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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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from Gary E. Rubin

subject 1989-90 PROGRAM PROJECTIONS

I am pleased to share with you your copies of two papers prepared for AJC's Executive Committee meeting on January 9. The first describes and provides a rationale for staff's recommendations for AJC's major emphases for the 1989-90 program year. The second outlines department projections for their programs in 1989-90, with their first three priorities described in some detail and other programs more briefly.

Each document is the product of plans developed by each department and subsequently discussed by department heads and deputies, along with selected field staff, at a meeting on November 11.

Should the Executive Committee decide on significant changes in these plans, we will send you revisions when they are completed.

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Report on Program Emphases for 1988-9 and Proposal for Emphases for 1989-90

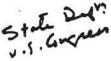
Each year, the American Jewish Committee designates three program emphases to serve as the major guides for our <u>substantive</u> work. These emphases both set our <u>substantive</u> priority goals and seek to involve our major program commissions and departments, as well as our chapters, in matters of special importance to AJC.

Iast year, AJC's Executive committee established three emphases for the 1988-9 program year: Israel and American Jewry; Intergroup Relations and Jewish Leadership.

Since we are now half way through AJC's program year, any report on the achievement of our priority goals must be tentative. Some of our major activities are scheduled for spring implementation and plans are still being developed for some programs through June. Still, we have sufficient experience for at least a tentative evaluation of our program emphases for 1988-9. In each case, measurable progress has been made, but each also requires significant follow-up throughout the remainder of the program year.

Israel and American Jewry

World events in the current program year have shaped our activities around Israel and its relation to American Jewry. When we planned our activities for 1988-89, we believed that Israel's 40th anniversary and emerging issues in American Jewish-Israeli relationships exemplified by the Pollard case would heavily influence our agenda. Developments of critical importance such as the P.L.O. Algiers declaration, the opening of U.S.-P.L.O. talks, the rise of the Law of Return issue, the results of the Israeli elections and the continuing intifada have intervened to reshape our immediate responses and longer-term program. Still, our actions on each of these matters is guided by the long-term goals we set in planning for Israel as a 1988-9 program emphasis. Our major activities since the beginning of the program year include:



- AJC's statements and official reactions to diplomatic and political events such as the PIO issue have been influential and widely covered in the print and electronic media.
- AJC has consistently produced issue analyses and position papers that
 have reached significant audiences on each major development of Middle
 East diplomacy and Israeli internal affairs of importance to the general
 public or American Jewry.
- AJC has been a prominent member of a coalition of agencies working to prevent a change in the Law of Return in Israel. Our participation in a

delegation of organizations to Israel received prominent coverage in both the Anglo-Jewish and the Israeli press.

- Of organizations working on Israel, AJC has the longest-established relationship with non-Jewish groups in both the interreligious and interethnic fields. We have in chapters throughout the country organized special meetings at which we have expressed our concerns about Israel to non-Jewish audiences and elicited their support. This effort will move to another level in January and February of 1989. We have contracted with five leading Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical theologians to speak on Israel to mixed Christian and Jewish audiences in several of our chapter cities. We believe that support for Israel coming from prominent Christians will have a particular impact on the non-Jewish community. We plan to collect and disseminate the statements of this group in a special publication, Christians Speak Out for Israel.
- We have released the report of AJC's Task Force on American Jewish-Israeli Relations in both Israel and the U.S. The program of our Institute on American Jewish Israeli Relations continues in both countries.
- We are making a special effort in this program year to stimulate programs in Israel. Most prominent will be our Board Institute in February. In addition, a chapter leadership group went on a special mission in November and several chapters are planning trips in cooperations with our Israel office.

2. Intergroup Relations

The March, 1988 meeting of AJC's Executive Committee resulted in a clear mandate to return to a stress on a traditional area of AJC programming: intergroup relations. It was decided that in the 1988-9 year, we should both audit our current work in this field and strengthen our relationships for the future. Our key activities in the current program year include:

- In response to the mandate of the Executive Committee, we have established a Task Force on Intergroup Relations chaired by Michael Lapin of Orange County which is reviewing our current interreligious and interethnic relationships, on both the national and chapter levels, and developing plans for action in the future. The task force began its meetings in December, 1988 and will continue to meet throughout the program year.
- We have made special efforts to upgrade our programs in Black-Jewish Relations. Following our Wingspread Conference with Black and Jewish leaders, an advisory council in this area has been established and new program, research and policy initiatives are under way or being planned. We project this area to continue as a high priority for 1989-90.
- We have taken a leading role in new Congressional initiatives on immigration reform and language policy of special concern to Asian and Hispanic groups. We will also publish in February 1989 a new report on

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the education of new immigrants that will speak to key issues on these groups' agendas.

- Strong relationships have continued with Catholics, Protestants and Evangelicals on Israel, including influencing formal denominational statements on the Middle East, the Holocaust, church-state relations, and the recent history of Jewish-Christian relations.
- We have upgraded our relations with the Polish American Congress through the formation of the national Polish-Jewish Council and are continuing our relations with other white ethnic groups.

3. Jewish Leadership

As our third 1988-9 program emphasis, AJC took up the elusive but important issue of Jewish leadership. It was felt that leadership for the future is among the most critical challenges now facing our community, but we know little about the dimensions of this problem, or even how to define it very well. This is the type of issue we have tackled in the past in our role as a planning and analysis agency within the Jewish community.

