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June 26, 1997

Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4908

Dear Holly,

Here are my suggestions for speakers during your October weekend retreat. I selected them according to the subject matter of each vision council.

You certainly are free to choose different people, according to your own knowledge or advice from others.

I will accept for Council #6, but if there is any chance of my schedule changing, I will let you know far enough in advance for us to get a substitute.

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SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

- Council 1 Ambassador Milton Wolf former president of JDC. He was Amb. of U.S. to Austria. Now lives in Cleveland. You can get his address and phone from JDC Hq. in New York. Their number is 212-687-6200.
- Council 2 Steven Nasitir chief executive of Chicago Jewish Federation. His number is 312-346-6700.
- Council 3 Nathan Laufer president of Wexner Heritage Foundation.
- Council 4 Roanna Shorofsky director of the Abraham Heschel School in New York, an independent school, probably the best in the city. Her number is 212-595-7817.
- Council 5 Rabbi Matthew Simon, Washington, 301-881-6550 or Rabbi Leonid Feldman, Palm Beach, 407-655-0139.
- Council 6 H.A.F. or Rabbi Brian Lurie, former chief executive of UJA, 415-459-5915.

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- Council 7 Someone local I wouldn't know.
- Council 8 Richard Joel head of International Hillel organization, 202-857-6560.

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June 24, 1997

To: Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4908

Dear Holly,

Thanks for your fax outlining the 8 vision councils. I won't make any comments, since Gordy was afraid I might misinterpret, but I will start thinking about outstanding speakers for Oct 31 - Nov 1, which I could not do without your outline. So, you were right to send it to me.

You'll hear from me shortly.

All best,

Herb

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vision councils

council 1 - Rescue, Resettle, Relief and Renew Jews in Need

To provide the vehicle for transferring funds to UJA, to rescue and resettle Jews in jeopardy, to maintain the support system necessary to respond to crisis situations, and to help rebuild Jewish communities abroad.

council 2 - Deliver Vital Human Services to Local Jews in Need

To assure the availability of vital human services for local Jews in need (Financial Needs Study Committee, 1993) through lifesaving, life-sustaining, and life-enhancing efforts.

council 3 - Enhance Adult Jewish Learning

To increase the numbers of Jewish adults participating in Jewish learning to enhance their ability to transmit a strong positive Jewish heritage to future generations (Committee for Planning and Jewish Renewal, 1994).

council 4 - Raise Our Children Jewish

To provide all Jewish children of at least one Jewish parent with necessary support to build a strong, unambiguous Jewish identity.

council 5 - Strengthen Synagogue Impact

To strengthen the impact of the synagogue as an active, vital center of Jewish life as a place of worship, education and community.

council 6 - Israel

To develop an enduring connectedness between the Columbus Jewish community and Israel.

council 7 - Act as a Voice of Jewish Advocacy

To act as a voice of advocacy on behalf of the Central Ohio Jewish community in its interaction with the general community as a whole (PARC, 1996).

council 8 - Enhance Young Adult Connectedness

To increase the participation of young Jewish adults (ages 18-28) in Jewish living and in the community.

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Rabbi To: Herb Friedman FAX (212) 751-3739

Fr: Holly Kastan FAX (614) 252-4908 RE: Columbus Restructuring the Federation

Gordy will be in touch to schedule full presentation in N.Y.C. the didn't want me to send you excurpts for fear they may be misinterpreted -But I promised you a list of vision conneils and decided to send the summary so you can put them in context. Can you help me with suggestions for outstanding speakers for each council area. Date is Oct 31 + Nov 1 - Can you JUN-23-1997 11:12 ISRAEL ? Let me Know.

The significant changes recommended to the Columbus Jewish Federation are:

I. Organizational Structure

- the formation of the Senior Advisory Council to formalize the input of the major donors and past Presidents of the Federation in the strategic decision-making of the community.
- the formation of the Strategic Planning Team to assure the Federation's relevancy and vitality in addressing the needs and concerns of the community.
- the formation of the vision councils to direct our human and financial resources toward the community's priority objectives. Planning and allocation will be combined in these councils.
- the creation of the Institutional Excellence Council to focus the Federation on building a strong community of institutions through consulting services including strategic planning, fund-raising, leadership development, internal performance management and information systems.
- the creation of the Leadership Development Council comprised of resourceful community leaders charged with building the volunteer, religious and professional leadership of the Federation.

II. Campaign

- the near-term (over the next three years) objective of raising more total funds from the Federation campaign and all of the approved institution campaigns as part of a cooperative effort between the Federation and all Jewish agencies and synagogues that support our vision.
- the acceptance of designated giving for increases over previous year's major gift (minimum \$25k) to vision councils.
- a dramatically expanded emphasis on increasing endowment giving.

REINVENTING THE FEDERATION executive summary

III. Operating Strategies

- to partner with institutions agencies and synagogues toward the goal of community excellence.
- to establish measurable performance objectives for organizations and activities where possible - and to measure our success against them.
- to provide a mechanism to evaluate ongoing programs.
- to separate, organizationally within the Federation, the setting of policy versus implementation.
- to streamline decision-making throughout the Federation, primarily through a changed organizational structure and a clearer and more decentralized assignment of responsibility and authority.

IV. Organizational Emphasis

- to create organizations and goals that aggressively focus the Federation on developing and maintaining excellent volunteer, religious and professional leadership across the community.
- to operate with strategic planning as an integrated and ongoing priority.
- to mandate inclusiveness and broad representation as explicit goals in the way we organize and operate.

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V. Naming

- to establish the top elected volunteer leader as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- to establish the top elected professional leader as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- to communicate the reinvention of the Federation through changing its name.

HERBERT FRIEDMAN

Dear Holly -This is the guy your group should meet in Moscow. He is one of the new a billimaires - and the founded The Russian Jewish Congress about a year ago. Tell the Joint n USA Tell the Joint n USA a Glen Gill that he is a must for you. Heat

Jewish week - June 13,97

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Brooklyn School Honors Russian Leader

e'er Hagolah Institutes, a school in Starrett City, Brooklyn, geared to Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union, will honor Vladimir Goussinsky, president of the Russian Jewish Congress, at a testimonial dinner Monday, June 16, 7 p.m, at the New York



Hilton, 1335 Sixth Avenue.

Goussinsky, who convened the "Uniting Congress" of the Russian Jewish Congress in 1995 that brought together the country's religious and secular organizations, is a former theater director who became one of the

Vladimir Goussinsky: president of Russian Jewish Congress.

Soviet Union's leading entrepreneurs with the onset of Perestroika.

He is the director general of the Most Group, a diversified firm whose holdings include real estate, a bank, six newspapers, a radio station, Russia's largest independent television station and a weekly newsmagazine jointly published with Newsweek.

"Mr. Goussinsky has led the fight for freedom of the press in Russia," according to Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.).

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani will be keynote speaker at the Be'er Hagolah dinner and greetings will be delivered by Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, chief rabbi of Moscow.

Other honorees will be Ira Yavarkovsky, president of Joseph Yavarkovsky, Inc.; Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation; Jewish National Fund Senior Executive Vice President Samuel and Cohen and his wife Mira; and Alfred Shtainer, a Ukrainian-born physician.

Be'er Hagolah, founded in 1979, educates some 850 students at its five-year-old Caroline Zelaznik Gruss Educational Center in Starrett City and at a school in Brighton Beach. Its funds come from private donations and UJA- Federation's Fund for Jewish Education.

Ildiko Trien, an Hungarian-born newspaper editor whom The New York Times called the "Hungarian Hurricane," was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Emanuel Foundation at its annual dinner. Before migrating to the United States as a political refugee 25 years ago, she was a trapeze artist, poet, film director, and TV talk show host.

Here she became a performer with the Barnum and Bailey Ringling Brothers Circus and editor of the Fire Island News.

Other honorees at the foundation dinner were philanthropist Ronald S. Lauder, and Phil Friedman, a Russian Jewish refugee who heads Computer Generation Solutions.

Proceeds from the dinner will help finance the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Park that opens July 6 in the former Jewish ghetto of Budapest.

Two New York college students are among 11 from the United States who will participate in the Council of Jewish Federations' 1997 Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program, which coordinates graduate study with internships in Jewish Federations.

They are Jeremy Daniel Bandler of Manhattan, a student at Brandeis University; Stacey Lynn Green of Miami, Yeshiva University; Adrianna Bala Koransky of Tarzana, Cal., Columbia University-Jewish Theological Seminary; Aaron Lee Pearlman of Manhattan, Columbia University-Jewish Theological Seminary; Jennifer Reich of Bayside, Queens, Columbia University-Jewish Theological Seminary; and Shira Richter of Atlanta, Yeshiva University.

Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III, attorney general of Minnesota and an environmental advocate, presented awards to young Israelis for ecological and environmental projects during a recent ceremony in Tel Aviv sponsored by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. The awards are named for his late father, Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

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First UJA-Fed. mission to Ukrainian city reveals nurturing, hardship of Jewish life.

dessa, Ukraine — Rabbi Shlomo Baksht is trying to jump start Jewish life in this faded city — one lost young soul at a time.

