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## Dates to Remember

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### YOM HASHOAH

Begins

Thursday evening, April 19

### YOM

### HA'AZTMAUT

Begins

Wed evening, April 25

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## An update on UJA CAMPAIGN 2001

by Allen Rams

Campaign 2001 is drawing to a close as of Sunday, February 18. We have approximately 6% of our campaign gifts to come in. While this might seem like a small number, this 6% represents about 20% of the total dollars our campaign will yield.

Although the going is tough, if our community is as generous as it was last year, we could have a record year.

Our community needs your help. Israel needs your help. If you are one of the remaining 6% who have not yet been canvassed, please don't wait to be called. Call the Federation office at 648-0605 or myself at 572-0310 today.

On a more upbeat note we have one pledge in for the 2002 campaign giving a 10% increase over last year. Not bad, considering that that campaign has not begun.

## UJA Federation Annual General Meeting provides opportunity for reflection and goodbyes

UJA Federation's Annual General Meeting, held last January, provided an opportunity for Federation president, Harvey Waxman, to review a number of programs and initiatives that were created or enhanced over last 12 months. Among them: the newly formed Asper Program for Holocaust Studies, chaired by Nadia Rosa, that sends high school students to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.; a thriving Young Adult Division (YAD), chaired by Carolyn Molot; the annual Walkathon, chaired by Paul and Susan Roth and Lester Krames, which raised \$18,000 for the impoverished Jewish community in Kiev; the Ralph Travis Israel Experience Night at the Races, chaired by John Levy, Cuppy Katz and Mark Scholes; the annual Yom HaShoah program, chaired by Celia Berlin; and the Legacy Endowment Fund,



Outgoing executive director, Patricia Tolkin Eppel, presents plaques of recognition to Walkathon chairs,

chaired by Stan Tick.

Waxman also thanked this year's UJA campaign chairs Howard Katz, Shelley Waxman, Naomi Eisenberg, and Allan Rams and the many canvassers who worked on the campaign.

During a presentation that outlined the

developments that took place under UJA Federation's YAD, Wendy Schneider recognized a number of individuals who made a difference over the last year by sharing their creativity and skills with the community at large. She thanked Vicky Wylson Sher

for chairing the Jewish community growth project; Pteri Waxman, for designing a new Federation logo and beautiful welcoming baskets that were delivered to newcomer families; Lila Strub and Lorry Schneider for their help in creating

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## Four Days In Israel. If Not

BY ALAN EPEL

In Gilo the young schoolchildren sing songs of peace behind 200-pound panes of bullet-proof glass. In the playground the boys play soccer protected by high brick walls from sniper fire from Beit Jala. Near the Lebanese border young IDF soldiers use tracker dogs to search for Hizbollah terrorists and sniff out roadside bombs. In Lod Ethiopian immigrants learn Hebrew at an absorption center and work on traditional African crafts. On the ice at the Canada centre in Metulla, new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and local children try triple jumps and Salcos. At Kfar Blum the students of the Core school of music give exhibits of classical and jazz music as well as theatre arts.

These are some of the sites visited by the 160 members of the UJA Federation Canadian

Solidarity mission that undertook a whirlwind tour of Israel between February 14 and 18th. Members of the mission came from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Kingston and Hamilton (Alan Eppel and Paul Roth). Many on the mission had been asked why they would go to Israel at a time of such unrest. Their response - Because this is when Israel needs us. "If not now when?"

The group heard briefings from top Israeli generals on the security threats and visited the confrontation line in Northern Israel. They met with community leaders, teachers, schoolchildren, journalists from Ha'aretz and the London Daily Telegraph.

During the time the mission was in Israel five young women and three young men were killed at a bus stop when a Palestinian bus driver

deliberately ploughed his bus into them. Witnesses said there were blood and body parts scattered all around. CNN and the foreign press said the dead were Israeli soldiers but when we saw their pictures in the Israeli newspapers we saw that

they were just beautiful young kids who had had to grow up too quickly, somebody's children who had to die too soon.

One Israeli mother told me, "When Rabin was prime minister I hoped that my boys would not have to fight. It

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## NEW APPLICATIONS TO THE UJA/FEDERATION BUDGET & ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The community is hereby notified that new beneficiary applications for funding must first come to the UJA Federation executive for approval. If so deemed worthy, the application will be brought before the board for approval. If the new beneficiary agency is approved by the board of directors, the Budget and Allocations Committee will be so notified to hear a submission for funds. For the fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, applications must be submitted by MARCH 31, 2001 to the UJA Federation office to the attention of LOUISE ROTMAN, treasurer. If you need further information, call Louise Rotman at 523-7732.

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## NA'AMAT PLEASES



Israeli, Turkish, Egyptian, Swiss and South African specialties were just some of the delectable fare offered up by Na'amat members at an evening called "The Pleasures of Our Cultural Palate". Pictured here from left to right are members Louise Algranti, Simone Rotstein, Susan Roth, Adele Wolpert Zur,

## If Not Now... When cont'd from

looks like they are going to have to fight."

We also heard from Edna and Haim Avraham whose 19 year old son Benny Avraham was kidnapped by Hizbullah along the border with Lebanon on October 7th, 2000. Two other soldiers, Adi Avitan and Omer Souad were abducted along with him. You probably heard about it. What you didn't hear was that the Hizbullah terrorists were disguised as U.N. personnel and drove a U.N. vehicle.

Towards the end of the trip the Canadian group joined with 2000 teenagers and young adults from around the world who were in Israel

as part of the "Birthright" program. They hailed from Russia, the Ukraine, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Australia and – by far the largest contingent – Canada. At a breathtaking performance of Israeli music and dance the whole group went wild with enthusiasm and pride.

