

## Jews, Torah and History

By GEORGE SKULSKY

History tells us that Jews are the most sensitive group in the general population everywhere. Prevailing conditions have shaped our lot and decided either our degradation or our uplifting. In the middle ages the black plague was explained by accusing Jews of poisoning the wells. In Czarist Russia the problems of a tottering economy found solution in massacres of our people. The poverty of the people in pre-war Poland was attributed to our presence there. Till the end of time we will feel the terrible price we paid: six million of our flesh and blood — for the collapse of the German economy. Today, in totalitarian Russia we suffer in triple measure, more than any other ethnic group.

Conversely, when economic conditions are favorable and democracy rules we do extra well in all spheres. The U.S. and Canada are evidence of this. Our own Manitoba is the most obvious example: here Jews have risen to the very top in the professions, in politics, in the economy.

In these agonizing times, when the western world is all but choked by the oil problem and its derivatives, Israel, true to decree of history, is under a greater degree of pressure than any other nation. She is completely isolated but for the U.S. Main cause for American

friendship is that that democracy has six million Jews among its citizens, whose solidarity with Israel affects the governing policies of the land. The Jewish presence is the main factor for American assistance to Israel. Without Jewish solidarity for Israel her chances for survival are pretty bleak.

When we observe the hundreds of thousands of our young people who are — educationally speaking — so badly neglected, we are actually witnessing their demise in a Jewish sense. To be sure, their biological parents do their duty. Their children are not wanting for their basic needs. Jewish parents do everything possible for the well-being of their offspring. The general society also does its share in providing training for life as adults. However, the spiritual parents, the Jewish community, sadly neglects them. We let them grow up in ignorance of and apathy to Jewish values, and so we lose a multitude of future members of our people, which in turn weakens the influence we now enjoy in democratic lands.

Here is a quote from a speech by Dr. Nahum Goldmann of the recent plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem:

"The real threat to Jewish identity stems from phenomena such as mixed marriages, the fact that a

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## Peretz School Purim Carnival

Peretz School Purim Carnival is the place to be on February 23. Hourly door prizes will be given both to children and adults. Games and prizes galore, a costume contest at 1:30 and guest personalities should keep the youngsters busy. Our bake sale will feature hamentaschen. Blintzes will also be available. A mini-auction will be held at approximately 4 p.m. Be there to place your bid on the item of your choice.

Visit our Unique Boutique and treat yourself to a luxurious fake fur pillow. Both the large floor size and the smaller toss cushion are available. Our knitted and crocheted items make ideal gifts.

An afternoon of fun for the entire family has been planned, so include bab and zaida too. Reserve the date — Sunday, Feb. 23, Jefferson Junior High School, corner Jefferson and Sinclair.

## Mitzvah Dinner

The Enay Abraham Synagogue Sisterhood will hold their annual Mitzvah Dinner on Wednesday, Mar. 5, in the Synagogue auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Gabe Broder from the Canadian Israel Committee, will be the guest speaker. Marcia Corrin and Rochelle Fink will entertain with musical selections. Mitzvah dinner chairladies, Mrs. Iry (Esther) Weinstein and Mrs. Meyer (Clara) Cohen, and president Mrs. Hy (Ruby) Permut, request support from all members.

## Social & Personal

### Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Lazarus, formerly of Regina and Vancouver, Canada, are happy to announce the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 1975. They will be honored at a dinner given by their children, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gelmon of Vancouver, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Hochfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lazarus of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lazarus are currently residing at 1913 N. E. Schuyler St., Portland, Oregon.

### Births

MERRICK — Arnold and Doreen (nee Corrin) are pleased to announce the birth of Steven and Sheila's little baby sister, Kimberly Suzanne, on January 30, 1975, 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abe Corrin and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mirochnik.

LEVENE — David and Sherrill (nee Zitsow) are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, a boy, Adam Laurie, born February 8, 1975, at 1:38 a.m., weight 8 lbs. 8½ ozs., length 21½ inches. Proud grandparents are Mrs. Tillie Zitsow and Mr. Max Levene. Special thanks to Drs. Barnes, Boroditsky, McCarthy and Duke and the wonderful staff at the Women's Centre.

## T.T. Men's Dinner Will Feature Ken Maslowsky



KEN MASLOWSKY

The chairman of the 23rd Annual Talmud Torah Men's Dinner, Mickey Rosenberg, has announced that instead of a guest speaker at this year's dinner to be held Wednesday, March 5 at the Rosh Pina Synagogue, entertainment will be provided by ex-Winnipegger, Ken Maslowsky.

Ken Maslowsky, now living in Toronto, studied voice with the late Sara Udow and for five years was a member of the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble as a leading singer and dancer. He has also performed in several Hollow Mug Theatre productions at the International Inn and at Rainbow Stage. Those who have seen Ken perform can be assured of an outstanding evening of entertainment. He recently performed at the Chai concert at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall and drew rave notices. Ken Maslowsky will be backed up by a five-piece orchestra with musical arrangements by Shirley Goltsman.