A 37-year-old from Jerusalem, the red-bearded Rabbi Baksht

founded the Jewish Children's Home last fall when he discovered that an estimated 300 Jewish children in south Ukraine were either orphaned or abandoned. Economic hardship, combined with drug and alcohol abuse, drove scores of parents to abandon youngsters, he says. The rabbi, who loves to hug his little charges, says he has rescued dozens of kids from the streets. And still others from state institutions where, he says, they receive one meal a day and are baptized by missionaries. He now has 44 children, and says several hundred more need help.

One is Avram, 11, who lived in a state or-

AVITAL LOURIA HAHN SPECIAL TO THE JEWISH WEEK



A better home: Rabbi Shlomo Baksht with Sveta, one of 44 orphans at his Jewish Children's Home in Odessa. Avital Louria Hahm

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phanage after his parents abandoned him. He now gets food, love — and soon a bar mitzvah. He already recites the Shema. Yet when his prayerbook falls on the floor accidentally, he sometimes crosses himself instinctively.

Rabbi Baksht, who has been in Odessa for four years and is affiliated with the Israel-based Ohr Sameach Yeshiva, says that "after I negotiate with the government for an orphanage license, I hope to get these children to Israel in a few years."

The rabbi's Jewish Children's Home was one stop on a recent 10-day UJA-Federation mission to Ukraine and Israel, the federation's first-ever mission to Odessa. At nearly every stop in Odessa, home to some 50,000 Jews, and throughout Ukraine, the inescapable paradox of Jewish life here emerged: the impulse, nurtured *Continued on page 14*

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The Odessa File

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by people like Rabbi Baksht and groups like the American Joint Distribution Committee, which receives funds from UJA-Federation, to continue the immense task of rebuilding Jewish life and instilling

Jewish identity; and the one, nurtured by the Jewish Agency, to encourage aliyah to Israel.

Mission member Kenneth Cowin, managing director at Bear Stearns, wondered "if it's really in our interest to send everyone to Israel in a place where anti-Semitism is tolerable. Perhaps there is a future for some of them here."

Indeed, Odessa has a Jewish mayor. And Jews no longer hide their religion as they did during communism. There now are two synagogues: Rabbi Baksht's, the Odessa Main Synagogue, and the Brodsky Synagogue. Before communism there were 14; during communism just one, to serve port workers. Jewish groups have organized a highly praised Jewish library.

Gwen Greene, a broker at Bear Stearns who co-led the mission, doesn't see the twin impulses as a contradiction: "This is the only way to deal with two basic populations — the elderly, ailing and impoverished, for whom the revival will make whatever time they have left better, and the younger generation, who will be the leaders of tomorrow."

In small but tangible ways, Jewish life is being nurtured here through a network of agencies that tend to the elderly, support an orphanage, run programs for children and operate a vibrant aliyah youth club.

Gemilut Chessed is one such active welfare program. Run by the JDC, it supplies for the elderly hot meals, activities, home care.

In a sunlit one-story building on a March Sunday, a group of elderly ladies sang in Yiddish, and children from a Jewish day school run by Rabbi Baksht performed a Purim play. An audience of mostly elderly women who live on \$35 per month pensions (\$35 buys five chickens) lunched on meat, potatoes and shiny oranges.

But the elderly do not only lack food. Because socialized medicine crumbled along with communism, many have no medical care this in a city where a government official pulled up for an appointment in a new Toyota Land Cruiser. While JDC-organized volunteer doctors provide free care, a shortage of medicine remains a problem.

JDC officials said a shipment of medicine recently had been sent from abroad but was seized at customs. The government explanation, according to the JDC officials, was that Ukraine is rewriting its customs laws, but frustration remains as it remains unclear when and how the medicine will be released. Moved by the plight of the elderly, members of the 14person mission dug into the bags of over-thecounter drugs they had brought and gave them to the JDC officials.

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In Belogrod-Dnestrovsky, a small town outside Odessa, there was more evidence of the



Hope for tomorrow: Young Immigrants, including children from Ukraine, prepare for a Purim show at Meveseret Zion absorption center near Jerusalem; mission members traveled to Israel after their stop in Odessa. Phonos by Avital Louria Hahn



Touched by an angel: Riva Altman, right, with Tatiana Voroblova, wipes a tear after a mission member handed her a dollar.

hardships faced by the Jews of Ukraine. In one home the Mogoryanu-Polonsky sisters, Liza, 88, and Rosa, 94, live in a tiny, run-down apartment. Jsolated, they wait to die and occupy the only real estate they own — their cemetery plots.

They spoke of a cousin who had left and lives in San Francisco, and who wrote several times inviting them join him. They declined, fearing to impose. To this day, they said, they regret that decision.

For the mission co-leader and UJA campaign director, Lawrence Zicklin, managing principal at Neuberger and Berman and a descendant of Eastern European immigrants, it is pure chance that some Jews ended up in the



A warm embrace: Mission co-leader Gwen Greene embraces Liza, an elderly resident of Belogrod-Dnestrovsky. Greene is holding a photograph of Liza and her deceased husband.

United States while others struggle in poverty in Ukraine. Had these two women decided to leave for the U.S. when they could, he said, their lives would have been entirely different. "You can make several small mistakes but not one large one," said Zicklin.

Greene was moved by the terrible loneliness of the sisters. "For the elderly, we are their only hope," she said.

One thing some Ukrainian Jews can count on is making aliyah to Israel, a lure that shapes many lives in Ukraine. Some 200 Jews in Odessa and its surroundings leave for Israel every month, despite the knowledge that life for ex-Soviet immigrants in Israel isn't always idyllic. For many who barely knew they were Jewish, the aliyah process begins when they send their children to programs that instill Jewishness. Run by the JDC, the Jewish Agency and the Israeli Consulate, they range from day camp, to afterschool activities, to a teens club.

Mission participants met dozens of young people who plan to make aliyah, some with a push from their parents who see no future in Ukraine. But emigrating may not be for everyone. Liane, 15, an award-winning gymnast, has no intention of leaving. Neither do many of the elderly.

For others, moving is the answer. One family — a Jewish father, Alexander, his Christ-

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ian wife, Tamara, and their 6-year-old daughter, Christina, waited at the airport terminal with suitcases and dolls in hand, ready to make the trip to Israel and start a new life. Hopeful, they were still unaware of the problems their mixed religions may present.

For those on the mission, the transition to Israel was shocking.

"When you think of Odessa — gray, dull, heavy, depressing — there's no sense of energy," Zicklin said. "Then you come to Israel — it's alive, alert and energetic. You may not like it all the time but it is preferable to the alternative."

In Jerusalem, Israeli Minister of Absorption Yuli Edelstein explained the difficulties of non-Jewish immigrants, who are accepted into Israeli society only on the surface. He also spoke of underemployment, which sometimes causes Ph.D's to work as laborers.

The members of one extended family living in Jerusalem — the Kotlers and the Bergelsons — provided a case study in these difficult adjustments. While everyone in the family is employed below their training, their outlook is positive.

The families are building a financial foundation by pooling resources: Four generations live in a two-bedroom apartment in Jerusalem, cutting on rent expenditures. Then, by consolidating their mortgage privileges, they managed to buy several rental properties in Beersheva that will become their nest egg.

But mission co-leader Greene warns that

not all olim have made the adjustment as well as the Kotlers and Bergelsons. In the family that she visited, she said, the aging, intellectual and cultured parents experienced great difficulty adjusting to the new language and home.

"It is a fantasy to believe that we've created a life for the 750,000 Russian Jews that's idyllic," she said.

On the trip back to New York, mission members reflected on what they had seen.

Jasmin Bey Cowin, an educator and harpist, will remember the image of an elderly man pruning his grapevines outside his home in a poor Ukrainian village as snowflakes floated in the crisp morning air.

"I could see that there was still pride in this land because someone was pruning his grapes," she said. She added that the trip made her more committed to Jewish causes.

Vincent Cavallo, a principal in the Neuberger and Berman investment firm, is a Catholic who participated in the mission with his wife, Ellen. As a young boy growing up in a Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood, he came to know and love the Jewish people.

An experienced traveler who has seen much of the world, he seemed to sum up the views of those on the mission.

"It is one thing to stay in the U.S. and write a check, and it is another to be there in their shoes and see the efforts being done," he said. "If you go and see the depression and hopelessness, you want to help as much as you can."

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QUARTERLY REPORT VOL. 1, ISSUE 3

MAY 1997

Brutal Conditions **Afflict Elderly** in FSU

t was a brutal February in Boguslav, Ukraine: if only the brutality was snow and cold alone. But the twin burdens of poverty and old age made survival for Luchlya Rondal,

81, a daily struggle. Mrs. Rondal.

a widow, has diabetes

and other illnesses. An estimated 42 percent of Ukrainian Jews over 70 suffer from three or more chronic diseases, according to a recent JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) survey of 3,500 elderly Jews in that country. IDC estimates that a third of the Jews in the former Soviet Union (FSU) are over 65.

As a result, says Meyer Koplow, chair of UIA-Federation's Jewish Agency-JDC Forum, there's growing concern that deteriorating economic and social conditions in the FSU may well do to elderly Jews what 70 years of repression and assimilation couldn't: kill them.

Chronic Shortages-Lives in the Balance

In much of Ukraine, conditions are horrendous, and many ill and frail Jews are reluctant to go to the hospital for fear they may never come out.

Medicine is in short supply in Boguslav.

So chronic are the shortages that "lack of medicine" is now an **New Yorkers supply** official cause of death. These conditions now afflict many parts of the FSU.

