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## Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre Celebrating 65 Years!



JAHSENA Archives

1954 photo of members of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) who initiated the Golden Age Club, the first formal program of services to Edmonton Jewish seniors.

Left to Right: Rose Samuels, Sadie Meloff, Ruth Brody, Fannie Podolsky, Eva Shaw, Anna Podersky, Becky Schloss, Rae Miller, Betty Miller, Evelyn Kline, Anya Hardin, ?, Becky Estrin, Tillie Levine

### Family Tea Party

Sunday, April 30,  
starting at 1 pm,  
at the Jewish Senior  
Citizens' Centre

10052 - 117 St.

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## From the Co-Presidents,

by JUDY GOLDSAND and HOWARD DAVIDOW

February 2017

### WHAT DOES JAHSENA DO?

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta (JAHSENA) was founded in 1996 with Uri Rosenzweig as President, Dan Kauffman as Vice-President and Debby Shoctor as Archivist. The Society was designed to serve as the collective memory of the Edmonton Jewish community. As such, its aim was, and continues to be, to gather, preserve and make available the history of the religious and cultural heritage of the Jewish people of Edmonton. The Society in 2000 published a book, "The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta (1893-1993)," then created two documentary films about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community, *From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered*, in 2004, and in 2007 its sequel, *Bittersweet Memories: The War Years*. In 2016, we published a new book, "From Generation to Generation: Jewish Edmontonians as Heritage Builders." These are available from the JAHSENA office.

During the past 21 years JAHSENA has written and published a magazine, *Heritage*, which comes out three times annually telling stories about a variety of people and institutions in our community. The Society has also developed a vast collection of materials donated by individuals and organizations. In addition, we have an oral history collection of interviews with more than 230 Jewish seniors, and many eulogies donated by family or friends. The Jewish Archives are often used as a

resource by local and national researchers wanting information from our files.

After several years of planning, 2013 marked the opening of a major JAHSENA project, the building and furnishing of a replica of the HB Kline Jewelry Store at Fort Edmonton, adjacent to the Capitol Theatre. Since the opening, we have funded summer guides with special training to explain the Jewish artifacts and the Jewish history of Edmonton to visitors to the store.

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society is a self-sustaining, independent organization, funded generally by funds from a casino every second year and membership dues. Occasionally we have a special fund-raising drive or receive a grant for a specific project.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. We invite you to become a member of JAHSENA (see page 15 for the membership application form.)
2. Individuals can donate personal papers, photos (with people identified please), audiovisual recordings, scrapbooks etc - anything that you wish to have properly preserved for future generations. (If you wish to keep originals, we will take copies and return the originals to you.)
3. Organizations may donate documents that reflect the way the organization grows; such as policies and procedures, minutes, legal agreements, newsletters, records of assets, films, photographs etc.,

We look forward to your contributions of materials that would be of permanent value to our communal history.

JAHSENA wishes to congratulate the Jewish Seniors' Centre who in April will celebrate 65 years of service to Edmonton's Jewish seniors. We hope you will enjoy the stories and photos of the history of the Centre that are included in this issue of *Heritage*.

Happy Passover to all!

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The artistic Shalom Wall reflects donations made to acknowledge significant events and people in our community.



## A Message from Dr. Svetlana Pavlenko

Executive Director of the  
Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre

We invite you to join our welcoming and vibrant Centre!

If you are looking for intellectual stimulation, boosting your energy level, new friends, interesting volunteer opportunities and delicious international cuisine, then the Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre is the place for you!

The Centre is here to enrich, enlighten and support the lives of seniors in Edmonton. Thanks to a \$4,000 grant from the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, we can offer door-to-door transportation services to our members during the fall and winter seasons. One member who uses this service said, "I have been able to break the depressing tradition of winter hibernation because of the Centre's transportation service. I am delighted to be able to attend this fun place for meals, conversation, programs and meeting with friends."

The Centre also gives our energetic seniors multiple opportunities to volunteer for the community

and to make meaningful changes. Become involved and join our unique volunteer team!

We continue to rely on our community support in order to provide vital services for our seniors. Much of our funding comes from tribute cards, plaques on the Shalom Wall, inscriptions in the Book of Friends, and naming opportunities for major spaces in our building. Please contact the Office for many other available opportunities. You can support us by credit card donations through the CanadaHelps website: [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org). Just type JDIC as our charity's name and follow the instructions.

The Abells family set up the Centre's first endowment fund that has continued to support us all these years. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the family and encourage other children of our members to be more involved in the place that makes such a difference in lives of their loved ones.