And the mood in Israel? A sense of unease for sure; a great appreciation for those who had come from the diaspora to show their support and demonstrate that the risks are low. At the same time the Israelis maintained a sense of resolve. Many on the mission felt humbled by the attitude of the Israelis

## COMPENSATION FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

1. A fund has been created that compensates Jewish survivors of Nazi slave and forced labour, in general, those who were in ghettos and concentration camps. The deadline for application is **August 11, 2001.**
2. Survivors who receive pensions from German (B.E.G., Article 2 Fund, Hardship Fund) will be receiving a 4-page green form in the mail by the end of February. The form can be completed and mailed back to the Claims Conference in the U.S.
3. For those survivors of Nazi slave labour who have never received a pension from the German government—a longer 6-page form is available. The form and an information sheet are now available in the lobby of the Lipa Green Building. The form can be completed and mailed back to the Claims Conference in the U.S.
4. For those survivors who cannot complete the forms themselves or do not have someone who can do it for them, Jewish Information Service is holding clinics staffed by trained volunteers.
5. The clinics will run for 10 weeks beginning March 5 and will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 4th Floor of the Lipa Green Building.
6. Appointments must be made. Anyone needing assistance can book an appointment after Wednesday, February 21 by calling our offices at 416-635-5600.
7. For more information about the Slave and Forced Labour funds, please call us.
8. For help with the Swiss Bank Accounts or other funds, please call United Restitution Organization at 416-630-2920.

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Special Occasion

AARON SHIFFMAN – birth of grandson – Carol & Lester Krames. RABBI & MRS. ZEV EISENSTEIN – birth of granddaughter – Carol & Lester Krames. CAROL & LESTER KRAMES – birth of granddaughter, Rivka Tova – Sam & Ahuva Soifer, Harry & Anne Cwitco. RABBI & MRS. MEIR JOSHUA – birth of son – Michael & Adalia Schweitzer. RABBI & MRS. HYMAN – birth of daughter – Michael & Adalia Schweitzer. FAYDRA & SHAUL KATZENSTEIN – birth of baby – Michael & Adalia Schweitzer. PATRICIA TOLKIN EPEL – Mazel Tov in your new position – Brenda & Sol Sandberg & family. RABBI & SYLVIA GREEN – birth of granddaughter Chaya – Rabbi Aaron & Leslie Selevan. JEANNINE & ZOLLIE STERNBERG – birth of grandson Adin – Rabbi Aaron & Leslie Selevan

In Appreciation

MEREDITH BOURNE – Adalia Schweitzer. BEATRIX TEKKEK – Adalia Schweitzer. TEMPLE PLAYHOUSE STAFF – Myriam Buchbinder & John Kennedy. RABBI KRAMER – Myriam

### RALPH TRAVIS ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FUND

In Memory Of

ROSE FEGELMAN – Corinne Travis.

Special Occasion

ELAINE & CUPPY KATZ – birth of grandson, Noah – Corinne Travis. ANNE SCHOENBERG – new home – Corinne Travis. PATRICIA EPEL – Mazel Tov on your new position – Corinne Travis.

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In Memory Of

MARILYN KATZ – Heather & Len Ritter & family, Paul, Susan, Leah, Jay & Jordan Roth, Arnold & Jean Vertlieb & Family. NINA NUSCA – Allen & Flora Rams. MARSHA SORKIN – Allen

### MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

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BERT KATZ – Amy Freedman and JonArno Lawson.

Special Occasion

JUDY & DENNIS SCHWARTZ – marriage of your daughter – Patricia & Alan Eppel and Family.

### UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

In Memory Of

MARY SUTCLIFFE – Patricia Eppel.

Special Occasion

CLAIRE & JACK MANDEL – marriage of your son – Patricia, Alan, Aylet, Noam & Yonah Eppel. MELANIE & GARY GLADSTONE – on Ryan's conversion – Jacqueline & Gerald Tolkin. DAVID & CELE STEINBERG – 40TH Wedding Anniversary – Mel & Pearl Enkin, Andy & Dorothy Macintyre. CELE STEINBERG – Special Birthday – Mel & Pearl Enkin.

### JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SERVICES OF CANADA (JIAS) announces NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2001/2002 ACADEMIC YEAR

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3. Scholarship Awards based on merit and financial need.

B. APPLICATIONS

## UJA Federation

## JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

## High incidence of Eating Disorders in Jewish

BY CAROL KRAMES  
DIRECTOR, JEWISH SOCIAL

"Thin is in! Lean is mean. Eat right." These are the messages that we receive from the media, clothing manufacturers, and even our family and friends. Being thin and beautiful has become such a part of our lives that we become unaware of the dangerous influences. For teenagers this can often lead to a treacherous eating disorder.

There are three major eating disorders:

1. Anorexia Nervosa, characterized by self starvation and potentially fatal.

2. Bulimia, characterized by binge eating and purging several times a day.

3. Compulsive overeating, characterized by compulsive consumption of large amounts of food.

Seven million American women and one million American men suffer from eating disorders.

with a high incidence occurring in the Jewish community.

Included among the reasons are that food has always been central to Jewish life, from holiday celebration to Shabbat dinners; Jews express caring through food; Some of the most severe deprivations in Jewish history include the deprivation of food.

Individuals who suffer from eating disorders also suffer from low self-esteem, self-identity and depression. These

problems, which originate in childhood or adolescence, include elements of obsessive compulsive behaviour, as well as self destructive and suicidal tendencies.

People with eating disorders can be helped but recovery is very difficult. As with other diseases the emphasis has to be on prevention and early detection of the problem. There is a lot of denial in our society about anorexia because

being thin is considered socially acceptable. Children at a very young age are worried about their weight. Overzealous parents often place these children on diets. Attractiveness and self esteem are associated with weight. It is easy to think that the more weight you lose the higher your self-esteem.

The following are some suggestions as to how to prevent an eating disorder developing in your family:

1. Young girls see super-thin Hollywood stars as role models for the perfect body. Instead parents should be teaching their children that the "perfect" body is when our bodies are healthy and in good physical condition

2. Since this is a disease that targets young people, the Jewish community has to work together to protect our young people.

3. Help develop your child's self worth based on what kind of a person

## FOOD BANK REPORT

The Food Bank committee would like to thank all the community members, students, and organizations who have donated food, money, and tribute cards to help keep our food bank open. Unfortunately our need is greater than ever and our shelves are always in need of food. People feel very uncomfortable taking the little food that is left when the shelves are bare. Items that are always appreciated are cereals, gefilte fish, grape juice, instant coffee, crackers, cookies, salmon, oil, and rice.

