

ירשה

Heritage - Yerusha  
Winter 2013  
Shevat 5772  
VOLUME 15, NO. 2  
www.jahsena.ca



# HERITAGE

The Journal of THE JEWISH ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF EDMONTON & NORTHERN ALBERTA

## INSIDE



Jewish  
Jewelers

page 4



Honours  
and Awards

page 8



The  
H.B. Kline  
Jewelers  
Project

page 15

**Hold the  
date:  
Casino:  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Beth Shalom Variety Show 1955



An article about the various activities which took place at the Beth Shalom Synagogue during its tenure as the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre will appear in the program booklet for the upcoming Gala dinner on March 10th, honouring past presidents Howard Davidow and Arlene Morin.

Front Row: L-R: Arnie Zurin, Ruth Kline, Phyllis Bushewsky, Evelyn Kline, Sylvia Rosenberg and Jerry Zurin.

Back Row: Miriam Lutsky, Beverly Brezer, Dasha Goody, Harry Phomin, Sarah Duboff, Norma Nozick, Dr. Barney Mass, Eva Furman, Sybil Dlin, Alan Osten, unknown, unknown, Sophie Starkman. Donated by Florence Morris



## From the President,

by JINI VOGEL

## Winter 2013

At the AGM on December 12th, people were elected to serve on the 2012-13 Board. They are myself as President, Judy Goldsand and Miriam Rabinovich as Vice Presidents, Howard Davidow, Treasurer and Hal Simons, Secretary. As well, Directors were elected, including Doreen Jampolsky, Ron Bercov, Mel Wyne, George Goldsand, Phil Lister and two new directors Jane Karstaedt and Ken Wasserman. Welcome all!

One of the primary objectives of JAHSENA is to collect, preserve and make accessible for public benefit history and artifacts, and we have done quite well in this regard. As well, we endeavor to undertake and encourage public awareness and information programs within organizations in the community.

Four years ago the Board supported the creation of a VP Community Outreach. This year we have worked cooperatively with a greater number of organizations within the Jewish Community with information, research, displays, artifacts, and celebrations of the Beth Israel, Chevra Kadisha and, most recently, the Talmud Torah 100th anniversaries. We are currently involved with the upcoming Beth Shalom Gala, we co-sponsored with Federation the Holocaust Survivor speakers, and most recently have joined forces with the City of Edmonton and the Fort Edmonton Park Management Company to demonstrate a Jewish presence in Edmonton's history by building and furnishing the H.B. Kline Jewely store in Fort Edmonton Park.

We are also working on the development of a website with the Chevra Kadisha

which will showcase their history and the history of our Edmonton Jewish Community by offering public access via the world wide web to a database of burials in our cemetery, photographs of the headstones, as well as links to obituaries and eulogies, oral histories and other information of those interred there which is available in our Archives. This project is being funded thanks to a grant from the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

We thank the Jewish Community's sister organizations for their continued support, because working cooperatively brings strength and solidarity to the whole community. It is my hope that we will continue to partner and support each other for a cohesive and strong Jewish community.

Keep warm and we will talk again in the spring.

Shalom,  
Jini

## AGM 2012



Debby Shoctor, Guest Speaker Michael Dawe and Jini Vogel at our 2012 AGM on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, held at the Beth Shalom. Michael spoke about "The Lost Jewish Colony of Pine Lake." JAHSENA Archives, Simons photo.

# ירשה HERITAGE

The Journal of the Jewish  
Archives & Historical Society  
of Edmonton and Northern  
Alberta

PRESIDENT

Jini Vogel

ARCHIVIST & EDITOR

Debby Shoctor

TREASURER

Howard Davidow

SECRETARY

Hal Simons

VICE PRESIDENTS

Judy Goldsand

Miriam Rabinovitch

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Ken Wasserman, Mel Wyne,  
Jane Karstaedt, Phil Lister,  
Dr. George Goldsand,  
Doreen Jampolsky, Ron Bercov

PAST-PRESIDENT

Dan Kauffman

FOUNDING PRESIDENT

Uri Rosenzweig

GRAPHIC DESIGN

PageMaster

MAILING ADDRESS

JAHSENA,  
10220-156 St. Suite 200,  
Edmonton, Alberta, T5P 2R1

Telephone: (780) 489-2809

Fax: (780) 481-1854

Email: [jahsena@shaw.ca](mailto:jahsena@shaw.ca)

Website: [www.jahsena.ca](http://www.jahsena.ca).

## Letters to the Editor

I recently returned from Edmonton after attending a family reunion and met Bernice Milner. Her husband and I go back to the '40s. Bernice said she would send me a current copy of Heritage. She did.

I would like to comment on your article about "Sparkie."

Many Years ago when Sparkie and I graduated from McCauley, (grade nine) Sparkie thought we should leave a memento of our graduation. If you are in the vicinity of the school, on the East wall about 30 feet above the ground, you can see a dark Splash on the bricks. Sparkie threw an ink bottle against the wall. It may be faded after all these years.. Also I am certain that you may find a few Softballs that he intentionally hit onto the roof.

I would very much appreciate a subscription to Heritage. Please inform as how I may subscribe.

Many Thanks and with best wishes for a Healthy, Happy New Year.

*Benny Warhaft*

Hello Dearest Debby and Robin:  
What a wonderful learning experience it has been for me and my family to watch the documentary (From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered). My visit to Edmonton and the discovery of the Jewish community in all its splendour has left its imprints on me. Seeing Jewish Peoplehood through the eyes of dearest Ivan Steiner and the entire cast of the Geshher Chai Edmonton chapter has made

me want to know more and more about how you guys do it - and have been doing it since the early 1920's: how have you been proudly sustaining a rich and diverse Jewish life within such a small community. So you can imagine the thrill of having this DVD documentary that you sent me fall into my lap. It couldn't have arrived at a better time.

I will be working hard and channelling my free time and all my energies at keeping Geshher Chai's Edmonton - Emek Hahula bond alive and thriving. This documentary will be watched by a lot of our students in the next few years because this is exactly the stuff that Jewish Peoplehood education should be made up of. I will make it the center of a prerequisite viewing and discussion workshop for our next school delegation (among other workshops we run on the subject of Jewish Peoplehood) and will upload it to our school website. Most importantly it will become the **foundation and stepping stone** in Emek Hahula school for the Jewish Peoplehood education program.

Thanks again for the thought and for the wonderful gift.

Please share with me any ideas you may have for pushing forward and invigorating our bond. When our next delegation arrives you will see the impact of our workshops now that this precious documentary is integrated into it.

*Bless you all,  
Ya'akov Weitzman*

## New Website!

Watch for our new website, a joint venture with the Chevra Kadisha, funded by the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, which features the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery. Designed by Kyle Huberman of Pixel Designs, it will make its debut this spring, and will feature photos and a history of the Cemetery, listings of the burials, as

well as photos of the headstones and links to photos, obituaries and eulogies of the people buried there. In the meantime, check out our main website, [www.jahsena.ca](http://www.jahsena.ca), which has been revamped by Kyle, and the Jewish Online World Burial Registry, which contains our Cemetery data and is currently available on [www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org).

