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**Hold the date:
Thursday,
July 5th
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of Jewish
Edmonton**



From the President,

by JINI VOGEL

Summer, 2012

Working with organizations can often be very disappointing. You certainly hear about the oversights and mistakes and rarely hear about the good stuff. Well I am delighted to tell you that all of us at JAHSENA are thrilled to hear from so many of our members in support of our Quarterly magazine "Heritage". We hear from members who no longer live here or who are no longer active in the community, linking us together. Each issue is a labour of love. Our Archivist Debby Shoctor is the driving force behind the issues. She locates writers, does research, edits and often puts the stamps on the envelopes. We are always looking for themes for the issues so please call or e-mail the office if you have suggestions. We can always use more writers and source materials.

Several times this past year, I spoke to people in the community about recording their life stories. Some back off saying they were not born here.... but when questioned how long they have lived here, they answer 10, 15 or 35 years. One even said 70 years! You do not have to have been born here to have a history in our community. We are very interested in stories,

pictures, documents or artifacts that reflect our members from all parts of the world. The Jewish community in Edmonton and Northern Alberta is a melting pot and that is what gives us our unified strength. So no matter where you were born (yes, even Calgary!) if you live here in Edmonton or Northern Alberta we are interested in you!!!

The importance of capturing historical moments in our community came home to me this year during the Holocaust Memorial service at the legislature grounds. The previous year Dasha Zottenberg (of blessed memory) once again took the microphone and sang the Partisan song of the Polish underground. Her voice was full of passion and dedication and there was not a dry eye in the house. Thankfully one of the attendees, Frida Pesin, had the foresight to record Dasha's song in 2011. This year we had only the recording. What a payoff for the Archives and thank you, Frida!

Have a great summer and watch the mail for some exciting JAHSENA events .

Jini Vogel,
President,
JAHSENA

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JAHSENA Welcomes Dr. Eva Olsson

On Sunday, May 18th, JAHSENA welcomed Holocaust Survivor and speaker Dr. Eva Olsson in a joint program co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. Mrs. Olsson was in Alberta speaking to local school groups, including at the annual Holocaust Symposium for Grade 12 students sponsored by the Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. About 60 people attended the Sunday night event. Mrs. Olsson was very well-received, and talked about her experiences growing up in an Orthodox Jewish family in Szatmar,

Hungary, one of six children in a poor Hasidic family. On May 15, 1944, she and her family were taken away, then ended up in several Concentration Camps, including Auschwitz, which she managed to survive. She then went to live in Sweden, where she met her husband, and they ultimately immigrated to Toronto, Canada, where she has lived ever since. Her books, "Unlocking the doors: A Woman's Struggle Against Intolerance" and "Remembering Forever: A Journey of Darkness & Light," are available for purchase online at www.eveolsson.ca.



Dr. Eva Olsson and JAHSENA President Jini Vogel, Shoctor photo.

JAHSENA Completes Digitization of Oral History Holdings

The Board of Directors and Staff of JAHSENA (The Jewish Archives and Historical Foundation of Edmonton and Northern Alberta) are pleased to announce that we have completed the digitization of 90% of our Oral History collection of approximately 200 interviews with Edmontonians and others of Jewish origin. This project was completed thanks to a grant from the Archives Society of Alberta with funds made available from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation and the National Archival Development Program of the Canadian Council of Archives.

This \$7000 grant allowed JAHSENA to digitize our magnetic tape interviews to make them more easily accessible to users, as well as giving them a longer life. Magnetic cassette tape has become an obsolete technology, so it was imperative that we migrate these interviews to digital format or they would be lost forever. With the help of the Provincial Archives of Alberta's Archives Service Centre, we were able to use the expertise of staff members Terry O'Riordan and Tom Bernier to translate these tapes to digital format. They are now available in the JAHSENA

office for researchers. In addition, we are still working on creating summary guides for these interviews, so that researchers will find it easier to access the specific information which they may be looking for.

In the future, we will be using digital equipment such as digital video cams and I-pods to record the history of our elders. This will make it much easier to preserve this information for the future, allow easy access for our researchers, and transmission of information via the internet.

JAHSENA is very grateful to the National Archival Development Program, the Archives Society of Alberta and to the Alberta Historic Research Foundation and the Provincial Archives of Alberta for their help with this important project. At the time of this writing, we had just been informed of the termination of the \$1.7 million annual National Archival Development Program (NADP) by the Federal Government and Library and Archives Canada. This is a terrible blow to the Canadian archival community. We urge all supporters of archives to write letters to their local MPs protesting these cuts.

DONATION CARDS

JAHSENA has donation cards with historic pictures on them available for purchase.

Mark your special simchas by sending a donation to JAHSENA. Contact the office for more details at: 780-489-2809. We have received the following donations:

SYMPATHY

To the family of Prof. Gerald Gall, from the Board of JAHSENA.

MAZEL TOV

To Tessa Gregson on her birthday, from Rick & Nikki Vogel.

To Max Dolgoy on his 100th Birthday, from the Board of JAHSENA

NEW MEMBERS

JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members:

Steven & Talya Shafir, Edmonton, AB
 Dr. Rosalie Rubin Shadlyn, Toronto, ON
 Jean & Aaron Oshry, Edmonton, AB
 Leo Superstein, Edmonton, AB
 Lea Neaman, Edmonton, AB
 Bernice Milner, Edmonton, AB

Edmonton's Jewish Community and PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

BY PAULA E. KIRMAN

Jewish people and professional sports are not often associated in most people's minds. While there may be local, amateur baseball and other teams in the community, jokes are often made about the dearth of Jews involved with professional sports. While many of the people featured here are sports team founders or owners, a number are also professional (or accomplished) athletes. The variety of the kinds of sports is also notable.

HARRY ORNEST

Harry Ornest was a successful sports entrepreneur. Born on June 30, 1923, Ornest grew up in Edmonton and had been a minor-league hockey referee in the AHL as well as a linesman in the NHL. As well, he played in minor baseball in the mid '40s for teams in Tacoma and Albany. He also invested in several minor-league sports clubs. As he grew his fortune, he realized his dream of owning a major league sports franchise. He purchased the



Harry Ornest & Joe Gordon, 1943, JAHSENA Archives photo.



Army & Navy Baseball Team, sponsored by Harry Cohen. Left rear: Albert Superstein; Right Rear: Tiger Goldstick. JAHSENA Archives photo.

