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Remembering



Talmud Torah class 54–55



The Talmud Torah class of 1954-1955 in front of the second Talmud Torah building



From the President, by JUDY GOLDSAND

October 2015

This year, JAHSENA held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. The meeting featured Andrew Gow, University of Alberta Professor of History, discussing a thought-provoking topic: "What does it mean to be Jewish in a non-Jewish world?"

At the meeting, two new Board members were elected for a three-year term. We would like to introduce them to you:

GILLIAN HORWITZ



Gillian has represented our Jewish Community in many ways. You may remember that, several years ago, she hosted the "Jewish Radio Hour" on CKER, and the TV show "On Being Jewish".

Gillian also has an extensive history of volunteerism. In Canadian Hadassah WIZO, she was an Edmonton Chapter president and a National Vice-President. She chaired the Holocaust Education Committee and produced a documentary on Holocaust Survivors in Edmonton. Gillian has served on the boards of Jewish Family Services, Beth Shalom Synagogue, The Jewish Seniors' Centre, Jewish National Fund and is a past president of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton. For these involvements, and many others, she was honored last year with a" City of Edmonton Citation Award."

DAVID MARCUS



David worked for 25 years in the family fur business in downtown Edmonton, hosting many customers from the Jewish community. Then he worked at House of Tools, and currently works

with the General Metals Group. David has served on the boards of Beth Israel Synagogue, the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, the Alberta Post-War Car Society and continues to serve on the executive of the Chevra Kadisha. He is dedicated to the preservation of life stories of Jewish Edmontonians through the collection of eulogies housed at the JAHSENA archives.

We welcome both David and Gillian to the Board and look forward to working with them.

Again, we remind our readers to save your family's history by donating letters, papers and photos to our Archives where they will be properly preserved. If your family wishes to keep them, we would be happy to make copies and return the originals to you.

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From the Archivist's Desk...,

Fall 2015

As I hope most of you are aware, this summer JAHSENA partnered with the Edmonton News to deliver a special edition of Heritage to the entirety of the EJN mailing list; in effect, to the entire community. The reception to this has been overwhelmingly positive, with several people noting that they read this last edition cover to cover. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment to fill out the family tree that was included in this edition, as every one we receive helps to fill in gaps.

Work is drawing to a close on the manuscript for the new book, and we are finally able to start to plan the launch party and related activities. Keep an eye out in the next edition of Heritage for more details on that.

Reflecting back on the work of the past year, I would also like to take a moment to publicly thank the agencies which have generously provided us with grants. As a small archive, we are extremely reliant on this support to continue our work of preserving our collective past. The Archives Society of Alberta provided us with the financial support to complete the descriptions of a number of our family fonds, making them more readily accessible to researchers. They also provided us with funding to provide for the digitization of several dozen oral history interviews, a long overdue step to move them to a more up to date storage medium. The Edmonton Jewish Federation and the Edmonton Heritage Council provided us with a significant component of the funding necessary for us to provide funding for my work on the next JAHSENA book, and this project would not have happened without it. Finally, the Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation grant we received was essential in the

purchase of new of audio-visual equipment for the recording of Oral History interviews, replacing out of date and insufficient equipment and ensuring a much higher recording quality. Our deepest thanks to all of these groups for their support.

We have been working hard over the past year to try to highlight untold stories of our community, and to help show just how interesting our collective histories can be. We are continuing with these stories in this edition, and are also expanding the focus of our "Origins" stories to include those from abroad; in this edition, we have a delightful set of Ram Romanovksy's musings on his childhood and adolescence in South Africa, and with another tale of small town Jewish life in the form of Joel Witten's experiences in Whitehorse. As always, I hope you enjoy.