## 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 the Lieberman Family, condolences on the death of Samuel Lieberman, z'l, from the Board of JAHSENA, the Macklin family and from Kayla Shoctor.

To the Tankel Family, condolences on the death of Belinda Tankel, z'l, from the Board of JAHSENA and from Debby & Marshall Shoctor.

To the Paull Family, condolences on the death of Helen Paull, from the Board of JAHSENA, from George & Judy Goldsand, from Debby & Marshall Shoctor, from Violet Owen and family, from Dena & Elliot Gelfand, the Macklin family and from Ed & Joy-Ruth Mickelson.

To the Olyan family, on the death of Nip Olyan, z'l, from the Board of JAHSENA.

### MAZEL TOV

To Bessie Goldstick on her 96th Birthday, from Debby & Marshall Shoctor and Family.

To Lynn & Stephen Mandel on the birth of their Grandson, from Debby & Marshall Shoctor & Family.

To Shawna and Chris Gregson and to Jini Vogel and Alex Krimberg on the marriage of Kira Gregson, from George & Judy Goldsand.

To Irving Kipnes, on being awarded the Alberta Order of Excellence, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Ron and Naomi Wolch on their 50th Anniversary, from the Board of JAHSENA.

To Don Superstein and Janelle Johnstad on the birth of their son, from Debby & Marshall Shoctor.

# Edmonton's Jewish Jewelers

BY PAULA E. KIRMAN

Edmonton has a long history of Jewish people in the jewelry business. Many of them were shop owners who sold different kinds of merchandise, but were particularly known for jewelry. Others, mostly in more recent history, are owners and designers, combining business with creativity. Here is a look at some of the major names of local Jewish jewelers.

## SAMUEL NANKIN

Samuel Nankin was born in Odessa, Russia (now Ukraine) between 1867 and 1871. He was, by all accounts, Edmonton's first Jewish jeweler.

"The date of his immigration to Canada is unclear as several dates have been given in different censuses; they vary from 1880 to 1891 and 1893. In view of his advertisement in 1898 of being in the jewelry business for 17 years, he likely entered into an apprenticeship at age 14," writes Janne Switzer, Museologist, in Research and Development with Fort Edmonton Park who has researched and written extensively about the early Jewish community in Edmonton and has provided most of the information for Nankin's section in this article.

By the mid-1890s, Nankin was living in Toronto and working as a watchmaker. On June 12, 1895, when he was 28 and she was 20, he married Toronto-born Leah (nee Rosenthal). The following year their first child Jennie was born in Manitoba.

Switzer provides the following notation from the *Edmonton Bulletin*, June 16, 1898: "S. Nankin, jeweler, late of Morden, Man., will open a new jewelry and watch repairing store on 1st July in the office in the Heimnick Block, lately vacated by the Northwest Trading Co. Mr. Nankin, who comes highly recommended, intends opening with a full stock of



H.B. Kline Jewelry Store, 1922, JAHSENA Archives photo.

*jewelry, watches and silverware.*"

"We actually have reconstructed the building that Samuel Nankin first opened his business in at the Park but it is dated to 1904 when the space was used by the Bank of Montreal," Switzer explains. "Samuel Nankin remained in the jewelry business in Edmonton for about 10 years, obviously moving his business to larger premises as he prospered. He retired from the jewelry business late in 1907 and became involved in real estate, building the Nankin Block as well as becoming a proprietor of the Grand Family Theatre (later called Starland, Garland, and Veteran's theatre). In 1898 when he started his jewelry enterprise he was in competition with two other established jewelers in Edmonton; one of which was Emanuel Raymer whose jewelry shop we also have reconstructed in Fort Edmonton Park on 1885 Street."

As Switzer stated, Samuel Nankin closed his jewelry business in 1907 and went into partnership with R. L. Fowler as proprietor of the Grand Family Theatre. He remained as managing proprietor until 1911 when he temporarily moved with his family back to Toronto.

Nankin and his family returned to Edmonton in 1916 where he continued to be a theatre manager, likely of the Grand Theatre. In 1920, Nankin and his family

moved back to Toronto. He continued to own some properties, managing finally to pay the taxes he owed on them for which he was in arrears. He sold most of his property by the end of the 1920s once prices had begun to rise again. He lived with his family in Toronto and was listed on the 1935 voters' list as living at 24 Walmer Road and engaged in real estate. He died in 1945 and is buried in Scarborough at the Holy Blossom Memorial Park.

## H.B. KLINE

Herman B. Kline (also known as Harry) was born ca. December 25, 1856 in Alsace, which shifted from being under French rule to Prussian. He and his wife immigrated to Canada in the 1880s with their two children Leopold (Louis) and Henrietta (Anne). First living in Montreal, the Kline clan moved to Edmonton in 1906. By this time, the Klins had three more children: Sarah, Isidore, and Samuel.

Originally starting his career as a merchant peddler, he opened a Jasper Avenue pawn shop which, about 1908, became H. B. Kline & Sons Ltd. Jewelry Shop.

Ken Wasserman is one of H.B. Kline's great-grandchildren. He lives in Edmonton where he is a manufacturer of custom orthotics. Although Ken was not born until 1954, and as such has no first-hand recollections of his great-grandfather, he

has much information gleaned from his late father Malcolm Wasserman, who grew up with H.B. Kline living in the upstairs of the family home, and from H.B.'s daughter, Anne Kline Wasserman.

"My Dad said H.B. was a solid man of short stature, and he 'walked softly but carried a big stick,'" Ken says. "He told me that H.B. left Montreal to find our uncle Louis Kline who had run off with the railroad. After finding him in Edmonton he concurrently recognized the opportunity of resettling out west and moved his family."

H.B. was very involved in the local Jewish community. "When I am humbled by the obstacles and challenges that H.B. must have encountered and triumphed over, I realize how many in our community stand on the shoulders of these great pioneers," says Ken. "H.B. helped to develop the Beth Israel Synagogue, and served it all his life. He also was instrumental to the realization of the Talmud Torah Society, and was one of its early presidents. He raised a bountiful family who shared in his pioneering spirit and in their own right were the first Jewish Edmontonians to establish themselves in areas of professional expertise."

Ken described his great-grandfather as a practical person. "He raised chickens at their city residence, and preferred to walk to work."

Most of all, H.B. was known for his entrepreneurial spirit. "His entrepreneurial presence was significant to our city, beginning with smaller endeavors, yet with tireless effort and commitment of working and becoming a downtown institution within an

evolving prairie city. He was an innovator of late night shopping downtown," says Ken.

H.B. Kline was not only known for selling jewelry. "As a merchant, he did everything from being a reliable time-setting resource for the railroad, to fitting glass eyes, eyeglasses, issuing marriage licenses, selling everything from silver tea sets, to furniture, clocks, and of course jewelry."