Because of the new and relatively undefined nature of this issue, our programs on it are as yet less sharp or well-developed than those on Israel and intergroup relations. This is a topic on which we aspire to make an important start in 1988-89 and carry on into the future.

We have established a Task Force on Jewish Leadership, under the chairmanship of Robert Rifkind of New York, with membership from throughout the country. This group has met twice, in October and December of 1988 and will continue throughout this and the next program year. In its two sessions, the task force has adopted a work plan on the definition, future prospects and training needs of Jewish leadership. It has commissioned new work in this field, some of which will be published soon. In the next few months, it will also begin an investigation in cooperation with selected chapters of the status of Jewish leadership in different parts of the country. Through its work in this and the next program year, it aims to pioneer in bringing clarity and planning to a critical area of Jewish life.

Proposed Program Emphases for 1989-90

In developing staff plans for presentation to the Executive Committee, decisions on which items to recommend for agency emphases in the 1989-90 program year were based on four major criteria:

- Emphases should be issues of real significance to the Jewish and general communities.
- They should be programs on which the American Jewish Committee can make a special contribution.
- They should lead to programs that can be carried out both nationally and in our chapters.

 They should lend themselves to cooperation by various agency commissions and departments so that we can marshall all of our resources behind our priority programs.

This year, more than in the past, there was a sense that AJC should focus on areas of traditional strength in our program emphases. It was felt that we should use the priorities process to define and deepen our ongoing core areas of interest rather than to launch new program ideas. Given these considerations, the following three areas are suggested for emphases in the coming program year:

Promoting Understanding and Support for Israel in Christian and Ethnic Communities: Among Jewish organizations in the U.S., AJC has the greatest opportunity, by virtue of our consistent work in interreligious and interethnic relations, to interpret Israel to non-Jewish audiences. We have already done much work in this field, with some real success. Given pending developments in negotiations over the peace process, American-Israeli relations, struggles for pluralism in Israel and debates over foreign aid, outreach to strategic American groups will be more important than ever in 1989-90. We need to analyze our previous work in this area and build on it to produce a systematic plan to enhance understanding and support for Israel among all groups with whom we have developed meaningful ties. This will require the marshalling of expertise in our international affairs, interreligious, and national affairs commissions and departments, as well as a vigorous role for our chapters.

Black-Jewish Relations: Our work on intergroup relations has led our departments to conclude that in the next program year we should focus on the target of greatest difficulty and greatest opportunity in this field: Black-Jewish relations. The rationale for doing so lies both in addressing anti-Semitism and in realizing opportunities for positive alliances that we have identified in recent programs. Specifically, a seven point plan has been proposed for implementation for the balance of this year and on into 1989-90. It includes:

- Advocacy on key issues of concern to Blacks such as housing and a new thrust to gain Black support for Jewish concerns on church-state separation in such core Black agenda items as education and child care.
- Basic research on Black attitudes toward Jews and Jewish attitudes toward Blacks. Almost no reliable studies have been conducted in the past half decade and more information is vital in this area for planning and program purposes.
- Training of key AJC lay leaders and professional staff as well as important Blacks in intergroup relations skills.
- Commemoration of two 25-year anniversaries that will occur in 1989: passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the murders of Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman. This would take place in cooperation with a major Black organization.

- Publication and wide dissemination in an attractive format of a booklet of statements by Black and Jewish Congressmen on issues of concern to each community.
- National Interreligious Task Force on Black-Jewish Relations programming following up and furthering the work of the Wingspread Conference.
- Networking with Black influentials and organizations in public life, the churches and public policy organizations.

This work will require coordinated efforts by the national affairs and interreligious affairs commissions and departments, as well as our chapters.

<u>Family Policy</u>: In addition to Israel and intergroup relations concerns, it was felt that to fill out a priorities package emphasizing AJC's traditional strengths, we need a public policy emphasis on an issue central to the Jewish and general communities. The area of family policy ties together many of our principles and policy goals and provides unique opportunities for AJC program prominence:

- AJC was centrally involved in the debate over child care in the last Congress. We worked very closely with Congressional offices and private organizations that sought an expanded role in child care while being sensitive to church-state issues that would arise if funding were provided for this purpose to religious institutions. Every indication is that these same issues will return in 1989-90 and that this will again emerge as a priority for both our national affairs activities and our Washington office.
- Several other family-related issues will come up in the next Congress on which AJC's Family Policy Task force has established direction for AJC: parental leave, family supports, Head Start improvements, etc. We will want to be in a position to make an impact on this set of concerns.
- Our William Petschek National Jewish Family Center has several projects in motion which will together form an important focus of our Jewish Communal Affairs program in 1988-9. These include: an institute and research project on dual career families and the transmission of Jewish identity, a conference on the expenses of leading a committed Jewish family life, coordination with general policy think tanks such as the Institute for American Values and a project on work and family responsibilities including possibilities for part-time employment and enhancing the role of the Jewish father.

In pursuing this priority, coordination will be necessary among National Affairs, Jewish Communal Affairs, the Washington office and the chapters.

In sum, these three emphases draw on long interests and experience of AJC and make them relevant to current challenges. They offer opportunities for combining various facets of the agency into concerted programs. They aim to project our values and make an impact on issues on which we have a basic interest.

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PROGRAM PROJECTIONS FOR 1989-90

AJC's departmental program projections for 1989-90 reflect a general concern with the agency's long standing areas of interest and programmatic activity. Few novel topics are suggested for exploration in the next year. Rather, there is a uniform tendency to sharpen and deepen issues long on our agenda and to return to areas of traditional strength.

