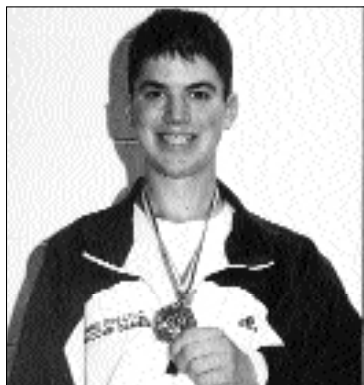
How could we make this



Michael Gainfort Silver Medal Golf

report without mention of the two young ladies who accompanied their parents to Philly - Justine Goldberg and Jen Gilbert. While these girls are too young to compete they both become part of the games from the moment we arrived. Their expertise at trading pins will be remembered by the adults forever and I am sure that carrying the Hamilton banner in the opening ceremonies will be remembered by these two girls for the same length of time.

I also want to thank our sponsors Bay-King Motors, B'nai Brith Viceroy Lodge, Dominion Bag and Burlap, Effort Trust, Grand Order of Israel, Hamilton Tiger Cat Athletic Trust Fund, Headline Sports, HJMBL, Dr. Harry Hotz, Mrs. Yetta Hotz, Dr. Richard Levy, Nisco Leasing, Schreiber Roofing, Dr. David Somers, Mayor Robert Wade, Zacks Furniture and to all the people who have made donations to the Maccabi Games Fund during the year.



Adam Dembe Bronze Medal in Table Tennis

Games. Since that time, hundreds of local Jewish boys and girls have attended what has become the largest gathering of Jewish youth anywhere in the world. The event has always been an experience of a lifetime and this year was no exception. Over 1750 athletes from across the United States, from Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, from Australia,



Yael Hart Gold Medal in Dance

over 10,000 spectators cheered as our delegation all marched in proudly waving Canadian flags. The parade of athletes took over an hour to complete. The ceremonies included a memorial tribute to the Israeli athletes that died at the 1972 Munich Olympics, along with entertainment by local groups.

The theme of this year's Maccabi Games was "Champions in Action" and the Hamilton delegation chose



Nicola Goldberg Silver & Bronze Medal Table Tennis

they did was invaluable and I thank each and every one of you publicly. Susan and Alex Gilbert attended their second set t of Games; they were in Cincinnati last year. Alex soon found out what the meetings were all about when first night he attended began at 11:30 pm. Both Alex and Susan, along with Jeremy Goldberg and Karen Saperson were given "Volunteer" tee shirts and were immediately part of the Games. Special mention must also go

Yesher Koach to Susan and Alex Gilbert for their inspiring donation of Maccabi pins for the Hamilton athletes - the first time that our athletes had pins with which to participate in the popular trading that goes on at the Games.

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## Local Events

## Vine Street Funeral Home moves to new location

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

The United Hebrew Memorial Chapel is moving from its Vine Street location, which it has occupied for approximately 50 years to the west end of the city. A new building, jointly designed by architect, Joe Singer and chapel director, Aaron Shiffman, has been erected on 28 Ewen Road and will open officially this month.

The move, according to Mr. Shiffman, was long overdue. With the majority of the Jewish community located in the city's west-end together with the deterioration and limited parking in the Vine Street neighbourhood the



The new community funeral chapel on Ewen Road

board had, for the last few years, been scouting for a more appropriate site.

When the Darts structure on Ewen Road, which included a large

garage abutted by a small shack became available, the committee was quick to act, seeing its potential.

The property was purchased in January of 2000 with income from

investments made over the years and a bank loan.

The spacious stuccoed building, with its interior blue-coloured walls enhanced by floor to ceiling stained glass windows, contains a chapel with seating for 350 (compared to seating for 173 on Vine Street) a family room, preparation room, spacious foyer and an apartment for a couple.

One innovation of the new building is a special room for Kohanim. (According to Jewish law, Kohanim are forbidden to come in proximity with the deceased.) This room, which is located adjacent to the chapel, will allow community members who are Kohanim to hear the

proceedings and thus feel more a part of the service. The Vine Street location had no room and Kohanim would have no other option available to them than to stand out on the street.

The Ewen Road location has parking for 20 cars and it is hoped that negotiations currently underway with Ontario Hydro will make available an additional 40 spaces. Street parking will also be available.