If you are having a bar/bat mitzvah please think about using our Tzedaka Centrepieces. These are beautiful, personalized baskets of food that are prepared by Jewish Community Centres teens. This is a way to help the needy in the community and teach your child about charity. Baskets can be any colour or style that you like. For more information please call Carol or Michele at 648-0605.

We have applications for the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society National Scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must have immigrated

## THEATRE CLUB

The Jewish Social Services Theatre Club has some exciting trips planned for the summer 2001 season.

Monday, May 14: The Sound of Music, Stratford. Cost: \$54 for bus and ticket. Wednesday, June 20: Fosse at the Pantages Theater in Toronto. Cost: \$88 for bus and ticket. Wednesday, July 18: The Man who came to Dinner at Niagara on the Lake. Wednesday, August 22: Sophie Tucker - Last of the Red Hot Mommas at the Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover. Cost: \$32 for bus and ticket. Thursday, September 6: Inherit the Wind at Stratford. Cost: \$56 for bus and ticket.

All the shows are matinees. If you would like to be

## MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS

## JSA faces eviction and relocation

BY  
JUDY SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR  
MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENT  
ASSOCIATION

The McMaster Jewish Students Association (JSA) has faced a number of challenges this year. One has been facing the prospect of moving to a less desirable location. The JSA has occupied a space that includes an office, lounge and kitchen for the last 23 years. Recently the university informed the organization that, due to an expected influx of 3,000 students in the coming year, the JSA space will be required for use as a classroom. In exchange, they have offered to provide Jewish students with a small office in a new student center, currently under construction. The space provided will be too small to allow for a kosher kitchen facility nor will it be able to accommodate student meetings.

It is vital that the JSA has space to accommodate Jewish students who wish to meet over lunch, dinner and during Passover, when kosher meals are also provided. Students also need a place to have programs, many of which run on weeknights and

Sunday afternoons.

All efforts to dissuade the university from going ahead with this move have, until now, been unsuccessful. The JSA is the last "outpost" for Jewish education, information about Israel programs and grants, socialization, traditions and cultural events. The move means that the JSA, in its current incarnation, will no longer exist.

With an ever-increasing number of Jewish students

## Jewish students unprepared for anti-Israel propaganda

Life for Jewish students on campus since the beginning of the latest Palestinian uprising has become difficult at times.

Most of our students do not have the knowledge, understanding, and, in some cases, the interest to combat the propaganda that has been generated throughout the campus through articles appearing in the University newspaper, through comments made to our students or through

programs presented by various faculty members and Arab student groups.

At an Advocacy for Israel Conference where I was joined by two politically active students we learned that apathy among Jewish students towards this issue is the case on most Canadian campuses. Whether this is due to a feeling among students that they do not have the time or a desire not to make waves, the results are very troubling.

In order to counteract some of the misinformation circulating around campus the JSA, with the help of the Canadian Jewish Congress, held a Middle East Crisis Symposium The evening although well attended, was noteworthy by the predominance of Arab students. Where, I wondered, were the Jewish students? This, to me, is an indication that Hebrew schools, synagogues and parents are not educating our

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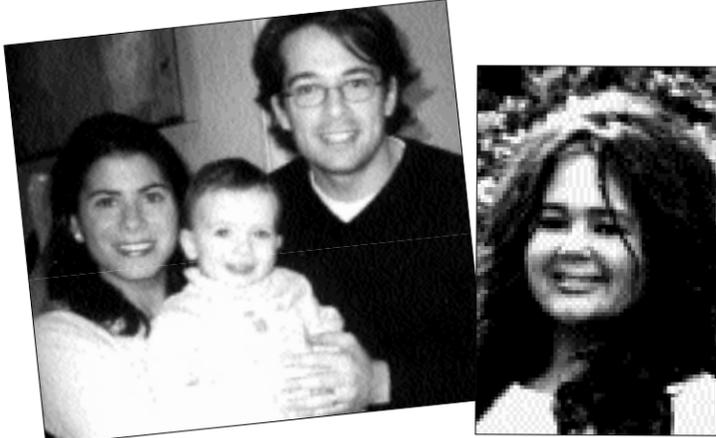


UJA Federation

# the YAD



## Thank You For Stepping Up To The



Dana, David &amp; Sari Horwood

Lori Morris

YAD congratulates David and Dana Horwood and Lori Morris, who are part of a growing number of this community's young adults between the ages of 25 and 45 who are giving a gift of \$1000 plus to the annual UJA campaign. Their gift automatically makes them members of a new category of givers known as The Ben Gurion Society.

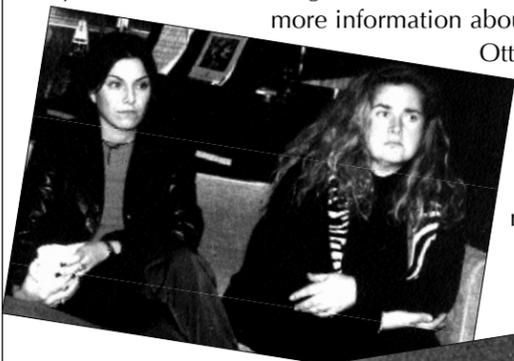
## Connect@



Hamilton will be well represented at Connect@Ottawa, UJA Federations Canada's 4th Canadian National Young Leadership Conference that will take place in Ottawa on the weekend of March 30. Fifteen people attended an information evening held at the home of Wendy Schneider in early February to hear about the conference from Lance Davis, director of leadership development and Richard Diamond, national young leadership chair, UJA Federations Canada. Many among those present have already registered.

If you are between the ages of 25 and 45 and would like more information about Connect@

Ottawa, call Wendy Schneider at 628-0058. Places are filling quickly so call today to reserve your spot.



Debbie Sheinbaum, Carolyn Molot, Stuart Zaltz, Lisa Sipos Kocsis, Lisa Morris, Joel and Nicole Feldman, Jill Gaffe and Andrea Molot, pictured above, in addition to Dana and David Horwood, Frank Samuels, Larry Kahn and Clareta Schoenberg, came out to hear about the Ottawa Young Leadership conference.

## Genesis... A Brief History of Beginnings

by Naomi Eisenberg

genesis n. Lat.: the origin or coming into existence of something

Genesis. Beginnings.