Definitely a family business, Ken's grandmother Anne played a major role in running the store. "My grandmother ran the H.B. Kline store throughout much of the depression and war years with my Uncle Louis," Ken explains. "She was a tireless, angelic lady, always cheerful and smiling. She was the glue that held the family together, including care of her aged father H.B., as she worked diligently on behalf of all. She was married to my grandfather Morris Wasserman who himself was one of ten children of Rabbi Jacob Wasserman (one of the first Rabbis out west) and who signed on with the Northwest Mounted Police to get off the Saskatchewan farm - but that's another story..."

H.B. Kline died in 1933. Louis and Anne continued to run the store until Louis sold the store to Anne's son Mal Wasserman in 1961. Anne died in 1962 and Louis died in 1969 at the age of 81.

Plans to recreate Kline's jewelry shop in the Capitol Theatre area of Fort Edmonton Park are currently under way. "When the Capitol Theatre reconstruction was planned, it was primarily designed to include only the theatre spaces. Some creative resizing occurred to accommodate modern technol-

ogy and presentation with an overriding premise that it look as authentic as possible to the 1918-1928 period," explains Janne Switzer.

"There is a theatre space where Kline's shop originally was located. Originally the space was completely sealed off from the theatre and a small theatre manager's office that was accessed from inside the theatre. The reconstructed space was being used for theatre programming but, since then, a decision has been made to convert this space to display Kline's Jewelry Shop. Plans are now being made to develop a re-creation of the 1919 - 1928 H. B. Kline & Sons Ltd. Jewelry Shop inside beyond the front window display. It's to be a living history space through which themes of the establishment of the early Edmonton Jewish community could be developed, explored, and animated," says Switzer. JAHSENA is actively involved in this process, which was begun thanks to the instigation of Paula Simons of the Edmonton Journal. Ken Wasserman, Debby Shoctor, Jini Vogel and Judy Goldsand are actively involved on the steering and working committees put together by the City of Edmonton for this purpose.

#### **IRVING KLINE AND DAVID KLINE**

From another branch of the Kline dynasty, Irving Kline Jewelers was an institution along Jasper Avenue from its opening in 1949 until its closure in the early '80s. It was opened by Irving Kline, the son of H.B. Kline. Born in 1893 in Montreal, Irving came to Edmonton when the whole Kline family moved here in 1908.

*Continued on page 6*



H.B. Kline first store, City of Edmonton Archives photo.



H.B. Kline, wife Theresa and family, JAHSENA Archives photo, donated by Ken Wasserman.

**EDMONTON'S JEWISH JEWELERS***Continued from page 5*

Kline had been working for his father, but after his marriage in 1917 decided to open his own store. "A friend of his from Montreal in the jewelry business gave him \$500 worth of jewelry and that is how he started," says his son David.



H.B. Kline Store, 1970s, donated by Ken Wasserman.

"He was also the first one to start the credit business, people buying jewelry on credit. So his slogan was: Your Credit is Fine with Irving Kline."

David Kline graduated in optometry from the University of Toronto in 1940. His brother Harold had gone into optometry as well, but David did not like it so he decided to stay in the jewelry business. After spending four years in the army in the medical corps as an optometrist, David returned to his father's store, where he remained until he retired in 1981. Klein then sold the store to his business partner who closed up shortly thereafter.

"He was born in Montreal so he spoke fluent French," says David of his father. "We had a lot of French Canadian customers that came to our store and he kept after me to learn French and I am sorry now that I



Kline Jewelry Box, supplied photo, donated by Ken Wasserman.

never did. That was one of his joys, conversing with friends and people in the business."

Irving Kline passed away in 1971 at the age of 78. His wife Lillian was once voted Queen of the Talmud Torah. David is a past president of Beth Shalom Synagogue. He left Edmonton in 1981 after his first wife passed away, and moved to Vancouver where he met his current wife, Jeri Kline. David has one daughter in Vancouver and a son in Birmingham, Alabama who is a neuropathologist.

**MARK KATZEFF**

Mark Katzeff is currently one of Edmonton's premier designers and jewelry boutique owners. Katzeff was born in Cape Town, South Africa. After being offered a position at Park West Jewelers in West Edmonton Mall, he and his wife Sharon moved to Edmonton in April of 1987.

The Katzeffs also had other reasons for wanting to move here. "Due to ongoing military service and living under an unjust apartheid regime, we both felt that there was no future for us in South Africa and wanted to raise our children in a free society," he explains.

Mark always had a passion for drawing and sketching and had a desire to work with his hands. "I did excel in woodworking during my high school years and won various prizes and one of my projects was featured in a major regional newspaper and *Readers Digest Magazine*, that being my matric woodwork project - a grandfather clock."

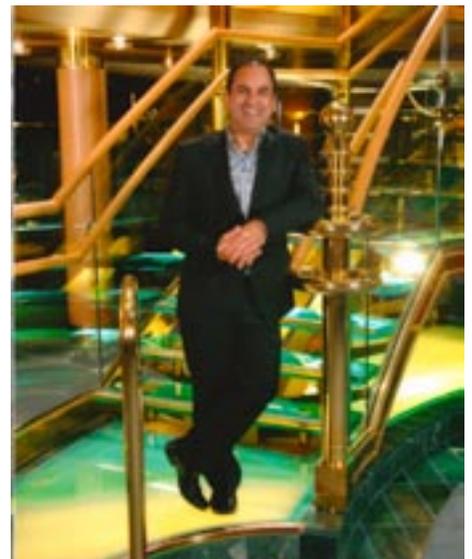
Once Katzeff's initial compulsory military service was completed, he enrolled in architectural drafting but decided after a short period that it was not the direction he wanted to pursue. "My dad, being a jeweler in his younger days, thought that I had the aptitude for designing and creating fine jewelry and started my jewelry career in 1981," he says. "I was very fortunate to study under two of South Africa's leading jewelry designers, Franz Huppertz and Uwe Koetter."

Katzeff has been recognized for his fine work, even while still studying under the aforementioned masters. Since starting his own business in 1989 (Mark Katzeff Designer/Goldsmith Inc.), he has entered national jewelry design contests, winning awards in 1989, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, and most recently in 2012.



Mark Katzeff and grandfather clock, supplied photo.

He is known for his unique designs and style. "Having trained under European-born designers, my jewelry style is quite avant-garde compared to the mainstream North American styles which are very conservative," Katzeff explains. "I always joke with my clients saying that we in North America are 20 years behind Europe in design. I work with very unique and rare materials such as mammoth ivory, meteorite, fossilized dinosaur bone, slate, and mother of



Mark Katzeff, supplied photo.

pearl, to name a few.”

