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FIRST NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

February 26 - 28, 1978

Shoreham Americana Hotel -- Washington, D.C.



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Sunday, February 26

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
West Lobby

Registration

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Blue Room

"Why Are We Here" - Neil A. Cooper, National Chairman  
Young Leadership Cabinet - UJA

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
Blue Room

Quo Vadis Young Leadership - New Perspectives and Future  
Challenges - Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM  
Blue Room

AIPAC Briefing - Morris J. Amitay, Executive Director

4:45 PM - 6:30 PM  
Blue Room

Federal Funding for Jewish Communal Services -  
Mark Talisman, Director CJF Action Office

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Ambassador Room

Reception

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Regency Ballroom

Dinner - Speaker: Ambassador Simcha Dinitz  
Special Broadcast from Israel:  
Leon Dulzin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency  
Yossi Kalishtein, Pianist

Monday, February 27

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Ambassador Room	Breakfast and Briefing: Joel Sprayregan - Chairman, Conference on Soviet Jewry Jerry Goodman - Executive Director, Conference on Soviet Jewry
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Board busses in front of hotel	Lincoln Memorial - Vigil for Human Rights and Soviet Jewry Congressman Robert Drinan - Massachusetts Mark Schneider - State Department Peter Liacouras - Dean, Temple University Law School Avital Shcharansky - Russian Activist Theodore Bikel - Singer Cantor David Kusevitsky Giora Feidman - Israeli Clarinetist
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Regency Ballroom	Lunch - Speaker: Joseph J. Sisco - Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and U.S. Representative to the U.N., current President of American University
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Blue Room	U.S. / Israel Relations Panel Mark Siegel - Deputy Assistant to the President Nicholas Veliotos - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Steve Bryen - Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs
4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Blue Room	Energy Panel Fred Hitz - Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy Jerome Levinson - Former Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Congressman Daniel Glickman - Kansas
6:30 - 7:30 Ambassador Room	Cocktail Party Delegates to the Conference, Senators, Congressmen, Jewish Communal Leaders, Legislative Assistants
8:00 PM Regency Ballroom	Dinner - Speakers: Senator Edward Brooke - Massachusetts Senator Richard Stone - Florida

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Tuesday, February 28

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Empire Room	U.S. National Interests in the Middle East Panel Dr. Ray Cline, Director of Center of Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Rita Hauser - Brookings Institute Harold Saunders - State Department
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Empire Room	Foreign Policy and Congressional Panel Brian Atwood - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Albert Lakeland - Legislative Assistant to Senator Jacob Javits Richard Perle - Staff Member, Senate Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Regency Ballroom	Lunch - Case for 1978 - UJA Campaign: Irving Bernstein - UJA Executive Vice Chairman

## QUO VADIS YOUNG LEADERSHIP

### NEW PERSPECTIVES + FUTURE

Washington, D.C.  
National Y.L.  
Conference

### INTRODUCTION

A CYCLE IS COMING TO AN END. THE FIRST GENERATION OF YOUNG LEADERSHIP IS FINISHED. IT IS ALMOST 20 YEARS. THOSE MEN DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB, BUT IT WAS ONLY PIONEERING -- IN THE SENSE THAT THEY CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING A TRADE NAME; ON IMPROVING THEIR OWN KNOWLEDGE, PERCEPTIONS AND EMOTIONS; ON ADDING CAMPAIGN STRENGTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY BY SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS FOR GIVING AND WORKING.

THE SECOND GENERATION MUST BEGIN ITS WORK, AND THIS CONFERENCE COULD BE CONSIDERED THE SECOND WATERSHED, TO PROPEL THE CABINET INTO A MORE ADVANCED STAGE OF ACTION AND ACHIEVEMENT.

### I. THE PAST

WHERE DID THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY COME FROM? WHAT DID IT DO?