A new program to ensure the future of Jewish life in Hamilton and its environs has recently taken root. Under the sponsorship of UJA Federation of Hamilton, an 18 month leadership program known as Genesis has been developed with local professional and lay participants. Its goal is ambitious: to develop skilled community lay leaders who will guide the future of Jewish life in our chosen home.

Genesis' origins lay in a series of focus groups held over the past year and a half among different ages. Each group was asked to identify what it saw as Hamilton's needs for the future. Interested individuals were invited to participate further in ongoing local projects, of which Genesis is one.

Other needs were also recognized that spurred the development of the program. Hamilton, like many cities in Canada, has a well-established core of leadership. As time marches on, the torch will need to be passed on a new generation, and we will become responsible for the maintenance of our community. Our elders will need our care; our institutions and community services will have different foci than they do now, and it will take a generation attuned to those needs to lead the way.

Genesis has three components: our organizations, our world and ourselves. All are intertwined: in order to lead we must first know ourselves and each other, understand our world, and then understand how our organizations function within that context.

To be willing to accept this challenge requires passion, commitment, a willingness to learn and a strong Jewish identity. Our group is still forming, but already I can see the potential for synergy. We each bring different experiences, skills and views to our meetings and I have been deeply impressed to watch and experience how carefully each person's views are respected. We are laying an excellent foundation for Hamilton's future. The skills/talents we are developing will not only aid us in becoming better citizens of the Jewish community, but will enable us to become better citizens of the world.

"The times, they are a-changing" sounds in my mind, and if we are not part of the change, we will only be able to react to it, and then we will be left behind.

This program would not have been possible without the support and commitment of UJA Federation and UJA Federations Canada's Young Adult Division (YAD). While the future is, to a certain extent, unpredictable and has been likened to a deck of cards, we here in Hamilton should be proud that there is a group of people prepared to stack the deck in our favour.



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# UJA Federation

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# Legacy



## Worrisome Trends



Wendy Schneider

Our Jewish community, like many other small Jewish communities throughout North America, is grappling with two critical issues. In the face of stagnant and potentially declining annual UJA campaigns, how can we ensure the long term survival of basic Jewish communal services and how can we create a strong and vibrant community that will attract new Jews and retain the ones we have?

Traditionally we have relied on the annual UJA campaign to address these needs, but the reality is that every year the prospect of a severe shortage of funds to fill these needs is a constant anxiety.

Let me share with you a frightening statistic: In our community, there are currently less than five donors under the age of 45 who are giving \$1000 or more to the annual UJA campaign. This does not bode well for the future. If there is no radical change in attitude among this generation, then ten, fifteen or twenty years from now we may no longer be able to sustain essential services provided by agencies such as Jewish Social Services and basic Jewish education, not to mention those that provide added value, such as Holocaust and special needs education, leadership development and Israel scholarships.

This trend is not unique to our Jewish community. As Jewish Federations throughout North America grapple with the question of how best to address the changing face of Jewish philanthropic giving, two elements have come to be seen as critical: The need to develop and nurture a new generation of community leaders and the leadership and the necessity of building community endowment funds. We in Hamilton can take pride that our community's young leadership initiative and Legacy Endowment Fund mirror similar activity going on in other communities.

UJA Federation created its Legacy Endowment Fund to ensure that there will be sufficient funds to provide for a strong and vibrant Jewish community in perpetuity. Our objective is to be the principal fund for those wishing to leave a lasting legacy in the Hamilton Jewish community.

Through The Legacy Endowment Fund any one of us can create a lasting legacy in this community that will benefit this and future generations. The Fund is not only a mechanism for large gifts and bequests but a vehicle by which anyone can create a fund with a minimum donation of \$500.

## Asper Program for Holocaust Studies

by Nadia Rosa  
chair, Holocaust Education  
Committee

The Holocaust Education Committee is proud to report that The Hamilton Asper Program for Holocaust Studies is holding the first of four sessions on March 4. Educators from our community's three Hebrew High Schools, Rina Rodak, Nancy Sullivan and Laura Wolfson, were involved in preparing the content of the program as well as administrative support. Archie Lieberman has also helped with the logistics and organization of the trip. Professor Pamela Swet, professor of German history at McMaster University's history department will be present at all sessions to answer any questions that may arise.

We, on the committee, are delighted with the response

from the community and the caliber of the students who applied. From the short essays accompanying the applications, we realized that the majority of the students are grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. We believe that due to this personal connection, these students will take the program very seriously, regardless of their young age. By holding closed sessions, we hope to create an atmosphere of trust that will encourage open discussion on the subject.

Participating students include Talia Asa, Eva Bach, Sarah Cuneo, Rachael Czutrin, Jesse Ennis, David Goldberg, Meir David, Jesse Ennis, Naomi Klinghoffer, Danna Lieberman, Jordan Roth, Rebecca Starkman, Rachel Levy, Lauren Mark, Brian Rochweg, Ben Rotstein, and Lawrie

Schneider.

At this junction we would like to thank all the donors who pledged their financial support and thus enabled us to create this project in partnership with the Asper Foundation.

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## JCC Pages



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# JCC PURIM CARNIVAL



## Sunday, March 4

Hot Dogs/Veggie Dogs: 12:30 pm  
Parade: 1:15 pm Games: 1:30 pm  
(Purim style costumes encouraged)

\$18 per family includes 30 tickets \$5 per single person/includes 5 tickets  
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## JCC Programs

### Big Notes Music Program with Martha Krueger

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## AUSTRALIAN MACCABI YOUTH GAMES

Melbourne, January 2002

by Allen Harris

Athletes from the Hamilton JCC have competed in the JCC Maccabi Youth Games (North American Edition) since their inception in 1982. The success of our youngsters is well known. We have captured more medals on a per capita basis than any other competing delegation.

Now for some exciting news. We have been asked to send a delegation to compete in the Australian edition of the Maccabi Games in Melbourne next January (2002). There are a number of hurdles to overcome before we can make a commitment, one of these being the fact that the Australian games are held the second week of January, a time that conflicts with our school semester. The Australian organizers are aware of this concern as they are faced with the identical situation when they compete in North America each August. They justify the time off school by offsetting any missed work with the worldly knowledge they gain from their trip to the United States.