The Katzeffs are active members of Edmonton's Jewish community and members of Beth Israel Synagogue. Mark has donated and been commissioned to make a number of handcrafted Keter Torahs, breastplates, and yads for the Shul as well as the other congregations in Edmonton. Both of their daughters attended Talmud Torah. Their youngest daughter is in grade seven and their oldest daughter spent two years studying in Israel as part of the Na'ale program. Both daughters have also been, and still are, avid campers at Camp BB Riback. Sharon is a lifelong member of Hadassah and is very active in fundraising.

“We are also active supporters of many of the other Jewish organizations as well. Before immigrating to Canada, I was a standing member of the Hebrew Order of David in South Africa,” says Katzeff.

He adds: “I would like to thank the Jewish community for their wonderful support over the years and we truly are blessed to live in a community such as ours.”

#### **MICHAEL MANN**

Michael Mann was born in Karsy, Poland on May 9, 1931. “He came to Canada after surviving the Holocaust, in which he lost most of his family except for his brother, Leon and his step-sister, Raizel,” tell his daughters Terri Mann and Syma Uram in a jointly written email detailing aspects of their father's life. “He wanted to come out West; because he saw the West as a land of opportunity.”

Because of the Holocaust, Mann was not able to further his education past grade six. The family who adopted him offered to pay his way through engineering school if he married their daughter and changed his last name to be the same as theirs. Mann



Michael Mann in Mansfield Jewelers, supplied photo.

refused, and headed west to Edmonton. He became an entirely self-made businessman. “During the war, he stayed hidden in the forests and when he did eventually come to Canada (as an orphan), he chose to become a businessman,” say Terri and Syma. Mann was adopted by a family in Toronto.

Mann started Mansfield Importers & Distributors (named after Jayne Mansfield, a blonde bombshell popular in the '50s) around 1958. His daughters describe him as having been a very good salesman, charismatic, and loved meeting new people. The focus of the business eventually became jewelry. “He started out selling watches, mattresses, and shoes when he came to Edmonton,” his daughters explain. “He learned about the jewelry business from his good friend in Toronto, and felt that there was a good market in Edmonton for jewelry sales.”

In business for over 50 years, Mann sold lots of jewelry but was not in the design end of things. He would occasionally supply loose diamonds to customers who were designing their own pieces.

“In addition to his jewelry business, he owned other businesses such as a furniture store, as well as the Saveco stores that sold a variety of drugstore items located in Edmonton, Prince Rupert, and Prince George. In addition, he had a strong interest and was successful in investment real estate - he owned industrial warehouses and commercial strip malls which were rented to tenants. In the '60s, he also owned racehorses with friends!”

Mann was an active member of Edmonton's Jewish community, as a member of Beth Israel Synagogue, a benefactor to Chabad, and a supporter of Talmud Torah. “Our father loved being around people and was kind and honourable, humble, and loved life,” recall his daughters, fondly. “Even though he had suffered greatly as a young child and lost almost his entire family during World War II, he was joyful and appreciative for all that he had. He relished life and took pleasure in simple things such as meeting new people, tasting good foods, and enjoying time with his friends and family. He was trustworthy, and had great business acumen despite his lack of formal education. When he wasn't selling jewelry or attending business meetings, he could be found pinching the cheeks of small

children and offering them lollipops in his store, enjoying long walks with Cita (his wife of 42 years), and travelling/exploring the world working on his suntan and enjoying yummy foods!”

Mann married his wife Cita in 1964, after meeting her on a business trip to Montreal. He was 33 and she was 20. She



Dmitry Kaplan in Gemoro, supplied photo.

was also 5'6" to his 5'2"! Saveco was sold in the mid-'80s, while Mann continued working at Mansfield until 2005. Michael Mann passed away on April 16, 2009.

#### **THE KAPLAN FAMILY**

Amongst their other business ventures, the Kaplans own Gemoro Goldsmiths, a jewelry store with two locations: one in West Edmonton Mall, and one in Commerce Place.

Three generations of Kaplans immigrated

*Continued on page 14*



Dmitry Kaplan, supplied photo.

# Awards and Honours

The past several months have seen several community members receive awards and honours. Here are the ones we know about. If you know of any more, please call or email us.

## DR. TED AARON



Dr. Ted Aaron, supplied photo

Dr. Aaron received the University of Alberta's Distinguished Alumni Award this year, its most prestigious award recognizing a living graduate whose truly out-

standing achievements have earned them national or international prominence. Dr. Aaron adds this award to others he has received, including being named one of Alberta's Physicians of the Century by the Alberta Medical Association and receiving the Pharmacy Centennial Award of Distinction, the only person to make both lists. In addition, he received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal this fall. Dr. Aaron was the first person in Alberta to administer penicillin, and his research led to the use of antihistamines and other cold medications. He was the first person in Western Canada to do Rh blood typing to ensure compatibility for blood transfusions.

Dr. Aaron is a graduate of the University of Alberta, pursued graduate studies in New York at Albert Einstein Hospital and at the University of Pittsburgh and was a fellow in medicine at the Lahey Clinic in Boston before returning to Edmonton as one of the first trained allergists in Western Canada.

His interests were not limited to medicine alone, however, and Dr. Aaron served many community organizations, including Scouts Canada, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Phoenix Theatre, was the president of the Alberta

Ballet and the Council of Christians and Jews. There are four endowments at the U of A established in his name for student education. An article about Dr. Aaron appeared in Vol. 6, No. 3 of Heritage/Yerusha. A video about his life and award is available on our Facebook page as well as on Youtube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNVsFCvV7Z4&feature=YouTube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNVsFCvV7Z4&feature=YouTube_gdata_player)

## GLORIA AARON



Gloria Aaron and her mother, Regina Shapiro. JAHSENA Archives photo.

Gloria Aaron was also recognized for her work this fall as well. Gloria received the Caring Canadian award from the Governor General for her many years of volunteer service. Says daughter Arlene Morin, "In particular they considered her work developing the Reach to Recovery program where breast cancer survivors visit and support other breast cancer patients in the hospital right after their surgery to show them that they too can recover. Remember that mastectomies as they were initially done made it difficult to use one's arms. Early on and later the ladies provided a patient's first prosthesis, moral support, and information. She worked with the program provincially and nationally and represented the Canadian Cancer society in Italy at an international conference. Only in recent years did she retire from hospital visits. Her years of service with the National Council were also considered. She was

a local and national president. She was very proud of their support of the Head Start Program which they supported in one high need neighbourhood. Council lobbied the province to fund kindergarten as many children came to school unprepared for grade one."

## IRVING & DIANNE KIPNES

Irving Kipnes was recently made a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence. He joins Justice Sam Lieberman, z'l, Joe Shoctor, z'l and Calgary's Jenny Belzberg as the only Jewish recipients of that honour to date. Dianne and Irving Kipnes also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal this fall.

Irv Kipnes is a respected businessman and a dedicated community leader who has committed significant time, energy and financial support to enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by his fellow Albertans. His lasting contributions as a volunteer and philanthropist can be seen in a number of areas including health care, education, the arts, culture and community development.

