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Countries I've been to (40)

U.S.	England	Rumania	
Mexico	Ireland	Czechoslovakia	
Canada	Scotland	Hungary	
Puerto Rico	Spain	Israel	
Martinique	Portugal	Iran	
	France	India	
	Belgium	Thailand	
	Holland	Hong Kong	
	Denmark	Singapore	
	Norway	Australia	
	Sweden	Japan	
	W. Germany	Kenya	Tunisia
	E. Germany	Tanzania	Algeria
	Switzerland	So. Africa	
	Italy	French Congo	
	Austria	Belgian Congo	
		Morocco	

OUR CROWD

I've just had confirmation
of an idea that I have held for
a long while.

All this business about HAF
not wanting to be thought of as
a rabbi, of his disparagement
of the role and the function,
is baloney.

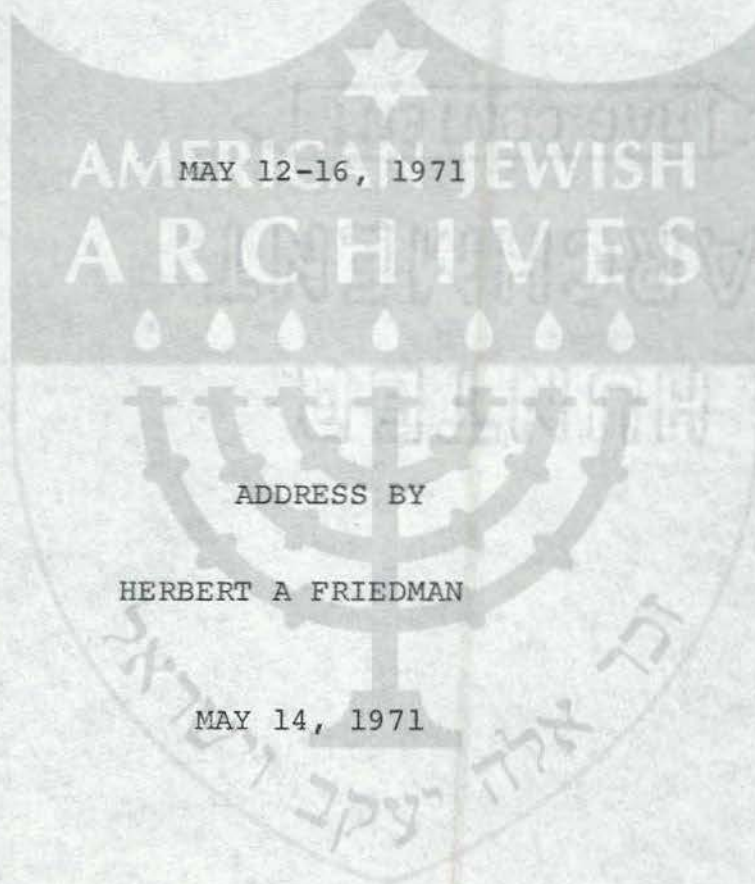
His tool for his function as
a rabbi is USA. Who else,
how else, could 700± of
the brightest, wealthiest, most
influential Jews under 40
in the U.S. be brought
together for a religio-political
survey of American Jewish
history?

Earl Jordan

YOUNG LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

MAY 14, 1971

YOUNG LEADERSHIP LECTURE 14 MAY 1971

I. ROOTS OF UNITED STATES JEWISH COMMUNITY

A. Early Beginnings to Revolutionary War

1. Jewish role in Pre-Exploration Period - Lebeson pp.3-14
2. Columbus Theory - Salvador de Madariaga
3. Jews to Brazil. Lived under benevolent Dutch rule - several hundred. Then Portugal conquered in 1654. Jews left in fear of Inquisition.

Jewish colonization:	Brazil	1500
	Lima	1533
	Concepcion	1600
	Barbados	1628
	Surinam	1639
	Curacao	1650
	Martinique	1654
	New Amsterdam	1654

4. New Amsterdam - Goodman PP 76-83
23 refugees arrived Sept. 1654 penniless aboard St. Charles from Recife. Stuyvesant didn't want them. Dutch West Indies Co. ordered them admitted.
5. By time of Revolution - Goodman p.3 - Jews were rare in 13 colonies. Never more than 1000 people among the 3 million inhabitants of colonies. Newport in heyday totalled at most 175. Perhaps N.Y. had as many, or little more. Philadelphia, Charleston and Savannah were smaller. Two large communities (several hundred) were in West Indies - Jamaica and Barbados.