> "The situation is most acute for some

300,000 elderly and impoverished Jews," says Koplow. "Hyperinflation has eroded the value of their pensions and destroyed their life savings. In many places, a kilo of butter costs half a monthly pension, and even the highest pension is only enough for bread, rent, and utilities."

Restoring Hope to the Hopeless

To offer relief, UJA-Federation and IDC have provided Mrs. Rondal and other struggling Jews with food packages, medicine, coal, firewood, and other necessities. A quarter million food packages have been distributed since 1992.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Campaign Update

The Annual Campaign surged ahead for the third straight guarter, with \$87.7 million raised to date, up \$2.9 million from

the same period last year.

Planned Giving and Endowments also made impressive progress, with \$35.6 million raised this fiscal year, up \$11.8 million from last year.

Several major fund-raising successes and community events contributed to this guarter's upswing:

President's Column

ne of the things that I take special pride in as I move about New York, North America, and Israel is the role women have taken in philanthropy, particularly through UJA-Federation of New York. Our history of women volunteersincluding former presidents Elaine Winik, Billie Tisch, and Peggy Tishman-is unparalleled. The Women's Campaign, a leader not only in dollars, raised \$18 million last year and has already surpassed \$13.5 million this year. It also consistently excels in training all of us in the power of education, recognition, and relationship fund-raising. Mady Harman, Women's Campaign chair, assures me that women's strength and influence are evident in our general campaigns for New York City, Long Island, and Westchester, and in our mission to promote Jewish values.

This is not just a women's issue. It is an important business issue for our future. It is plain that women will increasingly form the core of giving in UJA-Federation, and in our nation. By the end of the century, a large amount of the world's wealth will be in the hands of women.

Research commissioned by Nicki Tanner, our Capital Development Fund chair, for the Wellesley Campaign, shows two special things about women and philanthropy. First, unlike most men, they tend to pledge and pay at the same time. Second, they take a hands-on approach on where their dollars go.

With that in mind, we supported an initiative, steered by Arlene Wittels, to establish the Jewish

Women's Foundation of New York. This initiative was more than justified when Fern K. Hurst, the current chair, stated that all 73 members have pledged a minimum of \$10,000 over five years. They already approved the first grant to New York Association for New Americans to help older emigre women cope with welfare reform.

Let me mention the Lion of Judah, an international symbol of support of women to our cause. This year, the first International Lion of Judah Conference was held in Jerusalem. The event, chaired by New York's Carole Solomon, drew 30 of our women, the largest contingent there. The New York Conference in January brought in 150 women-all of whom pledged a minimum gift of \$6,000.

Some have said that UJA-Federation is our parents' organization. I beg to differ. We have hundreds of women in every profession involved in our work. This includes the Jewish Women's Executive Circle, led by Alexandra Lebenthal and Maxine Forman. our Business and Professional Division, led by Malka Bernstein, and many other groups that help to balance the professional and philanthropic lives of most women. The fact is that women serve on all our key committees: finance, investment, audit, law, campaign, and allocations.

There can be little doubt that women and philanthropy are a winning combination-not only for UJA-Federation but for Jewish communal service as a whole.

Jamise B. Greilsheimer

Louise B. Greilsheimer, President

Super Sunday, UIA-Federation's annual communitywide phone drive held February 2, topped last year's results by \$160,000, raising \$1.7 million dollars from more than 2,800

gifts. More \$1.7 Million Raised than 1,000 volunteers SuperSunday worked the telephone Manhattan

headquarters and at five other centers throughout the area, including Westchester and Long Island. In addition, Long Island's Terrific Tuesday raised more than \$120,000 from 64 gifts.

More than 100 people attended a cocktail reception in Palm Beach hosted by Charles and Andrea Bronfman. The event, which honored Elaine Winik of Rye, raised \$2.6 million for the Annual Campaign.

In Brief

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Atid Society Aids Bulgarian Jews

Deteriorating economic conditions in Bulgaria have placed approximately 1,000 Jewish children in urgent need of medicine, food, and other staples.

The Atid Society of UJA-Federation's Overseas Division took leadership this past quarter communicating the situation to potential donors, as part of a drive to collect supplies by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), a UJA-Federation agency. To help, call (212) 836-1625.

Young Leadership Hosts Mitzvah Day

More than 200 young professionals participated in UJA-Federation's "Hands On Mitzvah Day" on March 30, a day-long volunteer effort. The group served meals to the homeless, visited AIDS patients, and assisted the elderly and disabled at local agencies. A similar volunteer effort will take place in Westchester in late May. To learn more about Hands On volunteer opportunities, call (212) 836-1883.

IT IS PLAIN THAT WOMEN WILL INCREASINGLY FORM THE CORE OF GIVING IN UJA-FEDERATION, AND IN OUR NATION.

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lake part in this unique journey to meet a longsolated branch of our international Jewish famiy hat is proudly celebrating its heritage.

You'll travel with us to Minsk in Belarus and Vilna in Lithuania, two historic centers of Jewish learning and culture that were scenes of tragedy during the Nazi occupation. Today, they are symbols of endurance in the face of virulent anti-Semitism, strongholds of Jewish rebirth after decades of Communism and home to thousands of Jews who are reviving their heritage.



MINSK, BELARUS July 21-23

- Listen as young children discover their Jewish heritage through song and story
- Honor the memory of martyrs at "Yama"
- Hear a concert, tour the synagogue, talk to community leaders
- Visit a thriving senior center and a summer camp site for youngsters
- Observe classes at a Hebrew Ulpan as families prepare for aliyah

July 23-27

- Tour the ancient Ghetto and the Jewish Museum
- Meet elderly men and women who depend upon our overseas agencies for help in their homes
- Travel to Kovno, say a prayer at the Martyrs' Museum and memorial in a Czarist fortress where the Nazis murdered 70,000 Jews
- Attend a panel discussion on Jewish literature after Shabbat Services at the synagogue
- Pay homage at the grave of the Vilna Gaon, Rabbi Eliajah Ben Solomon Zalman
- Enjoy an outstanding cultural event featuring local talent.

Through your support of UJA-Federation and its overseas arms, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, you help guarantee a secure future for these re-emerging Jewish communities. And you provide a firm foundation for those wishing to make aliyah.

MISSION FACTS:

- The cost of \$2,400 per person (double occupancy), includes coach airfare, all meals, hotels, transfers, daily touring, entry visas and all taxes (subject to change).
- There is an additional charge of \$315 for single occupancy.
- For Business Class upgrade, there is an additional charge of \$2,174 round trip.
- The enclosed reservation card and \$500 deposit per person by check or credit card is necessary to reserve space, which is limited.

* Generally, under the Internal Revenue Code, your contribution is deductible only to the extent that it, plus your payment for this Mission, exceed the benefi received (i.e. the fair market value of the Mission, which is \$2,650.)

In addition, any payment for extra air and/or land arrangements are not tax deductible.

For more information and reservations, call Glenn Mones at (212) 836-1112 or Sara Yaron at (212) 836-1548

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Capital of the Russian Federation, Moscow is a thriving city where the "old and new" stand side by side. The ancient towers of the Kremlin and the fairy tale golden domes of cathedrals dating back to the 14th century share the skyline with modern skyscrapers. The Jewish community in Moscow grew from 340 families in 1858 to over 35,000 residents by the end of the 19th century, with an active Jewish community, a weekly Jewish newspaper, Hebrew theatre and a Yeshiva. During World War II, Moscow was the seat of the Jewish Anti-Fascist committee, which was brutally liquidated at the end of 1949, putting an end to Jewish cultural life in Moscow. Recently, a new synagogue, cultural center and Jewish day school have been established in the city. Today, Moscow is the country's largest political and industrial hub and also one of the world's great cultural centers. It boasts the famous Bolshoi Theater, the Russian Circus and world-renowned museums such as the Pushkin Fine Art Museum and the magnificent Armory Museum.

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Krakow, Poland's former capital, is one of Europe's most splendid towns. In the 14th and 15th centuries, this city was a major center of Jewish religious and academic life, after the country's rulers accepted Jewish refugees from other countries. At the end of the 15th century, Jews were expelled from the town and forced to settle in the nearby suburb of Kazimierz, now part of Krakow. The buildings in this town still remain intact, including the Alt Synagogue, which houses the Museum of Jewish History and Culture. Nearby is the famous Remuh Synagogue, where Jews still worship today, and the Old Jewish Cemetery. The marketplace of Krakow is surrounded by antique burghers' houses and splendid palaces. The castle and cathedral atop Wawel Hill, former seat of Polish Kings, is a treasury of priceless art collections of great significance to the culture of the Polish nation.

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DATE: April 30, 1997

TO: Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4908

FROM: Herbert A. Friedman

Dear Holly,

One of the most important things you will do in Kiev is the visit to the massacre site in Babi Yar, on the outskirts of the city.

I am enclosing three items relating to that visit:

- Extracts of a speech made at the site about two years ago (Sept. 1995) by Yitzhak Rabin.
- A poem written by Yevtushenko and read aloud by him at the site in 1961. It was a very courageous thing for him to do, because the poet attacked the Stalin anti-semitism, not only the Nazis.
- 3. A biographical sketch of Y.

My suggestion is that you should arrange a brief ceremony in which someone should read Rabin's speech, and someone else read Yevtushenko's poem, in addition to laying a wreath and reciting Kaddish.

