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JAHSENA Archives photo, donated by Goldy Estrin.

This year, the Beth Shalom Synagogue, Edmonton's Conservative Shul, will turn 75. Founded first as an overflow minyan of the Beth Israel Synagogue around 1928, the congregation first met in the basement of the Edmonton Talmud Torah School at 10023- 103<sup>rd</sup> St. In 1932, they formalized their organization and soon hired Rabbi Jacob Eisen, who served until he left to become a chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces in World War II. The building on Jasper Avenue was built in 1951. The Anniversary will be celebrated with a gala dinner at the Synagogue on March 11. This photo shows Rabbi Eisen with the first Confirmation Class to graduate from Beth Shalom on June 5, 1938. Seated outside the Talmud Torah building are, left to right: Harold Kline, Goldy Hurtig, Rabbi Jacob Eisen, Sybil Fratkin and Hyman Bolocan.

Hold that date!

### CASINO

Our casino will take place  
August 29-30, 2007



## From the Archivist's Desk...

by DEBBY SHOCTOR

January, 2007

This is an important year in the Jewish History of Edmonton. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Beth Israel Synagogue celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a gala dinner. At the dinner, a permanent historical display was unveiled in their lobby, the first of its kind in our community. I had the honour of working on this display with a wonderful committee of Beth Israel members: Freya Wasel, Isaiah Staav and Jacqui Katzeff Jacobson.

They worked very hard to complete this project, which I hope you will take the time to go and see, even if you are not a Beth Israel member. I would also like to congratulate the Beth Israel Board on having the foresight to commission and fund this project, which will have a positive impact on our community for years to come. I worked with Marvin Abugov to create a wonderful souvenir program book containing the detailed history of the Synagogue in chronological form, together with historical photographs and highlight memory pages, which I hope will be treasured by the community for a long time.

This project was the culmination of several events which took place over the past year at Beth Israel, including ceremonies honouring past Presidents and Sisterhood Presidents, a historical bus tour, and the restoration and re-dedication of three Sefer Torahs. I, along with the board of JAHSENA am thrilled to see a community organization taking such an interest in their history and in the preservation of their story, photographs and documents. We hope that other community organizations will follow their lead in future.

In March, the Beth Shalom Synagogue, which began as an overflow minyan of the Beth Israel, will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with their own Gala Dinner. Rabbi David Kunin

has been in the office thoroughly researching the history of the organization, using our documents, photographs and oral history tapes in his effort to produce an accurate history of that institution as well. I will continue to work with him and his committee to ensure that that is a memorable event also.

In addition, a third historical event will take place this year: The Edmonton Chevra Kadisha will also be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and they will, in addition, be hosting an international conference of Chevra Kadishas here in the City. I wish them luck with that endeavor, and will try to help them with their historical efforts too. Rhoda Friedman has already been in the office doing research for that.

In short, keep up the good work, Edmonton, it's very gratifying to see you taking an interest in our history!

*Debby Shoctor*  
Archivist



Debby Shoctor and Freya Wasel in front of the Beth Israel Historical Display at the 100th Anniversary Gala. Lewis Wasel photo.

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## Message from Co-President

DAN KAUFFMAN

We at JAHSENA are delighted to acknowledge two important grants specifically designated to assist in the completion of our documentary on the (continuing) history of our Jewish community in the war years.

The Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation has provided us with a grant of \$3,000 towards the documentary, which they consider to be "a worthy initiative". In addition, we are delighted to acknowledge a grant of \$10,000 from the estate of the late Reevan Dolgoy Z"L.

This project was initially an idea of mine and Reevan's, and we spent many hours exchanging ideas on the documentary. His commitment, along with that of his wife Rasela, is reflected in the grant and this, along with the Foundation grant should ensure the completion of our latest historical documentary.

Most of the interviews for the documentary have been completed; we have recorded memories of air force and army veterans, and several women whose memories of those who

helped on the "home front" are an important part of our history. As well, we spoke with one of the "mahalniks" – one of a number of men in our community who went to help in Israel's fight in the War of Independence. As well, we will feature the remarkable story of one Jewish boy who was saved and brought to Edmonton in 1939 and escaped the tragedies of the Holocaust. We will remind ourselves of the brave young men who lost their lives serving our country as well as documenting the initiative of Canadian Jewish Congress in bringing to this country over one thousand Jewish orphans, and talk briefly with one of a number of these orphans who called Edmonton their home.