## CELEBRATE OUR 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

Please join us for tea and a special program on

**Sunday, April 30 at 1 pm**

to celebrate 65 years of service to Edmonton's Jewish seniors. If you have never been to the Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre, it is a great opportunity to visit and see our wonderful facility and enjoy warm hospitality.

Kindly **RSVP** to 780 488-4241 or [jdic@shaw.ca](mailto:jdic@shaw.ca) so our terrific bakers can prepare enough cookies and cakes!

We look forward to sharing our joy and pride with you!

# Serving Edmonton Jewish Seniors for 65 YEARS!

On April 30, 2017, The Jewish Seniors' Centre will celebrate 65 years of programs and services for Edmonton's Jewish seniors. In this issue of JAHSENA's *Heritage Magazine*, we will pay tribute to many people who have been instrumental in the development and success of the Centre.

In 1951, the president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJW), Dr. Reva Gerstein, mandated that the Council chapters across Canada initiate a project of services for seniors. In 1954, the Edmonton Golden Age Club was formed under the direction of NCJW member, Mrs. Rae Miller. Meetings and programs were held at the Beth Shalom Synagogue. The operating funds came from NCJW membership fees, and donations by NCJW from its Economy Shop and annual Angels' Ball.



Hy Baltzan, Ruth Brody, Fred Swartz, were instrumental in establishing the JDIC.



Dasha Zottenberg singing.

Training sessions were held for volunteers, who then involved the seniors in planning programs, lectures, English lessons, painting classes, and musical programs which were enjoyed by about 120 participants.

In 1958, Perry Furman became the volunteer musical director and pianist. The Club formed its own choir under the direction of Mrs. Lottie Landa, and staged musicals and plays, many for the entire Jewish community. Dasha Zottenberg was a featured singer in many productions. Erma Becker organized many craft workshops. Fran Libin

and Raye Dolgoy planned many programs while Alfie Simons was the social chairman and Clara Mintz, the Director of Jewish Family Services, was the social worker and advisor; and Vera Lipsett, Shirley Goldberg, Malka Fry and Betty Mayer served as office managers.

The following people served as presidents of the Golden Age Club:

Anna Podersky & Rae Miller (1954-56), Sadie Meloff (1957), Raye Dolgoy (1958-60), Fran Libin (1961-62), Tammy Usiskin (1963), Alice Abells (1965-66), Perry Furman (1966), Raie Davis (1967-68), Sam Simons (1969-70).



Alice Abells passing the President's gavel to Jean Oshry, 1986.



Dasha Zottenberg, Alice Abells and Zelda Kalensky: volunteers extraordinaire!



Ben Margolus burning the old mortgage. Standing at right: Sam Simons, Golden Age Club president 1969-70, and Jewish Drop-In Centre president 1973.

## JEWISH SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

On November 6, 1969, the Jewish Senior Citizens' Centre was incorporated as a non-profit charitable society. The society purchased the apartment building, which existed on the present site, from Ben Margolus, who made it available at a reasonable price. The Jewish Drop-In Centre (JDIC) as it was known, consisted of a living room, kitchen and card-library room in the basement of the building and provided programs and services in this building for almost 25 years.

The Drop-In Centre Presidents during this period were Hy Baltzan (1970), Seda Margolus (1972), Sam Simons (1973), Dr. David Mintz (1974), Alice Abells (1975-1987), Jean Oshry (1987-1988), Ed Aziman (1989-1990) and Florence Singer (1990-1993).

On his 90th birthday, Ben Margolus was given the honour of burning the mortgage of the Centre.

## SUNDAY CLUB

During the 1980s, immigrants from the Soviet Union started to arrive in Edmonton and many came to the Jewish Drop-In Centre. Tuesday afternoon programs were organized for them under the auspices of Jewish Family Services. In 1982, Gennadi Levental, Lev and Lucy Briker and many other volunteers organized the Shalom Club, which met on Sunday afternoons for its members to socialize and enjoy programs in the Russian language. In 1998, Lina Kichnevskaja became Chair of the Sunday Club and has remained so until the present day. Sveta Bass has been the volunteer Sunday Club chef for more than 15 years.



Lina Kichnevskaja and Sveta Bass.



Sunday Club 1996. L-R: Leonid Chernyavsky, Semen Vichnevsky, Efim Krasnochtein, Valentina Surmova, Bella Oikhman.



Sunday Club 2016: L-R: Kyrgyz Culture Day: Michael Shmuilovich, Yefim Bass, Sveta Bass, Vladimir Shekhtman, David Dobrusin.