B. German Immigration - 19th Century

1. Brought enlightenment, reform, assimilation, merchandising -

Marcus pp 6-26

C. Shtetl in Russia and Poland - 19th Century - (all quotations in pages from "Life with People" Zborowski & Herzog)

1. Introduction

Characterized by piety, family life, poverty, emphasis on education. (Some poor people can't understand relevance of education to their predicament; Jews were like prisoners who learned how to make use of their prison time instead of merely ranting against their fate.)

Sacher - 191

2. Sabbath

3. Market - relations with Goyim - 66-67

4. Study - 72; learning gives prestige - 73.

Emphasis on learning began at Mt. Sinai - and is a continuum without date, or reference to space.

5. Status - learning, wealth, yichus

prosteh and shayneh

marriage - father seeks a learned son-in-law

6. Learning is not simple - teaches deductive logic - 121,122

7. Whole concept of Rebbeh making miracles, his tzaddikim and Hassidim - court, dynasty - people bring problems, human and business.

Eating and studying together in the Court.

8. Importance of charity - mitzva - aveyreh - 191

tzedeka - 193; zkhush - koved - 195

zkhush adds to yichus; organizations - 203

fund raisers - 208; beggar - 211

FIRST
MAP

- NO AMERICA

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MAP -
PALE

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- 9. "LIFE IS WITH PEOPLE" - the community is one family -
The shtetl self-governed by men who know and men who
give - 214-224
Klal Yisroel - 230
- 10. Hard work - value of, and necessity of - 240
Vast majority of shtetl population either (1) sell on a
very small scale; or (2) engage in skilled trades; or
(3) serve as strenuous unskilled labor - 243
balagoleh; milkman, forester; peddlars - 252
Almost everyone poor - food simple - 256,7
Value of money - 262 and dreams of it - 263
- 11. Marriage, children, growing up fast, kosher house.
- 12. Summary - 409 FF

II. PRESENT STRUCTURE OF U.S. COMMUNITY

- A. Federated concept - Boston - 1895 - First formal organization
- B. Struggle with ideology and direction in local community -
hospital; Jewish education (Bureau, parochial, congregational
school); aged; blacks; drugs
- C. United on Israel
- D. Future will depend upon own creativity - Lebeson - 507

III. ROOTS OF ISRAELI COMMUNITY

- A. Early Zionist Works - Spurred by European Nationalism
 - 1. Moses Hess - "Rome and Jerusalem" (1862)
Socialist, cosmopolitan, bohemian, finally returned to
Judaism.
Impressed by Italian patriot Mazzini. If Italians were
entitled to their Risorgimento - why were Jews not
entitled as well to their own national awakening and
homeland?

MAD #3 U.S.

MAD #4 ZIONISM

If liberation of Rome was an act of historic justice, why not the liberation of Jerusalem: (Hertzberg - 133)

2. Leo Pinsker - "Auto-Emancipation" (1882)

1881 is great turning point in modern Jewish history. Alex II assassinated, followed by two terrible years of pogroms. Pinsker defined 3 causes of anti-semitism: The Jews are a "ghost people" unlike any other in the world, and therefore feared as a thing apart; they are everywhere foreigners and nowhere hosts in their own national right; they are in economic competition with every majority within which they live. There is only one workable solution: find a country of their own where the bulk of Jewry would at last come to rest. (Hertzberg - 198)

3. Bilu - Lacquer - 3,4

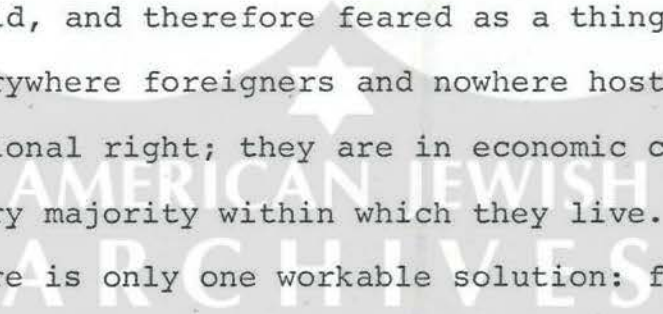
Established Mikveh Israel Agricultural school (1870); and Petach Tikvah (1880)

4. Chovevei Zion (1881)

In 1880 population of Palestine was 35,000 Jews and 110,000 Arabs. First aliyah began in 1881 (following Pobiedonestov)

	Second	"	"	"	1904 (following Kishinev
	(Third	"	"	"	1919 (following Balfour Declaration and war)
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During period	(Fourth	"	"	"	1924 (following economic restrictions of Polish gov't)
1919-1948	(
453,000 Jews	(
entered.	(
	(
	(Fifth	"	"	"	1929 - Hitler

*MAP #5
Settlements*



5. Theodore Herzl - "Jewish State" (1896)

Never heard of Pinsker. Came to same conclusion as result of exposure to Dreyfus trial. Thought of Argentine. Episode with Baron de Hirsch. "You are breeding beggars."