Canada's Jewish population numbered about 167,000 at the outbreak of WW2 and some 17,000 joined the Canadian Armed Forces, a remarkable 10 percent. This legacy of service and personal sacrifice should not be forgotten. I hope to have our documentary substantially completed around the end of June of this year.

*Dan Kauffman*



JAHSENA volunteers stuffing the newsletter: L-R: Ruth Nolan, Gloria Aaron, Nancy Lieberman, Helen Rosenberg, Jini Vogel, Jean Oshry, Esther Kauffman.

## DONATION CARDS

JAHSENA now 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: 489-2809. We have received the following donations:

## MAZEL TOV

The Board of Directors of JAHSENA would like to extend its best wishes to:

Sam Lieberman on his induction into the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Miriam and Bernie Adler wish Dan & Esther Kauffman Mazel Tov on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Rob Graesser on his appointment to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

Ron & Naomi Wolch on the birth of their first Grandchild.

Harry and Fran Goldberg on their move to Vancouver.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members:

Shelley Weinstein  
 Gillian & Billy Horwitz  
 Joseph & Deby Wohlgernter  
 Jack & Marilyn Cohen  
 Eileen Cooper  
 Celia Baltzan  
 Rabbi David and Shelly Kunin

# Reverend Abraham Isser Pinsky

## – Beth Israel Congregation (1912 - 1933)

BY GREG DE JAËN AS TOLD BY MARCIA (PINSKY) BURNS ON DECEMBER 17, 2006

*Marcia (Pinsky) Burns (88) lives in Seattle with her husband, Bernard M. Burns (92). She is the youngest of eight children. Greg de Jean is her grandson. Many of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also reside in the greater Seattle area.*



Rev. Pinsky deep in thought. Photo donated by the Pinsky family.

Rev. Abraham Isser Pinsky had no idea where Edmonton, Alberta was. Back in the early 1900s, clergy could travel for free by train, so when the opportunity to visit and “audition” for the position of Rabbi was presented by the Beth Israel Congregation, he thought, “why



Reverend Abraham and Mrs. Leah Devorah Pinsky.  
Photo donated by the Pinsky family

not?” He left Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was Rabbi at Congregation B’nai Abraham from 1907 to 1912. He brought his son, Sam, who must have been around 12. Both of them had beautiful voices. Rabbi Pinsky led services, accompanied by his son. Needless to say, after the audition, he was not allowed to leave without having signed a contract to be Rabbi for the congregation.

So, the Rabbi, his wife, Leah Deborah, and their seven children moved to Edmonton, Alberta. They would add one more child (Marcia) to their family during their long stay at Beth Israel.

The Rabbi’s youngest daughter, Marcia, recalls some of her earliest memories of going to the synagogue. She sat upstairs with her mother and remembers looking between the rails on the balcony and making faces at all the boys, especially her brothers. That usually did not sit well with her father. At the house, her prompting Bar Mitzvah students when they forgot or mispronounced the brocha was met with disapproving stares from the other room. To this day, she can recite the blessings over the Torah and Haftarah from memory. It was a sad day when her father walked her to cheder for

the first time – her mother would not let her wear her favorite dress and she would miss out on the home activities.

Shabbat was often a Thursday to Sunday affair. In addition to his Rabbinic duties of leading services, Rabbi Pinsky was also the Shochet and Mohel (sorry to use these two in the same sentence). He made the rounds on Thursdays as requested to perform the Kosher slaughter in preparation for Shabbat and also performed those duties for drop-in clients at his house. It may have been around 10¢ a piece for house visits and 5¢ a piece for drop-ins. Marcia recalls that if a family in-need had fowl that was diseased and/or did not meet the standards of Kashrut, they would be supplemented from the household supply. In fact, they had a makeshift refrigeration system set up in the back yard where they had large crocks buried in the ground. These were so large that the children could hide inside of them. They maintained a temperature that could allow for the safe storage of food. When the weather got too cold for the fowl to survive, they were slaughtered and frozen to last through the winter.