The dinner is being held in order to raise funds to be used for the payment of equipment and services not covered by funds payable by local agencies. These are such items as laboratory equipment, library books, audio-visual equipment, and other items which are so necessary to the operation of a proper Hebrew day school.

Anyone wishing to enlist their support or purchase tickets can do so by calling the Winnipeg Hebrew School office at 592-2346.

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## Purim "Happening" at Centre



Children bake hamantaschen for the Purim "Happening" at the Denver Jewish Community Center. Last year, the JCC brought its horse "Hobbit" from its Ranch Camp to take part in the famous horseback ride which Mordecai took after King Ahasuerus removed Haman from his office. Members of JCCs and Ys in the U.S. and Canada affiliated with JWB are encouraged to become involved in their own creative Jewish programming. JWB issues a Purim Manual and provides consultation services and program materials to its affiliated Jewish Community Centers, Ys and camps in the U.S. and Canada.

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## "Monster Bingo"

Wednesday, Feb. 26, is the date scheduled for the Garden City Lodge general meeting, to be held at 8:30 p.m. at the I. L. Peretz-Folk School. Besides the general business, the evening will consist of a Jewish film to be shown, and a workshop survey on retirement planning.

A membership/retention go-out will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23. Anyone interested in this endeavor should contact either Barry Chochinov at 582-2665 or Cyril Zelickson at 338-0810.

Saturday, April 26, marks the big day of the Garden City Lodge Monster Merchandise Bingo. The proceeds of the Bingo will go towards supplies for the nursery and kindergarten classes of Peretz-Folk School, and to furnish the library and science laboratories. Chairman for the evening is Dave Chochinov. Any Garden City Lodge member wishing to participate in the planning of this tremendous evening should contact Dave at 338-8091.

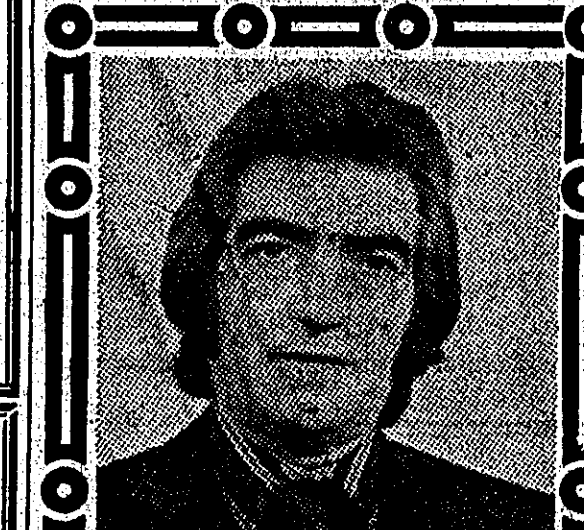
## Rosh Pina Purim

Mid Winter Blues? We guarantee to snap you out of it. Rosh Pina Sisterhood announces their Purim celebration—Megillah Monte Carlo. This fun night will be held at the Rosh Pina Synagogue on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 8:30 p.m.

For this night only, a raffle will be sold for a trip to Las Vegas, winner to be announced the same night. No previous raffles will be sold — your chances are great!!

Co-chairmen Geri and Joe Worb, Phyllis and Syd Palanski, Shayla and Albert Gertenstein, Debby and Phil Beyer are looking forward to welcoming you at this Purim fun night.

Tickets are available from the chairmen, Rosh Pina office, or from Sisterhood members.



DENNIS PRAGER

Author and lecturer Dennis Prager will be guest speaker at the Pioneer Women's Men's Child Rescue Dinner, when it is held at the Rosh Pina March 19. The announcement was made this week by Mrs. Nettie Koffman, over-all dinner chairman.

Mr. Prager, a frequent lecturer at college campuses and Jewish organizations, is an expert on Marxism and communism, and has visited in the USSR and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. He has a background of study in international affairs, having received an M.A. in International Affairs.