In keeping with this trend to stress areas of traditional AJC strength, several departments have planned programs on such common topics as Israel, Black-Jewish relations and family policy. This will allow us to approach these issues from several points of view, establish them as agency-wide priorities and improve overall program coordination.

Each department's program is presented in two parts. The first encompasses the top three programs which will be stressed in 1989-90 and will be described in some detail. A second part of the projection lists more briefly additional activities that the department will conduct. This will reflect a sense of each department's priorities.

One department, international affairs, is now in a period of transition, with the current director retiring and a new head being hired. Because of this change, future projections were not made; this process will await the new director. For this reason, this document will list only current international affairs programs. Next year's projections will be developed in the near future.

I. National Affairs

A. Three Major Priorities

- 1. <u>Black Jewish Relations</u>: A broad-based program with key Black organizations and individuals is planned which will include: building a shared agenda on issues of mutual concern; AJC involvement in visible Black issues such as housing; basic research on Black and Jewish attitudes toward each other; dialogues and coalition building in collaboration with our chapters; joint commemorations of significant events such as the 25th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act and the murders, of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner; and the highlighting of Black-Jewish cooperation in Congress.
- 2. <u>Combatting Anti-Semitism</u>: In 1989-90, an anti-Semitism desk will be established within the National Affairs Department to monitor developments of concern to Jewish security, analyze trends in this field and mount programs to respond to individuals or groups that threaten Jewish interests. The first three projects of this new position will center on Black anti-Semitism, the rise of Arab-American power and the role of the media in public understanding of bigotry.
- The Relationship of Church-State Issues and Human Services: Our experience last year with the child care bill previewed a growing trend in American social service. As government budgets tighten,

more services are being directed to the private sector with some public funding. Many of the candidates for this funding are religious institutions. A National Affairs task force will examine the implications of this trend for AJC policy on church-state separation and social service provision and recommend policy directions for AJC.

B. Additional Department Programs

- 1. AJC policy development on emerging issues in reproductive choice.
- Youth and Bigotry programs aimed at high schools, colleges and educational administrators.
- 3. Implementation of the recommendations of the 1988 Fordham II Conference on Ethnic America, including promotion of intergroup relations training, ethically sensitive language and education programs, influencing media coverage on ethnicity and building coalitional and group relations skills.
- 4. Legislative leadership on immigration and refugee issues in the 101st Congress, as well as dissemination of our work on the acculturation of new immigrants.
- 5. Coalition building with other ethnic communities, including Hispanics, Asians and white ethnics, and study of emerging groups such as Arab-Americans. This includes close cooperation with AJC's Task Force on Intergroup Relations.
- Social policy programs on emerging legislation on parental leave and child care as well as monitoring the effects of the new legislation on welfare passed last session.
- In women's issues, a stress on issues of women and their children, as well as continued work on women and leadership, ethnic women and the disadvantaged.
- Election-related programming centering around our policies on campaign finance reform and voter registration.
- 9. In public education, implementation of our recently passed task force report stressing positive ways to teach values in the public schools, sharpening our church-state concerns and dealing with multi-cultural education.
- 10. In legal affairs, a continuation of our traditional emphases on church-state separation, free exercise of religion, civil rights and Jewish security. We will also monitor new Supreme Court developments and prepare for the 1991 Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights.

II. Jewish Communal Affairs

A. Three Major Priorities

- 1. Family Issues Through its William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, JCAD will carry out a coordinated program on family policy and the Jewish community, including: an institute and research on dual career families and the transmission of Jewish identity, a national conference on the costs of conducting a committed Jewish family life, coordination with general policy think tanks such as the Institute for American Values, a study of alternative employment policies and their effects on the family, a focus on the role of the Jewish father, promotion of Jewish family life education and outreach to local family services through our chapters.
- 2. <u>Jewish Leadership</u>: In 1989-90, JCAD will carry on its project begun in the current program year on defining, recruiting and training Jewish leadership. This will involve a continuation of the national task force established on this topic, as well as an investigation through selected chapters of the status of leadership in various parts of the country. Program components include an evaluation of the status and needs of Jewish leadership on both the lay and professional levels, development of recruitment and training programs, a conference on the ethics of Jewish leadership, and publication of research and analysis in this area.
- 3. Jewish Religious Unity and Pluralism: The Who Is a Jew controversy in Israel and the U.S. demonstrates the continued relevance of JCAD's program on intra-communal unity among Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Jews, which will receive renewed emphasis in 1989-90. Specific activities in this area include: a study of rabbis' and rabbinic students' attitudes toward Jews of other denominations leading to recommendations for improving interdenominational education in rabbinic seminaries, an investigation of Jewish schools' curricula on understanding other Jews' beliefs, production of materials aiming to explain each movements positions and combat stereotypes that have arisen about various types of Jews, continuation of interdenominational task forces on both the national and chapter levels and coordination with other national agencies in this area, such as CIAL.

B. Additional Department Programs

- A pilot program on Jewish ethics, including a public forum on ethics in an age of affluence, creation of a small advisory board on this topic and consideration of future activities and publications on Jewish ethics as a possible future JCAD program emphasis.
- Work aimed at enhancing Jewish renewal through workshops based on previous JCAD reports on Jewish identity, studies on pockets of new Jewish energy such as havurot and returnees to Judaism and use of the chapters to gather field data on this topic.

 Publications are planned on such topics as new Jewish scholarship, Jewish political renewal as a mode of Jewish identity, and the impact of Jewish media.