As Shabbat approached, the household was often abuzz with activity in preparation. It was

sure a good thing the house was large with six-bedrooms, study area, dining room, and well-equipped kitchen. At one time, the kitchen had both wood-burning and gas-fed stoves. "There were always potatoes baking in the stove," recalls Marcia. When asked if they put anything on them, she replied, "They didn't need anything – they were as sweet as sugar."

Out-of-town visitors, often from the Yeshiva with fund-raising in mind, were known to drop by with the expectation of being put up for the weekend, since there were no kosher "establishments" at that time. Marcia recalls one particular "schnorrer" who sat eating hard-cooked eggs and baked potatoes. This ruffled Mrs. Pinsky's feathers because it was as if this guy was questioning her kitchen because she had non-Jewish help. In contrast to that experience, one highlight included the stay-over of Rabbi Kahanovitch – the Head Rabbi of Western Canada. Marcia remembers her mother taking great pride that Rabbi Kahanovitch would stay at their home. That more than made up for the bad experience with one of her other "guests."

The Rabbi's house was also a gathering place, in which the Rabbi often had to officiate many a heated debate over biblical text.

Prior to driving, Rabbi Pinsky often rode his bicycle to shul. He was quite the sight to see riding well over a mile (his house was on 106th) in his frock coat and top hat. He would conduct services, leave his bicycle at the shul, and walk home for dinner. In the morning, he would walk to shul for services and return home (via bicycle) after sundown.

Mrs. Pinsky was an efficient household manager. You do not often hear about the role women played "behind the scenes" during this part of history. The Rabbi's household was often called upon to host simchas for brit milah or weddings, for those from surrounding small towns, often unannounced. Mrs. Pinsky made it all happen. There was always the expectation for at least baked goods or possibly a meal, for these events. This was all well-coordinated, especially considering the Rabbi's modest salary.

Mrs. Pinsky did have some help. She often took in recent immigrants from Russia, Poland and the Ukraine, giving room, board and training in exchange for their help. Once these girls acquired skills and learned some English, they were ready to enter the general workforce. Marcia easily picked up Russian and Polish, in addition to Hebrew, Yiddish and English.



Pinsky children and grandchildren (left to right) Bob, Vera, Sam, (Marilyn and Bill – bride and groom), Marcia, Jack, Anne, Maurice, and Harry. Donated by the Pinsky family

Music had a great influence on the Rabbi's home and congregational life, as can be seen in the following photographs.

Music held special importance during Hanukkah time, because that was when the Rabbi conducted the fund-raiser concert. For one of Marcia's grand performances, she sang "Mary had a Little Lamb" in Hebrew. The choir

and orchestra also participated and the event often included a dramatic performance.

Rabbi and Mrs. Pinsky had eight children. Due to the age-span (19 years between youngest and oldest) the photograph above is possibly the only one to include them all. This is a wedding photo of Marilyn (Sam's daughter) and Bill Lasarow from 1951.



Pinsky children (left to right) Jack, Macie "Mo," and Bob Donated by the Pinsky family.



Marcia Pinsky Burns. Donated by the Pinsky family.

# Remembering Sam & Annie and the Crown Grocery

BY DON J. MANDERSCHIED, Q.C.

*Sam and Annie Wyne operated the Crown Grocery store in the Gibson Block from 1934-1972. Their sons Mel and Mort grew up in Edmonton, Attending Alex Taylor and McCauley Schools and Victoria Composite High School. Mel went into the insurance business, and Mort lives in Calgary. Mel had four children: Lorne (Yitz), who became a Rabbi, serving a short time with the Beth Israel Synagogue, Brian, who went into the Insurance business, Shari and Richard. Don J. Manderscheid Q.C. is a lawyer for the City of Edmonton.*



Sam & Annie Wyne Wedding Day. JAHSENA Archives, photo donated by Mel Wyne

In the spring of 1960, my parents, together with myself and my four brothers and sister moved into a house in the Boyle Street area which came to be known in our family as "Sam's Place". This house was owned by Sam and Annie Wyne and my family was to continue to reside at that house for the next three years. During this time certain events transpired which have left an indelible impression on myself, as well as my siblings. I wish to take this opportunity to relate to you certain of those events.