There may be other ingredients in the program - such as some official of the Ukrainian government, some leader of the local Jewish community, etc.

Balance the program so you don't have a string of speeches one after another. Put some music in between, or anything else you think of.

Good luck.

As ever.

Herb

Excerpt from a book "Rabin - Our Life, His Legacy" by Leah Rabin

September 12 - 13, 1995, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his wife Leah, made a visit to Ukraine, for the purpose of building relations. Israel and Ukraine are reasonably close - flight time from Tel Aviv to Kiev is about two hours.

The visit included a somber journey to Babi Yar, on the outskirts of Kiev. Thirtyfour thousand Jews were brutally slain there by the Nazis in a two-day massacre in 1941. In 1961, the Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko evoked that horror in a poem of the same name.

Yitzhak spoke these words in memory of the victims:

"Here in Babi Yar, the men of Sonderkommando A4 smashed the dreams of small children and the hearts of their parents, who tried to shield them with their own bodies. Here the roar of gunfire drowned the cries of tens of thousands of Kiev Jews and of many others. And here, in this pit of death, ended the history of a magnificent Jewish world - the Jews of Ukraine who had brought forth from their midst the first dreamers of Zion, the best of Jewish poets and writers, the great leaders and trailblazers of Zionism.

The Nazis and their helpers tried here, in this tranquil landscape, to eliminate any memory of their crime and any recollection of the Jewish people. They ground tens of thousands of their victims' bodies into dust and sowed it on the wind. No vestige of them remains.

Citizens of Israel, members of the Jewish nation:

Jewish destiny impels us to return again and again to the killing ravines of Poland, Russia, Ukraine - to every place where Jewish blood was spilled: we return to these horrible places to remember, not to forget - and we will never forget - and also to draw strength and moral might from the terrible tragedy, to learn lessons for the future, and to know that no power on earth will again smite the Jewish people that have survived in exile for two thousand years. The nation of Israel will live forever."

BABI YAR

by Yevgeny Yevtushenko

No gravestone stands on Babi Yar; Only coarse earth heaped roughly on the gash. Such dread comes over me; I feel so old, Old as the Jews. Today, I am a Jew Now I go wandering, an Egyptian slave; And now I perish, splayed upon the cross.

The marks of nails are still upon my flesh. And I am Dreyfus whom the gentry hound: I am behind the bars, caught in a ring; Belled, denounced, and spat upon I stand, While dainty ladies in their lacy frills, Squealing, poke parasols into my face.

I am that little boy in Bialystok Whose blood flows, spreading darkly on the floor. The rowdy lords of the saloon make sport. Reeking alike of vodka and of leek, Booted aside, weak, helpless, I, the child who begs in vain while the pogromchik mob Guffaws and shouts. "Save Russia, beat the Jews!" The shopman's blows fall on my mother's back.

O my own people, my own Russian folk, Believers in the brotherhood of man! But dirty hands too often dare to raise The banner of your pure and lofty name. I know the goodness of my native land. How vile that anti-Semites shamelessly Preen themselves in the words that they debase: "The Union of the Russian People."

Now, in this moment, I am Anna Frank. Frail and transparent as an April twig. I love as she; I need no ready phrases... Only to look into each other's eyes! How little we can sense, how little see... Leaves are forbidden us, the sky forbidden... Yet how much still remains; how strangely sweet To hold each other close in the dark room. They come? No, do not fear, These are the gales Of spring: she bursts into this gloom. Come to me: quickly, let me kiss your lips... They break the door? No, no, the ice is breaking.

On Babi Yar weeds rustle; the tall trees Like judges loom and threaten... All screams in silence; I take off my cap And feel that I am slowly turning gray. And I too have become a soundless cry Over the thousands that lie buried here, I am each old man slaughtered, each child shot. None of me will forget.

Let the glad "Internationale" blare forth When earth's last anti-Semite lies in earth. No drop of Jewish blood flows in my veins. But anti-Semites with a dull, gnarled hate Detest me like a Jew. O know me truly Russian through their hate!

Translated by Marie Syrkin

°YEVTUSHENKO, YEVGENI ALEXANDROVICH (1933-), Soviet Russian poet. A prolific author of topical verse, Yevtushenko became one of the standard-bearers of the liberal Soviet intelligentsia during the years following Stalin's death. After the appearance of his first poems in 1949, Yevtushenko chose subjects that were, for the most part, expressions of revolt against the traditions of the Stalin era. Though a non-Jew, Yevtushenko also wrote the most famous single poem of the Holocaust: Babi Yar (first published in Literaturnaya Gazeta, Sept. 19, 1961, see *Babi Yar). This short but moving description of the site of the Nazi massacre of Kiev's Jews and of the thoughts that the site evoked in the poet unleashed a furious controversy. Neo-Stalinists accused Yevtushenko of a variety of crimes, the most dangerous being the insinuation that anti-Semitism continued to exist in the U.S.S.R., and that the Jews were martyred by the Nazis not merely as Soviet citizens, but also as Jews-a fact carefully silenced by official Soviet historiography. Russian public opinion was sharply divided. To be for or against Yevtushenko was tantamount to being a foe or an advocate of anti-Semitism. As if to underline the fact that the choice of Babi Yar's theme was no accident, Yevtushenko returned briefly to the subject in his long narrative poem, Bratskaya GES (1967; The Bratsk Station, 1966), in which one of the protagonists is Izi Kramer, a Jewish survivor of a Nazi camp, now an engineer in Siberia, who continues to be haunted by his tragic past. In 1963, Yevtushenko published A Precocious Autobiography, which contains his account of the writing of Babi Yar, and the general anti-Semitic mood of the young Stalinists. In 1970 a new collection of his poems was printed in Russia and omitted Babi Yar and some of his most outspoken anti-Stalinist poems.

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Babel" by Pieter Breughel the Elder, 1563. Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum.

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the outskirts of *Kiev which has h martyrdom at the hands of the on. On Sept. 29-30, 1941, 33,771 Jews were machine-gunned there, according to an official German report. The carnage was performed by a special *SS unit (Sonderkommando) supported by Ukrainian militia men. At the end of 778 days of Nazi rule in Kiev, the ravine had become a mass grave for over 100,000 persons, the majority of them being Jews. A note of the Soviet government to the Allies about German war crimes, dated Jan. 6, 1942 and signed by V. M. Molotov, gives a vivid description of the massacre, pointing out that the victims

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Figure I. A translation of Yevtushenko's *Babi Yar* by Marie Syrkin, Hadassah Magazine, March 1967.

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FROM: Shelley Wasserman

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Success May Be Bad for Jews As Old Russian Bias Surfaces

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

MOSCOW, April 14 — At a recent rally near Red Square to protest the Russian Government's delays in paying salaries and pensions, people's rage quickly focused on a different culprit.

"Why are there no Russians in government?" Zinaida Piskunova screeched. "Why, why, why are there only Jews?" She is 46, a rosy-cheeked collective farm worker from the city of Yaroslavl who wore a flowered kerchief and a sandwich board that read, "Down With the Government, Zionist Know-It-Alls!"

The people around her backed her up, indulging the fallacy that Jews cannot be authentic Russians..

"It's true," one man said of Mrs. Piskunova's observations. "First Livshits and Yavlinsky, then Berezovsky and now Nemtsov. And Chubais, he's probably a Jew too."

He was listing some of the most prominent Russian politicians associated with economic reform, even though not all are Jewish and not all support the policies of President Boris N. Yeltsin's Government.

But the presence of more Jews in high places than during any time under the czars or since the Revolution of 1917 is something that some Russians are depicting as sinister.

Frustrated with the wrenching economic and social upheaval that followed the collapse of Communism, and the Soviet Union, in 1991, and spurred on by politicians willing to tap their resentments, many people are returning to a traditional scapegoat: Jews. "It is no longer shameful to be Jewish in Russia," said Tankred Golenpolsky, the editor of the International Jewish Newspaper, published here. "And so there is a reflex reaction against that revival."

Mr. Golenpolsky, who also leads the Anti-Defamation Committee of the Russian Jewish Congress, which was founded last year, added: "Nobody is hiding the fact they are Jewish anymore, and that plays on the nerves of many people, particularly during this economic crisis. People want a scapegoat."

Overt anti-Semitism is mostly at the fringes of society, and it has been flourishing there ever since the mid-1980's, when President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's program of glasnost unleashed all kinds of grass-roots chauvinism, from the Siberian writers and Russophile revivalists to its more virulent form in the pages of Pamyat and other extreme nationalist newspapers.

The Anti-Defamation Committee classifies about 200 newspapers in Russia as openly anti-Semitic, but most are cheap newsletters with a small readership. Bigotry is most splashily displayed in the pages of the nationalist and pro-Communist newspaper Zavtra or in the public rantings of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist politician, and other purveyors of a Jewish conspiracy theory.

There are isolated cases of vandalism and violence: a bomb went off in one of Moscow's main synagogues last year. And there

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are occasional reports of Jewish graves being desecrated in the provinces. But generally, there is scant evidence that militant anti-Semites are acting on their viler prejudices.

The paradox of anti-Semitism in Russia today is that in most ways, life for Jews has never been better.

The state-sponsored discrimination of the Soviet era has been abolished, opening doors to the highest branches of academia, business and government. Russians still brand Judaism as a nationality like Russian or Armenian ethnicity. But in new internal passports, not yet issued, citizens will no longer be required to list their nationality.

