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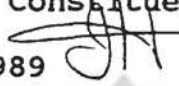
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
Associate Group Chairs
FROM: Joanne Horwood, Constituency Outreach
and Fundraising 
DATE: September 26, 1989
REF: Constituency Development

I would like to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not yet met, and express my sincere interest in working with you to expand AJWS' constituency base, programs and visibility in Jewish communities in the U.S.

With the relocation of AJWS headquarters almost complete, I feel that it is time to move forward in providing support for existing Associate Groups and gain momentum in starting up others in key cities. I have already met with the New York, Boston and Philadelphia Associates and intend to meet with the others soon. I am developing a list of other cities around the country where there is potential interest for forming new groups and welcome your suggestions about the list and prioritizing it.

In the coming months I would like to schedule meetings in each of the selected cities where there are people interested in starting a local steering committee. Since the Board and existing Associate Groups represent a large network of contacts, I would greatly appreciate it if you would provide us with names of individuals in these cities who might be interested in forming an Associate chapter. I will then work with you to arrange a first contact.

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you in October.

Target Cities

Atlanta
Baltimore
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Detroit
Kansas City
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale
Minneapolis/St. Paul

Northern New Jersey
Phoenix
San Diego
Seattle
St. Louis
Western Mass.

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Mare,

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Your comment at the end of
the meeting was a perfect way
to put closure on this past
year of reorganization and
launch us into the "180°"
of what AJWS is all about.
We couldn't have staged it
better.

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Andrew Griffel

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TELEFAX

TO: PVO Colleagues and InterAction members
Attn: Executive Directors

DATE: November 29, 1989

FROM: Richard S. Scobie, Executive Director
Jethro G. Pettit, International Programs

RE: Update on PVO letter to President Bush concerning safe
delivery of humanitarian assistance in El Salvador

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1. The deadline for signing-on to the PVO letter to President Bush, circulated this week, has been postponed until Thursday, November 30, at 5:00 pm EST.
 2. The next-to-last paragraph of the letter, beginning with "We also request that you instruct your ambassador..." has been revised at the request of several agencies, in order to address the conduct of the U.S. Embassy in broader policy terms. This paragraph now reads as follows:

We would also request, Mr. President, that you clearly affirm as a matter of U.S. policy the right of religious and other private voluntary agencies to respond to humanitarian need without interference. In accord with such an affirmation, the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador would be expected to work tirelessly to help provide an environment in which such organizations may carry out their essential work.

Unless we hear otherwise from those agencies who have approved the earlier text, we will assume that you would still like to sign on with this amended language.

3. When calling to sign on, please indicate the precise spelling and title of the individual signing, as well as the exact name and spelling of your organization. If for some reason you have not received a full copy of the text, please let us know. As of noon today, seventeen agencies have signed on. Do not hesitate to call us if you would like a complete list of signers to date.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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November 1, 1989

TO: Larry Phillips

FROM: Marty Schwartz

REF: 1. NY Associates Symposium on the Philippines
2. AJWS Hurricane Hugo Disaster Relief

1. The symposium on development programs in the Philippines, sponsored by the AJWS New York Associates Group, will take place Sunday, November 5, 1989 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 W. 86th Street, New York. A reception will follow.

Attached is a copy of the press release with information on the participants from the Philippines.

We have done a lot of outreach to the Filipino community in New York and they have expressed a great deal

2. I was very pleased to have been able to present a check for \$10,000 from AJWS to Maria Elena Girone, Executive Director of the Puerto Rican Family Institute to be used to help victims of Hurricane Hugo in Puerto Rico. The presentation was made Monday evening, October 30, 1989 as part of the program to kick-off "Puerto Rican Heritage Month" which was sponsored by the Association of Puerto Rican Executive Directors. The event was also attended by many leaders of Hispanic organizations in New York, as well as the Hispanic media.

Michael Miller of the Jewish Community Relations Council also presented a check for \$12,000 to the same organization. Originally, we were going to channel the money we collected through JCRC, with the stipulation that they mention AJWS during the presentation. When they refused to do so, Andy decided that we would present our contribution separately.

It should be noted that AJWS and JCRC were the only organizations presenting contributions for Hurricane Hugo disaster relief that evening, which dramatically underscores the support of the Jewish community for the people of Puerto Rico. During my presentation, I read aloud the attached letter from Andy and several people asked me about AJWS afterwards.

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"SUSTAINABLE GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Seminar sponsored by the New York City Associates of
American Jewish World Service

Sunday, November 5, 1989

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Philip Camara - Executive Director of The Foundation for Community Organization and Management Technology, founded after the 1986 revolution to pioneer programs for bio-regional development.

Marietta P. Goco - Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Educational Evolution and Development (FEED).

Corason Juliano-Soliman - founding member of the Agency for Community Educational Services.

Maximo Kalaw - Executive Director of Karbison, the leading environmental organization in the Philippines which supports indigenous peoples and community-organized conservation programs, currently involved in saving the rain forest of Palawan.

Christina Hanson - Executive Director, Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources for Rural Asia (PHILDHARRA), a consortium of 54 grass-roots development NGOs, mostly based far from Manila.

Lyda Lim - independent Philippine journalist.

Alex Padilla - Executive Director, Inter-NGO Network for Participatory Development, a consortium of grass-roots development groups based in Southern Luzon.

Cresente Faes - Executive Director, Visayas Cooperative Development Center, which provides training and technical services to 150 cooperative affiliates and 120 rural development groups.

Isagani Serrano - Vice-President, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement dedicated to building grass-roots autonomous institutions such as peasant associations, cooperatives and community organizations. Mr. Serrano also serves as consultant to the Committee on Agrarian Reform of the Philippine Congress and as a Director of the Philippine NGO Consortium for Rural Development.

NEWS RELEASE

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AJWS Sponsors Visit of Philippines Environmental Leaders

Leaders of eight Philippines non-governmental community development organizations will be making San Francisco the first stop of a national tour designed to bring attention to environmental concerns in their country. The American Jewish World Service is a major sponsor of the visit.

While in Northern California, the delegates, whose work affects several million Filipinos, will be meeting with the AJWS's San Francisco Associates, representatives from the California Association of Student Councils and the National Filipino-American Council.

The visit coincides with debate in the US Congress concerning the "Philippine Aid Plan" - a multi-national aid package that could total as much as \$10 billion over the next five years. The delegates will be participating in the AJWS co-sponsored Globescope Pacific Conference in Los Angeles before travelling to New York where they will meet with United Nations staff. Their trip will conclude in Washington, D.C., where they will meet with several congressional leaders and representatives from international development organizations. They will also meet with President Corazon Aquino, who will be in the United States on an official visit.

A press conference will be held October 31, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fairmont Hotel's French Room.

The delegates include: Maximo Kalaw, Haribon Foundation; Philip Camara, Foundation for Community Organization and Management Technology; Christina Llanzon, Philippine Partnership for the Development of Resources for Rural Asia; Iragani Serrano, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement; Alex Padilla, Inter-NGO Network for Participatory Development; Cresente Pacz, Visayas Cooperative Development Center; Marietta Goco, FEED; Corazon Julliano-Solliman, Congress for People's Agrarian Reform; Lyda Lim, independent journalist.

The American Jewish World Service is a not-for-profit organization founded by American Jews to support sustainable community-based development programs. Its projects benefit the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America, regardless of race or religion. AJWS has supported cultural and economic development efforts in the Philippines for several years.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 28, 1989



Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
45 E. 89th Street
New York, NY 10028

Dear Marc:

As you are largely the reason I make this contribution, I wanted you to forward it for me.

Happy and Healthy New Year.

Regards,

Larry

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

January 2, 1989

Mr. Ira Silverman
Executive Vice-President
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Ira,

It gives me much pleasure to forward to you the enclosed check in the amount of six thousand dollars. It is the 1989 contribution of my dear friend, Larry Phillips, to the American Jewish Committee.

His accompanying note was deeply moving, and I have written him a personal response of gratitude.

