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Rabbi Mark Tanenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
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Dear Mark:

Because of the death of one of our key staff officers and the necessity for me to conduct the funeral out of town, followed by a Washington conference, I have not been in my office since the close of our 80th Anniversary conference until this morning.

Let me express to you the most sincere appreciation of all of those in attendance at our Wednesday morning session, where you brought such an interesting and challenging devotional message for our group.

For the record, I have been directed by unanimous resolution of the conference to convey our thanks and appreciation to you and I do so, but I do add my personal thanks for the contribution of insight that you made to our session through your thoughtful message.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

J. F. McMahon  
General

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Dear Mark:

I was delighted to learn from Colonel Walter Nash that it will be possible for you to bring the Devotional Message at our 80th Anniversary conference at the session scheduled for Wednesday morning, March 10. Because of our tight program schedule, we are beginning our morning session at 8:30 A.M. and will be ready for your message by no later than 8:40 A.M.

Colonel Nash indicated that you would like to have a copy of the program, but unfortunately the printed program has not yet been received. However, I am enclosing a photocopy of a proof copy which will provide you with the essential overall program information.

The Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for the Grand Ballroom at the Waldorf on Monday night, March 8, at 7:30 P.M. Prior to that time, a special reception will be held for VIP guests in the West Foyer off the Ballroom. I would be most pleased if you could plan to attend the dinner as our guest. If you can, please let me know.

I understand that Colonel Nash is mailing to you some background information on the organization, but I know that you have a great familiarity with our program, gained through our many years of work together.

Look forward to seeing you, hopefully on Monday night and certainly on Wednesday morning.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

J. F. McMahon  
General

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## *Eightieth Anniversary*

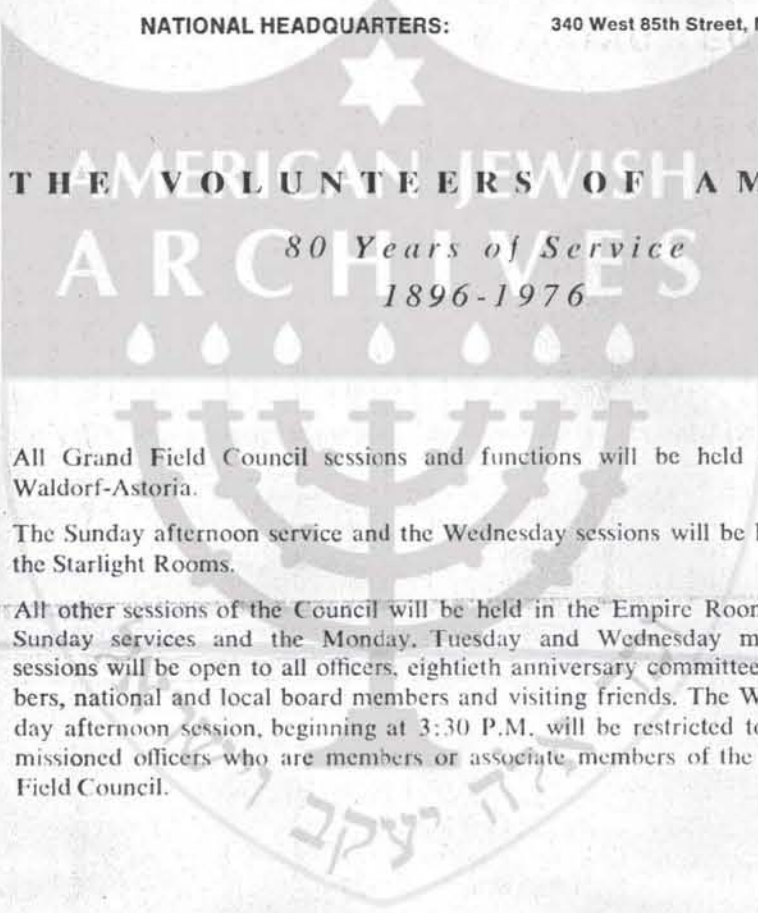
“SERVICE—A LIVING LEGACY”

**GRAND FIELD COUNCIL**

**MARCH 6-10, 1976**

**COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS:** Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** 340 West 85th Street, New York 10024



**THE AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES**  
80 Years of Service  
1896-1976

All Grand Field Council sessions and functions will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Sunday afternoon service and the Wednesday sessions will be held in the Starlight Rooms.