Expenses associated with maintaining the new facility, that include mortgage and utility payments, ground maintenance, an alarm system and a sound system, will be higher than on Vine Street, said Mr. Shiffman, but every

## Towards a Local Advocacy

BY  
DR. LAWRENCE HART

We are currently at a critical point in Jewish history. The targeting of innocent Israelis by Palestinian terrorists has become an almost daily occurrence while the venomous outpouring of anti-Semitic vitriol in arenas such as the recent Durban anti-racism conference has been of unprecedented scope and intensity. There is no doubt that attacks on Jews and Jewish interests, both within and outside Israel, are again escalating.

Given the reality of what we're facing, it is clearly time for all of us, whether in Israel or the Diaspora, to begin to

respond more effectively, to reaffirm who we are, and what we stand for. We need to know how to counter the propaganda that is so critical of our cause and we need to be informed enough to confidently promote and defend our positions in a variety of public forums.

To assist Canadian communities in such endeavors, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) is offering a series of workshops that are intended to improve advocacy skills and coordinate pro-Israel activities and efforts. This program is structured around a network of Local Israel Action Teams (LIATs), made up of

interested members of the host community. Workshop topics include "Israel Advocacy in the Media", "Pro-Israel Political Advocacy", "How to React to Pro-Palestinian Propaganda" and "Israel and the Holocaust". Instructional sessions are geared to the specific needs of the participants and are facilitated by staff from the CIC. Once established, LIAT groups become part of the LIAT network, linked to other member groups and the CIC through regular e-mail updates, newsletters, and conference calls.

As we move towards organizing a LIAT group in Hamilton, we would

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## Shalom Village



Pat Morden

## Shalom Village A Place To Call Home

A move to Shalom Village requires the same amount of thought, effort and planning involved in all of our other life moves - buying a home, condo

, or moving to a new apartment. We know that moving is a mixture of emotions. Leaving the old behind, no matter how desirable the new, is tiring and often tinged with sadness. Anticipating the new is fraught with unknowns. It is exciting and overwhelming at the same time. Moving is hard physical work, and for days afterwards we are sorting through boxes, trying to find where things are. Bed and bath don't feel like 'home' usually for several weeks, and we exist in a fugue state which gradually clears as time passes and the new becomes familiar.

Sometimes the need to move is a gradual realization - family is outgrowing the house, we want to be closer to jobs or family. Other times, life's ups and downs require a more sudden change, to a new job or city. Whatever the circumstances, we have learned through our own experience and that of others that facing the task head on, discussion with clearer and experienced minds, and sound planning make any move more likely to succeed.

A move to Shalom Village needs the application of all these same skills. If you suspect that your life may require a home with the supports of Shalom Village then plan ahead. Come and visit, take a tour, get on a list so that if in the future you decide to call Shalom home you have it as an option. Like other unique, desirable homes in great locations, the wait for an opportunity to call Shalom home is often greater than one year. In addition, a move to Shalom Village requires negotiating some different real estate bureaucracy. To have the nursing home as an option for home requires an application through the Hamilton Community Care Access Centre; for an apartment a personal interview at Shalom Village. Calling Shalom Village and talking to Laurie Clements, Pat Morden or Vicky Bach can help you work through the details.

Once you have a spot, plan carefully, just like you have planned before. Expect that the move will make you and your whole family tired and it will take some time to get used to and feel 'at home'. Just like any move, invite friends to help, invite them to lunch or dinner to help make new



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## Teen Leadership Program in its third successful

This summer Shalom Village ran its third annual Teen Volunteer Camp. The two camps, one in July and one in August, ran for a month. Teens from the community, aged 12 to 17 years, learned about their leadership abilities and volunteered their time at Shalom Village and other organizations in the community.

The first two weeks of camp were spent at Shalom Village completing leadership workshops and games, learning more about themselves and getting to know a resident at Shalom Village. Speakers from each of the outside organizations that we were scheduled to visit as well

as some from other community centers and several from Shalom Village came to talk to the teens about their organizations and the role of volunteers. The teens also volunteered their time at various Shalom Village functions.

The second two weeks of camp were spent volunteering at various agencies in the community.