Sunday Club in the kitchen! L-R: Michael Smuilovich, Reva Gelfman, Inna Sukonnik, Frida Feldman, Aza Dobrusina, Vladimir Shekhtman, Sarra Kravets, Sveta Bass, Emma Shmuilovich, Lena Kichnevskaja, Fira Leykina, Yeva Shekhtman.



1993: the new Jewish Seniors' Centre building.



Paula Snyder 1998: President and ongoing Chair of Tribute cards for special events.

## NEW BUILDING

By 1990, the decision was made to demolish the old building and construct a new one on the same site. With generous support from the Jewish community, in particular Eugene Pechet and family and Sam Simons and family, along with the Government of Alberta, the present building was constructed and officially opened on May 16, 1993. Centre programming took place three days a week until 2010. During that time, lunch was prepared and served on Tuesdays by Hanna Pollack (still very active in the kitchen at 94), and on Thursdays by Dasha Zottenberg. Both ladies were assisted by enthusiastic volunteers. For more than 20 years Sol Lucow was the treasurer and welcomed people coming for lunch to the Centre.

Presidents since the new Centre opened were: Harry Nolan and Alfred Simons (1993-1995), Harry Nolan (1995-1997), Paula Snyder (1997-2001), Ed Mickelson (2001-2003), Elaine Salkie (2003-2005), Jane Karstaedt (2005-2007), Elaine Salkie (2007-2009), Michael Alpern (2009-2010), Mark Salkie (2010-2013), Hal Simons (2013-2016), Mark Salkie (2016-present).

Programs included celebrations of Jewish holidays, a monthly birthday celebration, the initiation in 1993 of a Learning In Retirement Program now in its 14th year, the Young At Heart Choir, summer picnics and many special events.

While professional advice and assistance until 1993 was provided by Clara Mintz, Director of Jewish Family Services and its staff, it was time to hire staff for the Centre. The Coordinator from 1994 to 2000 was Sue Winestock, followed by Joyce Galante as Office Manager and Rosemary Kitay as Program Coordinator until 2010. A key staff person was Bozena Szopiak as chef, who has been responsible for the wonderful lunches offered at the Centre since 2008.



Kitchen volunteers 1996. L-R: Shirley Goldberg, Alice Abells, Anna Shapiro, Alfie Simons, Bozena Szopiak, Dasha Zottenberg.



Famous visitor Arthur Hiller with Eugene Pechet, generous benefactor, and Dory Satten and Ansel Mark



Friedel Hochstadter 1998: Took her position welcoming lunch comers very seriously. She earned the respect of all the members and it was common knowledge that every lunch was accounted for!



Honoring Alfie Simons 1997: with Alice Abells, Harry Nolan, President.



Robyn Sperber 1998: Centre archivist for more than 20 years devotedly keeps records and photos of all events to the present.



Writing class 2000  
L-R first row: Doreen Jampolsky, Elaine Salkie, Zelda Raff, Ted Aaron, Helen Cowan;  
second row: Sylvia Chetner, Joy-Ruth Mickelson, Doreen Grobman, Sue Marxheimer,  
back row: Frank Markson, Eunice Scarfe (instructor), Al Lyons.



Tuesday cooks 2004. L-R: Rae Warhaft, Min Leibo, Hanna Pollack, Amelia Silverman, Paula Weil, Bozena Szopiak.



Preparing Russian herring salad  
L-R: Bronia Heilik, guest, Bozena Szopiak, Svetlana Pavlenko, Bonnie Austen, Hanna Pollack, Elaine Salkie.





Vetrans 2012. Standing (L-R): Aleksey Pavlenko, Vladimir Shekhtman, Philipe Chklyar and Nina Korovkina. Seated: Boris Khaykin, Lev Nevler, Esther Leykina, Michael Dovjenko, Nikolai Golosarsky, Adel Gaziyan, Gregory Dogor



Purim Entertainers 2007: Abner Rubin, Bernie Adler, Sam Frolich.



Visit to Edmonton Buddhist temple, 2014.



Purim Actors 2007: Mel Wyne, Joy-Ruth Mickelson, Ed Mickelson.



Making potato latkes for Chanuka 2012. L-R: Paula Weil, Bozena Szopiak, Freda Braude, Hanna Pollack, Naomi Wolfman, Bronia Heilik, Rhoda Friedman, Vi Klein, Muriel Cooper.

