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Laurier social work dean donates  
extensive library to Israel university

Sherman Merle, dean of the social work faculty at Wilfrid Laurier University, has donated a valuable collection of social work books and journals to a university in Israel.

More than 900 professional volumes and 1,000 copies of social work journals have been shipped to Bar-Ilan University in Ramat-Gan, Israel. They will be housed in the Meyer W. Gasner Building, named for a late, distinguished leader in Canada's Jewish community.

Dr. Merle, who has been gathering the collection for more than 30 years, said the Israel university doesn't have the large holdings of literature common in North America and would find it extremely expensive to acquire all the books and journals needed.

Included in the library Dr. Merle is donating is a set of the Journal of Social Work, a fundamental resource, complete from 1952 to 1982. Such sets are invaluable for both practising social workers and students.

Dr. Merle has been dean of the graduate social work faculty at Laurier since 1980.