The group gave their time to Idylewood Manor, Grace Haven, The Equestrian Association for the Disabled, St. Matthews House, the C.N.I.B., Wesley Urban Ministries, and Rygeil Homes. The teens did everything from running a fun day, cleaning, yard work, and

## Organizations

## Hamilton Hebrew Academy hosts Golf Chabad Lubavitch provides home away

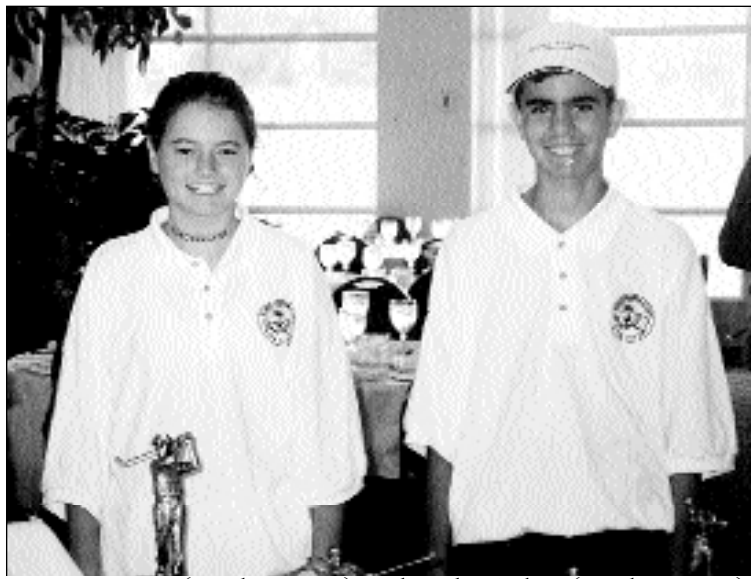
Sleek white limousines lined the side of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy bright and early on the beautiful, sunny morning of Wednesday the 22nd of August. Inside, the registration had begun for the first ever Wave 94.7-Hamilton Hebrew Academy Golf Tournament.

The "Dream Golf Day" included luxury transportation to and from the Royal Niagara Golf Course at Niagara-on-the-Lake; use of a GPS supported Golf Cart; our HHA Golf Day Survival Kit; the chance to win a car for a hole-in-one and a wonderful catered kosher lunch and four course dinner.

Wave 94.7 and the HHA re-decorated the golf club at Royal Niagara and our players were treated to their dream golf day!

The Dream Golf Day offered golfers from within the Hamilton Jewish community, and the broader general communities the chance to test their skill against the newly opened Royal Niagara golf course.

Organised to generate much needed funds for the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, the Wave 94.7-



Yana Eventov (Grade 8 2001) and Jordan Zalter (Grade 8 2002) at the Wave 94.7- Hamilton Hebrew Academy Dream Golf Day

HHA Golf Day will provide our students and teachers with many 'extras' that we would otherwise not be able to afford.

Speaking at the dinner at the clubhouse that evening, Frank Samuels, vice principal of administration of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, thanked all of the golfers, sponsors and donors for their support of the tournament. He mentioned that each community becomes stronger when it recognises the different strengths of its component parts and made mention of all the help that he had received in the setting up of this

tournament. He was also pleased that three ex-graduates of the school; Daryn Epstein, Joel Levy and Maya Eventov had been able to help out at the function, and that one of the upcoming year's grade eight students, Jordan Zalter, had also given up his time to assist with the tournament.

Samuels also thanked tournament organisers Sharon Switzer, Tracey Robertson and Steve Krieger for all the help that they had given to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

Just before he made "HaMotzi", Rabbi Zev Eisenstein, principal of the

## Chabad Lubavitch provides home away

The new year is once again underway at Chabad-Lubavitch Student Centre providing a home away from home for all students, regardless of affiliation, special Friday night and holiday dinners, educational programs, and counseling. The Student Centre will be adding some new features this coming year.

The Ralph Travis Memorial Library has been augmented with new books. A twice weekly free lunch and learn program is planned. This will simultaneously provide students with food for the body as well as the soul.

Students will also be able to learn conversational Hebrew under the able direction of Shaul Katzenstein of McMaster University. A special textual series titled "Women in Text" will explore the contribution of Jewish women from ancient to modern times in shaping our people. The three part series, Women in Judaism returns. This mini-series

gives an overview and explores issues relating to Women in Judaism. Individual study programs are always provided.