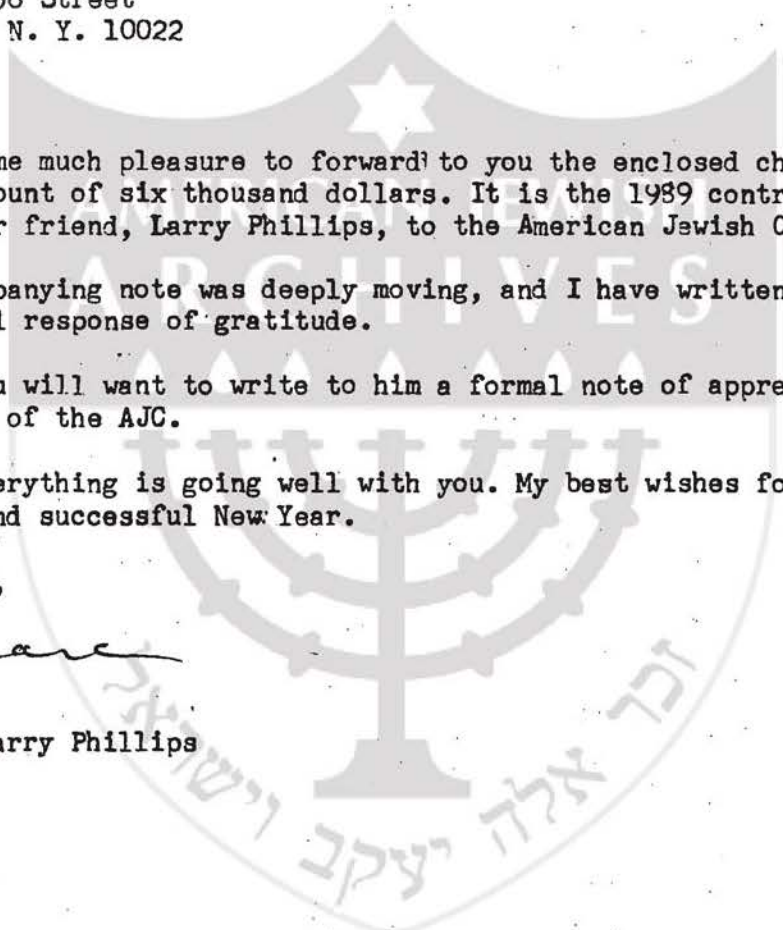
I know you will want to write to him a formal note of appreciation in behalf of the AJC.

I hope everything is going well with you. My best wishes for a healthy and successful New Year.

Sincerely,



cc: Mr. Larry Phillips



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October 31, 1989

Mr. Andrew Griffel, Executive Director
AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N.Y. 10104

Dear Mr. Griffel,

On behalf of the Puerto Rican Family Institute and the Puerto Rican community, I wish to thank the American Jewish World Service for your most generous contribution towards our Hurricane Hugo Relief Fund. It was indeed an honor to receive your check from Mr. Martin Schwartz at the Comité Noviembre reception yesterday evening and to share a common bond of dedication to the concerns of rebuilding the lives of families left destitute by the Hurricane.

As you know, our office is currently providing emergency aid for victims of the hurricane in the form of food, medicine, and school clothing for children. One hundred percent of the donations given goes directly to help families which have been left homeless by the hurricane.

Again, many thanks for your generosity. We are sincerely grateful for the American Jewish World Service's show of solidarity with our community and benevolence in our hour of need.

Gratefully yours,

Maria Elena Gironé
Executive Director

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October 11, 1989

Abe Foxman
Anti-Defamation League
B'nai B'rith
823 UN Plaza
New York, NY 10017
Telecopy: 212-697-0109

Dear Abe,

I am happy to inform you that the Executive Committee of the American Jewish World Service has approved your nomination to the Board of Governors, which we expect will be confirmed by the Board at its meeting on October 16, 1989.

We would like to introduce you at this Board meeting, which will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Hemisphere Club, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, 48th floor. If you can attend, please let me know at (212) 468-7380.

Mazel Tov and I hope to see you soon.

Shana Tova!

Sincerely,


Andrew Griffel
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AJWS Executive Committee
FROM: Andrew Griffel 
DATE: February 13, 1990
RE: Executive Committee Meeting - February 20, 1990

Enclosed, please find the minutes of the latest Overseas and Domestic Committee meetings. I am sending them to you again because they contain information pertinent to some of the issues which will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on February 20th.

The minutes of the Overseas Committee meeting indicate the current status of the AJWS international program and the steps being taken in shaping its future. An important element of this is the criteria by which projects are to be selected. The Executive Committee is being asked to decide upon procedures for approving projects and these are outlined on the last page of the minutes.

The minutes of the Domestic Committee report the discussion that took place concerning the role and identity of the Associates. It was the consensus of the Domestic Committee that the primary role of the Associates should be to support the AJWS international development program since that is the primary mission of the organization. While AJWS is committed to building and training our Associate network, the sense of the Domestic Committee was that it should only be done within this context.

The Fiscal Committee is having its first meeting on February 14th. I will send you the relevant financial information as soon as they have had the opportunity to review it and make their comments.

I look forward to seeing you on February 20th.

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MINUTES

Of the Overseas Committee Meeting

Held On: January 21, 1990, 12 noon

At: AJWS Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York

PRESENT

Members of the Overseas Committee

Warren Eisenberg (Chair), Don Abramson (by phone), Demetrios Argyriades, Shepard Forman, Caroline Harris, Owen Kupferschmid, David Miller (by phone), Ruth Morgenthau (by phone), Mindy Reiser (by phone), Steve Smith (by phone), Richard Weingarten, Herb Weiss

Staff

Joni Block, Lisa Erickson, Andrew Griffel, Lewis Heyman, Joanne Horwood, Ira Lowenthal, Martin Schwartz

Absent

Balfour Brickner, Saul Cohen, Joel Lamstein, David Pincus, Robert Simon

1. Opening Remarks by the Chair

W. Eisenberg announced that he is stepping down as Chair of the Committee and that the Executive Committee has appointed Shep Forman as the new Chair. The full Board is expected to ratify this action at the March 12 Board meeting.

2. Remarks by the Executive Director

Other Committees

A. Griffel announced that the two other newly constituted committees of the Board would be meeting soon. The Domestic Committee will meet on January 30 and the Fiscal Committee on February 14. Also, the Executive Committee will meet on February 20.

O. Kupferschmid will serve as the Overseas Committee (OVC) representative to the Domestic Committee, rather than Mindy Reiser, who is unable to serve due to conflicting personal commitments. Steve Smith is the OVC representative to the Fiscal Committee.

Minutes

The OVC approved the minutes of the last two OVC meetings with one change in the 12/10 minutes. On page 3 of the minutes, under 3.a., the word "agreed" is changed to "decided."

Meeting Dates

Seeking to accommodate Committee members and Staff, it was decided to alternate OVC meetings between Sundays and weekdays. Ultimately, the OVC will be meeting quarterly. Therefore, the Committee agreed to schedule the two **Sunday meetings** on the weekends immediately preceding the Monday Board meetings in March and October, and to schedule the two **weekday meetings** in the quarters between Board meetings.

Open or Closed OVC Meetings?

OVC meetings are open to Board members. There was discussion about Associates' and other interested parties' attending OVC meetings. Due to the current period of reorganization when many sensitive issues must be debated and discussed, it was agreed that OVC meetings would be closed, ad interim. There was an understanding that a clearer definition of the roles and responsibilities of Associates will proceed from the deliberations of the Domestic Committee. If the Domestic Committee requests that Associates be allowed to attend OVC meetings, then the OVC will consider that request on its merits, at the time.

Colombia Surgeons Project

The Executive Committee approved the OVC recommendation to cancel the Colombia project (La Samaritana).

3. Remarks by the International Program Director

Grain Storage Project Update

We received communication from PERI that they have sent the requisite first year report by courier. This report is vital in terms of our own reporting requirements to the Moriah Fund; our report is due February 15.

Pending Project Proposals

Ira advised the OVC that there are three worthwhile project proposals that have been pending for some months. Action must be taken soon on these projects even though formal project review procedures may not yet be finalized.

The first project is in India with a private group, Pradan, a well-known, highly respected Indian organization of educated development professionals who work in the field to alleviate poverty among their own countrypeople. Caution was expressed by the OVC about the historically uneasy relationship between Israel and India. It was noted, however, that recent events have suggested some significant improvements in this regard. The issue of country approval

for India was also raised. It was reported by several Committee members that India has never received country approval. This issue will be revisited in detail when the Pradan proposal comes up for review.

The second project is in the Philippines with an indigenous organization called IDEAS, the Institute for Development of Educational and Ecological Alternatives. The project is primarily a health project but has serious social action, local self-reliance and income generating components.

The third project is with the Tibetan community in India and is the second phase of the Tibetan Economic Development Project, which was the recipient of an AJWS grant of \$15,000 in 1989. There is also a small proposal to work with the Tibet Women's Association, and an opportunity for establishing a long-term training relationship between Tibetans in exile and Israeli technical and cooperative development institutions.

Finally, Ira announced that there was a request from our project partner in Sri Lanka, the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, for a no-cost project extension through 1990. The project had been scheduled to end in 1989. The Committee agreed that Staff should approve this request.

Update of Current Activities

We received a \$10,000 PACT grant in 1989 to fund a comparative evaluation of our Samal Island Development Foundation (SIDF) project with a similar World Bank activity in an adjacent region. The follow-up to the report will be a conference of local NGO leaders to discuss the evaluation, to be held this year in Manila. This AJWS-sponsored conference will also be partially funded with a grant from PACT. A synopsis of the evaluation's findings for the SIDF project will appear as a chapter in a book to be published this year by PACT.