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: 780-489-2809. We have received the following donations:

Sympathy

- To Molly Shugarman and family on the loss of their beloved father, husband, and grandfather Maurice, from George and Judy Goldsand
- To Miriam Sheckter on the loss of her beloved brother Maurice Shugarman, from Mike and Colleen Paull
- To Roberta and Norm Hanson and family on the loss of their beloved uncle Maurice Shugarman, from Mike and Colleen Paull

IN HONOUR

To Rayna and Harvey Rabin with thanks for their exceptional hospitality! From George and Judy Goldsand

We would like to issue a correction to the last edition of Heritage: The sympathy cards issued to the Switzer and Milner/Levine families were sent by Linda Goody. Our apologies for the oversight.

A fresh perspective on the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter August 4 to 18 in Edmonton

by EJNews Staff



Alti Rodal, co-director of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter and curator of the exhibit stressed the importance of the shared heritage and culture between the two peoples.

The following piece initially appeared in the Edmonton Jewish News at edmontonjewishnews.com. It has been reprinted here with their permission.

A n eclectic group of dignitaries, academics and interested individuals gathered on August 4 at the St. John's Institute in Edmonton for the opening reception of A Journey through the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: From Antiquity to 1914, a cross-Canada travelling exhibition which runs until August 18.

The obvious thing that comes to mind when you pair these two cultures is a tumultuous history of turmoil and violence. However, the multi-media exhibit currently on display in Edmonton takes a step back and examines their pre-WWI relationship of shared history and shared cultures. The exhibit was created by the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter (UJE), a privately organized multinational initiative launched in 2008 by a group of individuals from Canada, the United States, Ukraine, and Israel. Its work engages scholars, civic leaders, artists, governments and the broader public in an effort to promote deeper mutual comprehension and solidarity between the two peoples.

The reception was emceed by World FM - Ethnic Radio host Roman Brytan. He introduced the guest speakers which included a number of dignitaries from the UJE, and prominent members of the Ukrainian community as well as Jewish Federation of Edmonton (JFED) CEO Debby Shoctor and Minister of Multicultural Affairs Tim Uppal.

Among others, distinguished speakers

included Suzanna Brytan, Executive Director of St. John's Institute of Edmonton; Alti Rodal, UJE co-director and exhibit curator; Berel Rodal, Board member and chairman of the Advisory Board of the UJE and leaders from the Alberta Society for the Advancement of Ukrainian Studies and the Ukrainian Council of Alberta.

Each speaker reiterated the importance of the work that the UJE was doing in bringing the two cultures closer together, stressing the similarities between the groups and their shared heritage.

JFED CEO Debby Shoctor said that she was impressed and excited by the exhibit and that on behalf of the Edmonton Jewish community, she looked forward to continuing the relationship with the Ukrainian community

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Emcee for the evening World FM Ethnic Radio host Roman Brytan.

in Edmonton.

The event included live music that demonstrated the shared culture and a delicious spread of both Ukrainian and kosher Jewish foods that also showed the strong influence the two cultures share. All the food was delicious and the kosher section of the spread was catered by Bliss Bakery. Several Jewish artifacts from Ukraine were on display — on loan from the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

Created by UJE and co-funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, A Journey though the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: From Antiquity to 1914 consists of narrative, images, music, and continuously running videos. It offers an integrated account of the historical experience of Ukrainians and Jews, in



Suzanna Brytan and UJE board member and chairman of the advisory board Berel Rodal.

all its complexities—under ever-changing political regimes, as two stateless peoples, side by side, over long periods of normal co-existence conducive to the creation of enduring cultures and crosscultural influences, and during intermittent episodes of crisis and violence.

The territory of modern-day Ukraine has been the homeland of diverse and flourishing cultures, including one of the most populous Jewish communities in Europe, whose presence on Ukrainian lands dates from 2,000 years ago. The vast majority of Ashkenazi Jews today have their origins in Ukrainian lands, as do the roots of the Chasidic movement.