The unique thing about Sam and Annie was that, in addition to being our landlords, they owned and operated the Crown Grocery, which was located on Jasper Avenue in what is known as the Gibson Block or the "Flat Iron Building". Every month my father would dutifully attend at Sam and Annie's grocery to pay the monthly rent. My father would also use this time to for shop for the necessary household groceries. Needless to say, with five strong, healthy boys, my father would usually enlist one or two of his sons to carry the family

groceries home. During the times when I was one of the fortunate bearers, I will never forget that when you entered Sam and Annie's grocery, the first thing that you saw was this huge, round block of cheddar cheese. After receiving a warm welcome from both Sam and Annie, Annie would immediately proceed to cut each of us a piece of cheese. Contrary to what we children may have thought, both Sam and Annie were of the belief that the cheese was needed more than candy. My father's heritage was a mixture of German and Luxembourgian and he spoke English, German, and I believe, a little Russian. I do not know exactly what specific language my father and Sam spoke but I do recall on several occasions seeing him and Sam conversing in some foreign tongue and having a gay old laugh. Interestingly, at these times Annie was not present in the store.

At the time that we moved into "Sam's Place", my father was a carpenter employed in the construction industry. For the first two years, things went relatively well as employment opportunities for my father were

readily available. Unfortunately, this was all to change in the winter of 1962. For whatever reason at this time the construction industry in Edmonton began to slow down drastically, with the result that my father was placed into a layoff situation and unable to meet his debts. My father was a very proud man and to seek "relief" as he called it from the government was something he just couldn't bring himself to do, despite the fact that it was very close to the Christmas season. At this time, I remember going with my father to meet with Sam to discuss the situation. What transpired was not a notice of eviction but rather an offer of employment. As Sam and Annie owned several houses in the vicinity, Sam merely stated, "You are a carpenter, I need a carpenter, you owe me rent, I will pay you money to pay the rent and more". The end result was that my father worked the entire winter for Sam and Annie repairing their various properties.

Of significance is that a few days before Christmas, Sam came to our house bearing a box consisting of unshelled mixed nuts and

Christmas candy. When he passed these items to my mother, I over heard him say to my mother, "For the children at Christmas". This is quite a unique statement as both Sam and Annie were of the Jewish faith and to my knowledge did not celebrate Christmas. However, from what I understand from my father, Sam and Annie most likely justified the gifts as being gifts given at Hanukkah. It wasn't until some years later that I came to understand that in Judaism, Hanukkah is somewhat equivalent to the Christian celebration of Christmas as it is also a time of eating special food and in some cases the giving of gifts, especially to the children.

Neither myself nor any of my siblings will ever forget the Christmas of 1962 and the kind generosity of both Sam and Annie Wyne. To this day, unshelled mixed nuts and Christmas candy are a mandatory requirement in my home at Christmas.

Ironically, some 25 years later, as legal counsel for the City of Edmonton, I was to acquire on behalf of the City of Edmonton the Gibson Block; the very place where Sam and Annie owned and operated Crown grocery. At any time when I pass by the Gibson Block I remember with fondness the Christmas of 1962 when Sam and Annie Wyne literally saved Christmas for the Manderscheid children in Edmonton. For their kindness, they will always be remembered.



Sam and Annie Wyne in the Crown Grocery. 1958  
JAHSENA Archives, photo donated by Mel Wyne.



Sam and Annie Wyne in later years.  
JAHSENA Archives, photo donated by Mel Wyne.



The Gibson Block, Provincial Archives of Alberta, circa 1920s, B4809

## Thank You

JAHSENA would like to thank the following donors for contributing to our upcoming documentary on the War Years: The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, The Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation, and the Estate of Reevan Dolgoy.