Our consultant in Ethiopia, Dr. Jim McCann of Boston University, will return from conducting his field research on traditional grain storage methods on January 30. He will be giving a debriefing on his research on January 31 at 9:30 at the AJWS offices. All OVC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. (The debriefing will be taped.) We will distribute McCann's report widely within the development community. A few members commented that we should make a concerted effort to publicize our support of these types of activities among our colleagues in the development community and among donors. The AJWS newsletter, which is in the midst of being revived, will address this need. The newsletter will be shared with development agencies and with donors. It was also explicitly stated that this consultancy does not obligate us to fund any specific projects in Ethiopia in the future.

The applied research itself represents a significant, "stand-alone" contribution to the development climate for that perennially drought- and famine-stricken country.

Organizational Relations

Ira provided briefings on the status of our relationships with other development agencies including the Inter-American Foundation, the OEF, the Hemispheric Migration Project at Georgetown University's Center for Migration Policy and Refugee Assistance, Operation California and InterAction. He commented that collaboration with other development agencies is very important, especially to a young organization like the AJWS, attempting to establish itself within the PVO community. Managed carefully, such inter-agency relationships can be of significant benefit to both parties and result in successes that otherwise might elude either organization singly.

Carrie Harris and Debra Simon will be representing the AJWS at an InterAction-sponsored conference in Grafton, Vermont on "Women, Leadership and Development," to be held February 2 and 3.

Suggested Reading List

A reading list of topics in development was distributed to all members present along with three chapters from *Aid for Just Development* and a chapter on International PVOs written by David Miller which will be part of a book to be published in 1990. The list and readings were prepared by Staff in response to a request by O. Kupferschmid at the last meeting.

4. Central America/Caribbean Field Trip

Ira and Joni are leaving on January 31 for a five-week trip to Mexico, Honduras, Belize, Haiti and Jamaica. The purpose of the trip is to explore the possibilities for establishing AJWS programs in these countries. The International Program staff will meet with representatives of various international and local development assistance agencies, leaders of the Jewish communities and other relevant contacts during week-long, fact-finding missions in each country visited.

**5. Review and Discussion of January 19 Development Process
Memorandum: Issues and Procedures**

There was much discussion on the issues raised in the memorandum concerning country selection, sectoral specialization and the project selection process. Three resolutions were ultimately passed:

Resolution 1

Country selection will be ratified by the full Board and/or the Executive Committee based on recommendations by the OVC.

It was agreed that decisions regarding country approval, which are to be ratified by the full Board, are separate from decisions regarding country program strategies. Authority for these latter decisions resides with the OVC.

Resolution 2

Sectoral specializations are a programmatic concern that will be determined by the OVC.

Resolution 3

A panel will be constituted comprising the International Program Staff, the Executive Director and a still-to-be-determined number of OVC members that will select projects for funding within the parameters to be specified per the procedures in Resolutions 1 and 2 above.

The next OVC meeting will be Sunday, March 11 at noon at the AJWS office.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: AJWS Domestic Committee
FROM: Martin Schwartz and Joanne Horwood
DATE: February 7, 1990
RE: Draft Minutes of the Domestic Committee Meeting

Attached are the draft minutes of the Domestic Committee meeting held Tuesday, January 30, 1990.

We believe that the meeting was an important step in strengthening the positive working relationship between the staff and Board. It also began the process by which the Associate Groups will become more clearly defined in their identity and role in the AJWS mission and program.

Please let us know if any additions or corrections need to be made. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Best wishes.

cc: Andrew Griffel
Larry Phillips

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Domestic Committee Meeting

Date: January 30, 1990 - 4:00 P.M.

Place: AJWS Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York

PRESENT

Members of the Domestic Committee:

Anne Roiphe (Co-chair), Peter Geffen (Co-chair), Don Abramson (by phone), Hyman Bookbinder (by phone), Doris Brickner (by phone), David Broida, Henry Everett, George Foos (by phone), Andrew Griffel (Ex-Officio), Dr. Carl Mankowitz (partial), Larry Phillips (Ex-Officio), Ronald Pollack (by phone), Debra Simon

Others attending:

Rhoda Barr (Volunteer Consulting Group, Inc.)

Staff:

Joni Block, Lisa Erickson, Lewis Heyman, Joanne Horwood, Ira Lowenthal, Martin Schwartz

Absent: Rabbi Jerome Davidson, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, Owen Kupferschmid (Overseas Rep.), Richard Rubenstein, John Ruskay, Martin Schenker

The first meeting of the newly constituted Domestic Committee was called to order by A. Roiphe and P. Geffen, Co-chairs.

I. MANDATE AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

The Committee discussed its role and what would be its appropriate level of involvement relative to staff functions. It was agreed that the Committee should not get involved in the "micro-management" of staff, but instead should serve a review, advisory and oversight function.

It was the sense of the Committee that its purpose is to respond to specific areas of the AJWS Domestic program which require policy decisions and direction. These areas include the role of the Associate Groups and their relation to the national organization, the programming and funding of these groups; fundraising; advertising and public relations.

It was then recommended that the AJWS domestic programs staff prepare annual "strategy plans" and budgets which will be submitted to the Committee at an appropriate time to be determined by the Executive Director. The Committee would discuss the details of these plans and budgets which would then be presented to the Executive Committee for their consideration. It would be the responsibility of the staff to implement these plans as approved by the Board.

It was the sense of the Committee that creating sub-committees for the purpose of dealing with specific program areas was not necessary at this time. Instead, it was suggested that the staff develop "panels of experts" in specific areas relevant to the Committee's tasks who could be consulted when necessary. It was recommended that these panels be comprised of not just Board members, but experts from outside the organization as well who would be solicited by members of the Board and AJWS staff.

II. REPORT FROM THE OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

A. Griffel provided a brief report of the decisions made in the two recently held Overseas Committee Meetings. Those members of the Committee who wish to receive more information about OVC activities can contact the national office.

III. ASSOCIATE GROUPS

A. Role of Associate Groups

The Committee acknowledged that Associate Groups are an integral part of the structure of AJWS and that the organization has devoted and allocated resources for their development. It was the sense of the Committee that the Associate Groups should continue to be involved in assisting the organization in its mission to serve communities in the Third World. The Committee recognized that a natural outcome of this involvement is fostering Jewish leadership locally and nationally around issues of international development; a fuller discussion of this issue will take place at a later date.

The Committee discussed whether the terms "Associate" and "Associate Group" accurately describe the relationship between the active volunteers working on behalf of AJWS and the national organization. Some Committee members felt that the name "associate" carries a demeaning connotation; others felt comfortable with the name. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the staff explore alternatives to determine whether a more appropriate term can be found to replace "associate" and "associate group". It was noted that this new terminology should not convey a sense of membership,

since, at this time, AJWS is not constituted as a membership organization.

B. Associate Groups and Overseas Projects

The Committee agreed that Associate Groups should be encouraged to become involved with specific AJWS overseas projects, but only those which are approved by AJWS staff and are within the AJWS established country and sector parameters.

C. Associate Groups and Fundraising

The Committee decided that all funds from Associate Group fundraising activities be directed to the National Office. After this is done, funds can be earmarked for specific AJWS overseas projects as approved by the National Office, particularly a project which an Associate group has decided to support.

The Committee supported efforts initiated by the staff to develop a system for Associate Groups to budget and account for monies spent for their activities.

A discussion ensued as to whether fundraising should be considered as the primary purpose of the Associate Groups. It was agreed that in so far as one of the purposes of the organization as a whole is to raise money for AJWS international development projects, Associates should conduct activities which assist in this effort. Along with primarily fundraising activities, this can be achieved in a variety of other ways, such as outreach and education programs.

It was agreed that the organization should also recognize a "broader perspective" of Associate's contribution to AJWS' goals - increasing awareness and concern in the Jewish community about international development as well as financial support for projects. The Domestic Committee will need to consider, however, what amount of funds could be allocated to the Associates program to achieve this purpose. Nonetheless, it was the sense of the Committee that Associate Group activities should at least be self-sustaining, so as not to cost the organization money.

D. Associate Group Programming

While the Committee understood that each Associate Group has a distinctive personality, it was suggested that each group should attempt to strike a balance between development education, Jewish cultural and ethical issues

and fundraising programs. The Committee recognized the diversity between Associates in different cities, and cited this as a strength of the organization; nonetheless, they agreed that every group should set its programming within the broad parameters of AJWS' policy and goals.

It was the sense of the Committee that the Associate Groups could make these determinations themselves as long as it was in keeping with AJWS' mission.

IV. CONCLUSION

The date for the next Domestic Committee meeting will be set and communicated to Committee members at a later time. Meanwhile, the Committee requested that the staff articulate the direction for the domestic program of the organization for the next six to eight months. Members of the Committee will be available to give guidance as may seem necessary.



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March 16, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
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Dear Marc,

Good to have seen you at the Board meetings this week, even if only briefly. Before it slips my mind, I wanted to follow up with you on the grants which AJWS made for disaster relief in Armenia. As I mentioned, I would like to be able to provide as clear and specific an answer as possible to our donors who gave for the Armenia effort. You said that you thought that the person with whom we should speak at the Soviet Embassy was named something like Perestreva. Would you have a phone number for him? And you mentioned that you'd be willing to follow up with Archbishop Manoogian regarding the grant made to the Armenian Church.