All other sessions of the Council will be held in the Empire Room. The Sunday services and the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions will be open to all officers, eightieth anniversary committee members, national and local board members and visiting friends. The Wednesday afternoon session, beginning at 3:30 P.M. will be restricted to commissioned officers who are members or associate members of the Grand Field Council.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1976**

4:00-9:00 P.M. Registration—South Lobby  
Registration Chairman  
LT. COLONEL EDNA CLEMENTS

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1976**

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration—South Lobby

9:30 A.M. National Field Board Meeting  
Committee Room—~~Park Avenue Suite South~~ *BARRON SUITE-SOUTH*

12:15 P.M. Regional and Division Luncheon  
Starlight Roof

2:30-4:00 P.M. Regional Business Sessions  
Eastern Region—Starlight Roof  
Midwest Region—~~Starlight Roof North Terrace~~ *GOLD ROOM*  
Southern Region—Starlight Roof *NORTH TERRACE*  
Western Region—Starlight Roof South Terrace  
Metropolitan Division—~~Gold Room~~ *BARRON SUITE-SOUTH*

(No evening program scheduled)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1976**

Morning—Free to attend church of choice.

List of nearby churches will be available  
at Council registration desk.

9:30 A.M. Examination for candidates for Ordination  
Committee Room—~~Park Avenue Suite South~~

*BARRON SUITE-5007*

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Registration

2:00 P.M. South Lobby

2:00 P.M. Vocal Prologue

Officer in Charge—LT. COLONEL LYDIA E. HOFFMAN  
Children's Chorus, Brooklyn, New York Volunteers

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Memorial Service

Officer in Charge—LT. COLONEL ETHEL P. NASH

Ordination Service

Officiating Officers—Commander in Chief assisted  
by the Regional Directors and the National Religious  
Activities Secretary