III. Interreligious Affairs

A. Three Major Priorities

- Enhancing Christian Support for Israel: Last year, AJC undertook a
 campaign to influence the official statements of several Protestant
 denominations on the Middle East. This year, we are sponsoring a
 series of presentations by Christian leaders around the country in
 support of Israel. Events in the region, from recent PLO
 initiatives to the intifada, demonstrate a greater need than ever
 to enhance Christian understanding and support for Israel. This
 will be a key departmental priority through systematic outreach to
 Christians, public statements from them, publication of their
 statements and, pending funding, a revival of the Christian visitors
 to Israel program.
- 2. Interreligious Task Force on Black-Jewish Relations: Following up on the successful Wingspread Conference of 1988, the Interreligious Task Force on Black-Jewish Relations will continue to develop programs with prominent Blacks, especially clergy who are a critical source of leadership in this community. Program plans include development of a joint code of community responsibility, replication of the Wingspread model on a local level and joint policy initiatives and publications. Concern raised by tensions in both communities was shown at Wingspread to afford a unique opportunity to develop a leadership cadre dedicated to common action. Close cooperation will take place with national affairs programs in this area.
- 3. Religion and Society: The adoption in May of the statement of the Task Force on Religion and Society provides several opportunities for programming in 1989-90. Publications and conferences will disseminate our carefully developed position on advancing religious concerns and values in public discourse while guarding separation of church and state. Other religious bodies and the media will be targeted for outreach as will local institutions through our chapters.

B. Additional Department Programs

- Work through the Task Force on Intergroup Relations on reviewing the current status of our relations with religious groups in the U.S. and planning new initiatives for the future.
- 2. Continued ties to Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical institutions.

- 3. Women of Faith programs bringing together influential Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Muslim women around common concerns.
- 4. Programs with seminary students, with an emphasis next year on Black seminaries.
- Continued development of Holocaust educational programs for Catholic parochial schools.
- 6. Leadership in the AIDS Interfaith Network, which AJC helped to found.
- 7. Consideration of new outreach programs to American Muslims and Hindus.
- Exploration of AJC concerns on bio-medical ethics programming in 1989-90.

IV. International Affairs

[Note: As described above, this department is now in transition. This section will therefore focus on current concerns. 1989-90 plans will be developed in cooperation with a new department director.]

A. Major Department Programs

- Israel and the Middle East: Fast breaking events in Middle East diplomacy and Israeli politics and society require us to focus on public statements, approaches to government and issue analyses on almost a daily basis. AJC has been very active in developing positions, generating public attention for our stands and producing insightful, timely and widely used issue analyses. We have also significantly upgraded the work of our Israel office in the past year. This program emphasis will obviously continue into the next year.
- 2. Soviet Jewry: During this program year emphasis has shifted from securing exit for Jews from the Soviet Union to attaining entry for them to the U.S. in sufficient numbers and with adequate funding. Given current trends in both exits and budgets, it is likely that intensive work with the government and coalition partners will be necessary for some time. Two other areas have come into focus on which AJC has taken a role: the quality of life for Jews who remain within the Soviet Union the acculturation of Soviet refugees to American life and the American Jewish community. Much attention will have to be paid to these concerns in 1989-90.
- 3. <u>Human Rights</u>: The Jacob Blaustein Institute continues as a major force in this field. Its important work in promoting U.N. conventions on the right to leave and religious freedom have been hallmarks of its recent program, as has the critical support it has provided to other human rights organizations. This will remain its program focus for the foreseeable future.

B. Other Departmental Programs

- Work with European governments such as Greece, France and Austria on Israel, anti-Semitism and other core concerns.
- Continuation of our special relationship with the Federal Republic of Germany.
- 3. Relations with the Vatican on Catholic-Jewish relations.
- 4. Support for Jewish and democratic concerns of Jewish communities in Latin America.
- Continued exploration and planning for work with Pacific Rim nations, particularly in cooperation with our West Coast chapters.
- Advocacy and provision of accurate information on endangered Jewish communities, especially Ethiopian Jews and those still in Syria, Yeman, Libya and elsewhere in the Middle East.
- Development and implementation of our policy on apartheid and aid to hunger victims in South Africa and the homelands.
- Vigorous responses to recent manifestations of international anti-Semitism.

V. Research

While not a program department, our department of research has some projects planned for 1989-90 that relate closely to our program goals. These include:

- Research on Black attitudes toward Jews: A major project in this
 area, which has not been seriously studied for half a decade and is
 critical for planning for action in Black-Jewish relations, is now
 being designed. Also under consideration is a study on Jewish
 attitudes toward Blacks.
- The nature of contemporary anti-Semitism. A working group of experts organized in this area continues to meet with the aim of producing the first comprehensive study of the nature of current anti-Semitism, including investigation of private, in-depth feelings.
- 3. Jewish Political Behavior: Research is now being designed, and a working group formed, to study not only how Jews vote, but also why they behave so distinctively in American politics. This research will build upon several studies done by AJC on Jewish political behavior in 1988-9.

 Regular Polling: Periodic AJC polls will continue on public attitudes toward Israel, American Jews, and issues that arise on which we may want to guage public opinion, as we did in the Boesky and Pollard cases in 1988.

December 22, 1988

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Alex Marc: I have no so cutory, no stationery, no real office these doys, we this letter is much too belated, and most informal. But what I do have is the most profound respect and admiration for you and everything you have done for all these he tie, historic years. Yours is a record as impressing as it is verigue. Others may have done pieces of your quat works, but nobody has come near you in the

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a source of great prole and imperation to have been able

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that our paths will century to cross. For a lifetime of service, Yasher World!