- B. First and second Aliyah - to WW I (refer to Soustelle book)
- C. British Mandate Period
- D. Arab riots 1921 and 1936-9
- E. WW II period
- F. 1945-1948
- G. Statehood - three wars

IV. OTHER JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN WORLD (Refer to Amer. Jew Yearbook)

1. Russia - 2½ - 3 million

2. Eastern Europe - almost empty

Poland	5,000
Yugoslavia	6,000
Hungary	80,000
Rumania	100,000

3. Great Britain - 410,000

High rate of intermarriage, in view of "orthodox" establishment.
Religious life stable.
Strong pro-Israel sentiment.

4. France - 550,000

Three waves - old (pre-WW I)

DPs (post-WW II)

North Africans

Pro-Israel, in spite of DeGaulle Attitude

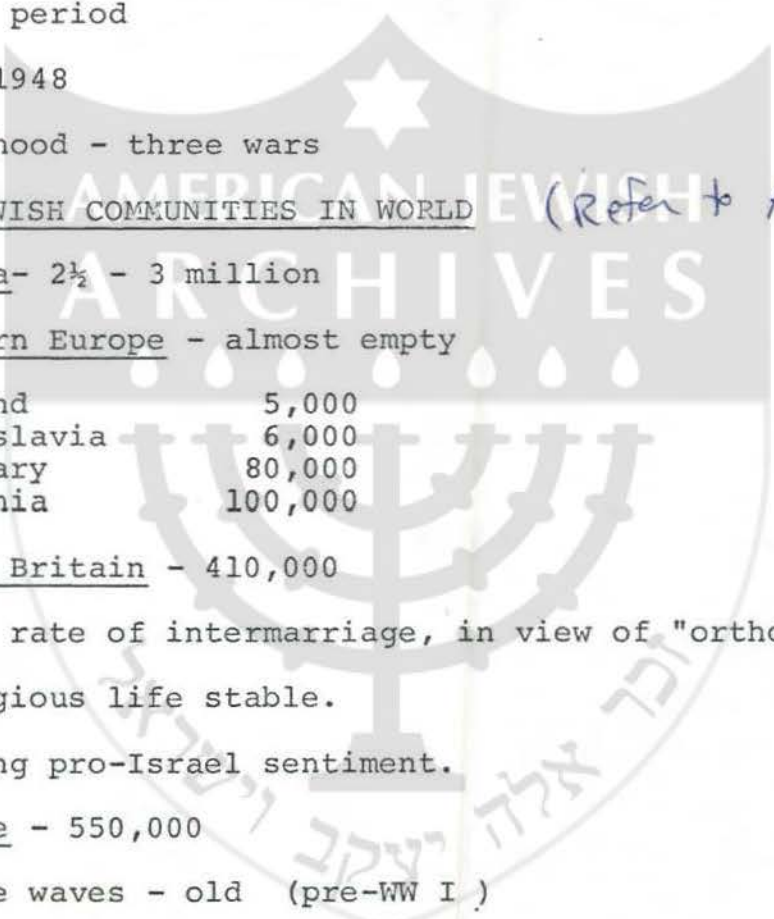
5. Belgium - 40,000

Brussels - 24,000 - highly assimilated

Antwerp - 13,000 - "ghettoized"-no intermarriage, religious, largest community center in Europe

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6. Italy - 34,000

Not very active Jewish life
Slow dissolution of community
Milan has day school

7. West Germany - 26,000

Rather strong and vigorous, considering its mixed-up background.
Pro-Israel activity high; also cultural activity

8. Canada - 280,000 - 300,000

- Toronto - 97,000
- Montreal - 110,000
- Winnipeg - 10,000
- Vancouver - 8,000
- Ottawa - 6,000
- Balance - 55,000 scattered

Saul Hayes - "There are more institutes for the study of Jewish literature and there are more religious activities in Canada than in Israel itself." Therefore, there was no threat of assimilation in the foreseeable future.

9. Argentina - 500,000

Buenos Aires - 380,000
Balance scattered in 500 places
High rate of assimilation, intermarriage, non-affiliation with Jewish communal life.
The organized community highly Israel-oriented. Religion plays minor role.

10. Brazil - 170,000

- Sao Paulo - 60,000
- Rio - 50,000

11. Mexico - 30-40,000
12. Chile - 40,000
13. South Africa - 120,000

Strong organization in every direction; education, Israel, etc.