Would parents of our athletes be prepared to do likewise? Please let us know. It is important that we receive your input without delay in order that an immediate start can be made into what will be a full year of planning.

The sports offered are bowling, table tennis, tennis, swimming, track and field and dance. To be eligible an athlete must be 13 to 16 years of age on January 1, 2002.

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Location: BJCC Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street.

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## Special Menschen

# Business Executive finds greater meaning outside corporate

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

What causes a person to walk away from a well-paying job in the corporate world and choose to devote herself to working with seniors? The question was posed recently to Shalom Village's volunteer coordinator, Barbara Abraham, on discovering that, during a hiatus from the corporate world, found contentment and satisfaction as a volunteer and subsequent staff member at Shalom Village.

Abraham's story is compelling. She moved here 26 years ago from Toronto, following a second marriage to a Hamiltonian. For 12 years she was vice president of sales of an elastics manufacturing company that, during her tenure, grew from a workforce of 14 to 350 employees and expanded from its original single location in Toronto to include offices in New York, Montreal, North Carolina, Mexico and Honduras. Her work was all consuming, involving frequent travel, 16-hour days and middle of the night phone calls. It was her "baby", she admits, and she loved it. But the consequences of such a high stress operation led to eventual burnout and, in the spring of 1999, Abraham knew she needed a break. Her employer was supportive, offering her a year's leave of absence and promising to keep her position open should she decide to return.

That fall, Abraham signed up as a volunteer at Shalom Village. She helped out at programs, accompanied residents on trips, made one on one visits and did occasional clerical and computer work. What set her apart from other volunteers was the frequency with which she made herself available - often coming in on a daily basis. Staff members worried about burnout. Not to worry, Abraham reassured them. There



Barbara Abraham (at right) with resident, Ruth Johnstone

was nothing that brought her greater joy than being at Shalom Village.

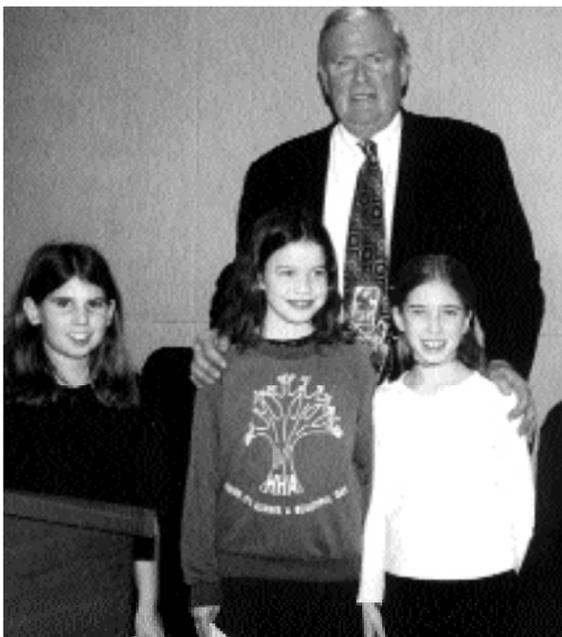
When the position of volunteer coordinator became available last spring, Abraham jumped at the opportunity. It felt like a match made in heaven. Her greatest satisfaction was the discovery that matching volunteers with residents and seeing the magic unfold is as satisfying as if it was happening to her.

Shalom Village volunteers run the gamut of high school students, McMaster University gerontology residents, twelve and thirteen year olds in search of a mitzvah project in honour of their upcoming bar or bat mitzvah and those who

have been volunteering there for many years. Abraham meets with all of them, giving them a personal tour and conducting an interview so she can make the best match between volunteer and activity and on their first day, Abraham is there to ensure that everyone involved has a positive experience.

Success stories abound. One teen who participated in Shalom Village's teen leadership program last summer, has continued to make weekly visits to a woman with whom she made a deep connection. They are now part of each other's lives, exchanging cards, sharing experiences and telling their friends about each other. An

## A fond farewell



Hamilton Hebrew Academy students Lisa Friedland, Nomi Cuneo and Alex Feldman had an opportunity to bid Mayor Bob Morrow a fond farewell at the Chabad Lubavitch Chanukah lighting ceremony that took place at City Hall

## Lives Remembered NATE KATZ

Born September 26, 1915; died May 26, 1999

The person that I missed most at the picnic was my dad, Nate. He would have delighted in cheering the underdog at the games, making us laugh with his jokes, "high fiving" the little children or just putting his hand on our backs. Even before my grandfather passed away, my dad became the head of the family business. My grandfather never retired nor always agreed with my father's decisions but he handed over the reins anyway. Dad held his parents in high regard and although he played hooky from school for weeks as a teenager, he always spoke to and about his parents with the greatest esteem. He inherited much of his goodness from his parents. His philosophy was not dissimilar to his father's, but dad reared his children differently, not by rules and punishment but by respect, trust and freedom of choice. Making mistakes was part of our learning and being free to explore was encouraged.

My father was endowed with another rare attribute - he viewed life as a gift. Maybe that came from the fact that he was born at home two months premature and lived a healthy, full and long life. Unlike my grandfather, dad was soft-spoken but clearly expressive. He could tell jokes with the comedic timing of George Burns. My mother always needed one of us to translate the x rated ones. He was a man of few words but many emotions, and like his father was able to reveal his "feminine side" without apologies or shame.

He loved his work - a seven-day commitment for almost 60 years in the same family business. He retired after the business was sold, undertaking about six volunteer and charitable jobs with time left for playing cards almost every afternoon, reading voraciously and peeling apples for Mom's award winning pies. One summer, he was the first and the oldest person to volunteer for a new program to teach English with me in Israel. He was silently spiritual, never complained about his ill health and always expressed appreciation for what he received by assisting others. He never lost his ability to be a human calculator, finish a crossword puzzle or provide bookkeeping for my brother's law office. I still wonder why he dropped out of high school.