All of this is in addition to the general programs provided to the Jewish community. As in past years, holiday services such as Shofar blowing and the opportunity to say the blessing over the four kinds will be offered to shut-ins and the residence of Shalom Village.

The Shofar Factory returns and the immensely successful and popular Sukka mobile will once again make its rounds.

This year marks the twentieth year of Chabad's Woman's Torah studies class. This class meets on Monday nights at various homes throughout the city during the fall, winter and spring. The class attracts people of different ages and backgrounds who all add their unique perspective and ideas to the topics being discussed. Some of the material covered has been, the



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BY SUSAN ROTH & NAOMI EISENBERG

Na'amat Hamilton has been active in Hamilton for over 60 years. Our group continues to thrive; working towards improving the status of women in Israel and Canada. We focus on the social advancement of women and children by establishing facilities such as women's shelters, day cares and vocational schools. Our goals are just as relevant today as they were in our group's inception, so many years ago.

So, why has this group managed to survive when so many other women's



Na'amat members Rivka Shaffir, Ilene Haripko and Simone Rotstein would be delighted to welcome you to our club.

volunteer organizations have fallen? I believe it's because we are a unique group of women who, despite the fact that most of

us work and raise families, still feel committed to our goals. Furthermore, we genuinely enjoy working with each other. Our programming and fundraising committees have already started to plan for the coming year. The program will include possibilities for all members, new and old, to empower themselves, learn, and get acquainted with our Israeli sisterhood. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. For more information, please call our membership chair, Ronit Gafni, at 905-627-5480.

Club Amit, the "younger" of the two groups, is entering its seventh year. A brand new executive and a roster of fun and

**Kehila enters its third year**

Kehila Jewish Community Day School is now entering its third year in the Hamilton Community and we expect it to be an exciting one. The new school year will bring to Kehila a growing student enrollment, a new grade 4 class, two new, highly creative teachers, and an eminently qualified interim principal. We are very excited about these new developments.

Establishing a new school takes vision, and an acceptance that the first 5 years will be full of change, growth and teamwork. Our creative team of teachers and our board members have proven that our school will succeed, and that change, growth and adjustment are all positive pathways to achieving our goals.

Kehila Jewish Community Day School will continue to offer its dynamic integrated curriculum which weaves Judaic studies into language arts, math, science, social studies and technology. Respect for Jewish values, traditions, history and culture, opportunities for active learning, and a connection with the community will form the framework for our programs which will focus on developing problem solving, thinking skills, and fostering a true love of learning. In the past two years we have seen the success of this enriched learning environment and we will continue to develop our unique educational programs.

Kehila is pleased to announce that Leia Ger-

Rogers will be our interim and part time principal until a full time principal is hired. Leia Ger-Rogers comes to us with a Masters Degree in Education, and a Special Education specialty in curriculum design. Leia has had 10



Interim principal, Leia Ger

years of classroom experience in Senior Kindergarten to grade 5, in both special education and in a regular classroom setting. She was a founding teacher and curriculum designer for Zareinu Education Program in Toronto for Jewish children with special needs, and was also a Special Education itinerant teacher for the Toronto Board of Education.

Leia is the Director and Principal of the Hamilton Learning Centre and Day School whose private school provides remedial, tutorial, credit courses and special education programs, as well as a full time elementary school for students with learning issues. In addition she has been actively involved in the development and administration of the Hamilton Midrasha High School Program which provides high school credit courses in Judaic Studies and Hebrew Language.

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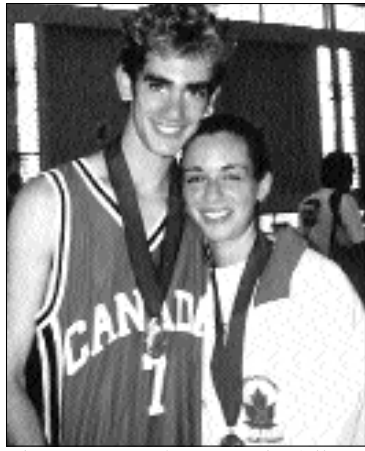
## Hamilton athlete comes home with a gold medal from Israel

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Shauna Eisenberg, 16, glows when describing the experience of playing for Canada at last summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel. In a span of two weeks, she experienced the thrill of her junior girls' basketball team winning a gold medal, meeting young Jewish athletes from around the world and discovering that being Jewish can, indeed, be a cool thing.