The blended Ukrainian-Jewish story, up to the end of Tsarist Russian rule and Habsburg Austro-Hungary, is of particular interest for both Ukrainian and Jewish audiences, but also for a wider Canadian public, offering diverse perspectives on a shared history.

The Ukrainian and Jewish communities in Ukraine, as pointed out in the exhibit, lived through "long periods of normal co-existence and multi-faceted cultural cross-fertilization." Yet, because Jewish-Ukrainian relations have also had to bear stereotyping, the exhibit focused on "an integrated narrative of these two peoples... presented in the belief that there is much to be gained by viewing their historical experience together, in all its complexity."

A Journey through the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: From Antiquity to 1914 opened in Toronto in June and was on display in Winnipeg last month. It will next be on display in Montreal.

More photots of the UJE exhibit on page 9.

Jewish Life in Yukon

By Joel Witten and Fia Jampolsky $% \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}}$

"There's a race of men that don't fit in, A race that can't sit still; So they break the hearts of kith and kin, And they roam the world at will. They range the field and rove the flood, And they climb the mountain's crest; Their's is the curse of the gypsy blood, And they don't know how to rest."

Robert Service

We headed to the Yukon in the summer of 1996 for an adventure, an opportunity to complete school training and fulfil our wanderlust in one go. We were to be gone for the duration of Fia's articles, one year at the outset, two years at the most. While here in that first year, we met a number of older couples who told us once we had advised them of our plans: "That's what we said too...25 years ago".

In the nearly twenty years since, this small Northern capital has become our home. The endless supply of natural beauty combined with a quirky, welcoming community continues to capture our hearts.

Somewhere along the way we added a dog or two, a house or two and a child or two. The wanderlust did not leave; it just found a permanent parking garage. We have been fortunate to create a rich, vibrant life here filled with the magic and the mystery that is the Yukon.

It's a common joke amongst Yukoners,



The Witten Family

not tell others how good life is up here, but to keep the secret to ourselves. I guess we just gave it away, but no worry, this place isn't for everybody.

On a driving trip through Alberta this summer we encountered a number of historical and familial landmarks. It reminded us that part of the Jewish history in Canada is that our people have ended up in communities both small and large in virtually every corner of the nation.

Although we carry part of the Jewish torch in this small, remote community, we are not the first Jews to venture north of 60. At the turn of the century, the Yukon was the land of the gold rush and fortune seekers of all sorts, including Jewish merchants and adventurers, found their way here. Just the other day we were reminded of this. While visiting Skagway, Alaska, we saw a historical sign marking the sight of "Goldberg's cigar shop", a small enterprise which catered to the needs of the gold miners in the 1890's.

A small number of the Jews who came to the north during gold fever never left. Tale has it that at the turn of the century, a young New Yorker named Isaac Simons capsized his boat in the rapids of the Fortymile River and didn't live to tell the tale. The local Jews wanted to bury him. Having no cemetery of their own, they petitioned Ottawa (some things never change!) for a lot on cemetery ridge. Ten years later the federal government replied to them (some things really never change!)...and that's when the first Jew was buried in the Klondike, his final resting place being a small corner of a cemetery in Dawson City.

In 1998, we joined a group working on the idea of restoring the cemetery. The Jewish Historical Society of Yukon was formed and, with generous financial assistance from the Canadian Jewish Congress, the cemetery grounds were cleaned and a beautiful metal arch bearing the name Bet Chaim was built. Everyone had a task; we filled our blue



Chanukah Girls

F-150 with white pickets and drove the fencing 533 kilometers up the highway to help rebuild the perimeter of the cemetery. Then deputy prime minister (and the closest thing our nation has ever had to a Jewish prime minister) the honorable Herb Gray gave a speech at the rededication ceremony. It was a big deal for the small group of us that worked on it. We even imported a rabbi for the occasion.

A related project is just getting started, with funding now awarded to create a mobile display that details the Jewish presence and influence in the Yukon during and after the gold rush. Once complete, we hope it will be able to tell the story of the Yukon's original Jewish community in museums, schools, and other Jewish communities.

