

Social Notes

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

ELFENBAUM/DIAMOND - Murray and Stacy are happy to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter - **ELANA SYDNEY** - at 6:58 a.m. on May 13, weighing 6 lb., 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Joe and Bernice Elfenbaum, Ruben and Clarice Diamond, and great-grandparents, Morris and Peggy Fromson. Elana is named in memory of her great-grandmother Ethel (Diamond) Chester.

Thank you

I wish to thank my dear husband Sheldon, my children, family and friends for their love and support, get well wishes, flowers and visits during my stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated and a great support to me. Sheldon and I would like to extend our "Thanks" for the many congratulatory cards and good wishes we received on the occasion of our 45th wedding anniversary.

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Martin Zeilig: Community issues

With campus opening a year away...

Librarian worries about fate of Yiddish collection

As the librarian at the Winnipeg Jewish Public Library (JPL), Nina Thompson worries about the fate of the library's collection of 5,000 Yiddish-language books once the library becomes part of the city's Asper Jewish Community Campus in the summer of 1997.

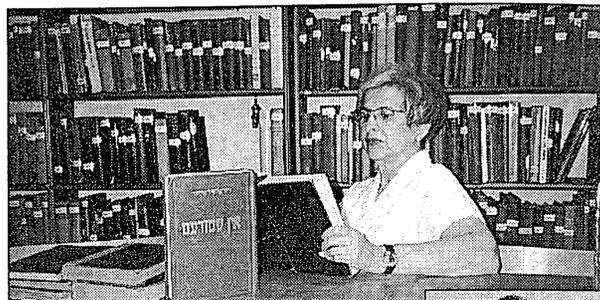
JEWISH SPOTLIGHT



By

MARTIN ZEILIG

"We don't know what we have here," says Thompson while gazing over the library's back room book shelves where most of the volumes, many still uncatalogued, are stored. "I would like to see more people, especially children, speaking and reading Yiddish. It should be taught in the Jewish schools, so these books will have a readership and a chance to continue to tell their stories to another generation."



Nina Thompson, Jewish Public Library's librarian, with one of the thousands of Yiddish books in the collection: "These books are an important part of our culture."

West Kildonan resident Fred Narvey, 83, is a frequent patron at the JPL.

"I would like to see a comprehensive Yiddish library established at the new campus. We have to maintain this wonderful collection," says Narvey, host of the Yiddish literary group at the Stay Young Centre at the YMHA.

But Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, planning director for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, says there will be adequate space in the campus "library media centre" to store all of the JPL's books.

"We would take all the books and catalogue them. There is no intention to toss out the Yiddish collection," reveals Rosenberg-Cohen.

In its original request to the campus planning committee, discloses Rosenberg-Cohen, the JPL board had suggested that only a small portion of the Yiddish collection should be shelved at the campus.

The fate of the remainder of the books would then be decided upon by the campus committee and the JPL board.

A recent perusal through the JPL's Yiddish book stacks revealed more than just the revered Jewish writers Sholom Aleichem and I.L. Peretz.

Also gathering dust on the shelves are such translated classics of world literature as *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Oliver Twist* and *David Copperfield* by 19th-century English writer Charles Dickens, as well as works by the 19th-century French writer Guy de Maupassant, Leo Tolstoy, Anatole France, Henri Barbusse and other European writers. Most of those books were published prior to the Second World War.

Another shelf held such sociological and historical-



FAYE ROSENBERG-COHEN, WJCC planning director: Campus's "library media centre" will have enough room to store all JPL books.

political tracts as *The History Of Culture: Man and His Work* by Philip Krantz, published in 1900; *The History of the Revolutionary Movement in Western Europe 1789-1923* by Tsvi Fridlund and A. Slutsky, published in Moscow in 1925, (Cont. on page 7. See "Martin Zeilig".)

Community news

Your View

By **FREDA GLOW**

What is your response to the Israeli elections May 29 in which Benjamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister and more hawkish parties won the largest number of seats in the Knesset?