Shauna came very close to missing out on the experience. The Games were nearly cancelled, in the wake of an increasing number of suicide bomb attacks, culminating with the attack on the the D o l p h i n a r i u m Discotheque.

The flood in cancellations led to the



Shauna Eisenberg with fellow Canadian athlete, Jordan

disintegration of teams as disappointed athletes were forced to drop out. After weeks of difficult discussions with their Israeli counterparts, North American officials decided in the end to go ahead, despite the reduced numbers (of the 4,500 athletes who had originally signed on, only 2,100 remained)

This year's Maccabiah was also significant in that it marked the presence of Australia, whose continued participation was called into question over the last four years of bitter lawsuits over the loss of four of their athletes in the Ramat Aviv collapsed bridge disaster at the previous Games.

The political situation lent a poignancy to the games, whose opening ceremonies in Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium, described by Shauna as "awesome", were attended by 22,000. The athletes were especially moved by knowing that their presence was seen as a gesture of solidarity and support by the Israelis with whom they came into contact.

Shauna's team, well prepared after months of training, easily rose to the finals, winning their gold in the final round against Israel. An additional thrill was having family members (Beth and Steven Cohen, formerly of Hamilton) in the audience waving Canadian flags and calling out her name.

Along with her memories, Shauna came home with a new attitude towards things Jewish. She acknowledges that prior to this experience she was often reluctant to participate in activities that appeared "too Jewish". But she discovered that she had much in common with the young Jewish athletes she was meeting from around the world.

The biggest surprise,

## Children's author creates

BY  
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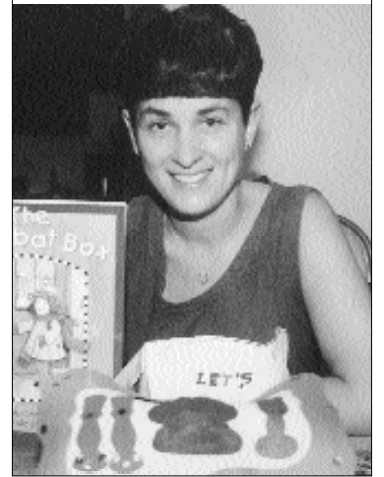
Lesley Simpson lives a double life. By day, the journalist with the Hamilton Spectator immerses herself in the world of reality where facts, details and accuracy rule. But in her free moments her mind is busy creating imaginary worlds that form the backdrop for the children's stories that she sets down to pen in the notebook that never leaves her side.

Simpson has been writing stories since she was old enough to have her own diary. Her writing career began in the sixth grade when an article about what to do when you can't fall asleep and have run out of flashlight batteries was published in a book called Wordsandwich, a collection of stories, poems and articles by kids for kids and chosen by kids.

The Hug, a book she both wrote and illustrated was published by Annick Press in 1985.

Her latest book, hot off the press is The Shabbat Box, published by Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., one of the largest Jewish children's publishers in the United States. It was inspired by an actual shabbat box that went home on a rotating basis with the children in her son's Junior Kindergarten class at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. The following year, teacher Joy Zians (to whom the book is dedicated, along with her son, Ira), carried on a year-long project during where the children made their own Shabbat boxes which they decorated and filled with a cornucopia of objects that would help the children bring shabbat into their homes.

Simpson, who has over the last several years



Lesley Simpson

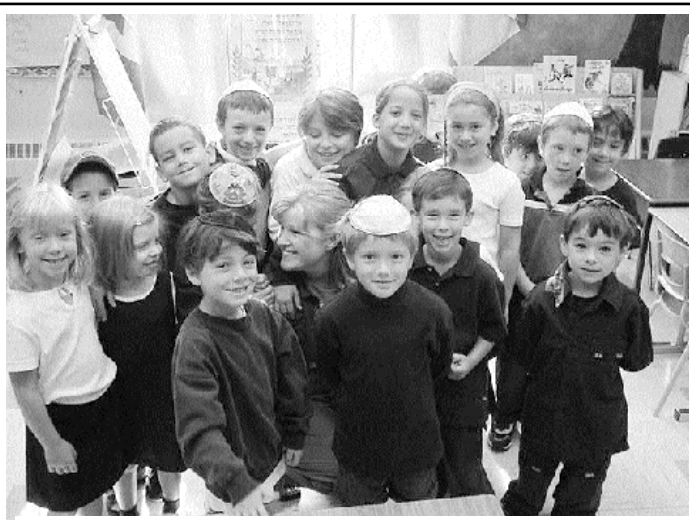
become increasingly observant, has a pet theory about Judaism. Judaism, she says, is like a treasure chest.