He trained hundreds of employees and apprentices in his business in a patient and non-confrontational manner. Many left to become competitors in their own businesses. When I was sixteen I learned to drive not in our family car but in a pick-up truck. That was his way of teaching, by example, and conveying the message that conventional solutions or choices are not necessarily the best or only way. My interpretation is that he had confidence in me as an individual and that even though I was a petite young woman who could barely reach the clutch, I could be trusted to handle a large macho vehicle. Like my grandfather, he had an aura of intimidating but gentle power. However, unlike my grandfather he never gave advice unless asked and never lectured me nor said, "I told you so". If discipline were required, a look with his eyes would suffice. He would tell my mother to leave us alone when she got on our case and always preferred to avoid conflict, even with her. He was a mediator, a lover of life and a peacekeeper. How often he remarked, "Don't worry, it will all come out in the wash". I wish that there were more people in this world like him.

Family meant everything to him. He would have loved the picnic, especially the paper plate race for grandmothers and grandchildren.

There I was at the starting line paired with Talia, my



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## Special Menschen

## "Dream" advisors make youth group work a family

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Samantha Berlin Bromstein and Michael Bromstein are Temple Anshe Sholom's dream team. Since they were hired as advisors for the synagogue's senior youth group, TASTY, the group has come to be seen as one of the community's most successful endeavors.

Enrolling young people in social and volunteer activities has always been a challenge for community organizations and success stories such as this one are worth a closer look.

Spending time in the company of the Berlin Bromsteins it's obvious that who they are as individuals is probably the single greatest factor for their ability to create a close and easy rapport with teens. They exude warmth sincerity and clearly feel passionate about their work with youth. It also helps that their roots in the community run deep. Both Samantha and Michael grew up in Dundas and have a history of involvement in Jewish community. Samantha, who has worked at her mother's Temple Tots pre-school for years, has known many of the teens since they were toddlers. The Bromstein family have had a longstanding tradition of participating in the Maccabi Youth Games and Michael's passion for sports has struck a resonant chord with the teens.

The end result is that the teens know they can come to Michael or Samantha for advice about personal issues or career



Michael, Samantha and Reese Berlin Bromstein

concerns and be heard and understood.

"They know we're there for them more than just to see them once a month at an event", said Michael.

Indeed, the Bromstein's own personal involvement with the synagogue means that there are many opportunities to interact with the teens outside of youth group activities.

The feelings of being part of an extended family were further intensified six months ago with the birth of Reese, the Berlin Bromstein's first child. TASTY board meetings now place at the couple's Dundas home.

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Zeplovitz. The Rabbi's own personal history with the Reform Youth Group movement has made him a familiar and well regarded figure on the national level. His commitment is also apparent in his family's participation in Camp George, (the Reform movement's Canadian summer camp), his appearance at special youth group events and his knowing every child in his synagogue by name.

The enthusiastic support given to TASTY by both

the rabbi and Temple educator, Laura Wolfson, has created a trickle down effect, affecting board members, congregants and sending a message that youth group is of the utmost importance.

Last fall Hamilton's TASTY chapter hosted a regional event that attracted over 100 participants. It required an enormous amount of preparation and organization on behalf of the advisors and their board, but it was well worth the effort. The huge success of the weekend



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## HHA students bring smiles to

Alex Gorodskoy, one of a group of Grade Seven students from the Hamilton Hebrew Academy changed the life of Shalom Village resident, Judith Wolfson, recently.

Until Alex's arrival, the caring staff at Shalom Village had been battling to communicate with Judith, who only speaks Russian. In his quiet, but self-assured way, Alex, who is fluent in Russian, Hebrew and English, was able to converse easily with her and restore some of the dignity that all of the residents of Shalom Village enjoy.

Alex and his classmates; Yael, Lenny, Tamara, Josh, Shmarya and Jackie visited Shalom Village as part of a project aimed at developing a sense of community involvement in the students' Bar or Bat Mitzvah year.

The brainchild of Academy parents, Adele Wolpert-Zur and Karen Saperson with support from Wendy Schneider of UJA Federation, this practical exploration of extra-curricular charity



Alyssa Barrs and Alex Gorodskoy help out at a Shalom Village

provided all of our students with an opportunity to live the Tzedakka that they are taught at the H H A.

Three groups of students volunteered to work at Shalom Village, the Wesley Urban Ministries and Hamilton Association for Community Living. By giving their time and of themselves, the students learned that Tzedakka is not only about money, but also about the giving of one's own time to those in need.

All of the parents who helped with transport, the teachers involved and the professional staff at each of the venues were highly impressed with the level of maturity and sensitivity that the students displayed.

Mr Frank Samuels, the Vice-Principal and Grade Seven teacher who accompanied the students to Shalom Village said that this project brought to life the Academy's holistic teaching style, which emphasizes that the world

## Israel Bonds celebrates 50th

The Israel Bonds Anniversary Gala International Prime Minister's Club Dinner was held on Sunday evening, January 14 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida and inaugurated the Israel Bonds 2001 Campaign, a year that marks the 50th anniversary of the Bonds organization. The dinner honored the 26 recipients of the Israel Bonds Salvador Dali Menorah Award, presented for a lifetime's outstanding contribution to the cause of Israel.

Israel's Finance Minister, Avraham "Baiga" Shochat, who was scheduled to be the guest of honor, was unable to attend due to the current situation in Israel. In a videotaped message Minister Shochat announced that the investment target for 2001 will be one billion dollars, the highest since the massive operation to absorb Russian and Ethiopian immigrants in the early 1990s.

"You have to be proud being part this organization," the Minister told the assembled guests, "which is one of the best, or maybe the best, that is working in America in order to strengthen our economy, to give us the possibility to solve our problems and in order to



Israel Bonds president and CEO, Gideon Patt presents Salvador Dali Menorah Appreciation award to Tom and Sasha Weisz

be a state that will give good services and security to our people."

Gideon Patt, president and CEO of Israel Bonds, reported that during the 2000 Campaign over \$907,650,000 in bonds were sold and that over 35,000 individual Chai Bonds were also sold. The Chai Bond is a low cost bond that matures in five years and is designed as a gift for bar and bat mitzvahs and other simchas.

Mr. Patt also praised the extraordinary leadership of the Presidents Conference chairman, Ron Lauder, for his commitment to the unity of Jerusalem and the security of Israel when he participated on a personal basis in the recent massive rally for Jerusalem.

The dinner honored the distinguished recipients of

the Israel Bonds Salvador Dali Menorah Award—26 men and women from across North America who have made a considerable contribution to the economic development of Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds and through a lifetime of leadership in communal organizations.

