



"Post"-Marked Calgary

By TANYA GELFAND

Today I am working under difficulties having a sick baby and a very sore finger. The fact that my son is not well has me quite distracted and worried and thus makes thinking a bit difficult, and this together with a finger, which I cut opening a can (my husband threw up his hands in disgust) makes it difficult to type what thoughts I am able to assemble. So my readers, please bear with me. I just hope that the proof readers check this column copy very carefully for typing errors.

It was nice to spend some time with friend Max Levy during his visit in Calgary the other day. Most of my western readers will remember Max as executive director of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, a position which he held for a number of years. Max is now the field service director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The Council was organized in 1932 and is the membership association of the local Jewish federations, welfare funds and

community councils of the United States and Canada. They established it, govern it and maintain it -- it is thus joint instrument for central services necessary for effective local programs. Through the Council they co-operate to overcome common regional, national and overseas problems. Montreal headquarters works in co-operation with the Canadian Jewish Congress Community Services Committee.

The purpose of Mr. Levy's present trip is to become familiar with the different community structures. He met a representation of Calgary Jewish leadership and discussed the Calgary community.

January 31, a gin rummy tournament was held at the Meadowlark club, and from all reports it was sensational, both attendance-wise, with some 56 people taking part, and from a point of enjoyment. First prize, which was a trip to Las Vegas for two plus a few other things, was won by Ralph Ross. Mrs. Harold (Lottie) Cohen won second prize, which was also a trip

to Las Vegas with not quite as many pluses. Third prize (I don't know what it was) was won by Len Friedman. Everyone wants another of these affairs very soon, and I hope it comes about, because the profits were split evenly between the Perez school and Talmud Torah, and what better places could there be?

I promised you pictures of the guest speaker at the 1960 Israel Histadrut function and I just have them. Not enough were left in Calgary and I couldn't arrange to have more made before I had to send in this column. I do think that there is one of Tova Ronni, the guest artist, on file in Winnipeg, and if my editor will be good enough to look it up and run it, I'm sure you will all attend the affair, because she is so lovely. However, more about her later. Israel Histadrut Function, Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m., at the Community building, is fortunate in having as its guest speaker a distinguished and well-known Israeli leader, journalist and editor. Shlomo Derech is a member of the Histadrut general council and has been abroad on many missions, including the Jewish Agency and other national institutions. He recently represented Israel at the Florence Conference of Middle Eastern Nations which was held under the auspices of the King of Morocco.

Shlomo Derech was born in Kutu, Poland, and educated at the University of Vienna. In 1935 he settled in Palestine as a pioneer in the Kibbutz Givat Haim in the Sharon Valley.

Really I think that it would be a mistake on the part of any Jew in Calgary to miss hearing a man of this calibre. I do hope to be able to interview Chaver Derech when he gets to Calgary and I will give you my impressions of a man whom I am certain will be so interesting. Meeting and talking with interesting people is one of the advantages of being a newspaper correspondent (sounds impressive, doesn't it?).

Those attending the Histadrut campaign function are in for a double treat, the second being in the person of Tova Ronni, who is Israel's most popular folk singer. She is a young and vivacious interpreter of the songs and folklore of Israel. Miss Ronni is an international favorite, whose performance

runs from high humor to deep drama, and her genuine charm lends enchantment to her versatility as a folk singer, comedienne and monologist. Singing in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, each number is prefaced by her own intriguing explanation of the lyrics.

I was definitely promised details on the speaker and program for the forthcoming Negev Dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. I. Florence, to be held Feb. 28. However, the officials are not certain of the speaker, so again I will have to postpone details. Everything will be finalized early in the week, but that is too

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Iate for my column. Just be certain to make plans to attend to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Florence and you may rest assured you will hear a top notch personality and have a memorable evening.

I would like to thank Marcia Safran for sending me the Shaare Tzedec congregation bulletin. It is really a very interesting magazine and I enjoyed reading it very much. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Reuben Hashman on her cover which symbolized Jewish Music Week by the piano keyboard, Tu B'Shvat by the palm tree and Brotherhood Week by the clasped hand. It is excellent. I also would like to state how much I enjoyed meeting Rabbi Buchen or week or two ago and how impressed I was by the synagogue. It is truly a magnificent and awe inspiring structure.

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I am again brought to the subject of Brotherhood and Brotherhood Week which I mentioned in all my previous columns. This year at the Brotherhood Rally which is being held in the Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21 (watch the local newspapers for the exact time), the Brotherhood Council has a tremendous speaker in the person of Mr. Foon Sien, of Vancouver. Mr. Foon Sien is a member of the western board of directors of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and is a Chinese leader of national and international

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providence. He has always been a champion of the rights of Chinese, and has made 11 trips to Ottawa to urge relaxation of immigration laws against Chinese entry into Canada.

The afternoon will be rounded out by songs, dances and a musical play "On Guard For Thee" which will use artists of varied racial backgrounds to point up the idea of universal humanity. At this point I would like to quote some excerpts of an article which I just read. (I cannot give credit to the author because he is unknown to me). "Cut skin, white, black or yellow, and you will find blood — and there is no color line in blood." "Tolerance is the willingness of one man to search the heart of another, and find the essence of brotherhood." There is so much in this particular article, I think I shall just leave it for now, and perhaps in another issue I will give it to you in its entirety, it gives one food for thought.

It was very nice to see Morris Shapiro looking so well after his trip to Miami. He and Bessie returned a few days ago and really had a marvellous time.

On the morning of Jan. 30, there was an impressive Bar Mitzvah held in Shaare Tzedec synagogue, that of Harvey Robert Monson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Monson. Rabbi Buchen officiated and there were approximately 150 guests present. Mr. and Mrs. Monson tendered the Kiddush for the guests after the ceremony. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. M. Travis, maternal grandparents; Miss Thelma Travis, Mrs. Max Bernstein and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klein, all

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of Winnipeg; Max Abrams, Vancouver; Mrs. Molly Shaw, her daughter Rosalie, and Mr. and Mrs. Syd Usiskin, Edmonton. There were about 20 non-Jewish guests from the RCAF at Lincoln Park, who work with Mr. Monson, and they truly enjoyed and were impressed by the Bar Mitzvah, as they well might have been, because it was rendered so beautifully by Harvey and under such ideal surroundings. Harvey also chanted the Kiddush on Friday evening. Friends and relatives dropped in during the evening to offer congratulations to the Monson family. I too would like to extend my best wishes.

Along with all Calgary my husband and I were saddened by the passing of Clara Pearlmutter, aged 81, on Feb. 2. She was born in Edmonton, but lived most of her life in Calgary. She is survived by her husband, Max, a daughter Myra Ruth, her mother Mrs. Tillie Belkin, and a brother Jack Belkin, all of Calgary. Clara and Max have been our friends for years, and may we offer our condolences to the family, and our sincerest wishes that they may have long life and know of nothing but simchas from now on.

I have that feeling that I have forgotten something, but my finger just won't hold out anymore, and my baby is crying, so I'll have to leave for today. Here are best wishes that you may all have a pleasant week. See you next week.

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