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## Collegiate Holds Graduation Exercises

From left, Shalom Residences president Frank Steele presents special award to Marna Hellner. Marna was the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate gold medalist; Martin Buchwald, chairman of the Board of Jewish Education, congratulates silver medalist Lisa Cohen;

Baruch Rand, superintendent of the Board of Jewish Education, congratulates Sean Slutchuk, winner of the University of Winnipeg entrance scholarship; Principal Jerry Cohen congratulates Shauna Greenfield, governor general's medalist.

### Mendelsohn:

## Jews Have Duty To Stop Abortion

By SUSAN YELLIN

"Us Jews claim to be the father religion of the rest of the Western religions and therefore we have an additional responsibility to halt the practice of abortions," American doctor and author Robert Mendelsohn says.

The author of *Confessions of a Medical Heretic and Mal(e) Practice*, used a bullhorn to get his message across to about 50 people in the rain outside Dr. Henry Morgentaler's clinic on Corydon Avenue June 2, just one day before Winnipeg police raided the clinic.

Mendelsohn, who has a reputation for criticizing the medical profession, said doctors generally like to perform abortions because they are members of the "religion of modern medicine," which is "death-oriented."

He said doctors will do everything in their power to prevent normal pregnancies, by giving women the pill, the IUD, tubal ligations or hysterectomies without telling them of any dangers "because doctors never tell people the truth about anything."

Mendelsohn also said he's upset that the abortion issue is considered a Catholic-only concern.

### JEWISH POSITION

"The Jewish position is that abortion is hardly ever condoned, and when it is, it's condoned only to save the life and health of the mother... Even during the Holocaust there were eminent Jewish rabbis who at that time were approached by mothers in the concentration camps, who asked about the question of abortion because they were concerned that the babies represented a threat to their lives. And even under concentration camp conditions, the rabbis usually prohibited abortion, with very few exceptions."

Mendelsohn said what bothers him even more is that leaders of

the Jewish community haven't spoken out against abortions. Claiming "the Morgentalers of the world" are guilty of having left the Jewish religion and now adhere to the religion of modern medicine, he said those doctors who don't speak up at all against abortions are just as guilty as those who perform them.

He advised the Jewish community of Winnipeg to socially ostracize Morgentaler, saying it's time "we cleaned up our own house, that as Jews we should begin to take measures against Jewish doctors who run abortion clinics, as well as Jewish doctors who perform abortions in hospitals, as well as Jewish hospitals which condone and perform abortions."

Mendelsohn suggested that those people who feel abortions are murder should go into a hospital, armed with a Saturday Night Special. And in order to prevent the murder of the child, they should kill the obstetrician instead.

He said governments don't do anything about abortions because "governments are controlled by doctors" and whatever doctors say, goes.

Mendelsohn said the onus now is on all religious groups to fight against abortions, "so that we can encourage everybody to walk away from the religion of modern medicine with its abortions and its birth control."

### Correction to Story

Due to incorrect information supplied to *The Jewish Post*, a name was spelled incorrectly in a story in last week's issue headlined "Top Israel Contest Winners To Get Prizes at JNF Negev Dinner." Brent Sasley, a Grade 7 student at Peretz School, was one of the top winners of cash prizes and special certificates in the contest.

The Grade 12 graduation exercises of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate took place Sunday, May 8. It was evening of nachos for 22 students and their families.

Greetings were given by Jerry Cohen, principal of the collegiate, Peggy Diamond, vice-president of the Talmud Torah-Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate board of directors, and Rabbi Charles Grysman, vice-principal of the collegiate.

The valedictory addresses were presented in Hebrew by Tamar Barr, and in English, by Lisa Cohen. The students expressed their deep love for their school and their teachers and their gratitude

for having had the opportunity to have a Jewish education. Their strong commitment to Judaism and to the school impressed the entire audience.

Many awards and scholarships were presented. Foremost among them were the Governor General's Medal, presented to Shauna Greenfield, the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Gold Medal, to Marna Hellner, and the Joseph Wolinsky Silver Medal, to Lisa Cohen.

Shauna Greenfield also won the University of Manitoba Chown Entrance Scholarship. Carni Rose

and Alain Wiesenthal were the winners of the Norman Satran Ba'al Midot Award. Some students were the recipients of awards of excellence for an academic average of 90 per cent or higher.

Others were put on the honor roll for an academic average of 80-89.9 per cent.

A reception hosted by the parents of the graduates followed the ceremony.

Fourteen Grade 12 students left for Israel on May 11. They are staying on Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv and touring the country.



### Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Grads

Bottom row, from left to right: Lori Cohen, Ahava Halpern, Lisa Cohen, Heather Bronstone, Jody Hecht, Marna Hellner.

Second row: Rabbi Charles Grysman, Vice Principal; Brenlee Sucharov, Shauna Greenfield, Tamar Barr, Jerry Cohen, Principal.

Third row: Brian Goldstein, David Brodsky, Allan Cogan, Kevin Marks, Shawn Searles, Carni Rose, Sean Slutchuk.

Top row: Leslie Rykiss, Alain Wiesenthal, Earl Tregobov, Sam Genaske, Steven Caplan, David Buckhalter.