Irving Kipnes was born in Calgary on September 10, 1936. The youngest son of Russian immigrants Harry and Rose, Irv's childhood years were centered around the city's tightly knit Jewish community.

In 1954, Irv moved to Edmonton to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Alberta. By the



Dianne and Irving Kipnes, JAHSENA Archives photo.

time he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959, he was a newly-minted chemical engineer with a wife and children to support. He found work as a systems analyst for Imperial Oil in Edmonton. Irv founded Delcon Development Group Ltd. in 1962 and then left Imperial Oil a year later to serve as the president and managing director of the company. In the decades that followed, Delcon evolved into one of Edmonton's leading residential land, business and industrial developers. In 1988, Irv married Edmonton psychologist Dianne Walker. With resources from Irv's many successful ventures, including Delcon, Topco and other businesses such as the Liquor Depot and, later, Liquor Stores North America, they began making community investments through The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Foundation.

The list of organizations that have benefited includes the Alberta Cancer Foundation, which is home to the endowed Cross Cancer Centre Kipnes Research Chair in Radiopharmaceutical Sciences, and the University Hospital Foundation, which has benefited greatly from Irv's service as co-chair of the multi-million dollar Men's Prostate Health Campaign. Other beneficiaries including the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute have also greatly benefited from the generosity of Irv and Dianne Kipnes.

Irv and Dianne have supported the Arts through the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra where Irv once served as a director, the Citadel Theatre, the Art Gallery of Alberta and the Edmonton Opera, where they have both served as Board Chair. The Valentine's Gala was previously also a key fundraising initiative to support a new facility for Canadian Veterans, which was named The Dianne and Irving Kipnes Centre for Veterans in their honour, and now benefits the Opera as well.

Irv has provided valued leadership and support as a member of the U of A

School of Business Advisory Council, and has sponsored the School's Chair in Finance and Development which is focused on developing policy options to raise the standard of living in lower income nations. In 2009, both Irv and Dianne received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Alberta.

The Edmonton Jewish Community is another area that has greatly benefited from Irv's service as a leader and volunteer. He is vice president of development and fundraising for the Beit Horim (Our Parents' Home) Society, which was formed to build a new (non-denominational) Jewish seniors' residence in Edmonton. Irv is also a past trustee of Beth Shalom Synagogue, a past director of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and past chair of the United Jewish Appeal Annual Campaign.

Irv is the first elected president and a longstanding board member of the Alberta Liquor Store Association. He was the founding chair of the Alberta Liquor Industry Round Table (ALIRT) Social Responsibility Council. Other contributions to the business community include duties as a past director of the Urban Development Institute and the City of Edmonton's Downtown Development Corporation. Irv's considerable acumen was recognized with honours as one of Alberta Venture Magazine's top 100 business people of the past 100 years and with membership in the Junior Achievement Alberta Business Hall of Fame. He was awarded the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Northern Lights Award of Distinction in 2010 and the Grant MacEwan University Allard Chair in Business in 2011.

An interview with the Kipneses can be found in Heritage/Yerusha Vol. 7, No. 3, Pg. 10. A video interview with Mr. Kipnes can be found at: <http://youtu.be/i-ET-6CrmTA>.

## VIVIAN MANASC



Vivian Manasc, supplied photo.

Local architect Vivian Manasc recently received another in a long line of awards for her architectural work. This October, her firm, Manasc Isaac, received the Western Living magazine's Designer of the Year award in the Eco Design category. For over 20 years, her firm has been committed to eco or green design. They have also won a Governor General's Medal and a Royal Architecture Institute of Canada Innovation Award, plus LEED recognition. Vivian credits her interest in eco design and sustainability to studying architecture at McGill University during the energy crisis of the 1970s.

The firm has designed everything from multi-family houses to commercial buildings, to the Banff Town Hall, which was Alberta's first C-2000 green building and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association headquarters in Edmonton, which was the first project in Alberta to receive LEED certification. Her firm also designed the Beth Israel Synagogue, and performed renovations to the old JCC building.

Manasc's own apartment in downtown Edmonton is a "re-imagined space" in a mechanical room on top of a former office building on Jasper Ave. It is a green building which is built with sustainable materials and warmed by the elevator equipment at its centre and solar panels.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

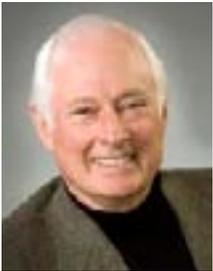
Community Members Sol Rolingher, Dianne and Irving Kipnes, Dr. Ted

*Continued on page 10*

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

*Continued from page 9*

**Aaron, Stephen & Lynn Mandel, Esther Starkman, Laurie Mozeson and Michael Zabłudowski and Debby Shoctor** recently received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. A new commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee. During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians from across the country and various walks of life will be recognized. Recipients have to have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.



Sol Rolingher,  
supplied photo

Sol Rolingher grew up in Edmonton and attended Talmud Torah school. He graduated from Colorado School of Mines with a professional degree in petroleum engineering and from

the University of Colorado, with a Juris Doctoris and is a senior partner with the law firm of Duncan and Craig he is married to Marilyn and has three children: Shawn, Kristine and Jeremy. He founded the Laurel Awards, an annual program of Duncan & Craig, which gives awards each year to non-profit societies. Sol has served as President of the Edmonton Club Board of Governors, on the Board of the Edmonton Space Science Centre Foundation, on the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Theatre, as President of the Citadel Theatre Board of Directors, on the Talmud Torah Society Board of Directors, as President of the Beth Shalom Synagogue, on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, as chairman of the River Valley Alliance, as President of the Phoenix Society

and is a member of the Knights of the Order of St. John. He is a recipient of the Manning Award and the City of Edmonton's Community Service Hall of Fame. He has previously received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, The Alberta Centennial Medal and has been appointed an Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Military Police.



Debby Shoctor,  
Supplied photo.

Debby Shoctor is the Archivist for the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta, a position she has held for the past 12 years. She grew up in Philadelphia and Toronto, and moved

to Edmonton in 1987. She is married to Marshall Shoctor and has two children, Jeremy and Hannah. Debby attended the University of Toronto, the University of King's College and the University of Alberta, where she received an MLIS in Library and Archival studies. In the Jewish community, she has worked for B'nai Brith Canada, the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and JAHSENA. She is currently the President of the Archives Society of Alberta, is a founding member of the Association of Canadian Jewish Archives and Museums, and is a Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and Chair of the Programming Committee. She is a past and founding Board Member of the Edmonton Heritage Council, and served on the inaugural committee to appoint a Historian Laureate for the City of Edmonton. She has served as President of Edmonton Hadassah-WIZO, and on the Boards of the Friends of the Citadel, the Jewish National Fund, the Women's League of Beth Shalom Synagogue, the Edmonton United Jewish Appeal, the Lois Hole Hospital Foundation Communications Committee, the Aviv

Dancers and is currently undertaking a project to restore the H.B. Kline Jewelry store at Fort Edmonton Park. During her tenure at JAHSENA, the Society received the Alan Ridge Award of Merit from the Archives Society of Alberta, and the 2009 Edmonton Historical Board recognition award.