"If your only Jewish experiences involve getting dressed up and going to bar mitzvahs, weddings or funerals it's fairly formal and can feel like a foreign world. That's the outside of the chest. But if you open that chest up, it has no bottom. The deeper you look the more that you see. It's very different from what it looks like on the outside once you peer inside."

Shabbat, she adds, is a revolutionary concept.

"It's a radical notion," she said, "where you get to take time off, unplug from your cell phone, your fax and the laundry and create another experience of time."

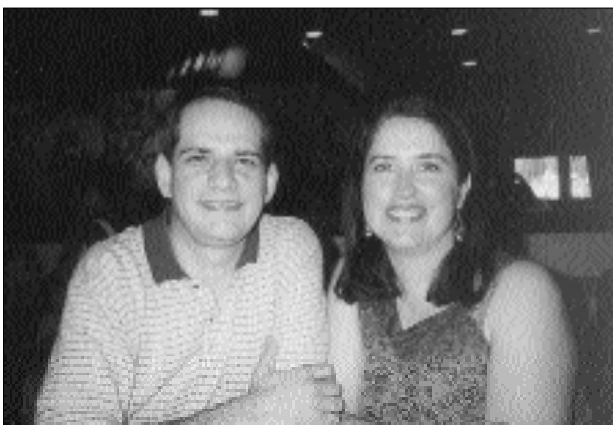
Simpson's spiritual journey began several years ago while she was living in Toronto and working as a journalist. She had signed up for a two year trans-denominational Jewish study program where students met weekly to study in traditional hevruta-style (partner) study sessions and treated to high quality lectures by a variety of rabbis and academics. It was during then that Simpson began to understand that Judaism



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# Reflection on a Sabbatical year during troubled

BY  
BARRY WALFISH

Being in Israel this year has not been easy. When we arrived last summer, the prospects for peace never shone brighter. Now, almost a year later, the situation has deteriorated so drastically that it will take both sides a long time to regain even a measure of civility in their relationship, and the resumption of peace negotiations seems a distant dream.

My emotions this year with regard to the conflict with the Palestinians, have been a mixture of anger, frustration, and disappointment.

I am angry at Arafat and the Palestinians for starting the present Intifada, which still seems to my western eyes, a pointless exercise in bloodletting.

I am still far from being able to fathom the thinking behind this uprising, but I realize that it has to do with regaining lost honour and frustration at the seeming lack of progress in peace negotiations. Still, even if the Israeli offer at Camp David was inadequate, it could have been improved through negotiations, rather than violence.

I am disappointed that the Palestinians have still, at a fundamental level, not come to terms with Israel's existence as a Jewish state. Their unwillingness to recognize the Jewish connection to Jerusalem and the Temple Mount and their insistence on getting back every inch of territory lost in 1967, and

then in attempting to right the injustices of 1948 by insisting on the right of return, dealt a painful blow to hopes for a quick settlement.

I am angry that the Palestinians continue to educate their people to hate and raise their children on the dream of returning to all of Palestine.

Unless a leadership emerges that can educate the people towards compromise and coexistence there is no hope for an end to this conflict.

I am angry at the Palestinians for undermining the Israelis' confidence in the peace process, through their daily acts of terrorism and violence.

I am disappointed in the Palestinians for choosing the way of violence to fight for their cause. How much more sympathy would they have if they had chosen the path of nonviolence.

I am angry at Israel for the suffering it has inflicted on the Palestinians, for the the daily acts of humiliation and persecution-among them expropriations, house demolitions, uprooting of trees, destruction of farmland and other property -acts which will only create more terrorists and freedom fighters for the cause of liberation.