Molly Swirsky
Retired
Garden City

"When people get stirred up over a lot of controversy, it becomes a manic election. I don't think Netanyahu will work towards peace. But he may be forced to do so by the American government. I would have liked Peres to win."

Sooty Kleiman
Electrical contractor
West Kildonan

"I'm greatly disappointed. I had hoped the Israeli population had enough faith in their government to elect Peres, in order to further the peace process. Now I think there will be continual violence from both sides - Hamas and Israel."

Miggie Lampe
Government employee
River Heights

"Without being an alarmist, I feel cautious concern. Israelis have a right to express what they feel is in their self interest. I would like to see a furthering of peace, and would hope world opinion will have a moderating effect on the new government."

Shirley Packer
Hospital volunteer
Garden City

"I was disappointed Peres was not elected. I certainly want the peace process to go on. I don't know if Netanyahu will abide by everything done in the past. In all honesty, it will be difficult to know until we see him in action. We hope and pray for the best."

Harvey Kimelman
Retired
West Kildonan

"I think it's excellent that Netanyahu has won. We needed him. Look at the record of El Al Airlines. They got tough with terrorists. Now they're left alone. I feel he will be tough, too, and eliminate the terrorists. If I was there, I'd vote for him twice."

Alan Rappaport
Self-employed
River Heights

"I have mixed feelings. Both Peres and Netanyahu have very positive attitudes. It's hard to tell now who would have been better. I wasn't surprised that Netanyahu was elected. I think the peace process will continue. It may slow up, but there isn't anything anyone can do to stop it."

Kerry Pearlman
Lawyer
River Heights

"Netanyahu is a hardliner. I hope it won't be a step back. Now that the elections and the guessing game are over, I think the country will stabilize. Israel can now get on with governing the country and bring peace to the Middle East."

Lucy Katz
Retired
Garden City

"I'm not very happy about the election results. Somehow I felt Peres was better for the peace process. I had more confidence in him. I'm hoping for peace, but we can't predict the future."

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12:30 Presentations
1:00 Community Lunch
2:00 - 5:00 Open House and Activities

"70 Years of Building for the Future"

Martin Zeilig

(Cont. from page 6.)

plus the writings of Rudolph Rucker, a non-Jewish, German-born anarchist/intellectual who worked with and helped organize poor Jews in the East End of London, England.

Moreover, notes Thompson, the JPL even has a number of books that were recovered after the war by the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Committee. Headed by eminent Jewish historian Dr. Salo W. Baron, the committee's aim was to find out, if possible, what happened to the renowned Jewish libraries of Europe.

According to a magazine article reprinted in the book *Witness to the Holocaust* by Azriel Einsenberg, well over 100,000 books (and many religious treasures too) were found hidden throughout Europe.

After they were collected and catalogued, the books, photographs and documents were shipped to "the Netherlands, France, Italy... Israel, the United States, Great Britain and other countries where the survivors were rebuilding their lives anew."

Remarks Thompson: "It would be like cutting a chain (to lose the JPL's Yiddish collection). Once literature is lost, the description of how generations lived goes with it. These books are an important part of our culture."



TANYA ROITMAN **JANNA KIRJNER**

To entertain.

Jewish Child and Family Service to hold annual meeting

On Thursday, June 13th Jewish Child and Family Service will hold their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition. This year one of the highlights will be the distribution of JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) scholarships to five newcomers to our community. Victoria Gomon, Tanya Roitman, Janna Kirjner, Marsela Braunstein and Slavica Djuric will be presented with cash scholarships to continue their studies.

Two of the recipients, Tanya Roitman and Janna Kirjner have volunteered to entertain the audience with a piano recital at the end of the meeting.

At the annual meeting the agency will also recognize the valuable contributions made by the 180+ volunteers. Awards of recognition will be made to those volunteers who have been involved with the agency for the past two years, five years and 10 years.

The meeting takes place at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Board and Staff of Jewish Child and Family Service

cordially invite you to attend
The Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition
Jewish Immigration Aid Services of Canada
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