Recognition Service—Retired Officers

Conducted by the Commander in Chief

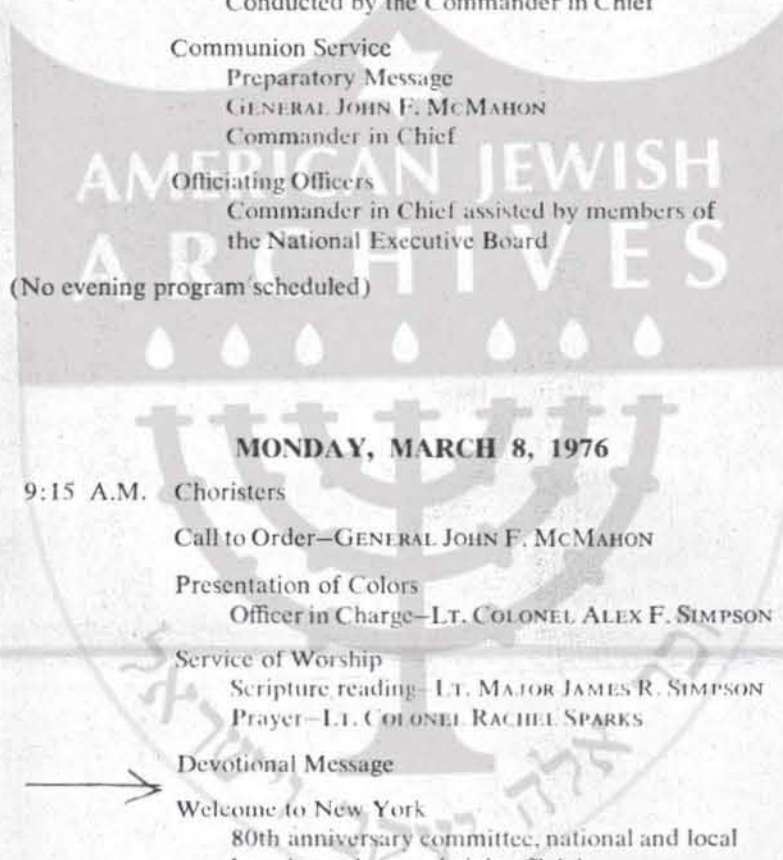
Communion Service

Preparatory Message  
GENERAL JOHN F. MCMAHON  
Commander in Chief

Officiating Officers

Commander in Chief assisted by members of  
the National Executive Board

(No evening program scheduled)



**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1976**

9:15 A.M. Choristers

Call to Order—GENERAL JOHN F. MCMAHON

Presentation of Colors

Officer in Charge—LT. COLONEL ALEX F. SIMPSON

Service of Worship

Scripture reading—LT. MAJOR JAMES R. SIMPSON

Prayer—LT. COLONEL RACHEL SPARKS

Devotional Message

Welcome to New York

80th anniversary committee, national and local  
board members and civic officials.

Response—LT. COLONEL RALPH T. BROWNING

Choristers

Roll Call

Appointments for the 1976 sessions

Keynote address

GENERAL JOHN F. MCMAHON  
Commander in Chief—The Volunteers of America

11:45 A.M. Announcements

Recess

12:15 P.M. Special Luncheon

Louis XVI Suite

For eightieth anniversary committee, national and local  
board members with national executive board and national  
departmental secretaries.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 8 (cont.)**

1:45 P.M. Choristers

Call to Order—GENERAL JOHN F. McMAHON

Afternoon Prayer—ADJUTANT GRAHAM M. LESTOURGEON

2:00-3:15 P.M. "Service—a living legacy!" The Volunteers of America 80th Anniversary occurring during the Bicentennial year of our Nation, affords an opportunity to examine our stewardship of the "living legacy" of service passed to our administration by the dedicated officers who have served before us.

LT. COLONEL BELLE LEACH will review the past, comment on the present and suggest the future that we might expect when our continuing stewardship is evaluated during the Centennial year of the Volunteers of America history in 1996.

LT. COLONEL JANROSE M. HEALEY will share in this presentation.

3:30-4:45 P.M. "Service—a living legacy!" An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America services for the Aging.

LT. COLONEL JACK L. DIGNUM, National Secretary on Services for the Aging, presiding.

Resource panel:

- LT. COLONEL WILLIAM C. CONRAD
- MAJOR VELMA J. BURNIE
- S/CAPTAIN J. STEVEN TREMONT
- LT. MAJOR GEORGE SIZEMORE

4:45 P.M. Announcements

Recess

6:30 P.M. Grand Field Council Reception

Astor Gallery, Jade and Basildon and East Foyer

7:30 P.M. Eightieth Anniversary Dinner

Grand Ballroom

(See separate dinner program for details)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1976**

8:15 A.M. Choristers

Call to Order—GENERAL JOHN F. McMAHON

Service of Worship

Scripture Reading—LT. MAJOR MARY ROSE PAGE

Prayer—LT. MAJOR ANNA E. MATHERLY

Devotional Message

9:00-10:15 A.M. "Service—a living legacy!" An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America services in the field of Rehabilitation. MAJOR DAVID W. BORDENKIRCHER, National Rehabilitation Services Secretary, presiding.

Resource panel:

- LT. MAJOR KENT N. RADCLIFFE
- S/CAPTAIN J. STEVEN TREMONT
- ADJUTANT GRAHAM M. LESTOURGEON
- LT. MAJOR GEORGE SIZEMORE
- MAJOR SALVATORE J. PRISCO
- ADJUTANT JOHN A. HOOD
- LT. COLONEL VINCENZO PATRIARCA, JR.