National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues in 1983, selling it in 1986 for \$19 million. Ornest also bought the Canadian Football League team Toronto Argonauts in 1988. He sold the team in 1991 (for \$5 million to Bruce McNall, Wayne Gretzky, and the late actor John Candy), then in 1996 was part of a ten-man group who purchased the B.C. Lions. He also became the deputy managing director and the largest shareholder in Hollywood Park, a California horse racing track. Originally from Edmonton, Ornest lived in Beverly Hills, California. He died on July 21, 1998 at the age of 75. He had been married to his wife, Ruth, for 46 years and was also survived by his daughters Laura and Cindy, sons Mike and Maury, and his brother, Leo. The Harry Ornest Memorial Award in Sports Journalism exists at the University of Notre Dame and is awarded annually to a journalism student there interested in a career in sports journalism.

DAVID CYNAMON

David was born in Edmonton, the son of Henry and Lil Cynamon. An avid sportsman who has completed 4 triathlons, David is also co-owner of the CFL's Toronto Argonauts, as well as co-owner of one of Canada's top banquet facilities, the

Liberty Grand.

In his spare time, David enjoys spending time with his wife, Stacey, and their three children, Jesse, Josh, and Geri. David and Stacey are



David Cynamon, JAHSENA photo.

also involved in Toronto's philanthropic community. They have endowed a chair at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children named the "David and Stacey Cynamon Clinical Scholar in Pediatric Neuroscience Endowment Fund", renovated and named the 10th floor post-natal unit at Mount Sinai Hospital, and made gifts to the UJA and the Edmonton Jewish Foundation. David currently sits on the Board of the Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation. The Cynamons have funded innovative educational initiatives, such as the Wernham and West Centre for Learning at Upper Canada College, summer camps for underprivileged children, and arts organizations, including the CNIB camp at Lake Joseph.

The Cynamons have been passionate in their support for Atidim (Hebrew for “futures”), an organization that supports high-potential adolescents, army conscripts, and young adults from underprivileged communities, living mostly in the outlying areas of mainstream Israel. Recently, continuing their drive to embolden Israeli youth, they opened a recreation centre in the northern part of Israel, the Cynamon Youth Centre at Shimshit. David and Stacey have also improved the lives of children in Israel through the creation and renovation of three inner city schools and a park. In November 2007, David was honoured by the B’nai Brith Foundation for an Award of Merit.

TIGER GOLDSTICK

Although he was never a professional athlete or owned a sports team, the late Tiger Goldstick will forever be associated with sports in Edmonton because of his sports broadcasting on CTV. He played and coached football and baseball and won a Navy Wrestling Championship belt. He also promoted taking part in sports to children by organizing donations of equipment every year.



Tiger Goldstick,
JAHSENA photo.

ABE SILVERMAN

Silverman was partly responsible for bringing the Edmonton Trappers baseball team to Edmonton. “Sometime during the summer of 1980, Mel Kowalchuk, who was selling ads in the *Free Press Prairie Farmer*, came to me with some excitement,”



Abe Silverman,
JAHSENA photo.

Silverman explains. “He wanted to know if I would like to buy a Triple A baseball team. Since I am a baseball fan and played a lot of baseball in high school I also became excited. Dennis Job, the owner of the Ogden Utah Triple A franchise, was going broke and needed to sell.”

He continues: “Mel and I climbed into my airplane and I flew to Ogden. We met Dennis at the ball park. There was a game that afternoon between Ogden and Salt Lake. It was a very hot afternoon. We hammered out the details of the purchase on some hot dog napkins and we all signed the agreement. We were to come back to Edmonton and have a formal agreement prepared by a lawyer and I was to place the purchase price into escrow. The documents were prepared and the \$350,000 was placed into Escrow and the documents were sent via courier to Dennis Job’s lawyer.”

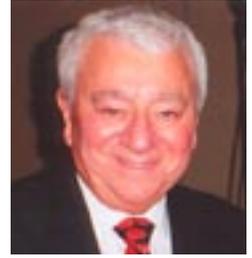
However, the story takes a dramatic twist. “They [the documents] arrived back in Edmonton a week later with some very onerous changes, one being that he would move to Edmonton and manage the team. This was never part of the discussions and I was not prepared to hire Dennis Job to be the bar boy, never mind being the manager. I told Mel that I was going to back out of the deal. Mel asked me if we could find someone else to take our position and I suggested that we speak to Peter Pocklington who owned the Oilers and the Drillers. Peter agreed to buy the option for the team from us and he did bring the team to Edmonton. Mel did stay on with the team as manager but not before they settled a law suit with Dennis Job.”

The Trappers team was ultimately purchased from the bank by the Edmonton Eskimos for one million dollars. The Eskimos organization sold the team five years later for 10 million US dollars.

MITCH KLIMOVE

Born to Sam and Minnie Klimove in 1926, Mitch grew up on 95th Street and attended Alex Taylor School as a child. His parents were the owners of Klimove’s store in the Gibson Block Building on Jasper

Avenue. He later went into business himself establishing the Steakloft Restaurant on Jasper Avenue and owning Hy’s Steakloft on Rice Howard Way.



Mitch Klimove,
supplied photo.

Klimove was the president of the Edmonton Oilers in 1974 and 1975. He was Vice President of Allarco which owned the team at the time. However, the company sold the club the next year, which ended Klimove’s involvement with it. Still, Klimove kept his hand in the sports world. Along with Albert Superstein, Klimove helped manage the career of professional boxer Al Ford in the ‘70s, as well as a number of other fighters who were top ranked in the world like Georgie Dunn and Billy McGrandle. Ford was ranked third in the world, and Klimove and Superstein led him to 43 straight wins. However, despite Ford’s success, the men ended up selling his contract to someone else because they were losing money from having to turn down fights. Ford’s career eventually fizzled because his lack of discipline did not leave him in good condition to keep fighting.

Klimove was also involved in professional horse racing. He partnered with Bory Margolus, who owned Elmbrook Farms, but had horses of his own. In addition to his sports-related activities, Klimove was the only foreigner ever granted a license by the state of Nevada to build a hotel (acting on behalf of Allarco). Allarco built the hotel, but it was sold before it was opened. He also served in the air force in 1943-1947 as a wireless operator. His overseas posting was in Goose Bay Labrador, which didn’t belong to Canada at the time. Brother Ralph Klimove won the Provincial wrestling championship in 1951 and was offered a full scholarship to Arizona State University. However, according to Mel Wyne, his mother said that Jewish boys don’t go away to play games, so he didn’t go.