Russian Jews, who are estimated to number more than half a million, have re-established Judaism as a religion and a culture. Religious schools and synagogues are flourishing.

All over Russia there are Hebrew schools and universities, Lubavitch communities and soup kitchens and kosher shops. As they prepare for Passover, Jews in Moscow can choose between matzoh imported from Israel or made in Russia.

Emigration, which was negligible until Mr. Gorbachev opened the floodgates in 1989, peaked in 1991 and 1992, but since then it has slowed down, a sign of stability.

Boris A. Berezovsky, a car dealer turned media, banking and real estate tycoon who is deputy chairman of the National Security Council, is one of the more prominent Jews in Moscow.

Mr. Berezovsky is a subject of controversy in Russia, and there are legitimate questions about his business dealings, Government contracts and influence in the Kremlin. But oddly, when he was appointed to his Government post, Izvestia and other respected newspapers focused mainly on the fact that he once applied for Israeli citizenship.

Communists and extreme nationalists are not shy about complaining that Jews control banks and the mass media. Mr. Berezovsky, whose company Logovaz owns a large share of Russia's largest television network, ORT, is twinned in the public imagination with Vladimir Gusinsky, another powerful banker, who owns the second-largest non-Government network, NTV. Mr. Gusinsky is also chairman of the Russian Jewish Congress.

Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly B.

Chubais, the country's chief architect of economic reform and, accordingly, one of the least popular politicians in Russia, is not Jewish. But his more extreme detractors do not believe that.

The main Communist paper, Sovetskaya Rossiya, recently published a large cartoon of Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Chubais together. Mr. Chubais is depicted as a snake, coiled around Mr. Yeltsin's body and whispering in his ear as the Russian President signs a decree. Stars of David are the scales along his reptilian tail.

Some of the names most frequently cited as leaders of a Zionist plot to undermine the Russian Government from within do not quite fit the job description. Aleksandr Y. Livshits, the former Finance Minister, is Jewish. He was demoted in a recent Cabinet shuffle. Grigory A. Yavlin-

The prominence of some Jews in Russia is arousing anti-Semitism.

sky, a leading reform economist, is half-Jewish, but he is not in government. In fact, he is one of the Government's most ardent liberal critics.

Boris Y. Nemtsov, the former Governor of Nizhni Novgorod who recently became <u>First Deputy Prime</u> <u>Minister in charge of economic re-</u> form, is Jewish. In an interview, he denied that anti-Semitism was a problem for him personally.

"I have been elected three times, not by Communists but by ordinary voters, 93 percent of whom are Russians," he said, referring to the ethnic category that would exclude Jews. "People tend to judge whether you are a thief or honest, competent or not."

But he acknowledged that the increased visibility of Jewish businessmen and Government officials could become an issue.

"If Russia begins to get out of the crisis, it won't be a problem," Mr. Nemtsov said. "If the situation in Russia gets worse, a scapegoat will be needed, and it will be easy to find it."

Some Jews say Mr. Nemtsov and Mr. Berezovsky are contributing to

the problem by accepting high-leve Government jobs.

"I especially blame Berezovsky," said a Jewish scientist who works in the defense industry and insisted on anonymity. "He should never have accepted a Government job. He should know what kind of country we live in."

The scientist, 55, said he was convinced that a return of state-supported anti-Semitism was inevitable.

"I look at facts and at history," he said. "Industry has collapsed, people aren't getting paid and people are looking for simple answers. The easiest explanation is 'the Jews.'" He added, "When things get worse and they will — do you think the Government is going to say, no, really, it's all our fault? They will also look for the easiest scapegoat."

But there are signs that anti-Semitism is not as widespread as many Russians believe. The American Jewish Committee sponsored a public opinion survey in January 1996 and concluded that open hostility to Jews was relatively low.

Asked whether Jews have too much influence in society, only 14 percent of the 1,500 respondents said yes. Other minorities, particularly Chechens, drew far more negative responses.

But much can change in a year. That is one reason that the Anti-Defamation Committee of the Russian Jewish Congress is preparing to conduct its own survey this month.

Russia has a long history of statesponsored pogroms and repression. Soviet anti-Semitism reached its peak under Stalin, when the so-called

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James Hill for The New York Times

The presence of some Jews in high places in the new Russia has awakened old prejudices. In central Moscow, a newsdealer hung up papers including Zavtra, center, which often publishes anti-Semitic tirades.

doctors' plot in 1953 served as a pretext to round up those branded "enemies of the people" and expel Jews from the Government and universities. Official discrimination lingered into Mr. Gorbachev's tenure.

The collapse of Communism in 1991 liberated Jews and also the Russian Orthodox Church, but religious freedom did little to open the mindset of many conservative priests and church elders, some of whom still insist that "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a fictitious 1905 account of a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world, is genuine.

Patriarch Aleksy II, the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, is more ecumenically minded than his predecessors, but many of his bishops are not.

Conservative church leaders still speak resentfully of the fact that there were many Jews among the early Bolsheviks.

It is not a charge that Russian

Jews dispute.

"We are a small minority, but we've never missed a barricade," Mr. Golenpolsky said wryly. "It's in our nature.

"There were Jews who led the October Revolution, and there are Jews leading the revolution for democracy and economic reform. People have an absolute right not to love us, but we have to insist on our right to practice politics and commerce as well as our religion." MODE = TRANSMISSION

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February 24, 1997

To: Holly Kasten Via Fax: 614-252-4908

Dear Holly,

I've been away for a month working on my book, and returned to find a large pile of accumulated mail, including a fax from you dated January 17. I gave instructions to hold everything and <u>not</u> forward, so I'm just now clearing up the backlog. Here are a few comments:

1. Subsidy from Federation

50% is much too high. If cost is \$5000 per person, the most you should reasonably ask from Fed. is 25% or \$1250.

2. Leonid Feldman & Alan Gill

Great idea. And you should have no trouble helping Leonid get his Board's approval. Bella Wexner could call Leonid's president. She is a member of the congregation.

3. Destinations

I suppose you had to leave out one city, if you are trying to work from Sunday to Sunday. But you've added St. Petersberg as an optional add on. So that's good.

Let me add one item. I have mailed you a brochure put out by New York UJA Federation promoting missions to F.S.U. in 1997. Read carefully and you'll see they are scheduling every month.

I would recommend your contacting the woman whose name and number are listed, to see if you can try to avoid conflict. You don't want them to be in any city you are at exactly the same time.

I'm now back and any message from you to me will get and instant reply.

Love & kisses to all my friends,

Herb

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2. I filled in his secif, gave her your name, ted her to give him message to expect your call.

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JAN 17 1997 To: Herb Friedman Fr: Holly Kastan Columbus RE: Poland/FSU trip

Attached please find our latest draft itinerary and proposal for the trip.

Please fax me at home 614-252-4908 with comments and suggestions. My phone # 15 614-252-4131 if you want to talk. As per your suggestions, our current thinking is to request subsidy funding from the Federation. As a practical matter, we think most. Major givers will refuse the subsidy but we will offer it to anyone interested. Our thoughts are that the subsidy would be for 50% of the cost of the trip. For Example -Cost would be \$ 5000 per couple and subidy would be \$ 5000.

Leonid is committed contingent on his Temple Board's approval

PS. We are planning to present to les & Abigail in about 3 weeks. We want to do more recruiting first. JAN-17-1997 12:03 614 252 4908

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CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT

COLUMBUS JEWISH FEDERATION MAJOR GIFTS MISSION TO POLAND, UKRAINE AND RUSSIA "A Journey through Jewish History Into the New Millennium"

Sunday, September 21 to Sunday, September 28, 1997

PROPOSED HONORARY CHAIRS:

PROPOSED MISSION CHAIRS:

HERB & DEEDEE GLIMCHER IRVING & FRANKIE SCHOTTENSTEIN MARTIN & GERALDINE HOFFMAN GORDON & CAROLE SUE ZACKS

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OVERVIEW

Major givers to the Columbus Jewish Federation will travel to the very sites where over a thousand years of Jewish history has unfolded revealing golden eras and dark interventions, the last one of which almost spelled the eradication of the Jewish People in these places. Miraculously, those small numbers who have survived chung to their Judaism fiercely despite the atrocities and heinous acts of the Nazis and Communists and lived to see the re-creation and revival of their communities.

As a consequence of this unique Columbus Leadership Mission through Jewish History, participants in this carefully designed mission will expand their minds and nurture their collective Jewish soul as they see first hand this complex and rich historical and present day overview of the Jewish People in this region.

GOALS OF THE MISSION:

1) To enhance and maximize Major Gifts fundraising for the 1998 Campaign.

- Educate our top donors about Jewish financial needs around the world and in Columbus
 - Solicit all mission participants for the 1998 Campaign
- Possibly integrate Vision 2000 solicitations
- 2) Educate out top donors about:
 - a) The Holocaust and its effects on Eastern European Jewry
 - b) The Rejuvenation of East European Jewry
 - c) The Role of the Federation system in the that rejuvenation

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- 3) To develop, educate and possibly recruit the next three to five campaign chairs.
- 4) To create a bonding experience among our top donors which will enhance both the personal and working relationships of our top leadership - present and future.
- 5) To increase and enhance the understanding of the Federation's role in the lives of Jews in need in Columbus and around the world.
- 6) To enhance and improve lay-professional relationships.
- 7) To have an enjoyable and memorable experience together as community leaders.