When I speak with the person at the Soviet Embassy, I will ask what their current funding priorities are in Armenia. We still have somewhere between \$10,000-\$15,000 in earmarked contributions for Armenia.

If you happen to locate a copy of the Jewish Telegraphic Service article on the ship which brought the relief packages from Israel to Armenia, I appreciate seeing it. I'm sure that there's a copy around here somewhere, but I haven't seen it yet.

Again, many thanks for your help in putting together the channels for transferring relief funds to Armenia. Your efforts and networking were invaluable, and much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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Tonight we read together:

This is the bread of poverty
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Let all who are in need share
in the hope of Passover!
This year we all are slaves,
Next year may we all be free.

Tonight, to redeem the Afikoman:

We renew our commitment to help
all who are hungry around the world,
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This Passover, we—family and friends, parents and children together—join the American Jewish World Service's effort to alleviate hunger and poverty around the world.

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In the past year, AJWS also joined an international effort to assist the victims of the disasters in Armenia and Bangladesh. Desperately needed funds, medical supplies and clothing were provided by AJWS supporters.

The proceeds of this year's *Afikoman Pledge* will be used to continue AJWS efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty throughout the world.

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Dear Colleague,

You can teach the lesson of Pesach while helping the American Jewish World Service raise critically-needed funds by having your congregation participate in our third annual Afikoman Pledge campaign. With your help, we'll be able to top last year's successful campaign, in which more than 300 congregations, Hillels and other organizations raised \$59,000 to continue our life-saving work.

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The Afikoman Pledge is an original and creative educational tool that teaches children and adults alike about Passover and tzedakah. I'd like to send you a kit describing how you can incorporate the Afikoman Pledge into your adult education or religious school programs, community seders, sermons, or services. After you've reviewed the materials in the kit, I encourage you to discuss with leaders of your congregation how to best use the Afikoman Pledge.

You can order copies of the Afikoman Pledge (a sample of which is enclosed) along with your organizer's kit by simply completing the reply card I've included with this letter and mailing it to AJWS. We'll promptly send you all that you need to help us make this year's Afikoman Pledge campaign a resounding success.

I urge your congregation to participate in the Afikoman Pledge, and to commit "to help all who are hungry around the world so that next year we all may be free."

Shalom,



Rabbi Wolfe Kelman

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MEMO

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: Jill Spiewak, Coordinator of material aid
DATE: January 23, 1989
SUB: Project La Samaritana

It is my pleasure to share with you my recent experience in Bogota, Colombia, where the first AJWS volunteer team traveled to the developing world to provide professional services and training. Through the transfer of new surgical skills and techniques AJWS is creating self-reliance in the fields of plastic and reconstructive surgery. This trip was a great success in terms of the work which was done, and the relationships which were established between AJWS, members of the medical community, and the Jewish community of Bogota.

The AJWS team was led by Dr. John Grossman from the Rhode Island Hospital, and joined by Dr. Leland Deane, Dr. Denise Kenna and nurse Patricia Couture. After operating for five days they completed 36 operations, primarily on cleft lip and palates, and severe hand deformities. These surgeons were joined by a group of plastic and reconstructive Jewish surgeons at Hospital La Samaritana in Bogota, where the project was hosted.

Hospital La Samaritana was selected as the site for the AJWS team because it is a public hospital which already treats patients from the poorest sections of Cundinamarca, the department of Colombia of which Bogota is the capital. La Samaritana is primarily a charitable hospital where many of the doctors volunteer their free services. There are also 14 Jewish doctors working at La Samaritana, 3 of which specialize in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The news of the arrival of an American volunteer team of surgeons attracted approximately 500 candidates who were initially screened by Dr. Kopec and Dr. Sanabria, 2 plastic surgeons at La Samaritana. When the AJWS team arrived Dr. Grossman chose 36 patients for immediate surgery and scheduled approximately 40 for May.

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Most of the patients came from the local area of Bogota, but there were others who traveled long distances to take advantage of this rare opportunity. Sonia Viviana, a 9 year old girl from Bogota who was born without fingers, will soon know what it means to be able to write and play like other children. Her operation like many others requires several stages of surgery which will be conducted by both surgeons at La Samaritana in the next 6 months, and Dr. Grossman's team in May. Ichico Natapi, a one year old Indian child from the Amazon, underwent cleft lip surgery after her mother traveled with her for three days to Bogota. The two were accompanied by a nun who had been informed of the project by a priest from the nearby town of Leticia.

We learned that the types of operations performed by Dr. Grossman's team are not generally conducted in Colombia because of a severe lack of financial resources for learning new techniques and obtaining necessary equipment. Therefore the specific equipment and supplies provided by AJWS were essential for conducting these operations. It was also clear after speaking with some of the parents whose children had undergone surgery that they never imagined their children would receive proper surgical care.

The doctors at La Samaritana confirmed the desperate need in Colombia for the type of assistance which AJWS brought. They were grateful for the opportunity to acquire new skills through direct participation in surgery. While Dr. Grossman and Dr. Deane were responsible for conducting operations there was tremendous cooperation on the part of the staff at La Samaritana. Each operation performed by the AJWS team was assisted and observed by Colombian doctors and residents. Furthermore, the fact that the team will be returning every six months to the same hospital creates an environment in which long-term relationships are established, and where patients receive on-going attention from doctors who are all well-acquainted with their cases.

The timing of this project with the 450th anniversary of the city of Bogota sparked a tremendously enthusiastic response from the Jewish community in Bogota which provided the financial means to reconstruct a section of the hospital. This section will room Dr. Grossman's patients when he returns every six months as well as regular patients at La Samaritana in between his six month visits. Dr. Grossman and Dr. Deane will be returning in May for 10 days to follow up on patients who were operated on in late November, and to conduct operations on new patients.



Mother from Amazon travels with infant for cleft lip surgery at Hospital La Samaritana.



Dr. John Grossman, AJWS, (left) and Dr. Leland Deane, AJWS, with children after surgery.



Dr. John Grossman (center) and Colombian surgeon, John Sanabria (right) with patient before surgery.



Dr. John Grossman operating with Colombian surgeon, Alberto Kopec (right) at Hospital La Samaritana.

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AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE BRINGS SURGICAL AID TO COLOMBIA

Boston, MA -- A volunteer American Jewish World Service team of plastic and reconstructive surgeons recently completed 36 operations at Hospital De La Samaritana in Bogota, Colombia. Most of those treated were children with congenital deformities and traumatic injuries.

AJWS chose Bogota, Colombia as the site for its first medical team in the developing world after having initiated a disaster recovery program, Ladrillos Por Colombia, in Guayabal, Tolima, following the volcanic eruption of Nevado de Ruiz in 1986. Following this 1 week trip in late November, the AJWS team will return every six months to La Samaritana, and will focus on treating the neediest patients from the urban and rural areas of Cundinamarca.

Working closely with the Jewish community in Bogota, AJWS chose La Samaritana as the central location for operations because it is used by patients from the poorest sections of the state.

The AJWS team was led by Dr. John Grossman from the Rhode Island Hospital, and included Dr. Leland Deane from Long Island, New York, Dr. Denise Kenna, resident plastic surgeon at the Rhode Island Hospital, and Patricia Couture, Dr. Grossman's nurse. To facilitate operations AJWS provided medical equipment, instruments and supplies which are otherwise difficult to obtain in Colombia.

Case selections were made by both the Colombian surgeons at La Samaritana and the AJWS team. Out of approximately 500 candidates 36 were selected for immediate operations and nearly 40 were scheduled for May, when the AJWS team will return. At La Samaritana, American and Colombian surgeons operated together allowing for the transfer of new and more advanced surgical techniques. Doctors from other city hospitals volunteered their surgical skills and took part in some of the operations.

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In response to the AJWS project, and as part of a campaign for the 450th anniversary of the city, the Jewish community of Bogota offered a gift of its own. With funds raised by the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jewish communities in Bogota, a section of the hospital was remodelled and rebuilt for plastic, reconstructive and ophthalmic surgery. The new area now consists of 2 recuperation rooms for both men and women of 24 beds, a waiting room, and an office. This new space will be used by regular patients in the hospital, but will be reserved specifically for the AJWS team during its stay.

Dr. Grossman and Dr. Deane were also hosted at Hospital San Juan De Dios, an affiliated hospital of La Samaritana. At San Juan De Dios, they gave lectures and slide presentations to an audience of 30, on topics pertaining to the cases which were selected for the week.

This joint health project was received at La Samaritana by the governor of Cundinamarca, Jaime Posada Diaz, the wife of the mayor of Bogota, and the director of Hospital De La Samaritana. Others who joined the presentation included the Colombian Minister of Health, the American and Israeli Ambassadors, donors of the new ward, participating doctors and nurses, and representatives from the Bogota Jewish community and the AJWS.