Tom and Sasha Weisz were among the 2 recipients of the 2001 Salvador Dali Menorah Appreciation Awards.

The State of Israel Bonds Prime Minister's Club is an honor society of community leaders in the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America who provide \$25,000 or more annually in investment funds for Israel's economic development.

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## TU B'SHEVAT AT



Grades 1, 2 and 3 at Kehila adopted an old oak tree. In the fall they sketched it as reddish leaves filled its branches. Now in the winter they revisited it and observed its bare branches. They noticed it had set buds. They have made beautiful, cool wintery pictures of their tree in the moonlight. Although they know that in Israel the buds will soon be bursting open on the almonds trees (shkediah) for Tu B'Shevat, they also know that they will have to patiently wait for the Canadian spring

## UJA Federation AGM

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Genesis, UJA Federation's leadership program; Adele Wolpert Zur, Karen Saperson and Laura Wolfson, for organizing a community-wide B'nai Mitzvah project; Helene Katz, for organizing the UJA Campaign launch last fall at Theatre Aquarius and Carolyn Molot for her help in generating new ideas and programs.

The evening also provided an occasion for outgoing executive director, Patricia Tolkin Eppel, to give a farewell address to the community.

In the course of her remarks, Tolkin Eppel, who has accepted a position in community planning with UJA Federation of Toronto, expressed pride in the "extraordinary growth of activity emanating from the UJA Federation office". Admitting that it is not easy to leave her office staff Chris Nusca, Terry Nyp, and Dolly Cohen, Jewish Social Services staff, Carol

Krames and Bea Matchen, McMaster Jewish Students Association director, Judy Schwartz, and HJN editor, Wendy Schneider, she thanked them for the support and camaraderie enjoyed over the last seven years. She also thanked past Federation presidents and board members for their support and guidance.

Tolkin Eppel concluded by saying she hoped the community would continue the work of saving Jewish lives and saving Jewish life, and not to fear "embracing the new and re-engineer old agencies."

Past Federation president, Cheryl Greenbaum, presented Tolkin Eppel with a mezzuzah mounted on Jerusalem stone and thanked her for expanding the horizons of UJA Federation, that saw, over the last seven years, the creation of the Legacy Endowment Fund, Midrasha High School, Asper Holocaust Program

## MACCABEES BRANCH 343

BY MORRIS SMURLICK

Once again our volunteers achieved another new record with our annual poppy campaign in November. Thanks to volunteers, Sam Yanover, David Wright, Harry Kwitco, Joe Cooper, Pearl Cohen, Morris Smurlick and non member, Jack Rosen. With their outstanding efforts contributions will be made to the Children's Hospital, Canadian Cancer Society, the Kosher Food Bank, Camp Kadimah, United Jewish Appeal, Shalom Village, Disabled Israel Veterans Hospital, Magen David Adom, Hamilton

Health Science Corporation, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Perts Hospital, Hess Street School - Allenby School - the North End Community Council Breakfast Program, Spectator, YMCA, Maple Leah, Horton's Camp, CNIB, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, Heart and Stroke Foundation and to some of our needy Veteran families.

Memberships are still available in our branch to any veteran that served in any of the Allied Forces, their spouses and children. For applications call Sam Yanover at 527-8096.

Organizations

# Israel Bonds welcomes new campaign chairs

Hamilton State of Israel Bonds is pleased to announce that Marty Strub and David Horwood have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the 2001/2002 Israel Bonds campaigns.

David was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and he and his family immigrated to Canada, settling in Hamilton, while he was a young child. As a toddler,



David Horwood

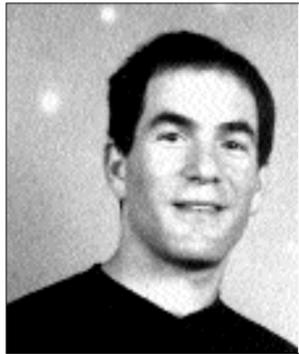
David attended Temple Tots at Temple Anshe Sholom. He attended Westdale Secondary School and received his Bachelors of Commerce at McMaster University.

Following his marriage to Danna Weisz, he and Danna lived in Toronto, while David was employed with Robert Half Canada Inc. They returned to Hamilton in 1998 and he became a member of the family business, serving as assistant vice president of The Effort Trust Company.

David and Danna reside in Westdale and are the proud parents of daughter, Sari, aged 19 months.

Marty Strub was born and raised in Hamilton. A four generation of the Strub family, he attended Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Westdale Secondary School, York and Tel Aviv Universities. As a result of fifteen trips to Israel, Marty has become very knowledgeable about the difficulties Israel faces.

As a youth Marty was very involved in Ontario Region BBYO and, more



Marty Strub

recently, serves on the boards of UJA Federation and Shalom Village.

Marty is a member of the family business, Vice-President Productions, known world-wide as Strubs Pickles. Debbie and Marty were married in Israel, and go often with their three children, Arielle, Joshua and Adam, visiting her parents who made aliyah. Note, Strubs Pickles are sold in Israel.

State of Israel Bonds wishes to thank our past co-chairs **Dr. Joe Greenbaum** and **Brian Somer** for their expert leadership during the last two very successful years. Marty and David look forward to their continued guidance

David and Marty have many exciting ideas for the forthcoming campaigns and we look forward to reaching new heights of success under their leadership.

Already underway is the expansion of our B'nai Mitzvah Bonding Program that now includes the Adas Israel synagogue with Moshe and Faigie Green as benefactors. Last year, Michael Taylor was the benefactor for Temple Anshe Sholom and he graciously agreed to participate again this year. This program is based on a benefactor underwriting the cost of a block of Chai Bonds, preferably enough to cover all of the B'nai Mitzvah children in the synagogue for a period of a

# Na'amat welcomes Lynn Johnston, creator of "For Better

Na'amat Hamilton proudly presents its 17th annual celebrity author luncheon, featuring Lynn Johnston on Tuesday, March 27, at the Adas Israel Synagogue, 125 Cline Avenue South, Hamilton at 12 noon. Funds raised will be directed towards Na'amat's ongoing work towards the advancement of the rights of all of Israel's women and children.