Stephen Mandel,  
Supplied photo.

The first Jewish mayor ever in the history of Edmonton, Stephen Mandel was born in 1956 in Windsor, Ontario. Mandel and his wife, Lynn, moved to Edmonton in the early 1970s, where he opened

the Mandel Group, his business involved with real estate development, construction, and operating hotel and sports enterprises. Mandel has always been an active community citizen, both in the Jewish and wider communities, volunteering his time with the Alberta Heart Institute, Allen Gray Continuing Care, Jewish Community Centre, and Jewish Federation of Edmonton, to name just a few. His political career began with a failed attempt to be elected as a Public School Trustee, but he was elected as a City Councillor for Ward One in 2001. On October 18, 2004, he was elected Mayor of Edmonton

Lynn Mandel is originally from Leamington, Ontario, where she started



Lynn Mandel receives the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from Premier Alison Redford and Lieutenant Governor Donald Ethel. Supplied photo.

to take dance lessons when she was three years old. By the age of 10 she was instructing, and by 15 was heading to Toronto for her first audition, which ultimately led to a spot on the Diamond Lil's, a 65-episode variety show, and made many guest appearances on The Pig & Whistle Show. She continued with her studies while dancing, and met Stephen at the University of Windsor in 1971. They married in 1973 and moved to Edmonton so that he could tend to his father's business here. When she got here, she started teaching dance at Grant McEwan, where she remained for 10 years before leaving to tend to her two children, Rachel and Adam. When Stephen decided to run for political office, she was right by his side campaigning. She continues to exercise regularly and is a big arts supporter, currently sitting on 15 different charitable committees and four boards, including the Royal Alexandra and Lois Hole Hospital Foundations, Edmonton Opera, Concordia University, and supports many other charitable causes with her patronage.



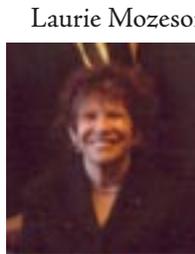
Esther Starkman, supplied photo.

Esther Starkman worked as a teacher in the Edmonton Public School system and at Alberta College before becoming a Public School Trustee for the City of Edmonton in 1989. She served as the Chair of the Edmonton Public School Board from 1992-1993. In 1993, she was awarded a commemorative medal by the Senate of Canada for significant contributions to "compatriots, community and to Canada." She also ran federally for the Liberal party in the riding of Edmonton Southwest. In honour of their commitment to the Edmonton Jewish Community, Howard and Esther Starkman were named the 2003 Negev



Esther Starkman at the opening of the Esther Starkman school, supplied photo.

Dinner honourees. Esther has a Public Elementary School named after her on Edmonton's South Side. She was previously awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.



Laurie Mozeson, JAHSENA Archives photo.

Laurie Mozeson has also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, and has been appointed as a Citizenship Judge in Edmonton for a full-time, three-year term. The appointment is effective October 29, 2012.

A barrister and solicitor with Alberta Justice for four years, Mozeson has 17 years of experience as a prosecutor, both with the federal Department of Justice and the Attorney General of Alberta. She served as a Justice of the Peace (Commissioner) in the Provincial Court of Alberta, Traffic Court Division.

Mozeson holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law degrees from the University of Alberta. She is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, a past president of Beth Israel Synagogue, and



Laurie Mozeson, Esther Starkman, Michael Zabłudowski and Rabbi Daniel Friedman at the medal ceremony. Supplied photo.

was Vice President and Co-President of the Alberta Association of Sitting Justices of the Peace.

Citizenship judges are responsible for making decisions with regard to citizenship applications, presiding over citizenship ceremonies and administering the oath of citizenship to new citizens.

Michael Zabłudowski, past President of the Beth Israel Synagogue, has also received the Jubilee medal. Originally from Montreal, where he attended Herzliah High School, he received a Bachelor of Commerce



Michael Zabłudowski, JAHSENA Archives photo.

from Concordia University. In 1992 he married his wife Jodi, and moved to Edmonton. Here in Edmonton, he has had a career in real estate and investments, as well as in the food industry. Michael also ran the Kosher Mart on Stony Plain Road for a while. He continues to be very active with the Beth Israel Synagogue, having served on the board for over 18 years. He is currently a Vice President. He chaired the Young Men's division of UJA and still canvasses. He is a community liaison for the Edmonton Police Service Hate and Bias Crime committee and is active with the McClung riding association. Wife Jodi is the Past President of the National Council of Jewish Women, Edmonton Section and the Executive Director of the Edmonton branch of the Easter Seals Foundation. They have one daughter, Rebecca.

#### WESTERN LEGACY AWARDS

Two community members were recently honoured on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. Joe Shoctor, z'l and Mel Hurtig were singled out for inclusion in these awards, which honoured 100 outstanding Albertans of the past century. The awards were presented on Oct.

*Continued on page 12*

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

*Continued from page 11*

10th at a special ceremony which will be broadcast on Shaw TV.



Joe Shoctor, Supplied Photo

Joseph Hyman Shoctor, was born in Edmonton on August 18, 1922. His father, Morris, ran Western Iron and Metal, a scrapyard on 97th St. behind the present-day Winspear Centre. He was one of the founders of the original Beth Israel Synagogue on 95th St. Joe married

Kayla Wine of Saskatoon. He became a lawyer and businessman and founded the Citadel Theatre in 1965. Joe won numerous awards during his lifetime for his fundraising and volunteer work in the Jewish and general communities including: member and officer of the Order of Canada in 1978; appointed Queen's Counsel in 1960, the youngest ever in Alberta; State of Israel Prime Minister's Medal in 1978, an Honourary LLD from the University of Alberta in 1981; appointed to the Alberta Order of Excellence in 1990; and was awarded the Governor General's Medal for Voluntarism in the performing arts in 1999. Joe died in April, 2001. Joe and Kayla had three children: Ian, Naomi and Marshall.

Mel Hurtig was born in Edmonton in 1932, and in 1956 opened a bookstore in Edmonton, which grew into one of the largest retail book operations in Canada. He sold his stores in 1972 and concentrated on publishing Canadian books, most notably 2 editions of the highly acclaimed *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (1985 and 1988) and *The Junior Encyclopedia of Canada* (1990). He sold Hurtig Publishers to Toronto-based McClelland & Stewart in



Mel Hurtig receives Order of Canada, Supplied Photo

1991. A well-known economic nationalist, Hurtig was a founding member of the Committee for an Independent Canada and in 1985 he was founding chairman of the Council of Canadians. A critic of the high degree of foreign ownership and control in Canada, he campaigned vigorously against the Free Trade Agreement with the US. His first book, *The Betrayal of Canada*, was the best-selling book in Canada in 1991. In 1992 he was the driving force behind a new political organization, the National Party, a party committed to nationalist and populist goals. Hurtig was selected the party's leader and wrote its policy statement, *A New and Better Canada*. Hurtig resigned as leader in 1994 and the party subsequently disintegrated. He has received much recognition for his outspoken nationalism, including numerous honorary degrees. He also received the Lester B. Pearson Man of the Year Peace Award (1988) and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. His autobiography, *At Twilight in the Country: Memoirs of a Canadian Nationalist* was published in 1996.