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EDMONTON JEWS IN SPORTS*Continued from page 5***ALBERT SUPERSTEIN**

Superstein played professional baseball in Edmonton with a team sponsored by Edmonton Motors. He played with the Edmonton Cubs in the early to mid-'40s, and prior to that, with the Army and Navy Cardinals in the late '30s. Harry Ornest was on the same team at the same time. Superstein was also a noted boxing promoter, who was Mitch Klimove's associate. "He was good at promoting the sport," says Klimove. "I arranged all the matches and everything else and he was more in the publicity end of it."

Superstein was also an excellent hockey player who was drafted by the New York Rangers also in the mid-'40s, although he never actually played with the team. He did go to their training camp, where an incident made him rethink his hockey career. "He was rooming with another professional player on the team," says Klimove, who would not reveal the name of the player. "One night this player went into their room and was intoxicated. He threw Albert's bed out of the window. Albert came into the room to find his bed hanging on the marquee. Albert got upset and came home."

Besides sports, Superstein worked with his brothers in several businesses – Edmonton Produce (poultry and egg wholesaler) and the Rex and Riviera Hotels. He was also a member of Beth Israel Synagogue. Still, he continued to be associated with the world of sports. "He was quite often interviewed by the *Journal*



Albert Superstein (far right) and Sugar Ray Leonard, JAHSENA Archives photo.

for pre-season baseball predictions, asking who he thought would win the World Series," says Leo Superstein, nephew. Superstein passed away on June 2, 2011.

DARYL KATZ

Born into a drugstore family which he in turn built into an empire (Katz's company owns the Rexall pharmacies), Katz is best known



Daryl Katz, supplied photo.

as the owner of the Edmonton Oilers and Oil Kings hockey teams, as well as the Edmonton Capitols double-A baseball team. Katz was born in 1961 in Edmonton, the son of pharmacist Barry Katz and Ida Fishman of Calgary. He attended Talmud Torah, Jasper Place High School, and the U of A, earning a Bachelor of Arts (1982) and a law degree (1985). He founded his own company, Katz Group Inc., in the early '90s, taking over around 1800 retail drug stores in the U.S. and Canada by 2008. That same year, he purchased the Edmonton Oilers from the Edmonton Investors Group for \$200 million. He is one of the 500 most wealthy people in Canada.



Mandel family, Shoctor photo.

STEPHEN MANDEL

Mandel is currently the Mayor of Edmonton, but some may not know that he also owned a hockey team in Tucson. He invested in the Tucson Gila Monsters, part of the West Coast Hockey League, in 1998.

MOE LIEBERMAN

Born in Toronto in the late 1800s, Moses Isaac "Moe" Lieberman first worked as a land surveyor, then came to Alberta to article as a lawyer. He was called to the bar in



Moe Lieberman, JAHSENA Archives photo.

1917 and married his wife Emily Sereth in 1918. The couple had two children, Ethel and Sam. Lieberman had a lasting legacy in Edmonton's sports scene playing quarterback for the U of A Golden Bears (even though he never attended the University of Alberta). He played with the Edmonton Eskimos from 1919 to 1921, and became the team's manager in 1922. Later, he became a referee, then President of the Western Canadian Football League. Finally, he became president of the Eskimos, during which time the team won two Grey Cups in 1955 and 1956. Lieberman was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1973 and named a member of the Alberta and Edmonton Sports Halls of Fame in 1974. The Eskimos created a scholarship in his name, to be given to a high school student entering university who demonstrates both academic and football talent. In the community, Lieberman was involved with the *Edmonton Little Theatre* and the Royal Alexandra Hospital. He was named King's Counsel in 1935 and received a Human Relations award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He was also very involved in the Jewish community with B'nai Brith, Beth Shalom Synagogue, and the Talmud Torah. Lieberman died in 1985.

ALLAN KLEIN

Klein was born in November of 1921 in Poland, where his family owned an inn. After being robbed by bandits several times (his father nearly being killed in one incident), the family decided to move to Montreal, where his mother had two sisters. The family eventually made its

way west to Vegreville, which had 23 Jewish families and a synagogue at the time. Klein's father, Jacob, served as cantor. The Jewish baker in Vegreville, Emil Wener, played hockey for the Vegreville intermediate hockey team, and at age 15 Klein joined the Vegreville intermediate hockey team playing with adults. In 1937 the Vegreville Junior team was beaten in the provincial finals by Medicine Hat. The following year, Klein played on the Vegreville junior team, beating Lethbridge in the Provincial Junior finals. Klein was named the star of the series.

Coleman, Alberta had a semi-pro senior hockey team which made Klein a written offer to join their team. However, Klein's father did not permit this, and instead Klein entered the University of Manitoba in the fall of 1940 for the pre-dental program. While in Winnipeg, Klein played for the Winnipeg Monarchs junior hockey team and occasionally for the University of Manitoba hockey team. He quit the Monarchs and played for the St. James Canadians, an easier commute. His team lost the provincial finals to Portage La Prairie.

After meeting wounded soldiers and military instructors who had returned to Canada, Klein decided to become a doctor instead of a dentist. In the fall of 1946, he entered the Faculty of Science at Manitoba. He graduated in the spring of 1947 and entered the Faculty of Medicine that fall. Klein played hockey for the University of Manitoba and in 1946-47 he was the U of M Athlete of the Year. Eddie Shore, the coach of the Boston Bruins, saw Klein play and asked him to try out for the team, but by then Klein had decided to become a doctor. Still, Klein played hockey for the U of M every year the whole time he was in medical school. After graduating, he set up a general practice in Viking, Alberta where he made another contribution to the hockey world: Klein was the attending physician who delivered each of the six Sutter brothers, all of whom became players in the NHL.

Klein married Queena Esther Wershof



1952 Edmonton Eskimos with directors Shoctor, Lieberman and Singer, JAHSENA Archives photo

(later to become director of Jewish Family Services in Edmonton), on December 26, 1946. The couple adopted two children (Earl and Bonny) and divorced in the late '60s. He married Lucille Grey of Viking in 1972 and moved to St. Albert, where he played pick-up hockey.

SYD BERCOV

"Sports was my life as a kid," says Syd Bercov, who played hockey up to the juvenile level and tournament baseball as a child, followed by being an all-star basketball player in high school, later playing at the university level with the U of A Golden Bears.

Some of Bercov's greatest athletic achievements were in junior football. Junior football, for those who don't know, follows high school and involves athletes from ages 18-21. It is the highest amateur league before turning professional in Canada. Bercov played junior football in Edmonton for three years: one year with the Maples Leafs and two years with the Wildcats, playing the quarterback position while also punting and kicking field goals.

