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His Excellency Michael Saul Comay, presented today to the Honourable Mr. Justice C.H. Locke, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, was in attendance on the Deputy Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Minister to the Deputy Governor General. Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative) was also present. The Minister was accompanied by Colonel Chaim Herzog, Military, Naval and Air Attache, and Mr. Aviad Yafeh, Second Secretary.

Mr. Comay was born in Capetown, Union of South Africa, in 1908. He obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Capetown, and practised as a barrister-at-law in South Africa until the outbreak of the Second World War. He served with the South African Forces during the War, with the rank of Major. In January 1946 he settled in Palestine, and was connected with the Political Department of the Jewish Agency until May 1948, when he entered the service of the Government of Israel. He was appointed Director of the British Commonwealth Division of Israel's Foreign Ministry in 1948, and Assistant Director General of the Ministry in 1952. He was also a member of Israel's Delegation to the United Nations in 1948. He is married and has two children.