**LESLIE GREEN, Z'L**

Leslie Green, supplied photo.

The late Leslie Green was honoured at a ceremony in Ottawa at the end of October, where it was announced that the Judge Advocate General

Award will be re-named in his honour as the Leslie Green Award. Green was a world-renowned expert on international law, especially of war and terrorism. He taught at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law for nearly three decades and lectured and consulted internationally. His book, *"The Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict"* was a seminal work consulted by governments the world over.

A native of England, Green graduated from the University of London in 1941 and was immediately conscripted into the British Army and sent to India to serve in the intelligence division. He and wife Lillian, whom he met in India, lived in Singapore for a time after the war, and then moved to Canada in 1965. He was the first non-American appointed to the Stockholm Chair of International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. Prof. Green passed away last November at the age of 91. He and wife Lillian were featured in the Fall, 2004 issue of *Heritage/Yerusha*.

**PAULA KIRMAN**

Paula Kirman, supplied photo.

Our own Paula Kirman received the Salvos Prelorentzos Peace award from Project Ploughshares on November 6th at City Hall in Edmonton. "I am beyond honoured to have been chosen for my efforts in documenting the local peace movement and getting much of the activist scene online (and for playing my guitar and singing some songs)," said Paula. Paula is the daughter of Dr. Joseph Kirman, a long time chair of the community's Kashruth Committee. She is the editor of the Boyle McCauley News and has been writing for *Heritage/Yerusha* for about five years now. A free-lance journalist and singer-songwriter, she has been active in the Peace movement for many years.

# Back to the Races!

By PAULA E. KIRMAN

As always, whenever we run an article about a particular topic or professional field, we are bound to accidentally omit a few names which are subsequently brought to our attention.

In the last issue of Heritage we had a feature article about Jewish people from Edmonton involved in horse racing and equestrian sports. There are several names that should have been included:

**Mark Laskin** is a name that has been brought to our attention by a number of people. Laskin was born on October 19, 1956 in New York, the son of Dr. Mervin Laskin. An equestrian jumper and trainer, he lived in Edmonton when he was with the Canadian Equestrian Team as well as having competed with Canada's Alternate Olympics team in 1980. To explain, the 1980 Olympic Games were held in Moscow, but the U.S. led a boycott following the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. All western nations arranged alternate competitions. The Show Jumping competition took place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and Canada's Alternate Olympics team took gold. Laskin currently resides in Langely, British Columbia and is the Assistant Chef d'Équipe for the Canadian Olympic Show Jumping team.

Other names of horse owners or part-owners include Risa Margolus and Judy Margolus, Susan Aaron, and Lynda Berg.

The late Michael Mann, owner of Mansfield Importers & Distributors, owned racehorses in the '60s. Read more about him in this issue's article about Jewish people in the jewelry business.



Don Charnaw, supplied photo.

## MORE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES...

An article, a couple of issues back, about Jewish athletes in professional sports, should have included **Jacob (Jack) Schwartzberg** who played football with the Toronto Argonauts. He was a punter in the early '70s. He also played with the Golden Bears at the University of Alberta, where he graduated with the Bachelor of Physical Education in 1973 (and a diploma in Education a year later). Schwartzberg is the President of ACME Car Flatteners. (This also could relate to our article a few years ago about the scrap metal business).

**Don Charnaw** had a run as a triathlete and marathoner. "Football was and is still my first love, except for Karen," says Don. "I played football all through high school and university, culminating with an invite to the Eskimo rookie camp in 1975. Once my "football career" was over, I moved onto running. I have run seven marathons, and countless shorter distance races."

His personal bests are: 2:58 marathon, sub-35 min 10K and a sub-60 min 10-mile.

He entered his first triathlon in 1984, and was the first Canadian to finish the Alcatraz Challenge Triathlon in 1984 (pre-wet suit days). He competed in the 1985 Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Kona Hawaii, where he represented Israel and carried the Israeli flag in the Parade of Nations. This was two months to the day after his mother, z'l, had passed away.

"I did the same at the 1992 Canadian Ironman Championships in Penticton, BC, where I crossed the finish line with my father, Albert Charnaw, z'l."

"I have since hung up my speedo, but still train regularly for my own fitness, and act as a part-time race consultant to events in BC and Alberta. Together with Karen, I pursue my passion for health and fitness by educating people on the benefits of "Whole Food Nutrition". You can visit my site at: [www.yourhealthy-choice.ca](http://www.yourhealthy-choice.ca)"



Albert and Don Charnaw cross the finish line at the Penticton Ironman. JAHSENA Archives photo, donated by Don Charnaw.

## EDMONTON'S JEWISH JEWELERS

*Continued from page 7*

to Canada from their native Donetsk, Ukraine in 1980. "We were escaping the Russian political and economic system. As Jewish people we weren't the most liked in that region of the world so we decided to leave. As far as Canada went, we were not familiar with Edmonton. We were trying to see which countries would take us. When we spoke to the Canadian Consulate, Edmonton happened to be a place they suggested because supposedly there was a lot of industry."

Young Dmitry came to Edmonton with his parents and grandparents. Gemoro was formerly known as Almaz Jewelry and opened in late '80s.

Gemoro is a family-run business. Dimitry's father David did business analysis

for one of the oil companies and then he used to work for a real estate company, Royal LePage.

"The business has evolved over many years. Today it is strictly retail. We do some repairs. We are also certified Rolex watch technicians, but 90% of the business is the retail portion of it."

Dmitry's father was on the finance committee of Beth Israel. His mother, Tanya, worked for Beth Israel running their office. Dmitry himself pretty much runs Gemoro now, with some involvement from other family members, including his wife Irene. "I don't think my father will ever be able to retire!" he says, laughing.

"Edmonton is not an easy city to do business in, but at the same time it has provided us with a good opportunity and perhaps something that we would not have been able to do in other parts of the country or

continent had we gone somewhere else," Dmitry adds. "So, I just wanted to thank all of the members of the community and otherwise for their support."

### OTHERS

There are several other members of the Jewish community involved in the jewelry business who can be mentioned here, some of whom were not available to be interviewed:

The Davidoff Family, who own Design Jewelers in West Edmonton Mall, and are related to the Kaplans; Boris Plots, who worked as a jeweler and then owned a jewelry manufacturing and wholesale business with his family including wife Mila; Henry Shapiro, who owned a jewelry store on Whyte Avenue, and Marcel Maurer, who founded Swedish Jewelers, and Leonid Rodels, who is apparently one of the finest craftsmen in the business.

## 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. Please stop by the JCC and view these items on display opposite the office in the glass display case.