- A. 1880-1914 -- IT WAS CREATED BY MASS MIGRATION OF POVERTY-STRICKEN EAST EUROPEAN JEWS. (THEY FOUND A SMALL BASE OF SEPHARDIC AND WEST-EUROPEAN ASHKENAZI).
- B. FIRST PHASE 1900-1940 -- IT TOOK CARE OF ITSELF -- AMERICANIZATION; FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM; BUILDING SYNAGOGUES AND HOSPITALS AND CENTERS -- GROWTH OF FEDERATIONS.

- C. SECOND PHASE 1940-1967 -- REACTION TO HOLOCAUST; CREATION OF ISRAEL; MERGING OF WELFARE FUNDS AND FEDERATIONS.
- D. THIRD PHASE 1967-1980 -- STRONG EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL; BEGINNING OF CREATING A SENSE OF WORLD-PEOPLEHOOD.

## II. THE FUTURE

WHAT MUST THE GOALS AND PURPOSES BE?

- A. TO BUILD THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- B. TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SOVIET JEWISH QUESTION -- MASSIVE MIGRATION TO ISRAEL; OPENING OF FREE JUDAISM INSIDE RUSSIA -- THROUGH A WHOLE NEW APPROACH\*.
- \* (SPELL OUT SOME DETAILS)
- C. TO BUILD ISRAEL PROPERLY\* (\*SPELL OUT SOME DETAILS) WITH REGARD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE.
- D. TO BUILD THE MACHINERY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE "B" AND "C".

PREPARE  
FOR PEACE  
SOLVE ONE  
PROBLEM IN  
RUSSIA  
LATIN AMERICA  
ISRAEL

### III. TOOLS & TECHNIQUES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS

*JERUSALEM  
ACADEMY*

- A. NATIONAL NETWORK OF COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS --  
ELEVATE STANDARDS OF JEWISH TEACHING PROFESSION.
- B. HEBREW AS SECOND LANGUAGE OF EVERY AMERICAN JEW.
- C. EVERY STUDENT TO SPEND YEAR(S) OF SECONDARY OR  
HIGHER EDUCATION IN ISRAEL.
- D. EVERY FAMILY TO MAKE A LIVING-LINK RELATIONSHIP  
WITH AN ISRAELI FAMILY -- TWO-WAY VISITS, IN ORDER  
TO BROADEN THE ISRAELIS.
- E. LIVING-LINKS WITH CONTEMPORARIES IN THE FREE  
JEWISH WORLD.
- F. CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NATIONAL JEWISH  
NEWSPAPER LIKE NEW YORK TIMES.
- G. RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF A LARGE CADRE OF  
PROFESSIONALS OF VARIOUS SKILLS TO STAFF THE  
WHOLE APPARATUS.
- H. BUILDING A CAMPAIGN OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS  
ANNUALLY FOR ISRAEL AND ONE BILLION ANNUALLY  
FOR LOCAL NEEDS. THIS INVOLVES A REAL SYSTEM  
OF SELF-TAXATION, TO EMBRACE EVERYONE.

- I. SETTING UP A MONITORING SYSTEM, TO TEST PROGRESS TOWARD THESE GOALS -- REMOVE OBSTACLES -- SOLVE PROBLEMS -- FIND ERRORS -- SUGGEST CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

#### IV. A NEW RATIONALE FOR SURVIVAL

- A. WE ALWAYS INTERPRETED OUR ROLE AS MESSIANIC -- I.E. IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIETY ON THIS EARTH BY APPLICATION OF OUR VALUE SYSTEM TO HUMAN PROBLEMS. WE WERE CHOSEN TO OFFER MORAL INSPIRATION.
- B. AS THE POPULATION OF THE EARTH GREW LARGER, AND WE REMAINED SMALL (OR EVEN SMALLER, BY GENOCIDE) -- SOME JEWS SAW THE ABOVE ROLE-DEFINITION AS PRETENTIOUS AND EVEN UNTRUE, AND LOST THEIR MESSIANIC ZEAL, DELIBERATELY PREFERRING TO BE "LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE". THIS ATTITUDE WILL LEAD TO QUICK DEATH -- IN 2-3 GENERATIONS.
- C. EVEN THOSE JEWS WHO CLUNG TO A SENSE OF OUR UNIQUENESS, NEVERTHELESS FOUND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ARTICULATE THEIR EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENTS. THAT HAS BEEN THE PRESENT PROBLEM -- AND THAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE YOUNG LEADERSHIP CABINET -- NAMELY ITS ABILITY TO HELP ITS MEMBERS ARTICULATE THEIR SENSE OF IDENTITY AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY THOUGHT JEWISH SURVIVAL WAS IMPORTANT, FOR THE JEWS AND FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