Lynn Johnston was born in Collingwood, Ontario and grew up in British Columbia. She attended the Vancouver School of Art. Her main interest was animation. After three years of Art College she took a job in an animation studio in Vancouver where she worked in the ink and paint department. She married a television cameraman and in 1969 moved to Ontario with her husband where work in the media was more available.

Unable to work in animation, she got a job as a medical artist at McMaster University, where she gained a reverence for life and the human body that only one in a hospital environment can achieve.

In 1972, expecting Aaron, she left McMaster to work at home. Her obstetrician, Dr. Murray Enkin, challenged her to do some drawings for the ceilings above his examining tables and during her eight months of regular visits, she did over eighty comic drawings for him. These were published in a book called, "David, We're Pregnant", which, to date, has sold over 300,000 copies.

Shortly after the publication of her first



Lynn Johnston and her "family"

book, she was divorced and worked as a single parent, free-lancing from a greenhouse she turned into a studio. These were hard times, but a real education, as she did everything from setting type to designing cereal boxes, billboards, leaflets, posters, flyers and book illustrations.

In 1975, "Hi Mom, Hi Dad" was published, a sequel to "David", and at this time she met and married Rod Johnston, then a dental student in his second year in Toronto. She continued to freelance doing serious, comic and medical art from her studio until Kate was born and Rod had graduated from dental school. "Do They Ever Grow Up?" was the

third publication in a sequence of books she began as a humorous but down-to-earth look at parenting.

In 1978 the Johnstons were planning to move to Lynn Lake, Manitoba, when Universal Press Syndicate asked if she was interested in doing a daily comic strip. She sent off twenty examples of "The Johnstons" - a series based on her own family. Expecting to be politely turned away, she received and ultimately signed a twenty-year contract. Her editor suggested the strip title "For Better or For Worse".

Lynn Johnston's many friends in the Hamilton Jewish community,

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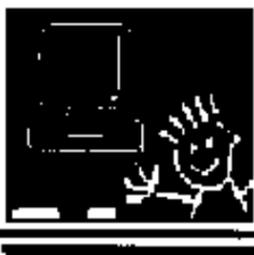
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# Israel facing Crisis Situation – The Time to Act is Now

By SHARON MARCOVITZ HART

I could tell you about the security situation in Israel, but it is too complicated. I could tell you about the political situation, but it is even more complicated. However, I can tell about the water situation, it is not complicated. Israel is facing a water crisis. Some experts believe that by the year 2015, there will be no fresh water to drink and no more recycled water for agriculture. Industry will cease. Wildlife will die. The situation today is very grave but it is not without hope.

The solution is complex, but the Jewish National Fund, the foremost ecological organization in Israel, has taken up the challenge by developing original, innovative, and workable solutions ^ river rehabilitation, desalination,

use of recycled water for agriculture, and development of a large number of reservoirs to catch precious rainfall that would otherwise flow out to the sea.

The Jewish National Fund is our connection between the past and the future. The JNF has been redeeming, reclaiming, conserving, and developing the land of Israel for almost a century. The Jewish National Fund represents the unity of the Jewish people. It also represents the partnership of the Jewish people and the land of Israel. Unity has a power in itself. Partnership sends a powerful message of strength.

The world climate is in crisis. In Israel, we have winter sun and no rain. Israel is a dry country. We have no great rivers, gushing falls, or large lakes in Israel. Water has been a major

concern for Israel for generations and the importance of water is mentioned as far back as biblical times. Shortage of water is the most crucial environmental problem facing Israel today. It is aggravated by the deteriorating quality of existing water resources that are even now over used. Even though Israel has one of the lowest water consumption rates in the world, it still uses over 99% of its available water resources.

Since the mid 70s, the demand for water has constantly risen, and by now far surpasses supply, with the rapidly growing population of Israel putting tremendous pressure on the already fragile water system. The water situation is most

severe in the Negev, Israel,s southernmost desert region, which encompasses sixty percent of the country's area. Over the past several years, unconventional solutions have been tried, including irrigating certain types of crops with recycled waste water, desalination of brackish water from local wells, and harvesting floodwaters. For over a decade, methods have been developed to harvest these floodwaters by collecting them in reservoirs. The water thus accumulated serves as fresh water sources for crop irrigation in some of the most arid areas of the Negev and plays a major role in the success of agricultural ventures in the area. The JNF is a leading force in these advanced

water resource management technologies, and is actively involved in the construction of dams and reservoirs to capture and store as much water as possible. The JNF has re-doubled its efforts and has pledged to build 100 new reservoirs in honour of its upcoming 100th anniversary. We at JNF Canada have adopted the Ne'ot Tamarim Reservoir, in the Arava, as our national project for the centennial year. Hamilton will be the first community to raise funds for this reservoir at the upcoming Negev Dinner, honouring Elaine and Cuppy Katz, to be held on June 6, 2001.

We are all concerned about ongoing developments in Israel. We are all worried about Israel,s future. We have all felt powerless as the

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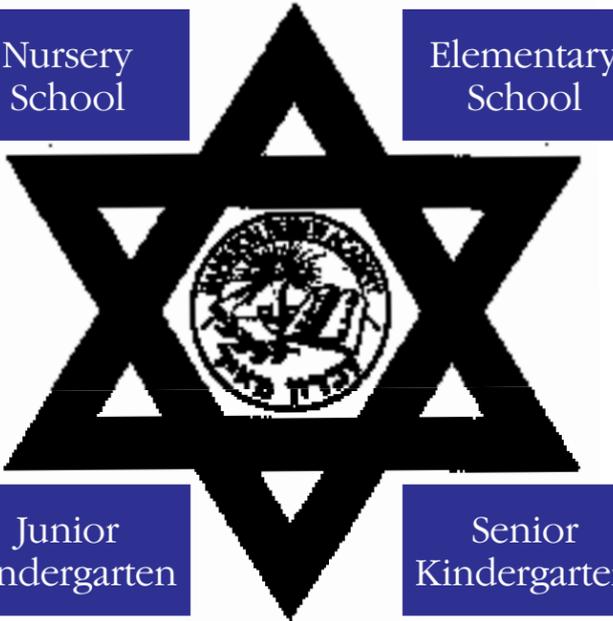
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