The Jewish community in Whitehorse, like the greater community, is quirky and eclectic. For a number of years we celebrated Rosh Hashanah roasting hot dogs with a few other Jewish families at the local campground. When we first got here, this seemed, at the very minimum, a unique way to mark such an event!

However, the longer you stay in a place, the more you unpeel the layers of the onion to find new people and new experiences. The Jewish community is not as small as you might think. Like every other community, we have traditional jobs and not. We are teachers and lawyers, business leaders, politicians and writers. Few of us, ok one in fact, can lay claim to being a champion dog-musher!

We have created traditions that suit us more than perhaps the more conventional traditions of our southern brethren, but are traditions nonetheless. We almost always have a seder, it's just not always on the night that the calendar says it should be. Joel has taken on the role of leading the seder, but has learned to do it with Fia's amalgamation of stories, poems and twists on the traditional Passover story. It's never the same twice, but that keeps the regulars guessing. We have heard over the years, of various other seders going on at the same time – many view the Pesach story as both historical and contemporary and a chance to educate their kids.

We like to think that we have brought Chanukah to the north. Fia regularly goes into the kids' classes and gets them grating potatoes, frying latkes and lighting candles. Our annual Chanukah party has taken on a life of its own. With attendance now trending towards triple digits, it is our opportunity to share the season and our culture with our gentle gentile friends. We have been told, but can't confirm, that it is THE party of the holiday season.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of a bar mitzvah in town a number of years ago. At that celebration, we met an Alaskan bush pilot who had grown up in a very traditional, very religious Jewish home. He lived as unconventional a life as you can imagine, but yet he maintained a number of traditions and beliefs of his people. "You must be more deliberate in your actions as a Jew up north", he said, "you must be intentional in your faith"...and then he led the prayers in flawless Hebrew.

His words, stay with us as we create new traditions that bind us to the old ones and we as we foster a community under the brilliant stars of the northern sky. We are in preliminary talks about the location of our daughter Ava's Bat Mitzvah in 2017. Fia is campaigning for the top of the local ski hill – accessible only by chair lift. Joel has other ideas. We'll give you an update in a couple of years!

A few years ago, Fia wrote a personal perspective on our life in Whitehorse that was featured in the Globe and Mail. You can read it here: http://www. theglobeandmail.com/life/facts-andarguments/yes-i-do-feel-at-home-in-thefar-far-north/article4385140/

Joel Witten and Fia Jampolsky both grew up in Edmonton, Alberta and have lived in Whitehorse, Yukon since 1996.

With a Laugh and a Tear: (Some of) The Stories of Ram Romanovsky

by Daniel Erin

Ram—as he insists on being called is a gifted storyteller. As he weaves narratives together, Ram tells stories of his past with texture, nuance, and a well-placed sense of humor. The son of Mendel Romanovsky (an Ochberg orphan born in Poland and who was brought to South Africa in 1921), Ram relates his story to that of many other Jewish families who've had to uproot and move—or as he puts it, wander—to a new place amidst changing times. It is with great pleasure that we present a snapshot of Ram's time in South Africa and his journey to Edmonton.

Born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, Ram led a sheltered and privileged childhood steeped in Jewish tradition. All of his friends were Jewish, and they enjoyed affluent lifestyles thanks to a hospitable environment that rewarded their families' hard work. Ram recalls that "it was a Jewish party all the time." Indeed, he recounts, the majority of the Jewish population experienced a vibrant cultural milieu, a festive atmosphere, lots of cars, Jewish beaches, as well as the possibility of upward social and economic mobility. "It was a time," he



Isaac Ochberg

remembers with a sense of fondness and melancholy, "never to be experienced again."