D. BUT NOW -- WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH A NEW PROBLEM -- THE SPACE AGE. IF WE ALREADY FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE IN JEWISH UNIQUENESS AS WE DIMINISHED TO A SPECK ON THIS PLANET -- HOW MUCH MORE SO WILL WE BE AFFECTED WHEN MAN EXPLODES OFF THIS GLOBE AND STARTS TO COLONIZE OTHER PLANETS AND OTHER SOLAR SYSTEMS. HOW TRIVIAL AND UNIMPORTANT MIGHT JEWISH VERBIAGE SOUND IN THE LOUNGE ROOM OF THE SPACE STATION ON ORION OR BETELGUSE.

E. YOUR GENERATION HAD BETTER BEGIN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WRITING OF A DOCUMENT WHICH WILL SPELL OUT FOR THE NEXT 10 GENERATIONS (A SPAN OF 200-300 YEARS) A RATIONALE FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL AS MAN BEGINS TO EXPLORE THE STARS AND COLONIZE THE WORLD OF FAR SPACE.

WHAT FORM OR STRUCTURE WILL LIFE TAKE IN THE FAR WORLDS?

WHAT WILL LIFE BE LIKE ON THE MOTHER EARTH?

WHAT WILL BE THE VALUES, ENDS, MEANINGS OF LIFE?

WHAT CAN JUDAISM MEAN TO THOSE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE? WE MUST TRY TO IMAGINE WHAT THEY WILL BE LIKE, WHAT THEIR SOCIETY AND THEIR THOUGHTS WILL BE <sup>ASIMOV</sup> (\*USE JASTROW, SAGAN AND OTHERS FOR THIS) AND THEN TRY TO SEE WHAT MESSAGE OUR JUDAISM AND OUR ISRAEL CAN HAVE FOR THEM.



I PICK A TIME SPAN OF 200-300 YEARS BECAUSE I THINK IT IS FEASIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE AND CONJECTURE IN THAT RANGE.

A "CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION" OF 54 (?) MEN SITTING IN PHILADELPHIA FOR ONE WHOLE SUMMER PRODUCED A DOCUMENT WHICH GUIDED AND SERVED FOR THE PAST 200 YEARS -- AND IS STILL ABSOLUTELY VALID FOR MORE CENTURIES AHEAD.

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LET'S SET THE TASK OF CALLING INTO BEING IN AMERICA A SANHEDRIN OF 70 MEN WHO WILL TRY TO ~~WR~~RITE THIS RATIONALE.

EVEN IF IT DOESN'T DO MUCH FOR THE WORLD OF 2300, IT WILL DO A LOT FOR THE JEWS OF 2000 WHO WILL BE CREATING IT.

## V. PERORATION

### I. SHORT-RANGE PROBLEMS

- A. PEACE IN ISRAEL -- WHAT ARE ITS IMPLICATIONS AND DEMANDS
- B. WAR IN ISRAEL -- MANPOWER, NOT ONLY MONEY
- C. NEITHER ONE

2. LONG RANGE PROBLEMS

AS LISTED ABOVE

WHAT KIND OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

WHAT KIND OF ISRAEL

WHAT KIND OF JUDAISM

3. OBLIGATION TO SERVE

(SILVER PLATTER)

4. YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL IN SO MANY WAYS -- YOUR  
PRESENCE IS THE VINDICATION OF MY LIFE -- BUT  
YOU MUST NOW CHOOSE DIRECTION AND LEAD TO IT.