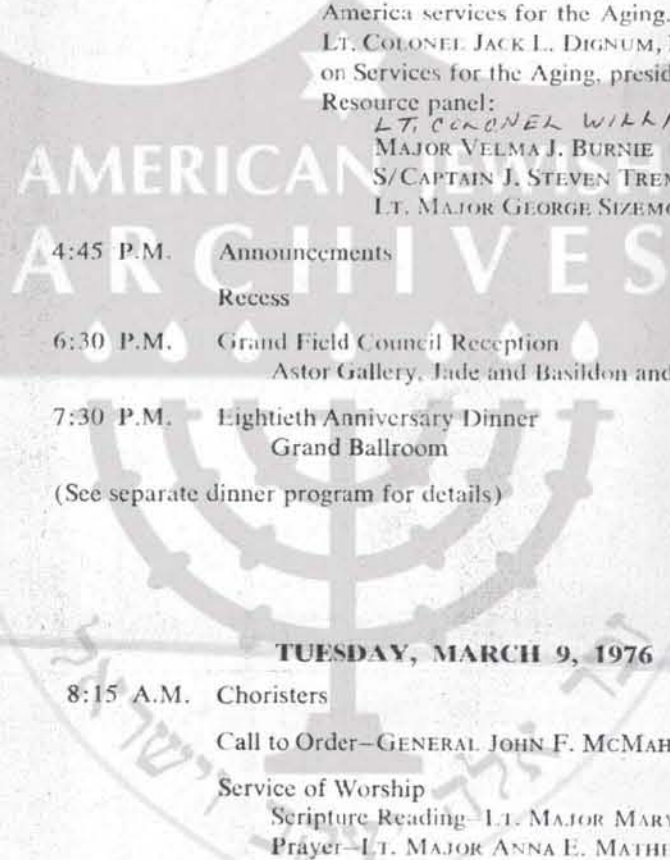
Choristers

10:30-11:45 A.M. "Service—a living legacy!" An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America services in the field of Corrections.

LT. MAJOR J. CLINT CHEVEALLER, National Correctional Services Secretary, presiding.

Resources panel:

- CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. EBERWEIN, SR.
- COLONEL PAUL H. NOLTE
- S/CAPTAIN JOHN M. OLMSTED



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**TUESDAY, MARCH 9 (cont.)**