I am disappointed in Ehud Barak for doing such a poor job as prime minister and for arrogantly and foolishly failing to see the writing on the wall and deciding to run again, thus ensuring the

election of Sharon.

I am disappointed in the Israelis for not seeing that as long as there are settlements there can be no settlement and that sooner or later, the majority of them will have to go.

I am saddened that the current wave of terror and violence has made my children come to see

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Israel as a dangerous place.

Today, is the eve of Israel's Independence Day, the Day of Remembrance for the thousands of soldiers, policemen and others who have died as victims of acts of terrorism. It is a day when the country turns inward and reflects on its losses and expresses hopes that the acts of violence and bloodletting will soon cease. Tomorrow is Yom h a - a t s m a ' u t , Independence Day, a day of joyfulness, dancing and song, outings to parks, relaxation and celebration.

However, in order to allow the Israelis to celebrate their day in peace, a complete closure of the territories has to be in effect. This only drives home the fact that Israel's independence cannot be complete as long as it

necessitates the subjugation and confinement of another people. This is not what Jews came here for.

The situation notwithstanding, life in this country can be enriching, inspiring and satisfying. The lack of resolution of the conflict is an albatross on the back of Israel and the entire region, without which, Israel could soar to new heights of achievement, and the Palestinians could attain many of their goals. If only both peoples would be blessed with leadership capable of achieving true coexistence and peace. To do this both sides need a healthy dose of empathy--being able to understand and sympathize with the situation of the other side and recognize its legitimate fears and basic needs. Unfortunately, the

present cycle of terror, violence and retaliation has only caused each side to withdraw inside itself, recognizing only its truth and its pain. The cause of peace has taken a beating and will take some time to recover.

P.S. The above was written last May, shortly after Israel's Independence Day. Today was Tishah be-Av, the commemoration of the Destruction of the Jerusalem Temples. This is the second year in a row we have been here for this day. What a difference a year has made. Last year the day went by without incident. Today there was a near riot on the Temple Mount, as an enraged mob began to throw stones on the worshippers below in the Western Wall Plaza. All this was triggered by the action of a fringe group

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# 'Surreal' terrorist attacks in U.S. sparking Jewish anger and

By PETER EPHROSS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)

Even for North American Jews used to thinking about security issues at home and confronting terrorist acts in Israel the series of horrific acts that struck Tuesday came as a devastating, unimaginable blow.

"This is surreal. This whole situation seems surreal," said Martin Raffel, the associate executive vice chair of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, whose offices are located in midtown New York, a safe distance from the destroyed World Trade Center. Before the initial shock wore off from the hijacked plane attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon near Washington, Israel was offering help, U.S. Jewish groups were reacting with anger and Jewish communities across North America were holding prayer vigils. Fire raged and smoke billowed around the towers after the two attacks, which occurred around 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The two towers collapsed by mid-morning, wreaking more havoc, claiming even more victims and hampering rescue efforts. Reports said that more than 250 passengers were on board the four hijacked planes at the center of the day's horrific events two hit the World Trade Center, one hit the Pentagon and one crashed in Western Pennsylvania but there were no reliable reports of the number killed or

injured. However, New York officials estimated that there could be thousands of casualties from the World Trade Center explosions alone. The attack was described as the worst on American soil since the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor. By comparison, 2,400 people were killed on that day Dec. 7, 1941 which President Roosevelt described as a "date which will live in infamy." Speaking Tuesday morning, President Bush described the crashes as an "apparent act of terrorism" and vowed to use the "full resources" of the U.S. government to "hunt down and find those folks who committed this act." Two Jewish groups are housed near the site of the New York attacks, but efforts Tuesday to reach Agudath Israel of America and the Orthodox Union were unsuccessful. The Educational Alliance, a Jewish-run community center in downtown New York, treated people suffering from light injuries and shock.

"People were wandering in the streets coming from the World Trade Center, disoriented," said Ben Rodriguez, director of administration services for the Educational Alliance. "People were streaming in for a few hours," he said, but by late afternoon, things had quieted down. Some Jewish groups in New York, including the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the United Jewish Communities, evacuated

their offices as part of building-wide evacuations. Jewish and non-Jewish businesses and facilities were closed in various cities across the United States, from Philadelphia to San Francisco, in fear of further attacks. The UJC promised to resume business as soon as possible. "This has been a tragic day for our country," the UJC said in a statement. "We express our condolences to the families of the individuals who lost their lives."