AJWS is the international relief and development organization of the American Jewish community. AJWS assists people in the developing world regardless of religious or ethnic background.

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AJWS sends surgeons to Colombia

BOSTON— Late last month, a team of plastic surgeons arrived in Bogota, Colombia, to operate on children suffering from congenital defects, burns and other accidents. The team is being sent by American Jewish World Service (AJWS), the international relief and development organization of the American Jewish community which assists people in the developing world regardless of religious or ethnic background.

Dr. John Grossman, plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the Rhode Island Hospital and

assistant professor at Brown University, led the team of four, which performed approximately 70 operations in a one-week period. The patients were primarily children from the Bogota area who otherwise would be unable to receive the specific type of surgical attention needed.

In cooperation with AJWS, the Colombian Jewish community selected a hospital in Bogota and financed the transformation of an existing ward into a clinic to accommodate the medical

team. AJWS and the Colombian Jewish community have worked together in the past, assisting victims of a volcanic eruption in November 1985 which destroyed the city of Armero, killing 20,000 people and leaving thousands homeless.

In addition to his surgical duties, Dr. Grossman delivered lectures to physicians, students and health practitioners. The AJWS surgical team will return to Bogota every six months to perform additional operations and provide follow-up treatment.



Dr. John Grossman with surgical team in Bogota, Colombia

Ayuda judío-norteamericana al hospital de La Samaritana

El Hospital de La Samaritana recibirá mañana nuevas instalaciones para ampliar y mejorar el servicio. Camas, salas de cirugía, equipos médicos y la colaboración de algunos médicos, serán varios de los beneficios que recibirán los pacientes.

Natapl Yucuna Ichico, un niño indígena de un año, llegó desde el Amazonas la semana pasada al Hospital de la Samaritana, para que lo operaran de su labio superior.

Los médicos dicen que su enfermedad es la del labio leporino, mala formación de uno de sus labios por factores de desnutrición, hereditarios o sifilíticos de alguno de sus padres.

Natapl vino con su madre, Yacuna, desde el corregimiento de Morití, cerca de Leticia. Después de viajar dos días en lancha, tres horas en avión y tres en bus, llegó a Bogotá y lo llevaron al Hospital de La Samaritana. El martes pasado, a las ocho de la mañana, entró a la sala de cirugía y en tres horas le reconstruyeron su labio.

La intervención la hizo Leland Dean, un médico norteamericano que forma parte de la comitiva de la American Jewish World Service que vino a Colombia para colaborar en un programa con la comunidad judía radicada en el país, para curar a varios niños con enfermedades congénitas y regalar a Bogotá, en sus 450 años, la remodelación de la parte suroeste del Hospital de la Samaritana.

La American Jewish es una asociación mundial, con sede en Estados Unidos, que realiza obras benéficas. La primera vez que envió personal al país fue en 1986, para la tragedia de Armero, en una obra que se llamó "Ladrillos por Colombia", con la participación de los mismos médicos: Denise Kenna, John Grosman y Leland Dean.

Esta semana once médicos realizaron 50 cirugías plásticas, totalmente gratuitas, a varios colombianos para reconstruirles el labio, el paladar o la mano. Todas

enfermedades congénitas.

"Los intervenidos —dijo Alberto Kopec, director del programa— se escogieron de un grupo de 700 personas que se presentaron en el hospital, de acuerdo con nuestras posibilidades para ayudarlos. En las operaciones de labio se prefirieron los más jóvenes, ya que no han desarrollado su patrón cerebral de lenguaje, y por lo tanto tienen más posibilidad de hablar bien en el futuro".

El grupo de médicos lo conformaron ocho colombianos y tres norteamericanos. Los últimos pertenecen al departamento de cirugía plástica del Hospital de Rhode Island. "Ellos colaboran —agregó Kopec— con la compra de los equipos y materiales necesarios para efectuar las cirugías. El dinero lo sacan de sus honorarios".

Los cirujanos extranjeros volverán cada seis meses para revisar a los pacientes operados y tratar nuevos casos. También estudian la posibilidad de desplazarse a áreas rurales en el futuro.

Además, la comunidad judía y la American Jewish reestructuraron el área suroeste del hospital, para dar un nuevo servicio a las salas de hospitalización de cirugía plástica y oftalmología.

La remodelación empezó en agosto de este año y estará lista este martes, cuando se inicie el funcionamiento de las dos salas de recuperación para pacientes de cirugía plástica reconstructiva, una sala para enfermos en estado crítico, un área para las enfermeras, corredores de acceso, baños y 32 camas.

Ese día, a las 10 de la mañana, recibirán la obra el director del hospital, Pablo Arango Restrepo, el alcalde de Bogotá, An-

drés Pastrana Arango, y el gobernador de Cundinamarca, Jaime Posada Díaz.

Esta es la segunda remodelación del hospital en el presente año. La anterior fue entregada el 12 de julio, con la reconstrucción de varias salas de cirugía, recuperación, esterilización, congelación y recepción de alimentos. Se dotaron con 73 camas. El costo total fue de \$ 25 millones.

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EL PINTOR ENRIQUE GRAU donó en días pasados dos de sus obras al Centro Colombo Americano de Bogotá. En la gráfica durante la ceremonia de entrega lo acompañan Nancy de Cortés, directora general del centro y Santiago Samper, director cultural.

Cirugías plásticas sin costo ofrece la comunidad hebraica

La Comunidad Judía de Bogotá y la American Jewish World Service, hicieron entrega de las obras de reestructuración del área suroeste del Hospital de la Samaritana, donde están localizadas las salas de hospitalización de cirugía plástica y oftalmología.

La reforma incluye la instalación de dos salas de recuperación de pacientes de cirugía plástica reconstructiva para hombres y mujeres, baños para cada sección, una sala para pacientes en estado crítico, con su baño, un área para enfermeras, corredores de acceso y escaleras para una segunda etapa que hoy alberga el salón para pacientes de otorrinolaringología.

La American Jewish World Service colaborará con un equipo de

cinco profesionales, cirujanos plásticos y anestesiólogos, y donará equipos medianos para efectuar las cirugías y los materiales necesarios para realizar aproximadamente 50 cirugías plásticas reconstructivas congénitas de labio, (labio leporino), paladar (paladar hendido) y mano.

Estas cirugías que se realizarán sin costo alguno, se llevarán a cabo entre el 27 de noviembre y el 3 de diciembre. Hasta el momento solo se han presentado 22 pacientes y el proyecto es llegar al número de 50. Las personas interesadas en solucionar esta clase de problemas deben ponerse en comunicación con el doctor Alberto Kopec, departamento de cirugía plástica del Hospital de la Samaritana, mañana martes, a la 1 de la tarde, y el próximo jueves, a las 9 de la mañana.

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Judíos donan obra para salud pública

Con una inversión cercana a los \$25 millones se reconstruyó un ala del hospital de "La Samaritana", se donaron equipos traídos de los Estados Unidos y se realizarán 50 operaciones gratuitas de cirugía reconstructiva de labio, paladar y mano, por cuatro especialistas norteamericanos invitados y un equipo de médicos colombianos. La obra se entregará, el 6 de diciembre, a las autoridades locales.

La comunidad judía de Bogotá y la "American Jewish World Service", como regalo a Bogotá en sus 450 años, le hará entrega a la ciudad el próximo 6 de diciembre de la remodelación completa del ala suroccidental del hospital de "La Samaritana", donde están localizadas las alas de hospitalización, cirugía plástica y oftalmología.

La American Jewish World Service colaborará con un equipo de 5 profesionales, cirujanos plásticos y anestesiólogos, como también con la donación de equipos para efectuar las cirugías y los materiales necesarios para llevar a cabo unas 50 intervenciones quirúrgicas, de manera gratuita: reconstructivas congénitas de labio, paladar y mano.

Estas cirugías plásticas serán adelantadas por los médicos norteamericanos John Grossman, Lee Dean, Pat Couture, Jill Spewak y Kenea y los especialistas colombianos Ricardo Salazar, Abraham Cuperman, Alberto Kopez, Guillermo Marin, John Sanabria, Orlando Pérez y Rafael Gómez. Este último ha venido estudiando las historias clínicas de los pacientes que serán operados, en promedio 12 diarios, desde el 28 de noviembre al 3 de diciembre.

La reforma hecha en el hospital "La Samaritana" da cupo a dos salas de recuperación de pacientes de cirugía reconstructiva para hombres y mujeres, baños para cada sección, una sala para pacientes en estado crítico con su baño, un área para las enfermeras, corredores de acceso y escaleras para una segunda etapa que hoy alberga el salón para pacientes de otorrinolaringología.

Este proyecto, se informó, requirió la demolición de lo existente, la construcción del nuevo reparto, como también la postura de pisos antirruido, embaldosinado de paredes para fácil mantenimiento y el mejoramiento del sistema de alumbrado.