DESTINATIONS:

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- Krakow, Poland
 - Old Jewish quarter including the Old synagogue, the Rema and the Jewish cemetery
 - The 14th Century Altschul (recently restored)
 - Kazimierz Section Krakow Ghetto recreated in Schindler's List
 - Auchswitz and Birkenau Concentration Camps

Kiev, Ukraine

- Babi Yar standing as a testimony to the murder of over 100,000 of Kiev's Jews during World War II
- Full tour and immersion into the emerging new Jewish community of Kiev - now home to 100,000 Jews
- Briefing by JDC and Jewish Agency officials working in Kiev
- City tour of exotic sites of this 1500 year old city rivaled only by Moscow and St. Petersberg

Moscow

- Meetings with Jewish Community leadership, JDC and JAFI officials
- Tour olim processing center from where thousands annually still make their way to a new home in Israel
- JDC home care program for the frail and home-bound elderly: "Yad Ezra"
- Visit the Great Synagogue and the new Holocaust Memorial
- Celebrate Shabbat with local Jewish leadership
- Tour Moscow including Red Square the Kremlin & Armory, and the Pushkin Museum
- Evening cultural event of either opera or ballet

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE:

RABBI LEONID FELDMAN ALAN GILL

COSTS: (approximate depending on final destinations)

Coach: Business Class: \$5000 per person \$5900 per person

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MINIMUM GIFT TO THE COLUMBUS JEWISH FEDERATION: \$18,000 per couple or \$18,000 per individual man or \$8,000 per individual woman

MISSION INCLUDES:

- Airfare from Columbus on scheduled commercial airline to Krakow, Poland, returning from Warsaw.
- Chartered plane between all European cities, eliminating need to conform to commercial airlines schedules and cutting down on travel time.
- First class hotel accommodations
- All meals
- Scholars-in- residence and resident resource experts
- Guides, transfers, buses

OPTIONAL POST-MISSION TO: St. Petersberg, Russia

- Meetings with Jewish community leadership, JDC and JAFI officials Hesed Abraham Welfare Center
- Tour of St. Petersberg called the soul of Russia, St. Petersberg (formally Leningrad) offers a unique blend of Eastern and Western European style, culture and architecture. Tour sites will include the Peter and Paul fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Admiralty Building, and the beautiful St. Petersberg Synagogue.
- The Hermitage Museum With over 350 magnificent rooms, this worldrenowned museum contains over 2,700,000 objects of interest within every type and texture of exhibit imaginable, including paintings by European masters Davinci and Rembrandt.
- Cultural Event (opera or ballet)
- Costs are pending

For more information, please contact David Bubis at the Columbus Jewish Federation at 237-7686.

Addendum attached: (for leadership only)

- 1) List of present \$15,000 and over donors
- 2) "Likely" mission participants noted
- 3) Break-out of mission costs
- 4) Suggested Funding vehicle
 - proposed subsidies
 - suggested source of funds
- 5) Bios of scholars-in-residence
- 6) Suggested Federation staff to accompany

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MISSION COSTS BREAKDOWN (per person based on 30 participants) TENTATIVE!!

| Coach air from Columbus to Krakow round-trip | \$1123 (+\$900 business class) | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Charter from Krakow to Kiev to Moscow | 1000 | | | |
| One way coach ticket from Moscow to Warsaw | 169 | | | |
| Hotels, meals, transfers, buses, other (high estimate) | 2333 | | | |
| Leonid including his fees and expenses | 313 | | | |
| Assume no air fare or fee for Alan Gill, but ground costs | 62 | | | |
| TOTAL | \$5000 | | | |

Please note that the business class upgrade is only for New York to Warsaw round-trip.

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Russian Jew receives Legion of Honor By Lev Krichevsky

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The Legion of Honor was created in 1802 by Napoleon for recognition of distinguished military or civil service. $\hfill \Box$

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Put in Columbus Russia File meet This man and others of Russian Jevish Congress, plus leader of Vaid.

Tentative Draft

Commercial Planes

Day 1 - Monday, Sept. 8 N.Y. - Warsaw AA 6107: Jv 18.35 (non-stop 767) ar. 09.30 (business class avail)

Day 2 - Tuesday, Sept.9 Warsaw-Kracow* LO 283: Iv. 13.35 (non-stop 737) ar.14.20 Kracow - Aushwitz - 60 km. - bus Visit camp Lecture in evening (sleep in motel)

Day 3 - Wednesday, Sept. 10 Visit camp in am Bus back to Cracow - pm No flights Cracow - Kiev (take train) Don't know train schedule - but distance is about 500 km. Hopefully get to Kiev same evening (sleep in Kiev)

Kiev - all day and evening (sleep Kiev)

plus next morning (Babi Yar)

- Day 4 Thursday, Sept. 11
 - Day 5 Friday, Sept. 12 Kiev - St. Petersburg Aeroflot 8642 Tupelov-jet : lv. 13.25 (non-stop) ar. 16.25 (sleep St. Petersburg)
 - Day 6 Saturday, Sept. 13 St. Petersburg - all day (sleep St. P)

Private Plane

no dates given, but assume you want to leave Columbus Sat. evening,

Day 1 - Saturday evening - Columbus to Cracow direct -No need to go through Warsaw

Day 2 - Sunday - Arrive Cracow mid-morning Bus to Aushwitz (60 Km.) Visit camp (sleep in motel)

Day 3 - Monday morning visit camps (including Birkenau) Fly Kiev Evening program (sleep Kiev)

Day 4 - All day and evening program (including Babi Yar)

Day 5 - Kiev - St. Petersburg - 3 hr. flight Afternoon - sightseeing Evening program (sleep St. P)

Day 6 - All day and evening program

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Day 7 - Sunday, Sept. 14 St. Petersburg - 1/2 day program 1/2 day sightseeing (sleep St. P) Day 8 - Monday, Sept. 15 Trans-Aero 122: (non-stop 737) 1v. 09.50 ar. 11.15

Day 9 - Tuesday, Sept. 16

All day program - plus sightseeing (sleep Moscow)

Day 10 -Wednesday, Sept. 17

All day program - plus sightseeing (sleep Moscow)

Day 11 -Thursday, Sept. 18 Moscow - New York Delta 031

> lv. 14.00 ar. 16.00 (non-stop 767) (business class available)

New York - Columbus U.S. Air 1833 (non-stop DC-9) lv. LGA 6.59 er. CO 8.42

Warsaw - Cracow flight flight only Tuesday. Therefore, I started you from N.Y. on Monday, arrive Warsaw Tuesday morning and connect with Cracow flight. Day 8 - All day and evening program (sleep Moscow)

Day 9 - AM - sightseeing - Moscow PM - Fly Columbus - 9 hrs. Arrive 5.00 pm P.03

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Columbus group meeting with Rabbi Herb Friedman Saturday, October 19, 1996 6 - 7PM Room #224

- Attendees: Rabbi Herb Friedman Holly and Brad Kastan Janice and Bob Schottenstein Joy and Bruce Soll Ellen Siegel Carol Traeger
- 1. Purpose of meeting. To discuss trip being planned by Columbus Group to Crakow and the former Soviet Union. Also, try to convince Herb Friedman to lead our trip.
- 2. Purpose of trip: To develop a cadre of major gift donors and leadership for the next 10 to 15 years. Our goal is to have as participants the next 5 or 6 years of Federation Campaign chairmen and their cabinets. The trip will provide substantive and hard-hitting education in Jewish History and current activities in the former Soviet Union. It is our hope that the combination of current and future lay leadership and exceptional professional leadership will be an inspirational and unifying force for the group. Destination Cities(Crakow, Kiev, and Moscow) will provide participants with a glimpse of the history of the Jewish Community from the Holocaust to the recent transformation in the former Soviet Union.

Part II of the trip will culminate in a second mission to Israel in April of 1998 to celebrate Israel's 50 years of Independence.

- Cost. Our goal is to remove the cost of the trip as an obstacle to participation. The final cost should be well below the market value of the travel package. We need to explore possible sources of supplementary funds. Commercial and/or charter opportunities are being researched.
- Duration: Preliminary feedback suggests an 8 day maximum leave on Sat. PM and return the following Sunday. This would allow us to cover 3 cities.
- Suggested Dates. Aug. 30, 1997 Sept. 7, 1997(Includes Labor Day 4 work days) Sept. 6, 1997 - Sept. 14, 1997

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to: Mr. David Bubis at Jewish Pederation of Columbus

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October 16, 1996

Via Fax - (614) 237-2221

Mr. David Bubis Jewish Federation of Greater Columbus 1175 College Avenue Columbus, OH 43209-2827

Dear David

Following our conversation two weeks ago, we sent out requests on two charter all-VIP Boeing 727 aircraft. We received one price immediately but did not forward this to you as we considered it guite high. The second price finally came in yesterday and it was much closer to the "ballpark" estimate mentioned when we talked.

To give you a little information, I have seen and flown on this particular airplane. It was a part of the MGM Grand Air fleet, has 30 all VIP seats, and four berthable staterooms (four seats per stateroom), for a total of 46 seats. The airplane has a two-channel audio/video system, a luxurious all-wood bar at mid-cabin, two executive lavatories, a full galley, and is equipped with extended range fuel tanks. If you have an e-mail address, I would be happy to forward some graphics of the aircraft, or can provide photographs by mail. Please let me know your preference.