"We played in two national championships: one in Edmonton against Hamilton and one in Windsor, Ontario against Windsor. I regret to tell you we lost both games," he recalls. In 1952, he was voted the most valuable player in the league.

After his career as a player was over, Bercov was asked if he was interested in officiating in football. Indeed, he was. Beginning in the mid to late '50s, Bercov officiated in minor league football at the junior, college, and high school levels for approximately three years. He then was invited to officiate in the CFL, which he did for about 30 years until the late '70s, including working at five Grey Cup games. In addition to officiating football, Bercov also coached a high school basketball team at Garneau High School.

Despite his accomplishments as a referee, it was only a side hobby to Bercov's law career. In fact, he was in law school when he began officiating. "It was professional in the sense that I got paid, but was not enough to make a living," Bercov explains.

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EDMONTON JEWS IN SPORTS

*Continued from page 7***RON BERCOV**

Ron Bercov has a rather colourful history as a basketball referee. His resume includes refereeing games at the highest level of men's and women's university teams.



Ron Bercov, supplied photo.

He refereed the National Women's championship in 1978 and on the men's side of things refereed the Canada West finals during the same time period. In addition, Bercov refereed several National Wheelchair Championships and various provincial high school championships.

Bercov got involved in refereeing basketball informally in high school, taking part in intramural games. Things got more serious when he returned to Edmonton after completing graduate school at the California Institute of Technology. He was approached by Herb McLachlan, who was his Physical Education professor at the University of Alberta where Bercov was taking a Mathematics degree. McLachlan later became dean of the Faculty of Physical Education. At McLachlan's prompting, Bercov became part of the Basketball Referee Association.

Bercov has also refereed at some more offbeat kinds of sporting events. He was a referee at a game between teams from mainland China and Athletes in Action (a Christian touring ministry). His referee partner was also from mainland China and could not speak a word of English. More recently, Bercov refereed games during the World Masters when they were held here in Edmonton in 2005. He refereed the championship game in the 65 and over age group category. "Lithuania beat Australia," he says, laughing.

Like his brother Syd, Ron had another career – as a Mathematics Professor at the University of Alberta. He also spent a

lot of time volunteering in the Edmonton Jewish Community, serving on the Boards of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, the Beth Israel Synagogue, The Jewish Senior's Drop-in Centre, JAHSENA and as President of the Talmud Torah.

ALAN LYONS

Lyons was a competitive tennis player in the 1950s. He started out in Juniors in his early teens, and won various Edmonton and Alberta Junior Tennis Championships. He went on to play on the U of A tennis team. Originally from Edmonton, Lyons moved back to the city in 1994 after a career as a lawyer with the Federal Department of Justice and as a diplomat in the Foreign Service for 30 years. However, tennis remained a large part of his life. Whenever he returned to Edmonton, he would play at the Royal Glenora Club.



Alan Lyons, supplied photo.

RON GHITTER

Ghitter was born in Calgary on August 22, 1935. He received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1959 from the University of Alberta. After a career in law he went into politics, serving two terms as an MLA for Calgary-Buffalo, ending in 1979. Ghitter was appointed to the Senate in 1993 and sat as a Progressive Conservative. He was Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources from 1996-1999 and resigned in 2000. Ghitter was also an avid tennis player who often competed against Alan Lyons and partnered with him in doubles in junior tennis tournaments in Alberta.



Ron Ghitter, supplied photo.

JANNA PROMISLOW

An accomplished swimmer, Promislow

became the first-ever gold medal winner for a Canadian woman at the Maccabi Games in Tel Aviv at the age of 14. She won silver in the 200m backstroke



Janna Promislow, supplied photo.

at the 1983 Pan-American Maccabi games in San Paulo, Brazil. She competed nationally and internationally and still holds provincial age group records in the 11 and 12 girl's LC 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle. Promislow earned her BA at the U of A, her LLB from the University of Victoria and was called to the Bar of Alberta in 1999. After practicing law in the Northwest Territories she pursued graduate work at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. She served as the Executive Director of the Centre for Constitutional Studies at the U of A's Faculty of Law in 2004-2005 and is currently a professor in the Faculty of Law at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC.

MICHAEL OSHRY

Michael Oshry competed in fencing at a national level, winning a few regional tournaments and Bronze in the



Western Canadian Championships, and the National Championships in 1990. He qualified for Canada for the 1993 Maccabi Games in Israel, winning bronze. In addition, he played in the Edmonton Jewish Hockey League (EJHL) for a while, winning a scoring title one year, and Goalie of the Year in another year after switching positions. He has also played in the local Jewish baseball league for many years, winning the Golden Glove and highest batting average. Oshry is a co-founder of FIRMA Foreign Exchange (formerly

Michael Oshry, supplied photo.

Globex Foreign Exchange Corporation), where he is President and CEO. The company has offices in four countries and currently sponsors a team in the Jewish baseball league. Oshry is a former director of HILLEL and is married to Alissia Horwitz. They have two children, Jacob and Isabel.

HARRY COHEN

Harry Cohen was the brother of Samuel Joseph Cohen, who founded the Army and Navy chain of discount department stores. Harry Cohen was instrumental in opening the stores in Edmonton, where he lived. Until 1952, he sponsored the Army & Navy baseball teams that were part of the Western Canada Baseball league, which was a semi-professional Prairie league. Teams included the Subs, Cardinals, and Merchants.

JODY SCHLOSS



Jody Schloss and Inspector Rebus, supplied photo.

Originally from Edmonton, Schloss now lives in Ontario, where she was in a car crash that killed her best friend, put her in a coma for three months, and took away her ability to walk. In spite of these incredible obstacles, she is now a member of Canada's Paralympic equestrian team. Schloss has been riding horses since she was 11 and trains almost every day. She even moved closer to her horse stables, into a retirement home where she has befriended the other residents, most of whom are twice her age.

SPARKIE MILNER

Samson Benjamin "Sparkie" Milner played amateur baseball and semi-professional hockey in Edmonton and in the

U.S. in the 1940s and '50s. For more about Sparkie Milner, see our sidebar pg 10.

ZANE FELDMAN

Feldman was one of the original owners of the Edmonton Oilers. Feldman was the son of Russian immigrants who came to Edmonton from Winnipeg in the late '40s.



Zane Feldman, supplied photo.