Otras ciudades

Los médicos extranjeros y nacionales vinculados al proyecto dictarán además una serie de conferencias al cuerpo médico relativas a los avances de la medicina en este campo de la cirugía plástica para malformaciones de labio, paladar y mano.

Dijeron los responsables de esta acción social para beneficio de los habitantes de bajos recursos económicos en la capital de la República que "se ha pensado llevar el programa cada seis meses, si es posible, a distintas ciudades y poblaciones de Colombia. Con este proyecto hemos querido otorgar a Bogotá en sus 450 años un hecho concreto de beneficio popular".

Comunidad Judía de Bogotá dona pabellón de cirugía plástica de La Samaritana

TATIANA MUNEVAR
BOGOTÁ

Cuando a las diez de la mañana de hoy el alcalde mayor, Andrés Pastrana Arango, inaugure oficialmente el nuevo pabellón de cirugía plástica del Hospital departamental La Samaritana, se abrirá una nueva esperanza de recuperación para las personas de menos recursos de la ciudad.

A las cuatro camas que durante varios años sirvieron para atender pacientes con este tipo de problemas, se le suman desde ahora 18 más, que al lado de un par de nuevos equipos y algunos especialistas, reforzarán la atención que en el campo de la cirugía venía prestando ese centro hospitalario.

Los primeros beneficiados fueron cincuenta niños que desde los barrios más humildes de Bogotá o las lejanas tierras de Leticia, llegaron hasta La Samaritana en busca de atención profesional. Tenían problemas en sus rostros y manos que sólo podían ser reparados a través de la cirugía plástica, pero que representaban gastos económicos impagables para sus familias.

Entonces surgió la idea de la Comunidad Judía de Bogotá y la American Jewish World Service, de hacerle un regalo a la capital con motivo de sus 450, y así financiar la reconstrucción del ala sur-occidente del hospital, en donde están localizadas las salas de hospitalización de cirugía plástica y oftalmología.

Adicionalmente invitaron a un grupo de cirujanos norteamericanos para que realizarán operaciones en Colombia. Para ello, y a través de los medios de comunicación, convocaron a menores de todo el país que estuvieran afectados por problemas congénitos en labios, paladar y mano, y de ellos seleccionaron a quienes fueron intervenidos sin ningún costo.

Desde Leticia

Así las cosas, del 27 de noviembre al 4 de diciembre pasado, La Samaritana fue sede de una serie de operaciones por parte de los médicos extranjeros que trabajaron en coordinación con anestésitas colom-



Durante el fin de semana pasado se trabajó en la terminación y limpieza del nuevo pabellón, con el que a partir de hoy cuenta La Samaritana.



El doctor Pablo Arango, desde hace 3 meses está al frente del Hospital La Samaritana. Al fondo el cuadro del doctor Jorge Caveller, fundador de esa institución.

bianos y equipos propios de ese hospital.

"Ellos habían venido en otras oportunidades a participar en proyectos similares. Siempre que nos visitan suelen acompañarse de algunas máquinas e instrumentos que, posteriormente, son donados al hospital y que nos sirven para prestar un mejor servicio en el futuro", explicó el doctor Pablo Arango, director de La Samaritana.

Desde distintas regiones llegaron los niños operados la semana anterior en Bogotá. La mayoría eran habitantes de la

capital, pero fue tal el entusiasmo que se despertó entre los padres de los pequeños que requerían algún tipo de cirugía, que la noticia llegó hasta las apartadas tierras de Leticia.

Desde allí una madre indígena viajó a Bogotá con su pequeña hija de tan sólo tres años para que los doctores la examinaran y le reconstruyeran su labio superior. Así sucedió y las dos protagonistas ya regresaron a su lugar de origen.

La vinculación de la comunidad judía al hospital se logró a través de algunos de sus médicos, como el doctor Alberto Kopec, que son colombianos-judíos y lograron los contactos necesarios para conseguir un aporte económico de aproximadamente \$25 millones.

Hace dos meses se iniciaron los trabajos de remodelación, los cuales culminaron el fin de semana pasado y permiten que la ciudad y el departamento cuenten desde ahora con un nuevo, moderno y confortable pabellón en uno de los hospitales más grandes y económicos de Bogotá.

Gracias a las reformas hechas, en el tercer piso de La Samaritana funcionan desde hoy dos salas de recuperación de pacientes de cirugía plástica reconstructiva para hombres y mujeres, baños para cada sección, una sala para pacientes en estado crítico con su baño, un área para las enfermeras, corredores de acceso y escaleras para una segunda etapa.

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June 27, 1990

TO: Executive Committee

FR: Andrew Griffel 

RE: Iranian Earthquake Update No.2

We have made arrangements with the Iranian-Jewish Federation headquartered in Los Angeles to transfer part of the donations we receive for the earthquake victims through them. The Iranian-Jewish Federation is also raising relief funds which they are sending to their corresponding office in Teheran for distribution on a non-sectarian basis. The Teheran office will distribute the monies that we raise in the same manner. We will ensure that AJWS receives the appropriate acknowledgment.

The President of the Iranian-Jewish Federation is very enthusiastic about AJWS' involvement because not only are we helping the victims of the quake, but are also presenting an opportunity to the Iranian Jews in Iran (about 30,000 people) to reach out to the Islamic community.

A side benefit for AJWS is the possibility of approaching the Iranian Jewish community in Los Angeles for general contributions to our organization. It is very difficult to make fundraising inroads into this community but, based on my conversations with their representatives during the last few days, it is certainly worth a try.

As with the general American public, the response to date to our listing has been very limited. We have received \$1,158, which is considerably lower than for Armenia and San Francisco. The fact that we are channeling the funds through the Jewish community in Iran is, however, changing the minds of those people who call us to complain and object.

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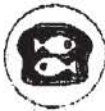
which I remain conflicted.

I would appreciate your thoughts.

Thanks

FROM: Andy

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Bread for the World

A Christian Citizens' Movement in the USA

February 13, 1990

Mr. Andrew Griffel
American Jewish
World Service
1290 Avenue of Americas
New York, NY 10104

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Dear Mr. Griffel:

I am writing to you because your organization is known for its work in international development to meet human needs. As you know, efforts to promote sustainable development have often been severely disrupted by military conflicts and by the high levels of military aid that are provided to countries all over the world. Efforts to expand the amount of federal dollars going to assistance for sustainable development have also been hampered by the high percentage of our foreign aid allocated to military and security aid. In response to this hard-earned lesson, we are using a new and broader strategy this year by tackling U.S. budget priorities overall.

I would like to invite you to join in an important and exciting new initiative to change our nation's priorities. Bread for the World is beginning work on a new, three-year legislative campaign to promote significant decreases in military spending and redirect resources into programs designed to meet human needs. We will work to shape domestic spending priorities and to reorient foreign aid in order to better reflect new concepts of common security. The changing context of East-West relations and the growing number of initiatives for negotiated solutions to Third World conflicts give us a historic opportunity to change the debate about security and begin to see results on Capitol Hill.

To initiate this campaign and to stimulate debate and commitment on Capitol Hill, we have drawn up a congressional resolution titled the Harvest of Peace Resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached. The resolution has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon), joined by Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Arkansas), and in the House by Representative Matthew McHugh (D-New York), joined by Representative Silvio Conte (R-Massachusetts). We are lining up co-sponsors in Congress and will be mobilizing BFW members and others to work for passage in the next year. We want to help change perceptions and attitudes on Capitol Hill and throughout the nation with this resolution. We believe the resolution can be an important initial step that lays groundwork for legislative gains throughout the 1990s, leading to a world that is less hungry and more secure by the end of the decade.

In order to achieve this goal, we are trying to gain as many organizational supporters as possible. We are appealing to human needs advocates and agencies, peace groups, international development organizations, churches, church leaders, labor unions and community organizations. A list of the current endorsers is enclosed.

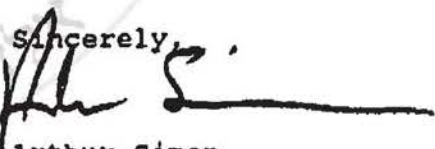
If you are in agreement with the resolution, please return the enclosed form to let us know that we can add your name to the growing list of endorsers. You can sign as an organization or as an individual with your organization listed for identification only. Please return it as soon as possible.

Once you have endorsed the resolution, we hope you can actively join in our efforts to gain visibility and support for this resolution. We hope to use this list with members of Congress to demonstrate the increasing numbers of citizens and groups who seek significant changes in our spending priorities and in our nation's approach to resolving conflicts. If you are working with other groups who have not yet signed on to this resolution, please urge them to do so, or contact us so we can contact them as well.

In addition to the resolution, we will be advocating for legislation on federal budget priorities, military aid reductions and international conflict solutions that provide concrete evidence of movement toward the goals expressed in the resolution. We expect to work with many of you on these issues as well.