Professor Daniel Woolf was the keynote speaker at the JAHSENA Annual General Meeting, held November 12<sup>th</sup> at the JCC. Professor Woolf is a professor of History and the Dean of Arts at the

University of Alberta. His topic was, "Jews and Judaism in 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century England." About 70 people attended the meeting. University of Alberta photo.

## Corrections:

The name of Hyman Greenberg, z'l was inadvertently left off the list of Edmonton's Jewish Soldiers who died in action in World War II in our last issue.

The names of Dan and Esther Kauffman were inadvertently left out of the membership list as Patrons for 2005-2006.

## REFUAH SHALEMAH

"Thank you for your generous donations wishing me a refuah shelayma, and particularly for your prayers, phone calls and good wishes. Your many kindnesses have provided me with constant encouragement, and I am pleased to report that with the wonderful support of my family and friends I am well on the road to recovery. Shana Tova." Sue Winestock

# Justice Sam Lieberman

inducted into  
the  
*Alberta Order  
of Excellence*



Samuel Lieberman, RCAF, 1941 PA 75.398/14. Donated by Mrs. I.R. Friedman.

*This information was taken from the Alberta Order of Excellence website: [www.albertaorderofexcellence.ca](http://www.albertaorderofexcellence.ca).*

Judge Samuel Lieberman is known for his impressive military and judicial careers, as well as his considerable contributions to his community. A coastal command pilot during World War II, he began his legal career upon his return to Alberta from active service. After spending several years as a successful lawyer, he eventually became the first judge of the Jewish faith in the

*“They must always bear in mind that in their privileged positions, service to the public is paramount.”*

*-Judge Lieberman's advice to young lawyers*

province. Judge Lieberman can be credited with creating ground-breaking changes to certain aspects of the legal process in Alberta which were adopted across Canada. Outside of his contributions to the legal system, Judge Lieberman has volunteered his energy and talents to numerous organizations in order to better his community, province and country.

Samuel (Sam) Lieberman was born in Edmonton on April 14, 1922. In 1940, at the age of 18, he left university and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served as a pilot in R.A.F. coastal command for two overseas operational tours between 1941 and 1945 and attained the rank of Squadron Leader. With no leave available between tours, Judge Lieberman had not seen his family during his four years of service abroad. His desire to return home, and the encouragement of British friends to leave the military, return to Canada and attend

university, led Judge Lieberman to return to his native Alberta in 1945. Subsequently, he received his BA in 1947 and his LLB in 1948 from the University of Alberta.

It was while attending a service club convention in Winnipeg in 1949 that Judge Lieberman met his future wife, a student at UCLA and native of Chicago. After a long-distance telephone courtship and several short visits, Judge Lieberman married Nancy Berman on July 15, 1950. The couple settled in Edmonton, where their family grew to include three children: David Jonathan, Jo Ann and Audrey Gail.

Judge Lieberman has made significant contributions to the Canadian legal system, both as a lawyer and a jurist. Following his graduation from law school in 1948, he articulated with his father's law firm and was admitted to the Bar of Alberta one year later. In 1962, he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

Judge Lieberman continued to practice



with his father's firm, specializing in insurance law, until 1966 when he was appointed Judge of the District Court of the District of Northern Alberta. Four years later, he was appointed Justice of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta (now the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta). He thus had the dual distinction of becoming both Alberta's first judge of the Jewish faith and the first Jewish judge to be named to the Supreme Court of the province. In 1967, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta where he remained until his mandatory retirement in 1997.

Judge Lieberman has certainly left his mark on his chosen profession. In 1967, under the aegis of the Attorney General of Alberta, he established the Alberta Board of Review to deal with those persons who were found not fit to stand trial, or who were found not guilty of a crime by reason of insanity. It was the first such board in Canada to be set up under the provisions of the Criminal Code, and became the prototype for other similar boards across the country. In addition, Judge Lieberman chaired the committee presenting the first proposal for Legal Aid to the Alberta Legislature. He became the first Chair of the Legal Aid Society of Alberta which facilitates equality of access to the legal system for all Albertans. In 1970, he chaired the Alberta Boundaries Commission and in 1998 he was appointed Chair of the Alberta Bingo Review Commission.