The planned flight times are as follows:

Columbus, Ohio to Keflavik, Iceland Keflavik, Iceland to Krakow, Poland Krakow, Poland to Klev, Ukraine Kiev, Ukraine to St. Petersburg, Russia St. Petersburg, Russia to Keflavik, Iceland Keflavik, Iceland to Columbus, Ohio

6 hours 0 minutes fuel stop 4 hours 0 minutes 1 hour 30 minutes 1 hour 50 minutes 3 hours 50 minutes 6 hours 0 minutes

Should unfavorable winds develop, a fuel stop will be added between Keflavik and Columbus on the return.

As to pricing, there are two variable prices that are not included in the following. They are for (1) catering, and (2) any necessary de-icing. In August and September, de-

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Mr. David Bubis October 16, 1996 Page 2

icing should not be required but I mention it so there are no surprises. As to catering, there are many variables and, as such, it is best to leave this until we get closer to the actual dates of flight. For budgetary planning purposes, I would recommend setting aside \$15,000 for this with a good chance that it will come in under budget. When the trip is about two months out, the operator's Director of Passenger Services will establish contact with you and begin to plan everything. The pricing for the aircraft, crew, overnight expenses, landing fees, handling charges, and all the rest is \$187,324. This is a complete price excluding the two items above. To put this in "per seat" terms, for a group of 30, the price per seat would be \$6,244.13 each. For a group of 45, the price would be \$4,162.75 each.

We are looking into another option - providing first class transportation to Europe via scheduled service, picking up a charter operator for the European legs, and using commercial service for the return to the United States. We do not, however, have a price on that as yet. Likewise, we are still coordinating with our contacts in Europe for hotels, motorcoach services, sight-seeing/tour guides, and so forth. Once we have that information, we will forward it to you with a more complete proposal. As I pointed out, the company we work with in these areas is very experienced, has origins in Lodz, and knows Jewish families who have lived (and survived) in these areas for many generations. Needless to say, the stories they have to tell are fascinating.

Finally, we received your request from Gil Travel last week, and advised them that we had spoken directly with the Columbus Federation. As we were pushed for a price, we had no alternative but to offer the first quote of approximately \$250,000. As you can see, the price we were waiting for is much lower. Although you and I have not had an opportunity to communicate at length, with time you will find that we are very open, honest and upfront with our clients. In that spirit, it seemed appropriate to make you aware of the request and to let Gil Travel know that we had already spoken about this with your office.

Again, thank you for your interest in Air Charter Services. We hope to have more information for you shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning the charter aspect, please feel free to contact me; or, if you have any questions with regard to hotels, scheduled service, and so forth, ask for Sarah. Feel free to call us anytime at 1-800-927-2755.

Best regards,

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Patrick Mazor Charter Sales Director

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• Comments: Thank you for all of your sage advise regarding plans for the September trip to the FSU. Of course Moscow should be on the itinerary. It should be clear to you by now that we really need your help. When do you think you will be in a position to make a decision regarding leading our group?

The issue of funding is a concern, but not insurmountable. Your suggestion to look to the Federation looks like a long shot since we are targeting people who are major givers and the entire Federation campaign budget is only \$70,000. We'll keep working on this.

I will be in touch with Shelley as you suggested and will forward a draft agenda for our meeting in Chicago.

We have a big weekend coming up. Leonid Feldman will be staying with us as he is the speaker for the major gifts event at Leslie's scheduled for Saturday night.

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October 7, 1996

Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4908

Dear Holly,

I just have 2 comments on your latest fax:

1. I don't think it's fair at all for Leslie to be asked to provide such a very large subsidy for your chartered aircraft. If you were asking my advice, I would say that you should not make the request of him. If the Federation wants to provide a subsidy, that is a totally different story. That means you are accepting money contributed by everybody in town. You are not placing the burden on one person only.

2. I assume you studied the charter service itinerary carefully, there is a tremendous oversight. Moscow is not included, and Moscow, is the single most important city in terms of the size of the Jewish community and the wide variety of projects being undertaken which your people should see.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read that Moscow was not included. If necessary cancel Kiev or St. Petersburg. In the itinerary I sent you, everything is included.

Regarding having a meeting with your bunch in Chicago during the alumni retreat, I would be very happy to do so. My suggestion as to what time to fix, is that you discuss it back-and-forth with Shelley because she knows the program in general and my schedule specifically and she'll find a slot when we can meet as a group.

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Best regards,

Herb

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| TO: | Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4908 |
| FROM: | Shelley Wasserman |
| RE: | Itineraries |

Dear Holly,

As promised, here is the "alternative - type" schedule HAF promised.

If you have any questions, please call me. HAF will be back in the office on Monday.

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Columbus Jewish Federation

January 1997

Likely Candidates for September 1997 Major Gifts Mission

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| Mr. & | Mrs. Edwin M. Ellman | |
| Carol | Feinberg & Ken Gilman | |
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| Mr. & | Mrs. Michael Glimcher | |
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| Mr AT- | rs. Steve Tuckerman | |
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Put in Columbus " Russia File meet This man and others of Russian Jevish Congress, plus leaders of Vaiad.

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To: Rabbi Herb Friedman Fr: Holly Kastan RE: FSU trip

Good News! We just found out about a private charter company with 727 that seats 45 - total cost #170,000 or \$ 3700/person. If Leslie would consider paying half, this would bring our air charges down to coach level (approx. \$ 2000/puson).

Su Attached Info - I'm anxious to hoar from you. Also, it we use suggested dates on draft itinerary - participants only miss 4 days of work because of Labor Day weekend. They would also have all day Sunday to be with family and re-group before going back to work.

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Commercial Planes

- Day 1 Monday, Sept. 8 N.Y. - Warsaw AA 6107: lv 18.35 (non-stop 767) ar. 09.30 (business class avail)
- Day 2 Tuesday, Sept.9 Warsaw-Kracow* LO 283: lv.13.35 (non-stop 737) ar.14.20 Kracow - Aushwitz - 60 km. - bus Visit camp Lecture in evening (sleep in motel)
- Day 3 Wednesday, Sept. 10 Visit camp in am Bus back to Cracow - pm No flights Cracow - Kiev (take train) Don't know train schedule - but distance is about 500 km. Hopefully get to Kiev same evening (sleep in Kiev)
- Day 4 Thursday, Sept. 11 Kiev - all day and evening (sleep Kiev) plus next morning (Babi Yar)
- Day 5 Friday, Sept. 12 Kiev - St. Petersburg Aeroflot 8642 Tupelov-jet : Iv. 13.25 (non-stop) ar. 16.25 (sleep St. Petersburg)
- Day 6 Saturday, Sept. 13 St. Petersburg - all day (sleep St. P)

Private Plane

no dates given, but assume you want to leave Columbus Sat. evening.

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Day 1 - Saturday evening - Columbus to Cracow direct -No need to go through Warsaw

Day 2 - Sunday - Arrive Cracow mid-morning Bus to Aushwitz (60 Km.) Visit camp (sleep in motel)

Day 3 - Monday morning visit camps (including Birkenau) Fly Kiev Evening program (sleep Kiev)

Day 4 - All day and evening program (including Babi Yar)

Day 5 - Kiev - St. Petersburg - 3 hr. flight Afternoon - sightseeing Evening program (sleep St. P)

Day 6 - All day and evening program

Day 7 - Sunday, Sept. 14 St. Petersburg - 1/2 day program 1/2 day sightseeing (sleep St. P) Day 8 - Monday, Sept. 15 Trans-Aero 122: (non-stop 737) Iv. 09.50 ar. 11.15

Day 9 - Tuesday, Sept. 16

All day program - plus sightseeing (sleep Moscow)

Day 10 -Wednesday, Sept.17

All day program - plus sightseeing (sleep Moscow)

Day 11 -Thursday, Sept. 18 Moscow - New York Delta 031 Iv. 14.00

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ar. 16.00 (non-stop 767) (business class available)

New York - Columbus U.S. Air 1833 (non-stop DC-9) lv. LGA 6.59 ar. CO 8.42

Warsaw - Cracow flight flight only Tuesday. Therefore, I started you from N.Y. on Monday, arrive Warsaw Tuesday morning and connect with Cracow flight. Day 7 - St. Pete - Moscow - 1 1/2 hr. flight All day and evening program (sleep Moscow)

Day 8 - All day and evening program (sleep Moscow)

Day 9 - AM - sightseeing - Moscow PM - Fly Columbus - 9 hrs. Arrive 5.00 pm

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Columbus Jewish Federation

October 1, 1996

To: Holly and Brad

From: David Bubis

RE: Quote from Air Charter Service for trip Fall, 1997 Mission

As discussed, the itinerary would be:

Saturday, August 31

Depart anytime we want from Columbus Direct (one 1/2 hour stop for fuel) to Krakow

Sunday, September 1

Arrive in Krakow, Poland Tour and Overnight in Krakow

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Visit Auschwitz and Birkenau Depart late in the day for Kiev (direct 11/2 hour flight) Overnight in Kiev

Tuesday, September 3 Tour Kiev

Wednesday, September 4 Tour and overnight in Kiev

Thursday, September 5 Depart for St. Petersberg (Direct, 1 hour flight) Overnight in St. Petersberg

Friday, September 6 In St. Petersberg

Saturday, September 7 St. Petersberg - depart midnight -Direct (one stop for fuel - 1/2 hour) flight for Columbus

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Sunday, September 8

Go through customs at Bangor, Maine or Columbus - whichever is feasible Arrive Columbus approximately 6:00 am

Aircraft is a Boeing 727 Normally seating 173 passengers - this configuration is for 46 passengers (VIP) 4 "rooms" with double beds

Aircraft go and stay with us the entire trip. We are able to change itinerary or time at our request.