If you have any questions about the resolution, or any ideas on how you can collaborate on this campaign, please contact Larry Hollar, Director of Issues or Anne Hallward, Associate Policy Analyst at Bread for the World. Thank you for your support in seeking a world that is truly secure, where human needs are fully met.

Sincerely,



Arthur Simon
President

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List of Current Endorsers

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Harvest of Peace Resolution

Whereas reduced East-West tensions and renewed efforts for peace by people in the Third World give the United States and other nations an unprecedented opportunity to reverse the \$1 trillion arms race and promote peaceful development;

Whereas hunger victimizes about 20 million people in the United States and 1 billion people worldwide; and

Whereas common security is based not only on legitimate defense measures but also on all people having an opportunity to meet their basic needs for food, shelter, health care, education and work with dignity; to live in a safe and healthful environment; and to enjoy human rights, including the right to participate in decisions affecting their lives: Now, therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that:

A. It is the sense of the Congress that the United States should help achieve common security by reducing the world's reliance on the military and redirecting resources to peaceful efforts toward overcoming hunger and poverty and meeting basic human needs by:

1. Negotiating agreements with the Soviet Union for substantial and verifiable reductions in overall military forces and spending, and urging other nations to reduce their military forces and spending, with the goal of halving worldwide military spending by the year 2000;
2. Reducing military assistance and arms sales to developing nations and urging other nations to do likewise;
3. Encouraging peaceful settlement of conflicts through regional and international negotiations;
4. Providing increased assistance to developing nations to overcome hunger and poverty, to reduce debt burdens, to promote human rights and people's participation in political decisions affecting them, to ensure sustainable development, and to protect the environment;
5. Increasing support domestically for programs that address human needs;
6. Helping defense industries and their employees convert to productive nondefense work; and
7. Reducing the federal deficit.

B. It is the further sense of the Congress that the United States should make fostering common security, through the initiatives described in Section A, a primary foreign and domestic policy objective.

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PLEASE NOTE

Marc,

Here is your Passover letter as it will be sent out to donors. We edited it somewhat in-house and Henry Everett put on the finishing touches.

Thank you very much for your help. As usual, you were right on target with your text... It's essence remains in fact.

FROM: Andy

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AJWS Passover Donor Letter

Dear,

One of the most magnetic moments of the Passover Seder takes place early in this honored family service. The head of the household points to the matzoh, the unleavened bread, and the Seder plate, with its symbolic foods of both slavery and redemption, and chants this prayer in Aramaic:

"This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat with us."

That Passover message has inspired the Jewish people across the centuries to provide generously life-saving relief to all who are enslaved by poverty and hunger.

The American Jewish World Service, (AJWS), a major international development agency of the Jewish people, views its mission in today's world as ~~an important link to the~~ central values of Judaism: tikkun olam, the repair of a broken world, and bringing assistance to the suffering and starving, wherever and whoever they may be.

Hunger is a daily fact of life for one billion people. It is reported that upwards of 40,000 children die each day from starvation.

Since its founding five years ago, the AJWS has forged a unique way of relieving immediate distress. More significant, AJWS is successfully engaging in long term development projects that provide appropriate skills and training to people, enabling them to better feed, clothe, and maintain themselves.

In India we have pioneered helping Tibetan refugee communities, under the guidance of the Dalai Lama, to implement agricultural projects that have literally broken an ongoing cycle of poverty.

In Western Mexico, AJWS provides medicine and equipment, and funds a community-based rural health clinic recognized by the state government as an innovative participatory, low-cost approach to health care services to underserved populations.


In Cameroon the AJWS established a Maize Mill loan fund. This fund makes loans to rural women's groups to purchase

locally manufactured, motor-driven mills which quickly and efficiently grind corn, the staple of the Cameroon diet. Previously women had been forced to devote hours of arduous labor each day to grinding corn by hand.

We all are exceedingly proud of the progress we have made in becoming a pioneering Jewish presence assisting so many people in need in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Our achievements have been made entirely possible by the compassion and understanding of thousands of Jews, such as yourself, throughout the United States.

At this sensitive moment of memory and commitment, on the eve of Passover, we turn to you once again to ask for your generous support. What can be achieved with your tax-deductible dollars? It will enable us to "care for the orphan, feed the hungry, provide for the widow and the naked."

With every good wish for a joyous and fulfilling Passover season,



Chag Someyach

Andrew Griffel
Executive Director

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*Thank you for your
comments and hope
all goes well*

Andy

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PRESS RELEASE
July 19, 1989

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

The American Jewish World Service announces the appointment of Andrew Griffel as its new Executive Director. Mr Griffel was previously with the economic consulting firm of Robert R. Nathan Associates where he specialized in the areas of international trade, development and refugee resettlement. A lawyer by training, Mr. Griffel has worked extensively with non-profit organizations, government agencies and private corporations.

Mr. Griffel lived in Israel for 13 years where he worked closely with bi-national agricultural foundations involving Israel, the U.S. and Canada. As a senior attorney with the Ministry of Finance in Israel, he dealt with international matters involving foreign governments, banks and corporations. Mr. Griffel also served as an Appeals Tribunal Judge in the Israel Defense Forces.

Born in Poland, in 1942 into a Hasidic family, Mr. Griffel was hidden by a non-Jewish family for three years. After being re-united with his parents, he came to the U.S. in 1946.

AJWS Chairman, Lawrence S. Phillips, noted that Mr. Griffel's appointment marks a new stage in AJWS' growth. "AJWS has grown dramatically over the past four years. Andy's arrival signals AJWS' commitment to providing strong leadership for both our international and domestic activities. His experience with Jewish and development organizations in Israel and the United States makes him uniquely suited to head AJWS as it continues to expand its capacity to fulfill its Jewish mission in developing countries around the globe. As someone with a distinctly Jewish and professional vision, he brings unique qualifications to the position. He will undoubtedly have a dramatic impact on AJWS' work."

AJWS headquarters have been relocated to New York City, and most functions of its Boston office will be moved to New York as of August 31st. This restructuring will increase AJWS' ability to aid those who are in need while addressing the demands of its growing organization.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

April 12, 1989

To: Andy Griffel

cc: ~~Marc Tanenbaum~~

From: Larry Phillips

Dear Andy:

I would like you to undertake the preliminary steps to send out feelers regarding a Jewish World Service.

We have already discussed the fact that it would be inappropriate to do it now due to financial and administrative problems.

Marc Tanenbaum, who is probably better connected than anybody else with these communities, has leads and recommendations to make in France and England and suggested we also touch base with some German foundations.

I think we should start with some kind of an introductory briefing letter about our organization and our aspirations.

I think it would make sense to discuss a draft of this letter with Marc who, as you know, can be reached at 831-2952.



FAX 870 8351

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Marc,

Andy

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Here are my suggested modification
on LP's letter to Present Tense.

Larry is concerned that my version
does not adequately highlight the
Net/ Director of Domestic. I told
him that I do think this letter is
the place to introduce me.

Your comments would be appreciated

Andy

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

LSP to Editor of Present Tense

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Contribution

Your extensive story about the American Jewish World Service was excellent, but failed to put adequate emphasis on the importance of the Jews in American Jewish Community to the AJWS goals.

The efforts of Laurence Simon, President of the International Division, are made possible by the involvement and funding of American Jews.

This outreach is under the supervision of Andrew Griffler, National Director of Domestic Activities Division.

LSP
Chairman, American Jewish World Service

LP
my editorial suggestions
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Max

FYI

I still owe you that Memo on
The Jewish World Service, which
I hope to get to you soon.

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May 5, 1989

Editor
Present Tense
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York, N.Y. 10022


To the Editor:

I wish to clarify one point in William K. Burke's recent article "Beyond Charity and Politics". The founding of the American Jewish World Service could not have taken place without the commitment and vision of a number of people, a few of whom were interviewed for the article.

Most notably, our board chairman, Mr. Lawrence S. Phillips head of the Phillips Van-Heusen Corporation, was the earliest and most dedicated mover behind the organization. He and I were brought together years ago through our shared concerns for the poor throughout the world and together we took the first steps toward the founding of AJWS.

Mr. Burke's excellent article would have been an even fuller insight into AJWS had he included Mr. Phillips own vision of who we are and where we are going.

Sincerely,


Laurence R. Simon
President
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May 5, 1989

William K. Burke
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Dear William:

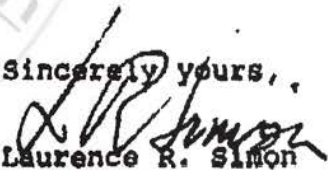
I want to thank you for sending me the Present Tense article on AJWS which you authored. I know the degree of sympathy toward our work and mission which you brought to the task.

I am enclosing a letter to the editor of the magazine which clarifies one important point covered in your article. I wish to emphasize the importance of others in the founding of the organization; and by far, the role of Larry Phillips.