After his retirement, Judge Lieberman continued to assist the community by chairing the Alberta Criminal Injuries Review Board. He also joined a major law firm, Miller Thomson, where he has been a respected counsel, providing advice to the firm's young lawyers.

Judge Lieberman has given freely of his time, energy and commitment to a variety of organizations, among them B'nai Brith, the Edmonton Eskimos Football Club, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and the Kiwanis Club.

In addition, Judge Lieberman has also served as president or director of numerous boards and organizations, including the Sir

Winston Churchill Society of Edmonton and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. He has been named an Honorary life member of the Israeli Institute of Technology and Honorary Director of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame.

From 1952 to 1956, Judge Lieberman served as aide-de-camp to the late Lieutenant Governor J.J. Bowlen. He also served as Chair of the Council of the Alberta Order of Excellence between 1997 and 2003.

Judge Lieberman has received numerous awards and recognition for his commitment and dedication to his province and country. For his military efforts, he was awarded Canadian Forces Decoration. He has also been awarded the Centennial Medal, the Jubilee Medal, the 125th Anniversary Medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Centennial Medal. In 1990, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alberta. Sam was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in the fall of 2006.



Justices Samuel Lieberman, Tevie Miller and Ronald Berger. JAHSENA Archives photo.



On leave in England, Mel Friedman, Sam Lieberman, Dr. M. Bruser, 1942 Provincial Archives photo 75.398/5

# High-Ranking Jewish Officers at the University of Alberta

BY PAULA E. KIRMAN

Jewish people have been active in the academic life at the University of Alberta throughout the history of the institution, from department heads to professors. Even the highest offices at the U of A have been occupied by Jews at various points: Myer Horowitz and Max Wyman as President, and Tevie Miller as Chancellor.

## DR. MAX WYMAN



Dr. Max Wyman,  
JAHSENA Archives

Dr. Max Wyman was born in Lethbridge, Alberta on April 4, 1916. He was the son of Abram and Mary (Hendler) Wyman. The family moved to Edmonton, and Wyman received his Bachelor of Science in Honours Mathematics in 1937. After completing graduate work from the

California Institute of Technology and working as a Munitions Gauge Inspector for the National Research Council in Ottawa, Wyman returned to Edmonton to join the U of A as a Lecturer in 1943 in the Department of Mathematics.

He was promoted two years later in 1945 to Assistant Professor – at only 29 years of age. A brilliant mathematician, he found errors in the work of Prof. Albert Einstein and quickly climbed the academic ladder, becoming Associate Professor (1950-56) and then full Professor from 1956 until 1974. In addition, he was chairman of the Department of Mathematics (1961-64), Dean of Science (1963-64), and Academic Vice-President (1964-69). Finally, Dr. Max Wyman was President of the University of Alberta from 1969 until 1974, the first U of A alumnus to hold that office.

Dr. Wyman's time as President had many challenges, to which he rose. In particular, being the 1960s and early 1970s, there was a lot of student unrest. One of the ways he dealt with this was by involving the students themselves in the life of the University. "Max Wyman was primarily responsible for involving students actively; not just in a token fashion," says Dr. Myer Horowitz of his predecessor.

"I think he had more of an interest in students and teaching, than I think a lot of professors had or have now, where their focus tends to be on research and writing," says nephew Syd Bercov.

"Through his personal leadership within the Mathematics department and subsequently in the University as a whole he was instrumental in changing the nature of the University," adds Ron Bercov, another nephew, who also is a professor of Mathematics at the University, and who credits the increased size and international reputation of the U of A to Dr. Wyman's influence. "He had a very quiet and calm leadership style, but very cerebral."

## DR. MYER HOROWITZ



Dr. Myer Horowitz,  
JAHSENA Archives

Education has always been a major part of Dr. Myer Horowitz's life and career. In fact, Horowitz was a classroom teacher in Montreal, the city of his birth in 1932, before taking up his academic career.

After leaving his position as Assistant Dean of Education at

McGill, Dr. Horowitz came to the University of Alberta in 1969 as Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education, a position he held until 1972. From 1972 until 1975 he was Dean of the Faculty of Education, then Vice-President (Academic) of the University from 1975 to 1979.