Announcements

Recess

12:15 P.M. Special Luncheon

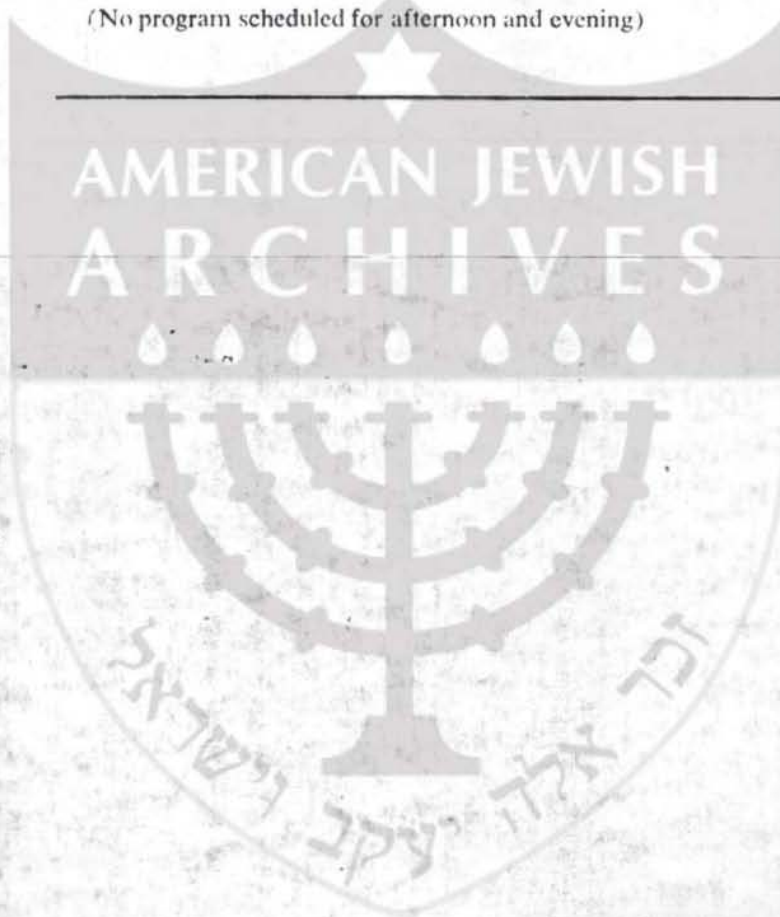
Louis XVI Suite

For eightieth anniversary committee, national and local board members with national executive board and national departmental secretaries.

1:30 ~~2:00~~ P.M. Chartered buses leave the Waldorf-Astoria for National and New York City Headquarters building.

2:30-4:30 P.M. Open House with light refreshments at the headquarters building for all officers, eightieth anniversary committee, national and local board members and visiting friends.

(No program scheduled for afternoon and evening)





**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1976**

8:15 A.M. Choristers

Call to Order—GENERAL JOHN F. McMAHON

Service of Worship

Scripture—LT. MAJOR JANICE L. MANNING

Prayer—LT. MAJOR ROBERT SHIRLEY

Devotional Message

Choristers

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9:00-10:15 A.M. "Service—a living legacy!" An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America services for Youth.

LT. MAJOR DAVID A. WILD, National Youth Secretary, presiding.

Resource panel:

MAJOR LOIS H. BERRY

LT. COLONEL JANROSE M. HEALEY

S/CAPTAIN JOHN M. OLMSTED

Choristers

10:30-11:45 A.M. "Service—a living legacy!" An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America services in time of disaster.

LT. MAJOR ROBERT W. RANSWEHLER, JR., National Disaster Services Secretary, presiding.

Resource panel:

ADJUTANT GRAHAM M. LESTOURGEON

LT. MAJOR GILBERT A. SAPARTO

MAJOR DON SCHWARTZ

MICHAEL REILLY, American Red Cross

LT. MAJOR PHILIP R. KIRCUS

MAJOR LOIS H. BERRY

W. D. DIBRELL, American Red Cross

11:45 A.M. Announcements

Recess

1:00 P.M. Choristers

Meeting of the New York Corporation and other State Corporations as announced.



1:45-3:00 P.M. Call to Order—GENERAL JOHN F. McMAHON

Afternoon Prayer—LT. MAJOR LEOLA SCHROEDER

“Service—a living legacy!” An 80th Anniversary review, evaluation and projection of Volunteers of America evangelical ministry through all departments of service.

COLONEL ELIZABETH J. HARTMAN, National Religious Activities Secretary, presiding:

Resource panel:

LT. MAJOR JAMES R. SIMMONS  
LT. MAJOR DONIVAN T. MATHERLY  
LT. MAJOR PHILIP R. KIRCUS  
LT. COLONEL RACHEL SPARKS  
LT. COLONEL EUGENE H. MILLS

Recess

3:15-5:00 P.M. Minutes of the 1975 Grand Field Council

Report of National Financial Secretary

Report of Officers' Retirement Fund Treasurer

Report of Committee on Time and Place

Report of Committee on Absent Members

Report of Pro Rata Committee Chairman

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Report of Committee on Nominations and Elections

Officers Promotions and Elections to Grand Field

Council Voting Membership

Pending Business

Parting Message from the Commander in Chief

Closing Hymn—“God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again”

Closing Prayer

Adjournment of the 1976 Grand Field Council

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