He was a successful businessman who built Crosstown Motor City into one of Canada's biggest Chrysler dealerships. Later, he partnered with Dr. Charles Allard, creating an empire of hotels, restaurants, media, and the Edmonton Oil Kings. A founder and Governor of the World Hockey Association, Feldman then co-founded the Edmonton Oilers. He and his partners sold the Oilers long before the team's Stanley Cup heyday in the 1980s. He also was instrumental in the building of the Northlands Coliseum (now Rexall Place). The Zane Feldman trophy is awarded annually to the most valuable player on the Oilers. Feldman was known as a community philanthropist, supporting a variety of organizations and causes, and was president of Beth Israel Synagogue in 1995. He died in April of 2003 at the age of 80.

MILLIE & HENRY SINGER

A lifelong Edmontonian, Millie Podersky Singer was born in 1922. From a family with four children, Singer won the Alberta Junior Golf Championship at the Highlands Golf Course, which did not allow Jews at the time, when she was 16, followed years later by several club championships. She also opened the first Baby store in Edmonton, located on Jasper Avenue next to the Strand Theatre. She married Henry Singer on March 2, 1941, who later became an icon in menswear, with a clothing store still run by family members. With Joe Shoctor and Moe Lieberman, Henry Singer was prominent

among the founders of the post-war Edmonton Eskimos and had a pre and post game show on the station CJCA. Henry, who was known as "The fan's fan," died in 1980.

RICK VOGEL

Rick Vogel is an athlete who exemplifies triumph over adversity. His left foot was amputated below the knee due to complications



Rick Vogel, supplied photo.

from a congenital birth deformity. Despite this, he has competed at the world-class level in triathlon. The ITU added a Physically Challenged (PC) category in the mid '90s, and Vogel qualified for the National team by winning the PC category at the Canadian Championships. He won a Bronze medal at the 1997 ITU World Triathlon Championships held in Perth, Australia. "I qualified, again, in 2001, and got 6th at the ITU World Triathlon Championships which were held in Edmonton," he says.

Vogel was also an accomplished athlete prior to his amputation. "I played Bantam AA football, downhill ski raced, and played high school basketball and volleyball. My main sport was track and field as a high jumper. I won the City and Provincial gold medal in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. I set city records every year and my grade 7 record, set in 1975, still stands. I was the first high school high jumper in Alberta to jump 2 meters (6' 6 3/4"). I won the Junior Olympics (held in Kelowna) in the late '70s. I competed at the 1981 Maccabi Games in Tel Aviv and got 6th place."

Born and raised in Edmonton, Vogel still competes in triathlon at a recreational level, as well as playing basketball, hockey, and downhill skiing. Rick is married to Nikki and they have two sons. He moved to South Florida in 1999 but returned to Edmonton in 2006 and is co-owner of Davies Park Executive Search, a retainer-based executive search firm with offices in Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver.

Sparkie Milner:

From the Baseball Diamond to the Circus and Back Again

Samson Benjamin "Sparkie" Milner was born in Vegreville in 1927. The second youngest of six children, his family moved to Edmonton when he was a small child. Sparkie got his nickname while a baseball player in the 1940s with the American amateur team Los Angeles Monarchs, because when he slid into second base it was observed that sparks flew out of the sand. Sparkie had also played baseball in Edmonton with the Army & Navy team and a Jewish men's amateur team.

After baseball, Sparkie began a hockey career by playing goalie in a semi-professional league for the Edmonton Canadians in the late '40s and early '50s. He played throughout the U.S. in Los Angeles,



Sparkie Milner, 1946-'47 Edmonton Canadians, JAHSENA Archives photo.

Phoenix, Wichita, Kansas with the Boeing Comets, and in Great Falls, Montana where he lived for a while after marrying

his wife, Bernice Flaxman. Because he played hockey in the U.S., he served in the American Army Corps, recreation division, and played hockey for them, and later for the Veterans of Foreign Wars hockey team.

Another part of Sparkie's colourful early life involved being a barker and working the concessions during the summer with the circus presented by Royal American Shows. Sparkie spent the summers touring with the circus, travelling through Edmonton and Winnipeg and then through the southern United States. He did this for nine years, from the early 1950s. This was during the off-season from hockey. He would also take time off from his regular job, which in those days was working as a salesman selling everything from cars to shoes. In the 1960s, he became a boxing and wrestling promoter



Sparkie Milner and Royal American Shows, JAHSENA Archives photo.



Sparkie and the Viking Giant, 1948, JAHSENA Archives photo.



Sparkie Milner playing for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (bottom right), JAHSENA Archives photo.

with Benny Grabow in Saskatoon.

After returning to Edmonton in the late '50s, Milner worked with the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation Department. He retired from that in the late '70s due to health issues. Still, he



Sparkie and Gordon Gordienko, the wrestler. JAHSENA Archives photo.

stayed active. One of his biggest accomplishments was developing an organization called ERAH (Edmonton Recreation Association for the Handicapped) which provided help for the handicapped. "He made a lot of hospital calls and arranged to get equipment for people who needed wheelchairs," says Bernice. While the organization no longer exists, it helped a lot of people during its time.

Sparkie and Bernice were married in 1955. Bernice is from Winnipeg. The couple met when Bernice came to Edmonton to visit her sisters, one of whom was already married. She attended a dance with her single sister, and the girls decided to switch partners. At that point, Sparkie became her date and future husband.

The couple have two boys: Marty, who is a plumbing and gas inspector in Edmonton, and Randy in Vancouver, who is a corporate lawyer. Their two grandchildren, Anna, aged 19, and Daniel, aged 22 also live in Vancouver. Their granddaughter Anna recently won a scholarship to Hebrew University in Israel, and their grandson went to Israel this May with Birthright.

The Milners belong to Beth Israel Synagogue. Bernice is very involved with Na'amat.



Sparkie's March 1956 debut. JAHSENA Archives photo.

Edmonton Streets Honour Jewish Community Members

By DEBBY SHOCTOR



Eugene Pechet z'l, supplied photo.

This Summer, a street will be named in honour of Eugene Pechet z'l, builder of the Mayfield Hotel and Conference Centre, and founder of Stage West Theatre. The naming will take place on Thursday July 19th at 11:30 am. The street, which is near Mayfield Rd and 166A St., will be called **Gene Pechet Way**.

Eugene "Gene" Pechet was an entrepreneur and hotelier. He owned 25 hotels over the course of his life and was responsible for the construction of the Mayfield Inn and Stage West Theatre Restaurant. Although he only grew to be 5'8", he was a man with big dreams and the determination to see them through.

Gene's father, Mayer Pechet was born September 6, 1877 in Bucharest, Romania. In 1902 he married Marie Weisler, (1886-1972) and that year they immigrated to Canada along with Marie's mother, Leibe Herscovitz Weisler, where they settled on a Baron de Hirsch colony near Lipton, Saskatchewan. Mayer opened a tinsmith shop in town, and built the town meeting hall. Eventually, the family settled in Edmonton. Mayer and Marie had eleven children by 1922.