From 1979 until his retirement in 1989, Dr. Horowitz was the President of the University. During that time, Dr. Horowitz gained a lot of memories. "I feel very fortunate that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University just happened to be during my time. It was halfway through my first term, the academic year 82-83," he says.

As well, Dr. Horowitz's experience in many different aspects of University life added to his empathy towards people in all roles at the institution. "Once upon a time I was a very junior, part-time member of the support staff back in 1958 -- when I was a graduate student I also worked as a clerk in what is now called the Controller's office. I think that gave me a special feeling for the very important members of the university community who are sometimes neglected, ignored, and forgotten."

After his retirement as President, Dr. Horowitz returned to the Faculty of Education as Professor Emeritus. In 1999 Dr. Horowitz was named President Emeritus. A theatre in the Student's Union Building bears his name – a student decision that touches Dr. Horowitz deeply. He now resides in Victoria, British Columbia, where he is Adjunct Professor of Education at the University of Victoria and remains very active in his field. He is married to Barbara (nee Rosen) since 1956 and the couple has two daughters, Carol Anne and Deborah Ellen.

## JUSTICE TEVIE MILLER



Justice Tevie Miller,  
JAHSENA Archives

The University of Alberta was an integral part of the life of the Honourable Justice Tevie H. Miller. Tevie Harold Miller was born on January 1, 1928 in Edmonton to distinguished lawyer Abe Miller and his wife Rebecca Griesdorf Miller. He began his studies at

the University of Alberta in 1945, receiving his LL.B. in 1950. Shortly thereafter, he married Arliss Toban, with whom he had three children: Catherine Miller Dolgoy, Joshua Miller, and Lisa Miller Shadlyn.

Miller was President of the Student's Union, and later President of the Alumni Association. Justice Miller began a long and illustrious law career after graduation, joining his father's law firm and receiving his judicial appointment in 1974. From 1986 until 1990, Justice Miller was Chancellor of the U of A, and in 1991 received an Honorary Doctor of Laws. Justice Miller passed away in 1996 at the age of 68.

"He loved the University of Alberta," says Arliss Miller, Justice Miller's widow. "The first year he was there he was involved in many groups including cheerleading for the football team. He said his whole life he was a cheerleader, really, for the University because it was so important to him and to the community."

As Chancellor of the University, it was Miller's job to chair convocations and the Senate, as well as be an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors. The position was a goal of Justice Miller's. "He always liked his association with the University, and that really capped it," says Arliss.

One of Justice Miller's favourite parts of being Chancellor was getting to meet the people who made up the University. According to Arliss, "He made a point to visit with all the Deans and get to know them, and he also enjoyed speaking with the young students very much."

Justice Miller also made a lasting impact in his own family. "He was an incredible role model. We were all extremely proud of him, and it was also very hard to follow in his footsteps," says Helen Paull, Justice Miller's sister. The family is also currently building a significant endowment in Justice Miller's name in the Faculty of Law.

## Edmonton Holocaust Education Committee releases new DVD

**Black Snow:**  
SURVIVORS' STORIES OF  
THE HOLOCAUST

More than one year ago, the Edmonton Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton began to face a challenge, which would, over time, begin to affect the future of the committees' work. As local Edmonton Holocaust Survivors began to age and could no longer visit classrooms nor speak at our Annual Symposium program, the means to convey the Survivors testimony was slowly fading.

With the assistance of the Alberta human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund, the Jewish Federation of

Edmonton Holocaust Education Fund and the Dianne and Irving Kipnes Foundation, and Roaring Mouse Media, the dream to document local survivor testimony was achieved.

A DVD package called, "Black Snow: Survivors' Stories of the Holocaust" was created. This DVD program is a resource for educators of secondary students, church groups, and other clubs. The package includes a teacher's guide designed to provide contextual history to the documentary film featuring accounts of local Survivors who were children and youth during the Holocaust. It is intended to help educators

deliver tangible, accessible and contemporary Canadian content to help young people understand the Holocaust.