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Dear Marc,

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I would like to take this occasion to express best wishes as you leave your full-time position with AJC and begin what sounds like an exciting new chapter in your life.

There is no doubt of the extraordinary contribution you have made to AJC and Jewish life more broadly during your distinguished career. I consider myself among those fortunate enough to have worked closely with you and, consequently, have been able to learn a great deal from your knowledge, experience and commitment. I am most grateful for this opportunity.

I don't want to put everything in the past tense because I hope and trust that we will continue to maintain close ties, whether in your capacity as AJC's International Consultant or otherwise.

My best to you and Georgette for a New Year filled with peace, good health and happiness.

Cordially,

David A. Harris Washington Representative

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Dear Marc:

I have greatly valued your leadership of IJCIC and your insights on interreligious affairs. Indeed, I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with you.

I hope that the sense of accomplishment you will feel in the years ahead will match that of this moment when you retire with such great distinction.

Warmest wishes.

Cordially,

Harris Schoenberg

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Dear Marc,

What a sensational and historic event you organized between AJWS and Ambassador Dubinin. Your grace, intellect and big heart never cease to amaze me!

Hope you're well. Please send my love to Georgette.

Personal Regards,

David L. Phillips Executive Director

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Dear Marc:

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Now that your term of office as Chairman of IJCIC has come to a close due to your retirement I want to take this opportunity to tell you how very much pleased I was to serve on the committee under your Chairmanship.

You demonstrated poise, diplomacy and fairness to us all and whatever differences there may have existed were dealt with in a truly scholarly and gentlemanly way.

It is important for me to make this statement because of the recent tensions within our community which are eroding the body politics of the Jewish people.

I hope that we may look forward to many more years of your labors in behalf of the Jewish people.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld

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January 9, 1989

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Dear Marc,

It was nice talking to you today and I really appreciate your willingness to help us put this program together.

The Prime Minister's Council of the United Jewish Appeal is made up of those people who give a minimum gift of \$100,000. The participants of the Prime Minister's Council are the 'whose who' of American Jewish Philanthropy.

Each year we take a fund-raising mission in August and have a non-fund-raising reunion some time in the first quarter of the year.

Last year we met with the President in March and this year are planning a Super Bowl party in Miami on January 22nd.

This year, David Hermelin, is the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Council Mission going to Rome and Israel. We arrive in Rome on the morning of August 7th and leave for Israel on the eveniung of August 9th. Therefore our corridor is limited. We, of course, would make any of this time available to meet with the Pope. However, if we have a choice, we would like to visit Ladispoli on Tuesday, August 8th. The rest of the time is open.

For your information the Prime Minister of the State of Israel is our host each year. You are more than welcome to use this information in setting up a meeting.

Marc Tanenbaum#2 January 9, 1989

Mort Kornreich, our National Chairman, will also be on this mission.

Again, I thank you for your help in setting up this important meeting. You can reach me at (305) 428-6677.

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Jay M. Jacobson United Jewish Appeal 700 West Hilsboro Blvd. - Bldg. 2 Suite 202 Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Dear Jay,

It was a pleasure speaking with you.

The mission of the UJA's Prime Minister's Council to Rome and Jerusalem sounds most impressive, and I would like to be helpful to you and your leadership.

But there is a problem and a personal quandry. The problem is that Pope John Paul II, as most of his recent predecessors, spends the month of August at Castel Gondolfo, his summer residence. That is about forty minutes away from Rome. If you are prepared to make that trip (a very interesting one, incidentally), and if the preparations are started early enough to arrange the audience, there is a real possibility that it could be brought off.

The quandry is that as of January 1st, I have retired as director of international relations of the AJC. I will continue as international consultant. (That is allowing me to write a book I am doing on Vatican foreign policy, the Jews and Israel.)

I am therefore spending limited time in my office, and would have to discuss with you whether this could be conceived of as a special project. It would require substantial time to organize, including preparation of proper statements, publicity, briefing of the group before the audience.

In any case, I will be glad to discuss this with you further.

Cordially.

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AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Dear

Thank you for the material on the Vienna conference which I very much appreciate.

Please find enclosed press release issued by the Templeton Theological Seminary which I thought you might find of interest.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

SIR SIGMUND STERNBERG

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TEMPLETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME

On the morning of Monday, 2nd. January 1989, Fr. Kirkley C. Sands, Dean and Vice President of Templeton Theological Seminary, Lady Irene Templeton, Co-Founder, Treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of this Seminary, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg KCSG OH JP, an expert in Inter-Faith Dialogue, the Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Council of Christians and Jews, a newly appointed Judge of The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion and an Advisor to Templeton Theological Seminary, met at the Lyford Cay Club, at Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas, and agreed that this Seminary's Syllabus should be expanded to include Courses dealing with Christian-Jewish-Muslim Relations, and Holocaust Studies.

The Reverend Wilbert Forker, President of the Seminary, will meet with Sir Sigmund at The Sternberg Centre For Judaism, the largest Jewish Cultural Centre in London, England, where they will discuss how the Library for T.T.S. could be expanded.