Eugene Pechet was born in 1917 in Lipton, Saskatchewan. When he was 16, he traveled north to work for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. at Goldfield mine. This opportunity made him realize the potential that the northern region had to offer.

Within a few years, his uncle hired him

to help in his business as a dry goods supplier for country stores in Northern Saskatchewan. While he was working, he stayed at North Battleford's Auditorium Hotel, the only nearby accommodation that had full private bathrooms. He saved his money and purchased the hotel in 1944. This was the first of 25 hotels that he would own in Western Canada. At this time, most hotel owners had questionable reputations and were known for focusing mainly on their hotel beer parlours while neglecting other hotel amenities. Pechet was determined to change that and developed a more-rounded hotel experience. Within a decade, he opened the North Country, the first modern motel along the Alaska Highway. His hotels soon became a common fixture on the highway north of Calgary, and their presence encouraged travel in the north.

In 1948 Eugene married Rose Simkins from Thorsby and they began their life together in Edmonton. Their first home was the upstairs at Liskears, on 93rd St & 107 Ave. They lived there until 1951 when they bought their first home on 114th street.

When the Alaska Highway was being built, Eugene realized that there would be a lot of Americans on the project so he built hotels every 250 miles along the highway, but the Americans didn't come in the numbers that he expected. The hotels turned a modest profit and gradually, he sold them off, one by one, realizing a small gain in his initial investment.

The interesting thing about being a proprietor of a hotel at that time was that the Liquor Boards controlled the sale of alcoholic beverages. In order to receive a license to sell liquor, the population had to exceed 3,500. So, Eugene waited until

Grande Prairie and Ft. McMurray grew to those populations, then built his hotels.

In 1951 Eugene bought his first hotel in Edmonton, The Yale, and he was off and running. The next hotel was the Highway Motor Hotel in East Edmonton, then the old Corona, which he dismantled and rebuilt. Eugene was a "hands on" guy, working with the architects on all his hotels inputting his ideas – some worked, some didn't.

In the 1960s, he constructed a number of Park Hotels (in Dawson Creek, High Prairie, and Grande Prairie), and took over ownership of the Bonaventure Motor Hotel, Highway Motor Inn, Edmonton Inn, and Yale Hotel in Edmonton. The Edmonton Inn was revolutionary in its architecture for the time.

However, the most well-known of Pechet's projects, the Mayfield Inn, was built in 1974. As he explained in an *Edmonton Journal* interview, "The economy was changing and people had more leisure hours. A hotel would have to be more than just a watering trough – it would have to be a full-facility recreation area." In order to offer these types of amenities, he needed space, so he decided to develop in an industrial area outside of the city's core. It was a bit of a risk, especially since the hotel cost more than \$5 million to build, but this paid off; soon after the hotel opened, it boasted a 98% occupancy rate. Much of the hotel's success was due to its reputable fitness and dining facilities, as well as its covered courtyard, the first of its kind in Edmonton.

Setting another record, the Mayfield Inn became the site of Alberta's first dinner theatre, the Stage West Theatre Restaurant. It was also the first non-

subsidized theatre in the nation. The idea of putting a dinner theatre in a hotel quickly caught on throughout Western Canada and the United States.

Another interesting fact about the Mayfield Inn is that Pechet self-manufactured the bricks for the building, using fly ash – the pollutant by-product from burning coal. There was a coal plant near Lake Wabamun, so he built a brick factory on the lake. This was one of the early examples of environmental control in business.

Up until this point, many Albertan businessmen had to rely on eastern bankers for financial support in their business ventures. In 1984, in partnership with business mogul Charles Allard (and the help of some American and Hong Kong investors), Pechet established the Bank of Alberta, now known as Canadian Western Bank. This new bank offered more financial independence for the West.

In 1997, the province gave Pechet the Pinnacle Lifetime Achievement Award, a testament to his impact on Edmonton's development and business community. Perhaps one of the most substantial effects that he had was his contribution to the growing immigrant population. Although most people in the hotel business employed mainly immigrants, Pechet would go out on a limb for those he hired. It was common for him to sign bank notes that would enable his employees to apply for loans to purchase cars or homes, and he was eager to help them settle into a Canadian lifestyle.

On August 23, 2008, he suffered a heart attack and passed away at his home. He is survived by his second wife, Pat; his children, Lynn and Howard, and a number of grandchildren and step-grandchildren. Howard and some of the grandchildren have taken on the family business to ensure that Pechet's legacy continues.

With files from the City of Edmonton Naming Committee and Fall Heritage, 2006.

The following are other streets named after Jewish Edmontonians:

GOLDSTICK PARK

101 Ave. and 44 St., est. 1984

Rabbi Hyman Goldstick (1882-1978), Edmonton's first Rabbi, and his Edmonton born son, Cecil "Tiger" Goldstick, were prominent members of the religious and sporting communities. Latvian-born Rabbi Goldstick came to Edmonton in 1906 to assume the spiritual leadership of the city's Jewish community. In 1912, he moved to Edson and served as Mayor, town councillor and school board member.

One of four children born to Hyman and Bessie Goldstick, Tiger served with the Royal Canadian Navy in WWII and held the navy lightweight wrestling championship belt for three consecutive years. See pg 5 for more on Tiger.



Arthur Hiller, Top left, and Leslie Nielson, bottom second from left. Victoria High School Basketball photo, 1942, Victoria High School Archives.

ARTHUR HILLER WAY

Behind Victoria Composite High School, 104th St. North of 108th Ave.

Located right beside Victoria Composite High School, his Alma Mater, Arthur Hiller Way was dedicated in 2005 to honour the Edmonton-born Hollywood Director. Unfortunately, the present LRT construction has temporarily removed Arthur Hiller Way from the Edmonton streetscape. After construction is completed, the portion that was named in his honour will still be accessible by car but will also be part of a multi-use trail that will run alongside the LRT line. The sign will be moved to the intersection so both Arthur Hiller Way and Leslie Nielsen Way will be located on the same upgraded light pole but aligned to their respective

roadways. There will also be improved landscaping at that intersection and street furniture. The combination of their names onto the same pole is fitting as both attended Victoria High School at the same time and also played on the basketball team together, and of course were both involved in the film and television industry.