Approximate Total cost: \$170,000, or \$3700 per passenger (assuming all seats are used) All inclusive of fuel, crew, taxes, etc.

(Coach cost of same trip is approximately \$2000 per person for air only)

By the way, Air Charter Services is also getting us a quote on land costs - I'll be curious to see how they do as compared to UJA.

That's it for now. Let me know what you think.

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September 27, 1996

TO: Holly Kastan Via Fax: 614-252-4131- 4/908

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Dear Holly,

I have your fax, but really cannot make any commitment now about leading your group next September.

Therefore I suggest you go ahead and make arrangements through the UJA.

It's late Friday afternoon now, so Monday I'll fax you my suggestions for an itinerary, two ways, using commercial aircraft or private aircraft. Botton line is that going commercial will enable you to do Aushwitz-Birkenau, and having use of your own private plane will enable you to add St. Peterburg.

Herb

September 25, 1996

Dear Herb,

Thank you for your insights and information. I apologize for appearing to be duplicating efforts regarding the September 1997 trip. We have begun planning the 1998 Campaign, and the trip to the Former Soviet Union has been discussed as the comerstone of the major gifts effort for next year. I asked David Bubis, our campaign Director, to gather some information together regarding possible itineraries. Shortly thereafter, I learned of your interest in a similar trip. I called you last week to see if you could help us and, more importantly, if you would be interested in leading our venture. You indicated that you hadn't worked through your 1997 schedule yet. My sense is that if you, personally, are unable to lead the trip then we probably should work with the UJA and their missions people. We would appreciate your guidance and input as well.

If, on the other hand, you are interested in leading the trip, then we would look to you to make the critical arrangements, we would like to also work with the resources available at UJA and JDC.

Herb, let me be clear, we would love for you to do the trip, and we think you are the best person to lead it. As campaign Chairmen for 1988, Brad and I hope it could be done as a joint effort or co-sponsored by the Wexner Heritage Foundation and the Columbus Jewish Federation. We have the participants and, for the most part, they are willing to pay their way. It would be the chance of a lifetime for all of us.

Let me know your thoughts and a convenient meeting time and place for you during the Chicago retreat. I will assemble a core group of interested participants. In the meantime, we can continue to work together on logistics and an agenda for the meeting.

Come on Herb!! We need to do this trip. Come with us!!

Yours truly,

Holly Kastan SEP-26-1996 Ø9:38

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551 Madison Ave New York, NY 10022 (212) 355-6115 (212) 751-3739 FAX

Date: 9/24/96 TO: Holly Kasten Company: Fax #: 614-252-4908 Number of Pages (including cover sheet): FROM: Herbert A. Friedman Message: Dear Holly - work with This relender, and select theoretical dates. Remember That you cannot get out of N.Y. Saturday night, except by private plane. So, start your itinerary from Columbus Sunday, and you can leave Sunday eve to Warsaw, arriving Monday morning. Resards

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September 24, 1996

Ms. Holly Kasten Via Fax: 614-252-4908

Dear Holly,

I just received your fax, because the office was closed early on Friday September 20 and your fax arrived at 5:19 pm. We re-opened this morning, and I'm replying immediately.

My first reaction, Holly, is that you really shouldn't ask two people to work on your itinerary. If you want Nehemia Dagan at UJA to do it, that's fine. If you want me to do it, that's fine. But two of us working on it is wasting somebody's time.

I have an appointment this afternoon with Ralph Goldman, former executive director of JDC and now their expert on Russia and other FSU countries.

You must decide, after you hear from Nehemia and from me, whom you want to create the itinerary. As for the other questions you raised with the UJA, such as a financial subsidy, and assigning a mission manager, etc., I think you would be better off working with them.

As for your suggestion about having a meeting in Chicago at the Alumni Retreat with prospective attendees, that's a good idea and I'll be happy to participate.

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Hope you had an easy fast. Best regards to Brad.

Heil

Herb

9/20/96

To: Herb Friedman Fr: Holly Kastan

Please see attached memo regarding preliminary plans for 9/97 trip to Former Soviet Union. You were correct that the UJA contact is the missions director not someone from JDC.

No formal plans or commutments have been made. Please advise me how you wish to proceed. We could have a short meeting regarding the trip in Chicago during the retreat since many of the prospective attendees will be there.

Bist wishes for the new year and for an easy fast _

Holly (614) 252-4131 Fax (614) 252-4908

P.S. We have ruled out Israel and would like to do Poland first (as we discussed).

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Columbus Jewish Federation

MEMORANDUM

September 10, 1996

To: Nechemia Dagan

From: David Bubis, Campaign Director

RE: Columbus Mission to the FSU

Nechemia - L'shana Tova!!

Our 1998 Campaign Chairs are a 40'ish couple with major resources and extensive Jewish political and financial clout - Holly and Brad Kastan. I have convinced them of the need to take a group of our major donors (probably defined as \$10,000+) to the FSU to kick off our 1998 campaign next September, 1997. We are also interested in an initial segment of the trip to go to Poland. The entire trip can take no more than one week, given the busy achedules of this group - thus a trip to Israel may not happen. The goal here would be to give an in-depth education to our top leadership and donors about what is transpiring in the FSU, and speicifically what role JDC and JAFI is playing.

Obviously, we would very much like to work with your Mission Department to make this a first class mission. Thus far, we have ten people who have already indicated a strong interest in the trip (including next year's Major Gifts Chair and his wife (Bobby and Janice Schottenstein, the 1996 national Campaign Chairs Mission Chair (Neil Moss) and several other "biggies." I think this could be the key piece in our Major Gifts effort for Columbus for the 1998 Campaign, so I really want to do this the "right way."

Please get back to me at your carliest convenience to discuss our next steps, including assigning a top Mission manager to us. (How about you?)

Many thanks, in advance, for your assistance.

ec: Russell Robinson Marshall Jacobson

9/17 - Nehemia - we spoke today and here are the key questions:
1) Which citles could we travel to in what combination in an eight day period, with a departure of Saturday night, August 31, 1997 and return to Columbus on Sunday, September 8? (we do not want to use any Soviet carriers)

Possibility #1: Krakow, Kiev, St. Petersberg Possibility #2: St. Petersberg, Kiev, Israel

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Possibility #3: St. Petersberg, Riga, Israel Possibility #4: Krakow, Minsk, St. Petersberg Possibility #5: St. Petersberg, Kiev, Prague

Obviously, these all depend on what connections exist. Perhaps none of these are real possibilities, but I would be open to suggestions. Also, we need to have some guesses on what this would cost, knowing that at this point, all we would need is a ball-park guess.

Lastly, given this would be a major gifts mission (probably with an \$18,000 - 25,000 minimum gift) would any UJA subsidy money be available?

Please get back to me with some infomation as soon as possible.

Many thanks, in advance, for your help. I look forward to working with you and your staff in making this a really special experience.

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CONTACT: Norman Weiser (212) 880-1387

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UJA SCHEDULES KIEV/ISRAEL MISSION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

New York, N.Y., September 19 -- American physicians, dentists and their spouses will meet their Israeli and Palestinian counterparts and study the state of Israeli medicine during the United Jewish Appeal's Maimonides Mission to Israel, March 16-26. The visit will be preceded by a premission to Kiev, beginning on March 12.

Dr. Julius L. Levy Jr., a New Orleans surgeon and a UJA Honorary National Vice Chairman, who will lead the Mission, stated that it constituted another step in building the momentum of the 1997 Annual Campaign of UJA with federations and independent communities across the U.S. "This Mission and its premission, with their focus on medicine and health care, will serve physicians and dentists from around the country," he said. "They will recognize the connection between what they see in Kiev and Israel and the UJA objectives of rescuing, caring for and revitalizing Jewish life and lives worldwide. And they will return home with a greater understanding of how the Annual Campaign -- and the part they play in it -- helps meet those objectives."

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During the Kiev premission, participants will visit the site of the World War II Babi Yar massacre, where they will participate in a memorial service, and travel to outlying *shtetls*, where they will have an opportunity to provide medical services to elderly Jews in need of medical evaluation and attention. They will also meet with the American and Israeli Ambassadors to Ukraine and accompany new immigrants on their flight to Israel.

In the Jewish State, mission participants will be briefed by top government officials, including the Minister of Health. They will meet with emigre physicians from the former Soviet Union, and with military doctors and observe the field conditions under which these IDF doctors work.

Israeli physicians who share the same specialties will provide home hospitality. Mission members will participate in a discussion and demonstration of the application of Jewish law (*Halacha*) and medical technology, and witness their UJA dollars at work in the areas of medical research and supplies, medical job training and education.

And they will visit the tomb of Maimonides, the great 12th-century Jewish philosopherphysician.

For further information, please telephone Emily Heller Segal, (212) 880-1352; Beth Levy, (312) 427-1600, or your local federation.

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