Templeton Theological Seminary, A School of Theology in The Bahamas, is an instrument of the Churches in The Bahamas, and it helps to develop the skills necessary to the practice of ministry in Sunday School, Youth Work, Lay Leadership and the teaching of Religious Knowledge in Schools. It also provides ongoing professional training for Clergy and Pastors, through visits by leading Scholars, and enables, through extended library research facilities, Students of Theology to obtain Credits for future Degrees. The Seminary has a total enrollment of two hundred and nineteen Students. Its Courses include: Old Testament, Classical Hebrew, New Testament, New Testament Greek, Church History, the Philosophy of Religion, Christian Ethics, Church Administration, Mission and Evangelism, Christian Education, Clinical Pastoral Education, Liturgy and Worship, Systematic Theology and Effective Communication. These Courses lead to a Certificate and a Diploma in Theology.

Sir John Templeton, the Founder and Chairman of this Seminary, sponsors its Administrative and Faculty costs. On the 9th. December 1988, the Seminary launched a Fundraising Drive for six hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000.00) for the purposes of expanding its Library, offering Scholarships and Bursaries and sponsoring annual Lectureship Series by distinguished Professors from Universities of international renown.

It is the intention of Fr. Sands to visit Europe and the United States of America to gain first-hand knowledge of some of their Seminaries and explore the possibility of an association between them and T.T.S. While in Europe he will visit the Martin Buber House which is situated in Heppenheim, Germany.

Never before has there been such great need, in The Bahamas, for Spiritual Leaders, Clerical and Lay, who are well educated, fearlessly outspoken and totally committed. Further Theological Education for our Clergy and Pastors, our Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders and the Teachers of Religious Knowledge in our Schools is essential, if they are to lead us in turning our Society back to God.

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CENTRE

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Our First Woman Governor



Mrs. Elizabeth Corob, wife of Mr. Sidney Corob, has become the Oxford Centre's first woman Governor. She has been interested in the Centre and its work for a long time and her husband has attended its Yiddish classes.

In memory of Mr. Corob's father, Mr. and Mrs. Corob set up the Wolf Corob Fellowship in Yiddish Studies held by Dr. Dovid Katz, the head of the Centre's Yiddish Department.

Delighted at being invited to become a Governor, Mrs. Corob has already attended one Governors' meeting.

CENTRE'S FIRST LINK WITH AN OLDER UNDERGRADUATE OXFORD COLLEGE

An important new Fellowship in Yiddish Studies has been announced by the Oxford Centre and elected to receive it is Mr Dov-Ber Kerler, the Centre's Barnett Shine Junior Fellow in Yiddish Studies.

The new (non-stipendiary) Fellowship is the Sir Leslie and Lady Porter Junior Research Fellowship in Yiddish Language and Literature created at Lincoln College, Oxford — the first time that one of the Centre's Fellows is attached to one of the older *undergraduate* Oxford Colleges. (Lincoln College was founded by Richard Fleming, Bishop of Lincoln in 1427 and reconstituted in 1478).

Mr Dov-Ber Kerler is a native of Moscow, and he and his family, who were prominent Jewish Refuseniks, emigrated to Israel in 1971 after a protracted struggle with the Soviet authorities to obtain permission to leave the Soviet Union. He was 13 at the time. His father is the famed Yiddish poet Yosef Kerler, who now edits the prestigious Yiddish annual "Yerusholaymer Almanakh" in Jerusalem.

Dov-Ber Kerler completed his joint honours degree in Yiddish Literature and Gen-



DOV-BER KERLER

eral Linguistics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and arrived in Oxford in 1984 as Oxford University's first doctoral student in Yiddish, under the supervision of Dr Dovid Katz, the Oxford Centre's Wolf Corob Fellow in Yiddish Language and Literature and the Centre's Director of Yiddish Studies. Dr. Katz also holds the Leslie Paisner Memorial (non-stipendiary) Fellowship at St. Antony's College.

Summer Programme

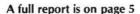
Mr Kerler has taught Yiddish language and literature continuously at the Centre since 1984 and has been supervising the option entitled "Modern Yiddish Literature Since 1864" which forms part of the M.Phil course in Modern Jewish Studies. He has worked closely with Dr Katz in the organisation of the Centre's Summer Programme in Yiddish and its annual Winter Symposium series which this year convenes in Oxford from December 11-13.

When the Sound of Yiddish Filled the Streets

hirty-eight students from a dozen countries attended the Oxford Centre's Seventh annual Oxford Summer Programme in Yiddish directed by Dr Dovid Katz, the Centre's Wolf Corob Fellow in Yiddish Studies, who founded the course.

The streets of Oxford resounded at times with the sound of Yiddish, particularly during tours of Oxford's Colleges during a break in the academic programme.

Dr Katz was joined on the Summer Course faculty by three other teachers, none of them Jewish, all his former or current students. They were Elinor Robinson, 33, an acclaimed Yiddish author; Christopher Hutton, 30, assistant professor of Yiddish at the University of Texas; and Johannes Brosi, 29, of Winterthur, Switzerland, himself an Oxford summer course veteran (1986) who joined the Centre as a doctoral candidate in Yiddish linguistics in 1987. Ms Robinson and Professor Hutton began their study of Yiddish at the Centre as complete beginners.





Dr. Dovid Katz surrounded by a group of students

R E F L E C T I O N S

"When I agreed to David Patterson's proposal that I take his place as Acting President while he was on "leave" in the USA (i.e. developing a new Chair in Judaic Studies and fund-raising for the Centre in a highly active



way), it was in the knowledge that I had been to the Centre many times over the years with long periods on its campus as a Visiting Scholar. Thus, I felt that the role of Acting President would not be too difficult.