Arthur Hiller was born in Edmonton in 1923 and graduated from Victoria Composite High School. After serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War and graduating from the University of Toronto with a Master's Degree in Psychology, Mr. Hiller began working in Canadian film and television with CBC. In the mid-1950s, he left the CBC and went to the United States to work in American television. Mr. Hiller directed episodes of several prominent television shows before directing his first feature film in 1957. Since 1957, Mr. Hiller has directed over 35 feature length films including *Love Story* (1970), *The Americanization of Emily* (1964), and *The Babe* (1992). Mr. Hiller served two terms as the President of the Directors Guild of America, four terms as President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and is a member of the National Film Preservation Board of the Library of Congress. In 2002, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presented Arthur Hiller with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award at the 74th Academy Awards. Also in 2002, Mr. Hiller was honoured as the Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO Man of the Year. Mr. Hiller is married to Gwen Pechet, sister of Eugene Pechet, and lives in Beverly Hills, California.

KLINE CRESCENT

North of Kirkwood Avenue, west of 34th St.

H.B. Kline and his son Irving ran a Jewelry store out of the old Capitol Theatre on Jasper Avenue. Irving studied to become an optometrist and eventually took over from his father, H.B. selling jewelry and eyeglasses. H.B. was born

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in Russia, and immigrated first to Montreal, where Irving was born, then on to Edmonton, where he and his descendants set up shop. He was the first person in Edmonton to offer jewellery for credit. A replica of his store opened at the new Capitol Theatre building in Fort Edmonton Park during the summer of 2012.

SHOCTOR ALLEY

Portion of 101A Ave. East of 99th St. and South of the Citadel Theatre.

Joe Shoctor (1922-2001) was the executive producer and founder of the Citadel Theatre, founded in 1965. It is an "alley," not a Street, at Joe's suggestion, which alludes to



Joe Shoctor, JAHSENA Archives photo.

his experiences as a New York producer at the Schubert Theatre on Schubert Alley in the Big Apple. Born in Edmonton, Shoctor graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Law degree from the University of Alberta and was admitted to the Bar in 1947. In 1960 he was appointed Queen's Counsel, the youngest lawyer in Alberta to receive that designation. Between 1965 and 1970, he produced shows on and off Broadway, and later exclusively at the Citadel Theatre, which became the largest regional theatre complex in the country. He received many honours, including the Order of Canada (1986), the Alberta Order of Excellence (1990) and the Great Canadian Award (1992), as well as an Honourary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta (1981).

WEINLOS PARK, NEIGHBOURHOOD

23rd Ave. to 34th Ave., Mill Woods Road East west to 50th St.

Morris Weinlos was born in Austria in 1902 and came to Canada with his family, including brother Harry, in 1921. After

arrival in Canada, they studied medicine at the University of Alberta graduating in ca. 1929 and 1932 respectively. During the Second World War, the Drs. Weinlos served overseas in the Canadian Army Medical Corps as majors. Dr. Morris Weinlos founded the Weinlos Clinic in 1957 and served as the Chief of Staff at the Misericordia Hospital. Harry served as the senior surgeon there and was the physician for the Home for Ex-Serviceman's Children.

Dr. Morris Weinlos was an ardent Zionist, heading the Edmonton Zionist Council and was co-chair of the Israel Bonds and UJA campaigns. He was also active in the Edmonton community serving as president of the Beth Israel Synagogue and as an Edmonton City Councilman for 11 years. He was on the boards of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, the Edmonton Symphony Society and the University of Alberta Hospital, and served as President of the John Howard Society, United Way and the Zionist Council of Edmonton. In 1946, he married Merle Laskin. The Weinlosses had three daughters, Lynn, Honey, and Valerie. In 1958, Morris and Merle Weinlos were Negev Dinner honourees. The area of Weinlos in Millwoods in southeast Edmonton is named after Dr. Morris Weinlos and Dr. Harry Weinlos. Morris died in 1980.

Harry was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Alberta Red Cross, and on the boards of the United Way and Community Chest. In 1960 Harry received an Outstanding Citizenship Award. For more on Dr. Harry, see *Heritage/Yerusha Summer*, 2008



Brothers Harry & Morris Weinlos, 1943. JAHSENA Archives photo.

WERSHOF ROAD

South of Wedgewood Blvd., East of Weaver Dr.

Dr. Eli Wershof (b. 1896) came to Canada from Lithuania in 1905, first residing in Ottawa, then Winnipeg, and finally settling in Edmonton where he was the first Jewish doctor.



The Wershof brothers, 1934. JAHSENA Archives photo.

He graduated in Medicine in 1917 from the University of Manitoba, and started his practice in Edmonton in 1922. He was a Grand Master of the Order of Oddfellows and Past President of the Edmonton B'nai Brith Lodge. He was a member of the Edmonton Academy of Medicine and the St. John Ambulance Association, Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of Canada and was the first President of Edmonton Zionist Council and an Honourary Vice President of the Zionist Organization of Canada. He was Edmonton Chairman of Friends of Bar-Ilan University. He was one of the co-honourees of the first Negev Dinner held in Edmonton in 1954. Dr. Wershof served as an officer in the Canadian Medical Corps in World War I. His brother, Dr. Max Wershof, served as the Canadian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Mrs. Charlotte (Lottie) Wershof (1902-1998) was the founding President of the Jewish National Fund in Edmonton, a past President and life-member of Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO, and served as Vice-President of Emunah/Mizrachi Edmonton Chapter. A nurse by training, Mrs. Wershof was also the President of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Edmonton Chapter, ca. 1961. Mrs. Wershof died ca. 1998. The Wershofs had three children: Queena, Naomi (Kassie), and Cecil Wershof. Queena Esther Wershof, married Allan Klein December 26, 1946 (see pg. 6). She became a Social Worker and served as Executive Director of Jewish Family Services. Eli and Charlotte had ten grandchildren. Dr. Wershof died in July, 1973.

Sources: Naming Edmonton: from Aida to Zoe, City of Edmonton: 2004, University of Alberta Press. City of Edmonton Naming Committee, JAHSENA Archives.

BROADCAST MEDIA: Jewish Edmontonians in Radio, Television, and Film

PART THREE: FILM

By PAULA E. KIRMAN

After part three of our year-long series on local Jewish people in broadcast media was published in January, more names of those involved in film were brought to our attention.

SONYA JAMPOLSKY

Originally from Edmonton, Jampolsky is the Vice President, Development with Ocean Entertainment in Halifax. She has been in that position since 2006 but worked with the company



Sonya Jampolsky,
Supplied photo.

before then, directing its first documentary, *Minyan on the Mira*. As well, she has worked extensively in film and television as a writer, director, and producer for networks such as CBC, CTV, the Life Network, Discovery Health, IFC, and Comedy Central. At Ocean Entertainment, Jampolsky oversees the creation of new projects. She also teaches in the film department at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and is past president of the Nova Scotia Film and Television Producer's Association.