Israel, which closed Ben-Gurion Airport to foreign planes, evacuated all its diplomatic missions around the world. In an ironic turnabout, some Israelis were scheduled to hold a solidarity rally with the American terror victims on Tuesday night. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a state of mourning in Israel on Wednesday, and said the terror attacks would prove "a turning point in the war against terrorism." President Moshe Katsav conveyed to Bush Israel's "deep sorrow," and the Health Ministry launched a blood drive. "All of us in Israel embrace you, would like to express our condolences, and add our best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who have been injured," Katsav said. "Everything must be done to defeat this phenomenon in which insane people will stop at nothing to disrupt daily life." Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer approved the dispatch of rescue units to the United States. He also canceled a

visit to Washington that was planned for later in the week. Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat sent the "condolences of the Palestinian people to American President Bush," but many of his people did not seem to share Arafat's remorse.

Thousands of Palestinians celebrated the attack throughout the West Bank, chanting "God is great" and distributing candy. In Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, gunmen fired into the air in celebration. In Argentina where two Jewish institutions were hit by bombs in the 1990s authorities pledged to increase security at Jewish sites. In Berlin, the Parliament was evacuated and the Jewish Museum was closed, just two days after it officially opened.

American Jewish groups strongly condemned the attack and "pledged to double check already tight security," in the words of one Jewish spokesman who asked not to be identified.

"We are outraged and unequivocally condemn today's terrorist acts against the United States," the American Israel Public Affairs Committee said in a statement that was echoed by other groups. Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said Tuesday's events would force the United States to step into Israel's shoes. "My feeling is that the American government has always understood Israel's dilemma" in fighting

terrorism, but "now America, too, will have to struggle with, How do you respond, how do you prevent this kind of thing", Foxman said. Though no direct links have been established between the attacks and U.S. support for Israel, some worried about that prospect. "Will the blame be placed on Israel? Will the blame be placed on the fact of American support?" wondered Foxman, who along with thousands of others across the country was stranded at an airport when the attacks occurred. "The United States has been brutally attacked today, and we must consider that our nation is at war," David Harris, the executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said in a statement. But exactly who would be the target of that war remained unclear. Spokesmen for several radical Palestinian groups denied reports that they were behind the attacks. Speculation focused on Osama bin Laden, but there was no initial evidence linking the Saudi terrorist mastermind to the attacks.

Manhattan Jews were horrified by what had happened and impassioned about how America ought to react. It's outrageous that America "has been brought to its knees by terrorists," said Larry Kowlowitz, vice president of PK Furriers in midtown Manhattan. "It's time for the dog to wag the tail, not for the tail to wag the dog. We should use our muscle and make

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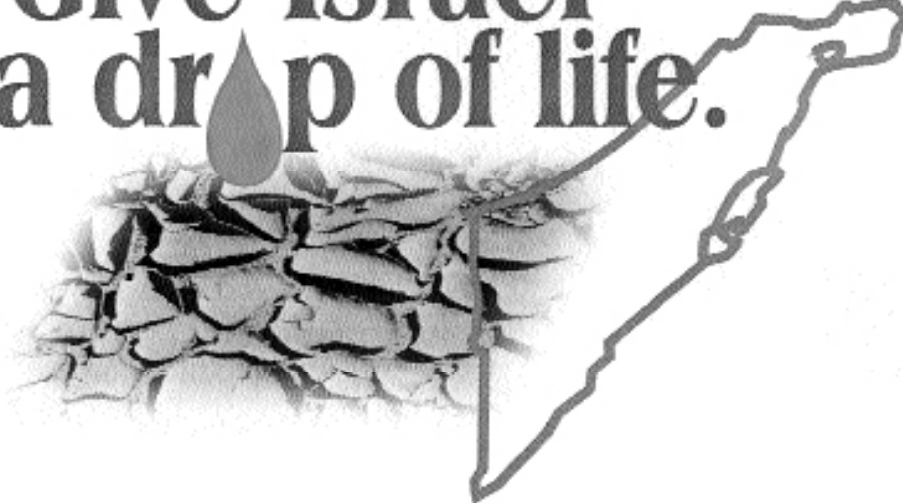
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