"What I had failed to understand was that the Centre is not a static institution. It is the academic equivalent of a business. It expands and keeps pace with changes, or goes under. The Centre is certainly expanding at a rate that is not easily understood by the observer.

"Some five years ago, when I spent six months at the Centre, researching in the libraries in Oxford, reading, writing and teaching, it had one or two permanent Fellows and most of its activities were connected with its research programme carried on by a group of Visiting Scholars and Fellows — visitors of academic excellence who lived on the Yarnton campus (for that is what it is), and who wrote and

Professor Alan Crown, who is Head of the Department of Semitic Studies at the University of Sydney, Australia, spent a Sabbatical year at the Oxford Centre as Acting President, going home in August.

Before he left, he wrote some reflections on his stay at Yarnton which we publish here.

Before Alan and his wife Sadie set out for "down under", the Centre's Governors, Fellows, Scholars and Staff attended a "farewell party" for them at Yarnton Manor, some 70 people having a light buffet lunch.

On behalf of the Centre, Professor Herbert Frankel, Chairman of the Governors, presented Professor and Mrs. Crown with a print of Christ Church Meadow, Oxford and a special casket with Yarnton Manor (engraved by laser) on its lid.

worked in their cottages or in the lib-

"The Centre had already developed a deserved reputation as an institute of advanced studies in one discipline. My memories of those days, and of previous visits, were of congenial conditions for work, with almost all the scholars producing major articles or books as a result of their stay; interesting evenings with visiting scholars and permanent and lasting friendships and academic contacts resulting.

"The last conditions do not seem to have changed. What has changed is the nature of the Centre. It is still an academic institute of advanced studies with its focus and specialisation in Jewish Studies, but is now a great deal more. Firstly, it has developed a number of permanent Fellowships, with responsibilities for research, teaching and graduate supervision in a range of disciplines that cover most of the important older areas and the newer areas of our field. The number of Fellowships developed in so few years is staggering and the fact is, that they increase in number each year.

COLLEGE SIZE

"The Centre is no longer an important adjunct institution to the University of Oxford; it is suddenly the size of a college as colleges were 20 years ago before their rapid expansion.

"Moreover, the Centre has developed courses for its own students in the One Year Study Programme, and these are growing in number.

"The diversification continues, with the special projects that the Centre runs and is embarking upon. It is promoting a new dictionary of current English Hebrew usage; is looking seriously at a research programme on Anglo-Jewry; is hosting the Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls) international project and it is considering providing research and housing facilities for the Anglo-Jewish Archives. In other words, the Centre is a microcosm college and research institute with a very active corporate-collegiate life.

"Need one say that one hopes that, in due course, the Centre will be properly endowed – sufficiently well perhaps to become a college in its own right – a specialised college that concentrates upon its own areas of expertise."

Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars at the Oxford Centre for the Academic Year 1988-89 are: Professor Ronald Hendel, of the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, who will research religious studies; Dr Moshe Shemesh, of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, (modern history); Professor Eliezer Schweid, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (modern Jewish Thought - he is a Frank Green Fellow of the Centre); Dr Zive Shamir of Tel Aviv University, (Hebrew literature and ancient Hebrew literature); Rabbi Louis Sigel of Temple Emeth, New Jersey (studies in the Takkanot of Rabbi Jacob Ben Meir); Dr Sasson Sofer, of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (international relations); Dr Zvi Jagendorf of the Hebrew University (literature and Israeli theatre); Professor Jacob Lassner, of Tel Aviv University (Middle East studies); Rabbi Richard Rosenthal of Tem-Tacoma, Washington Beth Eil, (Ashkenazi Jewry).

Visiting scholars not in residence on the Yarnton Manor Estate are Mr Elchanan Reiner of the Hebrew University (Jewish philosophy and history); Professor Dan V Segre, of Haifa University (political science) who resides at St. Anthony's College, Oxford and Professor Zeev Weisman of Haifa University and the School of Education of the Kibbutz Movement, who will research biblical studies. He resides at Wolfson College, Oxford.

Summer Term, 1988

During the Summer Term this year, Visiting Scholars were Professor Yonah David of Jerusalem, who researched Spanish late Middle Ages and Hebrew literature; Dr Philip F. Millar, Librarian of The Klau Library H.U.C. Jewish Institute of Religion, New York (languages and linguistics); Professor Lester A. Segal, of the University of Massachusetts, Boston (Jewish history modern and medieval European history); Mr Alexander Sened, Mrs Yonat Sened of Kibbutz Revivim, Israel (writers); Professor Ora R. Schwarzwald of Bar Ilan University, Israel, (semitic languages); Professor Uzi Shavit of

Tel Aviv University (Hebrew literature); Professor Aron Appelfeld (writer) and Dr Nissan Rubin who researched sociology and anthropology; Rabbi A. Lelyveld (Jewish-Christian dialogue in West Germany).

ST. CROSS GARDEN PARTY

Pellows, Visiting Scholars and Staff of the Oxford Centre were invited to the annual St. Cross Garden Party which this year, was held at St. Cross College with which the Oxford Centre is linked.

The garden party is hosted on alternate years by the Oxford Centre and St. Cross College. When the Centre are the hosts, it is held at Yarnton Manor.

LIBRARY CONSULTANT

Dr. Philip Miller of Hebrew Union College, New York, has accepted an invitation to become Library Consultant in the USA, to the Oxford Centre.

CHAMPAGNE, STRAWBERRIES AND MOZART...