## EXPANDED SERVICES

In 2010, Svetlana Pavlenko, PhD, was hired as the Executive Director and, since then, the Centre has offered programs and kosher lunches five days a week (Sunday through Thursday). Marian Jenkins was hired as a part-time Executive Assistant in 2012.

The Centre constantly strives to provide members with intellectual stimulation. Informative programs include lunch-time speakers both educational and entertaining; lectures and performances by Edmonton professionals; stories from members who travel; and cultural days when friends from other ethnic groups are invited to share their traditions and recipes (all food being prepared in the Centre's kosher kitchen). Centre members regularly attend the Edmonton Opera, and take field trips both within and outside the city. In 2014, with grant support from the Federal Government, the Centre published its first cook book *Traditional to Modern Cooking: An Intergenerational Cookbook*, featuring recipes, stories and photos of the Centre's members and supporters.

Each Fall, about 100 adult students attend a popular educational program, "Learning In Retirement". Four courses are offered over six weeks, featuring topics in the fields of music, art, politics, history and/or religion. In 2016 this program completed its 13th season.



Visit to the Opera and meeting performers, 2013.

First row (L-R): Mel Wyne, Phyllis Nurgitz, Paula Snyder, Jana Lamacova-Grigar, Dawn Milligan, Vi Klein, Beryl Nahornick, Elizabeth Doctor, Joanne Trifanov-Wilder. Second row: Vladimir Chernets, Sasha Chernets, Hanna Pollack, Naomi Beck, opera member.

Third row: Nikolai Golosarsky, opera member.



2017: Past President Hal Simons at the piano, with (L-R) Shirley Grossman, Elaine Salkie, Marian Jenkins, Hans Pilz, Hanna Pollack, Miriam Rabinovitch, Mark Salkie, and Svetlana Pavlenko.



Fashion Show by Trendz, 2015. L-R: Kay Sivak, Hanna Pollack, Del Dilkie, Paula Moncrieff, Sveta Bass, Beryl Nahornick, Bronia Heilik, Evelyn Bakker, Svetlana Pavlenko.



Making hats for Purim 2012: Miriam Devins, Hanna Pollack, Miriam Rabinovitch, Elizabeth Nett.



Purim celebration 2015 Top(L-R): Hal Simons, Janie Poluk, Bernice Milner, Vladimir Shekhtman, Miriam Rabinovitch, Florence Plishka, Nat Payne, Yeva Shekhtman, Dan Whalen, Ilonka Wormsbecker, Bev Sonmor, Beryl Nahornick.



Young at Heart Choir 2016. L-R: Abner Rubin, Abe Kacew, Bernie Adler, Arnie Faintuch, Charlie Austin (pianist), Marcia Bercov, Susan Baram, Naomi Wolfman, Mari Segall, Deanna Clee (director), Judy Goldsand, Irene Vinsky, Maxine Raphael.

## 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](http://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](http://www.jahsena.ca). If you haven't done so yet, take a look at the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery website, [www.edmontonjewishcemetery.ca](http://www.edmontonjewishcemetery.ca), operated in partnership with the Chevra Kadisha.



Keeping fit and having fun! Top (L-R): Wendy Kinsman, Bonnie Austen (instructor), Elizabeth McAfee, Beryl Nahornick, Sarah Nyland, Jerry Kline, Loretta Sharun, Bev Sonmor, Phyllis Nurgitz, Lee Sax.

Above (L-R): Ilonka Wormsbecker (instructor), Loretta Sharun, Beryl Nahornik, Mel Wyne, Sheila Parr, Wendy Kinsman, Bev Sonmor, Elizabeth McAfee, Phyllis Nurgitz.

# A Family Passion, A Community Benefit

BY DANIEL ERIN

Dr. Mark and Elaine Salkie hail from Southport, England. They met in Southport at a wedding when they were both very young. They moved to Edmonton in 1975 where both have had demanding professional careers. Elaine had an active career as a marketing instructor at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) while Mark worked as a medical doctor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Pathology. They have two daughters, Miriam and Fiona.

Elaine took early retirement, and very early on realized that it would be essential to keep busy within the community, so she started looking into different volunteering opportunities. She enjoyed working hard and making high-level decisions, so serving as a board member with the Jewish Seniors' Centre seemed like a natural fit. She first became heavily involved with the Centre in 1999 and went on to serve as its president for two terms: 2003-2005 and 2007-2009. Very early in her tenure with the Centre, Elaine deeply appreciated the sense of belonging and community that she found there. Elaine recalls that the Centre's volunteers quickly became friends, and a family feeling blossomed amongst them. Indeed, Elaine notes, the Centre gives back to its volunteers so much more in the sense of personal satisfaction than it demands from them.