The vast majority of South African Jews emigrated from Europe just before the Second World War, so very few members of Ram's generation had parents born in South Africa. Nonetheless, the community felt very comfortable; Cape Town even had a number of Jewish mayors. However, apartheid marked a point of contention between Ram's generation and that of his parents. According to Ram, the members of the younger generation-who were highly educated and acutely aware of apartheid's systemic inequalitieswanted their parents to speak out against its injustices. This debate fostered tremendous dialogue within the community, but the older generation (having escaped intense persecution and still having concerns about hidden anti-Semitism) was wary of "poking the bear." Although the younger generation understood this position, Ram stressed that many people still felt tremendous guilt because of apartheid.

Ram attended Cape Town High School and the University of Cape Town, where he earned his CA designation. While in University, he met his wife, Elaine, at a beach. Apparently Ram was shy; he notes that she was one of the popular girls, so he waited to ask her out over the phone. (It's worth noting that Elaine's parents were born in South Africa.) While at the University of Cape Town, Elaine earned a BA in English before training to be an X-Ray technician at Groote Shuur Hospital. The couple got married in 1973, two



Ram and Elaine Romanovsky

years before leaving South Africa.

When asked what prompted his and Elaine's move to Canada, Ram emphasizes that it's a very interesting and complicated story. Although South Africa was home to a vibrant, traditional Jewish community in a modern society and idyllic climate, the couple felt that they had to emigrate. Most importantly, they wanted to bring their children up in a just society. The injustices of apartheid and its political consequences rendered South African society increasingly unstable. Laughing, Ram recalls a conversation he had with his life-long house servant shortly before emigrating. When asked if he would kill him and his brothers during the Revolution, the servant told Ram: "No boss, you are like a son to me. I would have to ask my best friend to do it."

Ram stresses that there was "no magical research" that brought the couple to Edmonton. Essentially, he jokes, they came to Edmonton "because they knew someone from their 'village.'" Elaine's cousins, Frank and Leone Jackson, had moved to Edmonton in the 1960s. Ram and Elaine arrived in 1975, and they experienced quite the shock. The cold Edmonton winters found the young couple completely unprepared, but they eventually adjusted to it. Interestingly, Ram notes that adapting to Canadian sports was one of the more difficult cultural transitions that he experienced. Sport, especially Rugby, was very important in South Africa from both political and cultural perspectives, so it was next to impossible to avoid playing it at a committed level. Indeed, Ram had never seen or even heard of hockey. Having to learn a new genre of sport with completely different physical and conceptual demands proved to be a noteworthy challenge in adapting to Canadian culture.

Finally, Ram had to re-qualify as a Chartered Accountant, which took about three years. He also noticed that many people in Edmonton didn't know very much about Judaism. In fact, one year his boss thought that Ram was joking when he said that he was taking two days off for the New Year in September. Having grown up in Cape Town where every school shutdown for Yom Kippur, having an employer completely in the dark about Rosh Hashanah came as quite the shock.

Overall, though, Ram and Elaine found Edmonton to be a very friendly and welcoming place. The couple settled down and had three children: Adam, Dale, and Lindy. All three children went to Talmud Torah before attending university and pursuing professional careers. In 1978, Ram founded his own accounting firm, Romanovsky and Associates. Elaine went back to the University of Alberta, where she earned her CMA. Ram is proud of the contributions that the South African Jews have made to the greater Edmonton community, and he "thinks that the Edmonton Jewish Community is stronger and has been enriched by the immigration of the South African Jews."

On Display

At the JCC...

Currently on display at the new JCC you will find an exhibit of artifacts from our collections. Come visit us at 10220-156 St., Suite 200 to see the exhibit and our new offices. If you would like to donate a book, document or a piece of memorabilia to add to our collection, call 780-489-2809.

On the Web...

Check out the Archives Society of Alberta Exhibit prepared

for Archives Week 2012, entitled Looking Good, Alberta, Fashion in the Archives, at www.archivesalberta. org. 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. If you haven't done so yet, take a look at the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery website, http:// www.edmontonjewishcemetery.ca/, operated in partnership with the Chevra Kadisha.