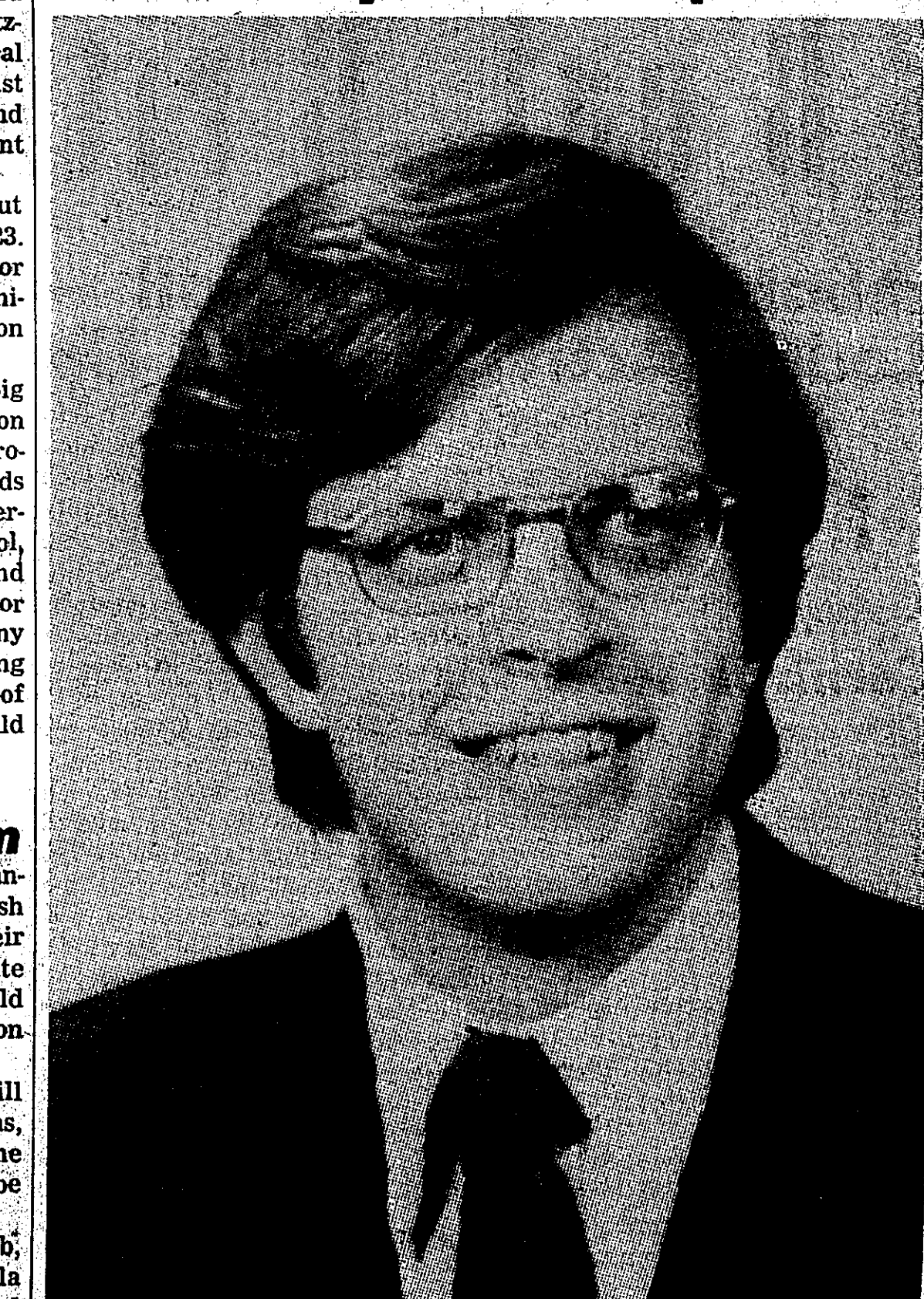
As early as 1969, Mr. Prager, along with a handful of other Jews, was responsible for alerting the world to the plight of Soviet Jewry. He is a national spokesman for the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and hosts a TV program on the subject.

A world traveller who speaks half a dozen languages, Mr. Prager visited Egypt, where he discussed Arab-Israeli relations with the chief spokesman of the Egyptian government. Later he travelled to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, then on to Israel where he went on radio to report his findings.

More recently, Mr. Prager has been devoting full time to the Tze Umad Institute, of which he is

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director, and to lecturing and writing. The Tze Umad Institute sends young scholars throughout North America to lecture and conduct courses in all areas of Jewish concern.

Mr. Prager will speak at both the Awarid Luncheon and the Men's Child Rescue Dinner. This marks his second appearance in Winnipeg. The men's Child Rescue committee includes: Sidney Trepel and Sheldon Altman, co-chairmen; Samuel N. Cohen, honorary chairman; Alex Cham, immediate past chairman; Archie Cham, luncheon host and honoree; Alvin Corne, immediate past chairman; Martin S. Corne, past chairman; Dr. Harold Diamond, Lou Elkin, Martin Erlichman, Mel Fages, Izzy Friedman, Dr. Ian Goldberg, Max Goldman, Dr. Sheldon Gorenstein, Abe Greenberg, Bob Ludwig, past chairman; Bob Fesochlin, Gerald Namak, Hon. Saul Miller, M.L.A., Harry Nepon, treasurer; Dr. Marshall Pelkof, Charles Rubin; Harvey Sector, Marvin Shenkman; Robert Steele, Councillor Abe Yanofsky, past chairman; Isaac Zipursky, past chairman; Murray Tapper, past chairman; Sol Tapper, past chairman; Dave Dveris, past chairman; Hon. Sidney J. Spivak, Q.C., Iser Portnoy and Abe Rich, past chairman.

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