V. HOLOCAUST (Levin- XV-XVI)

- A. Rise of Hitler - to 1933
- B. Consolidation - to Nurenberg Laws - 1936
- C. Failure of World Jewish Community to Act (S.S. Wise boycott suggestion - 1936)
- D. Failure of World to Act - Evian Conference 1938 (Read resolution)
 EVIAN CONFERENCE - summer 1938 - at initiative of FDR - aim of asking for concerted international action on a broader basis. Over 30 nations accepted invitation to attend.

Its main intention was to establish an Intergovernmental Committee which should be instrumental in assisting the emigration of refugees within the limits of existing immigration laws, while emigration and settlement were to be financed by private organizations.

The Conference ended with the following resolution:

"The I.G.C., recognizing the value of the work of the existing refugee services of the League of Nations and of the studies on migration made by the I.L.O., shall cooperate fully with these organizations, and the I.G.C. in London shall consider the means by which the cooperation of the Committee and the Director with these organizations shall be established."

BIG JOKE -

WHILE SIX MILLION DIED

- E. Start of War - 1939
- F. Wannsee Conference - 1941 - Final Solution
- G. Ghettos - camps = Death factoried 1941-1945
(show slides)

VI. POST-HOLOCAUST AND PRE-STATE

- A. DP camp period
- B. Haganah efforts on illegal immigration
- C. Haganah efforts on illegal arming
- D. Zionist efforts among U.S. Jews and opposition (American Council)
- E. Political efforts at U.N.

VII. STATEHOOD

- A. War of Independence
- B. Emptying European camps & Cyprus
- C. Ingathering - Yemen, Iraq, Morocco, North Africa
- D. Tents to Ma'abarot
- E. Malben
- F. Lachish
- G. War again
- H. More Ingathering
- I. Water pipeline, oil pipeline, industrialization
- J. War again
- K. Spread of education

VIII. TASKS AHEAD IN ISRAEL

- A. Military - Political - more wars until real independence and sovereignty and normal life in the area is achieved.
- B. Economic - until viability without outside help is achieved (U.S. was debtor nation first 32 years of its existence.)
- C. Social - Educational - until one society is amalgamated, doing away with dangers of two Israèls.

IX. TASKS AHEAD IN AND FOR WORLD JEWRY

- A. Russian Jewry - immigration rights plus internal survival rights (schools, language, religion, etc.)
- B. U.S. Jewry - developing a commitment to Jewish survival through knowing its value, to us and to world at large.
- C. Free World Jewry - ditto
- D. Latin American Jewry - fast migration

X. VALUE OF JEWISH SURVIVAL

- A. Jews created sense of history - past, present, future - all serve to give man memory. This is his strongest creative tool, including will and desire to continue.
- B. Jews created social justice - prophetic tradition in Bible - see Vorspan book. also Griffelsdor & Epstein
- C. Jewish values are optimistic - forward-looking. This is good for man's malaise.
- D. Jewish intellectuality is unique - in medicine and music, mathematics and marketing.
- E. Quote Fleg in Hertzberg - 480
- F. Close with personal statement.

Seventh
Day

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AGENDA UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP CABINET RETREAT

Harrison House, Glen Cove, Long Island, New York

May 12-16, 1971

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

6:30 P.M. Dinner
8:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting and Evaluation Committee Report- Blue/
Blair Room

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9 A.M.-5 P.M. Continuation of Executive Committee Meeting Blue/Blair Room
5:30 P.M. YLC Members Arrive
7:00 P.M. Dinner
8:30 P.M. Alfred Atherton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State East Room

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M. YLC Business Meeting - Chairman's Campaign Report East Room
10:00 A.M. Five Area Meeting
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:30 P.M. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, Executive Chairman UJA East Room
5:30 P.M. Services Blue/Blair Room
6:30 P.M. Dinner
8:00 P.M. Questions and Answers with Rabbi Friedman East Room

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Services - Rabbi Earl A. Jordan, Dir. R.A.C., UJA Blue/Blair Room
10:15 A.M. Prof. Allen Pollack, The Soviet Union versus the Jewish People East Room
12:00 Noon Lunch
2:00 P.M. Five Committee Meetings (National Vice Chairmen for areas will select members attending from their area to participate in the discussion with the National Vice Chairman in charge of the committee).
3:30 P.M. Five Rap sessions
6:30 P.M. Dinner
8:00 P.M. Shlomo Argov, Minister Plenipotentiary, Israel Embassy East Room

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Charles T. Fenyvesi, Associate Editor, Near East Report East Room
10:00 A.M. Closing Session - Good and Welfare East Room
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 P.M. Departure

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February 10, 1971

Mr. Ernest N. Spickler
United Jewish Appeal
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

Dear Ernie:

We have been discussing possible programs for our retreat in May. I would like to expand on a theme that I think would be worth our time and attention.

