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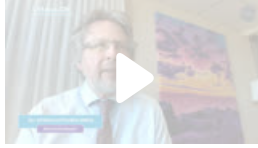
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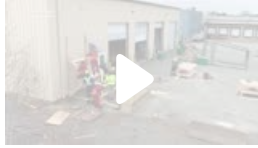
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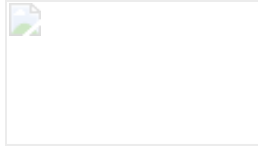
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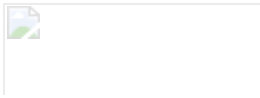
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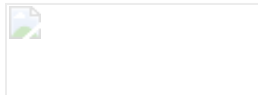
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SOR, N.S. – It's 1918, and Jewish recruits from across Canada and the United States are being assembled at Fort Edward in Windsor, preparing to ship out to take on the Ottoman Empire for the British.

Unofficially called the Jewish Legion, they would soon make up five battalions in the First World War of the Royal Fusiliers.

They trained under the blockhouse, lived in tents that peppered the hill.

Among the recruits is David Ben-Gurion, the Polish-born Zionist who would later become the first Prime Minister of Israel. He trained at the fort with hundreds of other Jewish soldiers brought up from the British War office.

Among the ranks was Sol Alter, who also served in the Jewish Legion.

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His children, Bernard Alter, of Virginia, and Iska Alter, of New York, came to the same site 100 years later to commemorate the centennial.

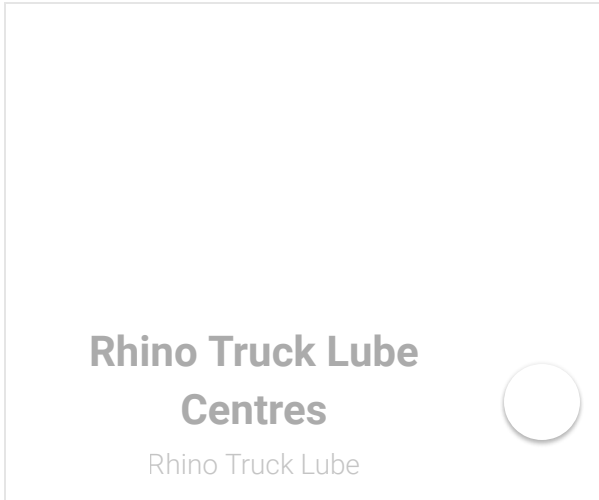
For both of them, it was a surreal experience.

“We came yesterday to look around the fort and really enjoyed walking around downtown,” Bernard Alter said. “It’s a gorgeous place, we’re trying to figure out where the tents might have been.”

Both said they were amazed by how friendly everyone has been since they arrived.

“This is Canada after all.” Iska Alter said.

“The thought occurred to me that we’re really close to being almost exactly 100 years from when my father was here,” Bernard Alter said. “He came up in July and would have trained for six or eight weeks here. The idea that 100 years later, that I’m standing on the same land, perhaps the same spot that my father would have stood, it does give you pause.”





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