Artifact Display Case From UJE Exhibit. Read more about the UJE on page 4.

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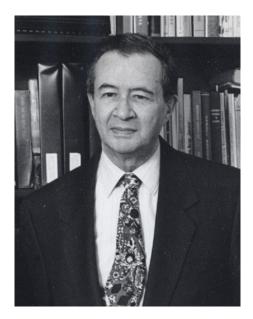
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HERITAGE + FALL 2015

Remembering Uri (z"l)



AHSENA's Founding President, Uri Rosenzwe, z"l, sadly passed away on the 25th of August, 2015.

Born January 10, 1930 in Montreal, Uri moved to Edmonton in 1969 to serve as Executive Director of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council,, a position he held until 1977. In Edmonton he served widely in the Jewish community world; indeed, he would serve in some volunteer leadership capacity with nearly every local Jewish organization. When he founded JAHSENA in 1997, the community had lacked a dedicated repository for the whole community, and this repository would be greatly expanded with the creation of a book, The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta. The book, edited by Uri and published in 2000, detailed the history of Northern Alberta's Jews..

Aside from his professional career, Uri contributed regular articles to Jewish newspapers until his formal retirement in 2012, after which he moved to a retirement community in Lethbridge. Uri was a major figure in the Edmonton Jewish community, and he will be missed.

In Memoriam 2014-15

The following individuals were lost to us this year. We offer our condolences to their families and friends, and hope that their memories will be blessings to us all.

Dr. Eli Adler, z'l Harold Baram, z'l Harvey Baram, z'l Dr. Ron Bercov, z'l Helaine Blatt, z'l Elizabeth (Betty) Brown, z'l Eva Margolus, z'l Allen Devins, z'l Robert (Reuben) Dvorkin, z'l Harry Nolan z'l Faigel (Phyllis) Epstein Leia Fridman, z'l Justice Sam Friedman, z'l Sam Frohlich, z'l Rosalie Hardin, z'l

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Uri Rosenzweig, z'l Berta Sheyvekhman, z'l Garry Silverman, z'l Maurice Shugarman, z'l Stan Smordin, z'l Ilana Wolch, z'l

Every effort has been made to identify all those who have passed away in the last year, but if we have omitted someone, please contact the JAHSENA office.

Thank You!

Reception to our community-wide mailout in August has continued to be overwhelmingly positive, and JAHSENA would like to thank those who have bought new memberships or made donations since. We are largely reliant on donations and annual memberships for our operating budget, so if you care about ensuring the preservation of our collective heritage for generations to come, please consider making a donation or purchasing a card through our office.

We are also always happy to discuss the donation or long term loan of precious documents and artifacts. Why worry during flood season about your precious memories in the basement when you can be certain they are safe in our collection?

With your continuing support, we will ensure that our collective history is preserved from generation to generation.



JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Books & photos from Ken Soroka.

A major collection of books, personal artifacts, photographs, and reference texts from Doreen Cohen

Several photos from Daniel Larson from Talmud Torah and BBYO events

Two antique candleholders and wind up clock from Sam Koplowicz on behalf of his mother Eva Koplowicz

Various articles and newsletter items from Stephanie Hendin

Three academic books were donated by the daughters of the late Dr. Henry C. Klassen

Several documents relating to BBYO from the late 1960s from Cheryl Slawsky

A framed portrait of Jack (Yakov) Klein, from his daughter in law Pat Klein

And as always, Sharon Abbott has kept a close eye on any articles about the community at large which might be of interest to us. Thanks, Sharon!

Unfortunately, due to space issues, for the foreseeable future we will no longer be accepting donations to the Jewish Federation Library. Please contact Beth Shalom synagogue or the Jewish Drop In Centre if you'd like to donate collections relating to Jewish history or Judaism in general.

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