Mark, the Centre's current president, started volunteering after Elaine and is in full agreement with her. He stresses that without volunteering, there is big gap in one's life. In fact, he laughs, he feels like he would be wasting his time without it. According to Mark, the Centre is essential for the community because it's the only Jewish organization of its type in the city. Importantly, it



Mark and Elaine Salkie receiving certificates in recognition of their outstanding dedication to the Centre from Svetlana Pavlenko, Executive Director, and Hal Simons, President.



Mark and Elaine Salkie ready for Kyrgyz Culture Day

spans and brings together members from the diverse groups that make up Edmonton's Jewish community. Moreover, the Jewish Seniors' Centre welcomes all members—Jewish and non-Jewish—of the Edmonton community, which facilitates cultural and linguistic diversity in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

Interestingly, Mark and Elaine both learned how to play bridge at the Centre, a skill that has allowed them to make many new friends while they travel to different parts of the world. The couple mentioned that they always miss the Centre when they leave Edmonton to travel, usually during the winter. They miss the jubilant relationships and supportive community that they find every time they stop by. So, they are always excited to get back to Edmonton and the Jewish Seniors' Centre when they return from their travels.

Both Elaine and Mark are proud of the opportunities and activities that the Centre provides for the community. For example, the Post-Pesach pancake party (which last year had over 100 attendees), a wonderful pre-Shabbat dinner once a

year, trips to the mountains, the Sunday Club (where Russian-speaking community members meet to enjoy programs and concerts in Russian), demonstrate the various activities available to people who participate in the Centre.

In addition to the various activities and warm atmosphere, the Centre has wonderful food. Elaine and Mark cannot overstate the great job their cook, Bozena Szopiak, and volunteers do preparing three-course lunches every day. The Centre's kitchen—which was renovated five years ago with financial support from the City of Edmonton—is indeed a point of pride for the Salkies.

Both Elaine and Mark hope that more generations from within the Jewish community start participating in the Centre's programs and with financial support. They know that the younger generations represent an important link in the Centre's future, and the couple hopes that they will come and partake in the welcoming, special atmosphere that the Centre has to offer. It is, after all, a place of hospitality and camaraderie that is a passion for many who aspire for it to benefit all.

# Must Love Cooking

## *The Daily Work of Bozena Szopiak*

BY DANIEL ERIN



Each morning before starting her day's work in the kitchen, Bozena Szopiak shares tea and pleasant conversation with volunteers and office staff at the Jewish Seniors' Centre (JDIC). She always looks forward to this little ritual—which has started days at the JDIC for over six years now—because it's a wonderful way to share time with special company. Indeed, Bozena loves the diverse and welcoming community that flourished at the Centre when she first started volunteering as a kitchen helper back in 1994. Since then, Bozena has become the JDIC's resident (and much beloved) cook.

Bozena moved to Edmonton from Poland in 1990 with her two sons—Bart and Phillip—to join her husband, Eugene. After arriving in Edmonton, the family welcomed Ola, the couple's first and only daughter. Shortly before leaving Poland, Bozena fondly recalls that she bought a Jewish-Polish cookbook. It was, she says with a laugh, unexpectedly and incredibly helpful!

For over eight years, Bozena has been

preparing the lunch menu and cooking the food for the JDIC. Everyday at the Centre sees a different meal, and each meal is made from scratch. Culinary diversity is important to Bozena; she is always guided by her own inspiration (besides rules of kashrut) as she looks for new recipes. It's important, she stresses, to come up with new ideas and new dishes, but—after some prodding—Bozena humbly acknowledges some of her crowd-pleasing meals: borscht, barley soup, cucumber pickles, as well as pierogies and cabbage.

According to Bozena, it's lovely getting to cook what she wants, especially since she not only has to cook at work, but also when she gets home. (However, she gets some help from Eugene and Ola.) Without question, Bozena says, you must love cooking to do her job.

Throughout our conversation, Bozena repeatedly emphasized how integral volunteers are to the JDIC: "They do a beautiful job, and they make the Centre a very nice and happy place to work." Together, Bozena and the volunteers

always have a good time; they laugh; they joke; and, they sing. Importantly, they do what they can to add a special touch to peoples' lives, whether it's a special cake on the last Thursday of every month for people celebrating birthdays or preparing and delivering meals specifically for people who are confined to their home.