You will recall that I suggested on a number of occasions that you interview Larry Phillips directly. I was unaware that the article would not reflect his contribution and continuing role. I believe that the fine article that it is would have been that much richer if you had included Larry in your research.

All the best to you.

Sincerely yours,


Laurence R. Simon
President
International Division

cc Lawrence S. Phillips
Members of the Board

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee and the Overseas Committee

FROM: Bob Snow

SUBJECT: Zimbabwe and Ethiopia

DATE: 19 May 1989

Greetings. I am writing at the suggestion of Larry Simon and Warren Eisenberg to bring you up to date on Larry and Jonathan Donahaye's trip to Zimbabwe, and an unforeseen change in plans for Jonathan's trip to Ethiopia.

Larry, Jonathan and two of the Israeli grain storage technicians arrived in Zimbabwe at the beginning of this week. As planned, they will be holding a workshop on the grain storage cubes for the Government of Zimbabwe, the regional office of the UN World Food Program, and UNWFP representatives from four of the neighboring countries. That workshop will be held May 22-23, with a reception hosted by the Government of Zimbabwe on the evening of May 22nd. The synagogue in Harare will hold a gathering for the AJWS/Volcani team tonight. Larry reports that the grain cubes have arrived in good order and that there is progress on all fronts.

Originally, Jonathan Donahaye and two grain technicians had been scheduled to travel from Zimbabwe to Ethiopia on May 24. In Ethiopia, they were to carry out the technical evaluation of the grain storage cubes and also work with a local non-governmental organization in a project to up-grade traditional grain storage at the village level.

Unfortunately, there was an attempted coup d'etat in Ethiopia earlier this week. Although the head of state, President Mengistu, has returned to Ethiopia from Europe, and is apparently in control of the capitol, the conflict is not resolved. We have just received a telex from the NGO which invited the AJWS/Volcani visit, advising us to postpone. At the present time it is not possible to obtain travel permits to go to the rural areas where the team was to do most of its work. We are hopeful that the situation will improve, but at the moment we must delay the trip.

We will keep you posted as events unfold.



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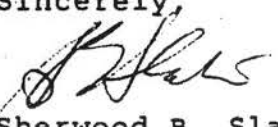
Dear Mr. Phillips:

Our President, Sylvia Hassenfeld, has asked me to respond to your letter of July 28, 1989 announcing important changes that have taken place in the American Jewish World Service. I do so in the extended absence of Michael Schneider, our Executive Vice-President, from New York.

We are pleased to learn of these developments and congratulate Mr. Griffel on his appointment as Executive Director. We agree with your suggestion of an initial meeting between Mr. Griffel and Mr. Schneider. This will enable them to prepare an agenda for the meeting between you, Sylvia Hassenfeld, and other key members of our Board and staff.

I suggest that Mr. Griffel call Leslie Blinderman (Assistant to Michael Schneider) to arrange a mutually convenient time for them to meet.

Sincerely,


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August 8, 1989

Dear Fellow Members of the AJWS Board and Friends:

It is with much regret that I must say that I have been unable to reach agreement with the Executive Committee -- notwithstanding the splendid efforts of the Negotiating Committee -- on the terms for my departure from the organization to which I devoted nearly five years of my life.

After many discussions and letters, the Executive Committee in the end demanded that I give a full release of all possible claims but that I receive none in return. Their purpose was revealed by their final demand that the severance payments, stretched over eleven months, be expressly conditioned upon my taking no action which in their judgment would "disparage or damage" AJWS or any member of its Board or its staff. These conditions are demeaning to me as a person and to my professional integrity. Surely I cannot sign an agreement which is an implied admission by me that I am capable of damaging AJWS or wish to do so in any way.

I urged repeatedly that I was prepared to wipe the slate clean and to cooperate on the completion of key AJWS programs. My aim was never to inflict damage but to protect and sustain what I had built. But the Executive Committee has refused to accept my good faith intentions. I cannot accede to an arrangement that proceeds from the premise that I am a person of bad faith.

Severance arrangements which were designed for my benefit are simply not acceptable when they are surrounded by conditions which demean and threaten me. It is far better that I go my own way and accept the personal risks.

I wish you well, every one of you.

Yours sincerely,



Laurence R. Simon

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New Arrivals

First the good news: Thousands of Soviet Jews are coming here this year. Now the bad news. We have to pay for it and the money is not in the bank.

Some figures: In 1988, 16,000 Soviet Jews came to the United States. The cost of resettling them here was \$60 million, of which the American government paid \$27 million. We (the American Jewish community) paid \$33 million.

In 1989, 40,000 Soviet Jews are expected to arrive in this country. The cost of resettling them will be \$140 million. The American government is expected to meet \$42 million

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These numbers were given to us last week by an expert on the subject, the national director of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Ben Zion Leuchter, who was in Los Angeles talking to community leaders about just this problem. About 4,000 of those newcomers are expected to settle in our town and if precautions are not taken we are likely to end up like the federal government with the Savings and Loans; paying a lot of unexpected bills. Only in our case the payments are the price of success; the government is paying for the reverse reasons.

Leuchter is aware, of course, that the Bush Administration is facing a \$180 billion deficit this year but when we asked him how it will be persuaded to pay \$80 million or so to help settle Jewish arrivals from the Soviet Union his response was that the previous administration made a commitment to Soviet Jews, that it would welcome and settle them in freedom. He said he cannot see the new administration hedging on the commitment of its predecessor. Moreover, he added, these people are a plus for America; within a few months most of them are self supporting and adding, through their taxes and purchases, to the American economy and to America's strength.

Leuchter said that Soviet Jewish immigrants are reasonably well educated, many of them are professionals, and all have family already in the community which makes the absorption process easier. Those without families go to New York and their settlement needs are met by the United Jewish Appeal, also with money raised in the Jewish community.

There are, he told us, 400,000 Soviet Jews who are ready to leave that country and who, presumably, will be given the opportunity. About 10 percent are moving to Israel; almost all of the rest are coming here.

Leuchter said that we are facing the greatest Jewish migration since 1948-1951 when 750,000 Jews moved to Israel from Europe and the Arab world. It is a historic move, he said, one which will enable a major Jewish community to survive. But, he added, it also means a revived Jewish community for this country, with new numbers and new human resources.

Now to raise the additional funds to make it all happen.

World Service

It began with a volcanic eruption in Columbia which left 20,000 people buried under lava. But The Journal caught up with the story only last week in the dining room of a brokerage house in Century City where 10 people sat down to lunch to meet with the president of Phillips Van Heusen Corporation, Mr. Larry Phillips.

If Mr. Phillips runs his business as well as he does the American Jewish World Service, of which he is also president, the buttons on Van Heusen shirts do not pop off, nor do the colors run. Because, unlike many presidents of organizations with whom we meet, he is a walking repository of information about his favorite charitable group, filled with data, history and enthusiasm for its programs and achievements.

When Jewish volunteers arrived in Columbia to assist the eruption survivors, they were somewhat disconcerted to discover that there was no "official" Jewish presence on the

on with the survivors of the eruption, was the building of a brick factory. Supported partially by the Jewish community of Bogota, the factory not only provided jobs but created the means by which survivors could rebuild their homes and their lives. One of the residual benefits was the improved relations between the Jews of Columbia and the rest of the population.

American Jewish World Service last year increased its fund raising by 42 percent over the previous year, while keeping its fund raising costs below 10 percent of the money raised. The \$2.5 million spent in 1988 came from 17,000 contributors who probably are not associated with the Jewish community in other ways. That at least is the feeling of those who were at the luncheon, who cited as one reason for the importance of AJWS, the fact that it attracts Jews who might otherwise not be affiliated.

One of AJWS's principles is that it tries not to work with governments but with local organizations and local people. In some black townships of South Africa, AJWS money and volunteers are teaching drip irrigation and helping dig wells for potable water. And in a village in India AJWS is building 22 homes, with a fruit tree, vegetable patch and other amenities for each one. A search is now underway for a project in Mexico which will continue to carry out the organization's credo of providing not relief but the means of staying off relief.

Someone asked about direct contact, Mr. Phillips smiled and sat back. That, he said, is one of the most satisfying elements of the entire program. Donors receive letters, photos, progress reports and whatever it is possible to send to establish human contacts between



Students at Kibbutz Tural Galilee Settlement Seminar, the Jewish Campus Leadership fact-finding mission to Israel.

scene, in contrast to Catholic and Protestant charities. From this discovery came AJWS which follows the sensible path of providing not a fish but a fishing net to the hungry.

Opportunities were not long in coming. AJWS discovered in Israel a manufacturer of portable and collapsible hermetically sealed plastic storage containers, ideal for storing and preserving wheat, medical supplies and many of the other commodities needed at disaster sites. Often these rot or are otherwise ruined before they can be used; the containers, which are very large when opened up, enable relief workers to stock up on and protect supplies.

Another project that AJWS took

donor and recipient. Mr. Phillips looked, for a moment, as though he was ready to open up a storage bin and start a project on the spot but dessert was served and the moment passed.

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