

***THE HARTFORD-ISRAEL CONNECTION:
A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT***
AN EXHIBIT IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

On May 8, 2008, Israel will celebrate Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Independence Day) and 60 years of existence. The Hartford Jewish community will be celebrating as well with many activities planned for the days and weeks surrounding this very special birthday, including a special day of festivities on Sunday, June 1. The Society's archives contain a treasure trove of photos and artifacts that highlight the area's support for Zionism from its earliest days. Many of these will be on display in the Society's office in a new exhibit entitled: *THE HARTFORD-ISRAEL CONNECTION: A CENTURY OF COMMITMENT*. There are photos of many Israeli political and military leaders, such as Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan, who came to Hartford to collect funds and rally support for the struggling nation. During times of both war and peace, our community has always stepped forward to provide substantive support in many vital areas. When there was a need to be met—we always answered the call, and Israel's welfare and well-being have been a communal priority. The exhibit will be open during the Israel@60 celebration on Sunday, June 1, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 4:30, from April 15 through October 30, 2008.