The JDIC and the diversity it fosters are things to cherish, Bozena explains. But, she notes, she would love to see more people come to the centre. She highlights that there are lots of beautiful events, and people get the opportunity to meet artists, singers, members of the military, Edmonton politicians, and very interesting speakers. After speaking with Bozena as well as Mark and Elaine Salkie, one gets the sense that the JDIC is a special place—a community looking to share in the joy of good company, good food, and good times with more people. So, please stop in for the lunch and stay for the company. I guarantee that you won't be disappointed.

## JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Historical photos from Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Miscellaneous text and pins from Stephanie Hendin.

Three U of A yearbooks (1927 – 1928; 1929 – 1930; 1932 – 1933) from Dr. Bernie Adler.

Dedication Plaques; miscellaneous text and photos; posters; class photos; the publication “Edmonton Talmud Torah: The First Seventy Five Years 1912 - 1987” and dedication certificates from Talmud Torah School.

*We are still accepting donations of books relevant to local family or organizational history. Should you have any questions about donations, please contact our office.*

From the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta:

***“FROM PEDLARS TO PATRIARCHS: A LEGACY REMEMBERED”***

and

***“BITTERSWEET MEMORIES: THE WAR YEARS”***

These documentary films about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community are available on DVD for \$18.

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## 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:

### MAZEL TOV

To Miriam Sheckter on the birth of her Great Granddaughter from the JAHSENA Board; and Michael and Colleen Paull.

To Norman and Roberta Hanson on the birth of their first granddaughter from Michael and Colleen Paull.

To Alvin and Suzanne Winestock on the occasion of the engagement of their grand-daughter, Annie Marcus, to Corey Sobel, from George and Judy Goldsand.

To Lawrence Rodnunsky and Lauren Baram on their wedding from the JAHSENA Board; and Michael and Colleen Paull.

### SYMPATHY

To Ed Mickelson and Family on the passing of Joy Ruth Mickelson, z'l, from the JAHSENA Board; Clyde Hurtig and Karen Farkas; Marshall and Debby Shoctor; and Michael and Colleen Paull.



## Help Us Preserve Our Past for the Future!

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## Dr. Joy-Ruth Mickelson, née Abrahams

OCT. 2, 1929 - FEB. 2 2017

Joy-Ruth was born in London, U. K. She was an educator, psychologist, social worker, author, poet, artist, cherished friend, mentor and confidant. As well, she was an intrepid traveller, an avid reader and ex-Kibbutznik.

She obtained her PhD at age 65 and published her first book when she was 70 years old. Her second highly acclaimed book, *Facing the Shards* (a memoir of her time as a child evacuee in war torn England), was completed when she was 87.

Ed and Joy-Ruth met on a Kibbutz and after a courtship that was conducted mainly through the writing of letters between the two of them, married in Edmonton in 1960. Joy Ruth and Ed celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on December 25th, 2016.

Besides her many accomplishments, Joy-Ruth was also one of the founding members of JAHSENA. She was on the Board of Directors and in the year 2000, sat on the editorial committee of JAHSENA's publication, *The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta*. During that time, she conducted many interviews for JAHSENA's valuable collection of oral histories.

Joy-Ruth is survived by Ed, her husband and soulmate of 56 years; children, Rachel (Tom), Joel (Julie) and Dov; grandchildren Max, Jonah, Sarah and Isaac.

JAHSENA President, Judy Goldsand, along with the staff & members of the Executive and Board of JAHSENA, express their sincere condolences to Ed Mickelson and family.

## CORRECTIONS

The Fall 2016 issue of *Heritage* had two errors for which we apologize.

The story about Odette Masliyah ended with a quotation from Psalm 137 that had special meaning to her family. Unfortunately the printer gremlins managed to print the Hebrew version backwards. So here is the correct version:

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion."

על נהרות, בְּכַל-יְשָׁבֵנוּ, גַם-בְּכִינֵנוּ  
בְּזִקְרָנוּ, אֶת-צִיּוֹן.

Our introduction of new JAHSENA Board member Karen Farkas did not make clear that she has retired from owning and operating, along with her husband Clive Hurtig, a wholesale healthful food company. Now she has time to devote to her many volunteer roles, including volunteer responsibilities with Beth Israel Synagogue and, in the future, with JAHSENA.

**65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**Family Tea Party** at the **Seniors' Centre**  
 10052-117 St.  
**Donations Welcome!**  
**Sunday, April 30**  
**starting at 1:00 pm**  
 Please RSVP  
 780-488-4241