We have encouraged our Cabinet Membership to concern themselves with the quality of their own lives as Jews and that of their children. Perhaps the whole emphasis on Jewish identification is the best way to describe what we have been attempting to do throughout our program of not only fund raising, but raising people.

I would like to concentrate on this theme throughout our retreat and in order to do that I would like to suggest the following. If we were to begin on Friday morning with a three-hour presentation by Herb Friedman, similar to his "Watershed" speech of 1963, such a presentation would establish the format for the balance of the program. I would then like to have a discussion of the role of Israel, the role of the institutionalized Jewish Community, the need for the fund raising and "people raising", all connected to the basic theme of Jewish identification.

...../

Mr. Ernest N. Spickler

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February 10, 1971

I would like on Friday evening and/or Saturday morning to have a program related to ways in which families can observe the Sabbath in their homes.

I would appreciate it if you would discuss this concept with Herb and see if he concurs and see if he would be able to devote the time to this presentation. I really believe he is the most effective man in America to make this presentation. You might remind him that the vast majority of our Cabinet members have not heard this type of presentation before.

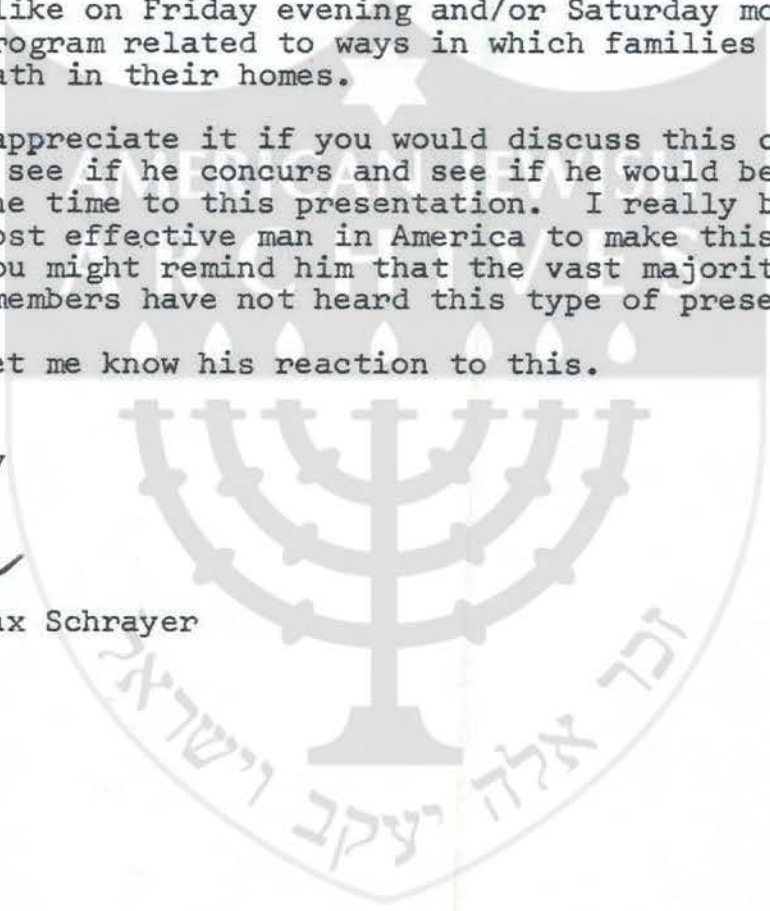
Please let me know his reaction to this.

Sincerely



Robert Max Schraye

/Ep



And after the billions of years of the burning sun
and the whirling gas and the forming dust, The planet spun and
cooled and cracked, ~~and~~ so that mountains thrust upward and seas
formed and life was given to a single cell, and after more billions of
years ~~there~~ there were horses and insects, a hundred different kinds of horses
and a million different kinds of insects, and ^{types of} flowers without number and species
of animals which no Ark could hold for there were so many, and in
all this vast creation there were scores and scores of kinds of men, ^{most} some
of whom came to naught, and ~~remained~~ remained afe, held back by limits of train & sail.

~~What is the meaning of all~~

One caught + held on + learned fire and nature and food and
words - and his name was man. And he ~~also~~ ^{also} grew into a million
myriad differences - so no two men were equal or the same. The
families of men grew in different valleys and by different rivers and with
different ~~thoughts~~ views of the meaning of life. Some slew their own sons,

some