BRENDA LIEBERMAN

Lieberman is the Film Festival Programmer for both the *Calgary International Film Festival* and the *Calgary Underground Film Festival*. She helped create the latter, and also volunteered for eight years as the programmer for the *Fairy Tales Gay and Lesbian Film Festival* in Calgary. In 2009, she was named a "Top 40 Under 40" in the magazine *Avenue Calgary*.



Brenda Lieberman,
Supplied photo.

HART SNIDER

The son of Dr. Earle and Ruth Snider, Hart studied Communications and Media

Studies for his BA and MA at Concordia University in Montreal. His first internship was with CFRN here in Edmonton. Snider has been involved with a number of film projects as a writer, director, and editor. He recently completed writing and directing a short animation for the National Film Board called *The Basketball Game*, and is trying to finish an independent documentary he is co-directing called *Foosers*, about Canadian superstar foosball players. He is also editing a new documentary directed by Anne Wheeler and a Food Network television series called *Eat St.*, about mobile food trucks. Several of his other recent accomplishments include *Liberia 77*, a documentary film he co-wrote and edited which is being featured in TIME.com's Lightbox and *Bear 71*, an interactive NFB documentary he co-edited, premiering at the Sundance Film Festival. As well, *Savage*, a short film about residential schools that Snider edited, won the 2011 Genie Award for Best Live Action Short Drama. Snider currently lives in Vancouver with his wife Galit. The couple recently had their first child, a daughter named Leora.

PAUL WINESTOCK

Paul is the son of Sue and Alvin Winestock. He graduated in Film Studies from Queen's University, and moved to Toronto to pursue his career. After years of working in various aspects of post-production, he began editing. His work includes various TV series and features, including *Nero Wolfe* for A&E, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, *Less Than Kind*, and *The Border*. He has also edited documentaries such as *Toxic Trespass* and *Captain Bligh Conspiracy* for Channel 4 in England, and currently is working on *Undercover Boss Canada*. Amongst his accomplishments, Winestock has won two Director's Guild of Canada



Paul Winestock, Supplied photo.

awards. In 2008, he co-founded Canadian Cinema Editors (C.C.E.), a professional association for editors across Canada, of which he is now President. The organization has over 150 members in Toronto and Vancouver "I look forward to editing until I'm 90," he says. Paul lives in Toronto with his wife, Galina.

MORE RADIO PERSONALITIES

We covered radio in part one of the Broadcast Media series, and names we missed are still coming in!

EARL WARREN

Born Earl Warren Segal in Regina in 1933, Warren had a career in radio that led him to numerous cities, with a short stint in Edmonton. He got started with News CKY in Winnipeg in the late '40s. In Edmonton, he was the host of the show *House of Warren* on CFRN in 1961, then went on to host the show at CFRB in Toronto from 1961 to 1983. From 1983 to 1984 he was with CING-FM in Burlington, Ontario. Finally, he hosted *Saturday Seniors* and *House of Warren* at CHWO in Oakville, Ontario from 1984-2002. Warren died in October of 2002.

LAURA ORNEST

Laura is the daughter of the late Harry Ornest, who is featured in the sports article appearing in this issue of the newsletter. Laura Ornest's career encompasses both radio and television. She is currently a reporter at KNX Los Angeles (a position Ornest has held since 1995). Her career has also included being a documentary producer for E! Entertainment; a producer of the O.J. Simpson trial for CNN; a freelance sports reporter for ESPN; the 11 p.m. sportscaster, host of the weekend sports talk show, and host of *Reach for the Top* with CBC TV in Vancouver; a sportscaster and CFL sideline reporter with CKNW New Westminster in the 1980s; and the Assistant GM of the Vancouver Canadians baseball team. Ornest has received several Golden Mike Awards for her work.

JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

10 cm of text and 1 photo, donated by Ed Mickelson.

2 cm. text, concerning Dr. Joe Bugis, donated by Linda Silverman.

1 photo of a Jewish theatre group in Edmonton, ca. 1935, donated by Earl Parker.

Correction: "A tallith and bag, a set of tefillin and a girtle (ceremonial belt); five holocaust posters from Kracow, donated by Rachel and Fred Garfunkel. The artifacts were kept concealed by Fred's grandfather, Naffali Wolf, during his internment in a concentration camp in Gurs, France. The posters were collected by Rachel after the war in Kracow."

1 DVD, 1-16 mm film, 2-8 mm films, 2 Beta video cassettes, 1 ¾ inch video cassette, 1 cassette tape, 20 cm. text, relating to Mitzvah Day, the Nobleman family, the Maccabi games, the Alberta Order of Excellence and a cancer support group, donated by Francie Nobleman.

12 photos of Albert Superstein and various sports teams, donated by Leo Superstein.

16 books concerning the history of Jews in Canada, donated by the estate of Abe Arnold of Winnipeg. For complete list, contact the office.

1 set of blueprints, 50 cm. text relating to Talmud Torah school, donated by Norman Hanson.

4 photos and 2 bound volumes, donated by Mel Wyne and Phyllis Nurgitz.

12 photos of Talmud Torah donated by Mona Rosenberg.

5 cm. misc. text donated by Stephanie Hendin.

Autobiographical sketch, donated by Ruth Katz.

Obituary of Manfred Beck, donated by Rosemary Kitay.

The Jewish Archives & Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is always looking for new donations. If you have any personal papers, photographs, negatives, books, audio-visual recordings or other items relating to the history of the Jewish community of Edmonton and Northern Alberta that you would like preserved for generations to come, please contact our office at (780) 489-2809.

On Display

At the JCC...

Currently on display at the JCC you will find an exhibit of items from the Talmud Torah, in honour of its 100th Anniversary. If you would like to donate a book, document or a piece of memorabilia to add to our collection, call 780-489-2809. Please stop by the JCC and view these items on display opposite the office in the glass display case.

On the Web...

Check out the Archives Society of Alberta Exhibit prepared for Archives Week 2011, entitled "Early Colour Photography", at www.archivesalberta.org. You will find five photos from our collection, one of which, a photo of Calgary from 1928, is featured in a new 2012 calendar. Also check out the Peter Owen exhibit online at the same website under "Letters from the Trunk." Old issues of our newsletter, Heritage/Yerusha are available on our website, www.jahsena.ca.

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