### On the Web...

Check out the Archives Society of Alberta Exhibit prepared for Archives Week 2012, entitled "Archives and The Creative Process," at [www.archivesalberta.org](http://www.archivesalberta.org). You will find nine photos from our collection, one of which, a photo of our Mayim dancers, is featured in a new 2013 calendar, which is available from our office. 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). Look for our new website on the Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, coming soon!

## Premier's Breakfast



Premier Alison Redford receives JAHSENA's "The First Century of Jewish Life in Edmonton and Northern Alberta: 1893-1993," as a Thank-you at the Premier's Breakfast, held in November.



10220-156 St. Edmonton, AB T6P 2R1 (780) 489-2809 [jahsena@shaw.ca](mailto:jahsena@shaw.ca) [www.jahsena.ca](http://www.jahsena.ca)

Dear Community Members:

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is pleased to announce a new project which will benefit the entire Edmonton community, as well as the Jewish Community, by helping to tell the story of our Jewish Pioneers. In partnership with the City of Edmonton and Fort Edmonton Park, with assistance from the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and the Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation, JAHSENA has undertaken a project to build the H.B. Kline Jewelry store in the Capitol Theatre building in Fort Edmonton Park.

H.B. Kline Jewellers operated in the Capitol Theatre building on Jasper Avenue from its opening in 1918 until it was torn down in 1972. It was an important early business in Edmonton, and one which is fondly remembered by many of its citizens. When the Capitol Theatre building was replicated in Fort Edmonton Park in 2011, neither Kline's jewelers, nor the Ostry Pipe shop was included in the plans for the building, but merely as store front windows. Without actual spaces replicated in the theatre, there was no means by which to tell the story of Edmonton's Jewish community in the Park. Through the efforts of JAHSENA, and the cooperation of Park officials and the City of Edmonton, that situation has

now been rectified.

Thanks to grants from the Western Diversification fund, the Edmonton Jewish Community Charitable Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and through our own fundraising initiatives, we are embarking on this project to replicate the store, and therefore provide a physical space within Fort Edmonton Park which we can tell the story of our Jewish Pioneers, people and explain our rich heritage to a broader community. This will be a major outreach tool for our community, and will be used to educate and enlighten others about our history.

In order to bring this project to fruition, however, we need YOUR help! We are looking for artifacts and items which may have come from the original H.B. Kline store, such as signs, furniture and items which were sold there such as clocks, watches, eyeglasses, silverware, silverplate, cut glass, etc. A complete list is attached. If you have any of these items, which you would like to donate to the store, please call the office at 780-489-2809 or email us at [Jahsena@shaw.ca](mailto:jahsena@shaw.ca).

We will keep you apprised of things as they develop, but we hope to have the store up and running for next season's opening and are planning a gala opening event next May, to which everyone will be invited!

### List of items needed for the H.B. Kline Jewelry Store at Fort Edmonton Park:

Please keep in mind that these items should all be period pieces, whether authentic or replicas, from the period 1918-1929.

Watches	Opera Glasses	Tie Clasps	Silverplate
Ash Trays	Fountain Pens	Writing Sets	Items of Judaica
Card Cases	Hat Brushes	Broaches	Locketts
Cigar Cases	Liquor Sets	Bracelets	Mantle Clocks
Cigar Holders	Match Boxes	Coin Purses	Old Cash Register
Cigarette Holders	Small Mirrors	Cologne Bottles	Glasses
Cigarette Cases	Picture Frames	Eye Glass Chains	Old Telephone
Collar buttons	Pipes	Hat Pins	Kline's Jewelry Boxes
Cuff Links	Pocket Knives	Lorgnettes	Tiffany-style lamps
Desk Clocks	Razors	Manicure Sets	Display cases
Emblem Buttons,	Scarf Pins	Thimbles	Antique lamps
Watch fobs	Shirt Studs	Cut glass items	
Comb and Brush Sets	Shaving Brushes	Silverware	

## JAHSENA Recent Acquisitions

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

Three photos of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity at the University of Alberta, donated by Bernie Adler.

One photo of Mel Hurtig receiving the Order of Canada and 32 slides of Israel in 1969, donated by Karen Farkas and Clyde Hurtig.

1 photo of the Peretz Shul play from 1934 as well as a copy of the program, donated by Lillian Greenwald of North York, ON.

4 photos and one newspaper clipping donated by Don Charnow having to do with his athletic career.

1 photo, a eulogy of Bud Spaner, three calendars, three TT phone books and 1 volume of the Canadian Jewish Reference book, 1963, donated by Ruth Nolan.

1 large format photo of the SAM graduating class, 1951, donated by Henry Gutman.

2 suitcases donated by Phil Lister, for Fort Edmonton.

1cm. newspaper clippings concerning Lister Furs, donated by Cindy Lister Thompson.

1 framed JNF Golden Book Certificate, honouring Chana and Dov Pollack on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1945, donated by Hanna Pollack.

Four BBYO T-shirts and one TT-100 bag, donated by Hannah Shoctor.

3 programs from shows at Beth Shalom Synagogue, donated by Noni Ostry Schultheis.

36 photos of Temple Beth Ora Activities, donated by Les Halpert.

*The Jewish Archives & Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is always looking for new donations. If you have any personal papers, photographs, negatives, books, audio-visual recordings or other items relating to the history of the Jewish community of Edmonton and Northern Alberta that you would like preserved for generations to come, please contact our office at (780) 489-2809.*

## NEW MEMBERS

JAHSENA would like to welcome the following new members:

Clarice Garbuz, Edmonton, AB

Myra and Abe Kacew, Edmonton, AB

Don Superstein, Vancouver, BC.

## "FROM PEDLARS TO PATRIARCHS: A LEGACY REMEMBERED" and "BITTERSWEET MEMORIES: THE WAR YEARS"

The Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is taking orders for copies of "From Pedlars to Patriarchs: A Legacy Remembered," and its sequel: "Bittersweet Memories: The War Years" its documentary films about the history of the Edmonton Jewish Community. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of these films, they are available on DVD for \$18. Please contact the Archives office at 780-489-2809.



TO ORDER CALL  
**780-489-2809**

## ✂️ Help Us Preserve Our Past for the Future!

I (we) would like to become part of the continuing quest into our historical past by joining the Jewish Archives and Historical Society of Edmonton and Northern Alberta in the category marked. A charitable receipt will be issued. Membership for other than individuals includes spouses. Membership includes an annual subscription to Heritage/Yerusha, the Society's newsletter, published 3 times a year.

Enclosed is my cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payable to the Jewish Archives and  
Historical Society of Edmonton and  
Northern Alberta (JAHSENA).

- Patron \$100
- Benefactor \$50
- Donor \$36
- Individual \$18
- I am interested in serving as a volunteer.
- I have historical material that I would like to donate. - Please call me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip out and return to:

JAHSENA 10220-156 St. Suite 200, Edmonton, Alberta, T5P 2R1