With the combined vision of Project coordinator Gillian Horwitz and Writer, Producer, Director and Videographer, Laurie Long of Roaring Mouse Media, the vision became reality as recollections of life before the war, during and after are weaved together. The film follows the varied threads of each person's journey of survival to create a poignant and riveting viewing experience.



## JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Minutes of the Talmud Torah Board and Talmud Torah Society, 1965-2006. Donated by the Talmud Torah Board and Society.

Miscellaneous text and photos relating to USY/Kadima from 1977 to 1989, including minutes, correspondence, programs, etc. Donated by Samantha Mannes of the Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Dual Allegiance: An Autobiography by Ben Dunkelman. New York: 1976, Crown Publishers. Purchase.

9 photographs of Talmud Torah graduations ca. 1971-1973 and B'nai Brith; two bound volumes: Synagogues and Jewish Communities in the Bialystok region, by Tomasz Wisniewski, 1992; Old Bohemian and Moravian Jewish Cemeteries, by Petr Ehl, Arno Parik and Jiri Fiedler, 1991. Donated by Eli and Phyllis Adler. Other items including books, music and artifacts donated to the JCC and Library.

Canadian Jewish Year Book, 1940-1941, Volume II, Woodward Press, Montreal, 1940. Purchase.

Eleven photographs and papers from the personal collection of Jack Cohen, pertaining to the Holocaust, and his survival in the orphanage of Wiesenbeek, Belgium and later the later

adoption of he and his brother Leon by Harry and Lil Cohen of Edmonton.

One black velvet embroidered coffin cover, used by the Edmonton Chevra Kadisha, donated on their behalf by Rhoda Friedman.

Miscellaneous text and photos relating to Mickey and Sybil Dlin, donated by Cory Felber, including Mickey's personal diary and story about how he survived being marooned at sea during WWII.

Four photos, one audiocassette (oral history interview) and numerous newspaper clippings, donated by Mel Wyne, pertaining to Sam and Anne Wyne and the Crown grocery in the Gibson block.

One video interview and some newspaper clippings and a dance card donated by Margaret Frohlich.

A program for the Beth Shalom Purim Follies, 1957, donated by Zelda Kalensky.

One Television set, donated by Jini Vogel.

A collection of Edmonton Bar and Bat Mitzvah invitations from the past 10-15 years, donated by Stephanie Hendin.

Six photos donated by Evelyn Miller of Vancouver, of her years in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Numerous photos and documents donated by Ruth-Ellen Shafir pertaining to her father,

Norman Silverman, and his years in the Canadian Armed Forces.

"Black Snow: Survivors' Stories of the Holocaust," a documentary, produced by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and Roaring Mouse Media, 2006. Also included are copies of individual interviews conducted in the making of the documentary. These include: Hannah Mishna, Rose Rosenstein, Rachel Verderber Garfunkel, George Kraus, Sam Lucky, Ed Marxheimer, Sue Marxheimer, Eva Koplowitz, Paul Kagan, Judy Edelman. Donated by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

30 cm of text and 95 photos relating to the Beth Israel Synagogue, JNF, the Talmud Torah as well as 20 copies of Edmonton Jewish Newspapers, donated by Marvin Abugov.

Three bankers boxes of minutes and bulletins from the Beth Shalom Synagogue, including bulletins from 1971-2006, and minutes from 1967-2000. Donated by Howard Davidow and Rabbi David Kunin of the Beth Shalom Synagogue.

*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.*

## "FROM PEDLARS TO PATRIARCHS: A LEGACY REMEMBERED"

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is taking orders for copies of "From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered," its documentary film about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this film, it is available on DVD for \$18. Please contact the Archives office at 489-2809.



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JAHSENA is looking into doing a documentary about Edmonton's Jewish Community during World War II and the Israeli War of Independence, as a follow-up to "From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered." If you have any audio or visual material or

other memorabilia pertaining to these years in Edmonton, please contact the office at: 489-2809 or [jahsena@shaw.ca](mailto:jahsena@shaw.ca), or producer Dan Kauffman.

Dave Panar and comrades building a spitfire under camouflage in Palestine during the Israeli War of Independence, 1948. JAHSENA Archives photo, donated by Dave Panar.



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