Professor Frankel addresses the guests.

SIR SIGMUND STERNBERG ADDRESSES NEW YORK GATHERING

A reception for Sir Sigmund Sternberg, KCSG. OH. J.P., Chairman of the Friends of the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, was held in New York in May. Sir Sigmund addressed a distinguished gathering about the international importance of the Oxford Centre and its pre-eminent place in Jewish scholarship.

His views were warmly endorsed from personal experience, by Professor Alice Eckhardt and Rabbi Joseph Glazer.

The role of the Centre in fostering Jewish – Christian and Jewish-Moslem relations, was also emphasised.

The President of the Oxford Centre, Professor David Patterson, presented a report of its growing achievements and activities.

Sir Sigmund stressed the urgent need for financial aid for the Centre which depends entirely on private support. He reminded his audience of the large and increasing number of scholars and students who come regularly to the Centre.

The reception was hosted by Mr and Mrs D. Rose of New York City.

SHOLEM ALEICHEM AWARD FOR DOVID KATZ

Dr Dovid Katz, the Oxford Centre's Director of Yiddish Studies was given the annual Sholem Aleichem Award for Literature at a ceremony at Bet Sholem Aleichem, Tel Aviv on May 8.

The sun shone on the lovely grounds of Yarnton Manor replete with marquees and a string orchestra playing Mozart, for the Oxford Centre's annual summer garden party on Sunday, June 12.

A champagne reception followed by lunch then, later, a strawberrry and cream tea in the grounds, was part of the programme, mostly informal. The many guests, the ladies in their summer finery and the gentlemen, looking equally resplendent, had a most entertaining day.

THE CENTRE'S SUCCESS

The garden party was designed this year to allow all those who have supported the Centre over many years, to join together to celebrate its success and to meet members of its Board of Governors and its Fellows.

There were more than 100 people present and during the luncheon it was announced by Mr Felix Posen, the chairman of the Centre's Endowment Appeal, that £1 million had been pledged towards the target of £10 million required to provide endowments to consolidate the Centre's present level of activity; to meet the costs of endowing and developing its teaching and research centre and to attract additional



Mr Felix Posen announces the £1 million pledge.

was "a miracle". It had been established, he said, to provide new treatment of Jewish learning and research in a scientific, non-denominational way.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a Governor, paid tribute to Professor Alan Crown, Professor of Semitic Studies at Sydney University, for his work while acting as President of the Centre for the past year, during the absence on Sabbatical leave in America, of the President, Professor David Patterson.



endowments to enable the Centre to realise its full potential.

The Chairman of the Governors of the Centre, Professor Herbert Frankel, told the guests that it was "a wonderful Centre" and like the State of Israel, Sir Sigmund is pictured making a presentation to Professor Crown. Sir Zelman Cowan, also a Governor and former Governor-General of Australia, presented Mrs Crown with a gift.

B'NAI B'RITH VISIT

A group of 16 B'nai B'rith members visited Yarnton Manor in July, and in the morning, heard Professor Ronald Nettler, the Oxford Centre's Fellow in Jewish-Moslem Relations in the Modern Period speak on "Relations between the Islamic World and Israel".

Professor Robert Anderson of Melbourne University, a Visiting Scholar at the Centre, addressed them on "The Centre: The Experience of an Antipodean."

The group then left on a tour of Oxford colleges.

An Academic Year spent in Massachusetts



David Patterson, the President of the Oxford Centre, spent the academic year 1987/88 as Professor of Jewish Studies at Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, where he and Mrs. Jose Patterson were received with great kindness and courtesy.

In addition to his courses at Mount Holyoke College, Professor Patterson lectured at

In addition to his courses at Mount Holyoke College, Professor Patterson lectured at the Annenberg Research Centre, the University of Miami, Ohio State University, Cornell University, the University of Massachusetts, Amhurst College, Dartmouth Col-

lege and Williams College.

He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters by Baltimore Hebrew University, where he was given the Stiller Prize for his contribution to Jewish literature. He was invited by the Regents of the University of Massachusetts to chair a committee to assess the work of the Department of Near-Eastern Studies of the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst.

During this summer, Professor Patterson chaired the Jerusalem Workshop on the Teaching of Modern Hebrew Literature in English Translation, sponsored jointly by the Oxford Centre and the Centre for the Study of Jewish Civilisation founded by Professor Moshe Davis.

Professor Patterson then spent five weeks at the Ben-Gurion Research Centre at Sde Boger in the Negev.

Our picture shows Professor and Mrs. Patterson taken during their stay in America.

LONDON LECTURE SERIES

The London community is now able to meet and hear lecturers from the Oxford Centre and share with them their scholarship. The Centre has established the Oxford-London Lecture Series under the Chairmanship of Rabbi Dr. Sidney Brichto, and the first lecture was held on October 10 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

It was given by the Centre's Fellow in Moslem-Jewish Relations in the Modern Period, Professor Ron Nettler, who, in his paper, gave a Moslem fundamentalist view of the Jews through the ages, and explained how, today, it was having a direct influence on the West Bank and Gaza uprising.

In the chair was Professor David Patterson, President of the Centre, who said it was with great pleasure that he brought the learning of the Centre's scholars to London. From very small beginnings, he said, the Centre had become one of the major centres of Jewish study in the world.

The next lecture in London, at the same venue, will be on December 8 at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. when Dr. Martin Goodman, Solon Fellow in Jewish-Christian Relationships in the Graeco-Roman Period will speak on "Christians, Jews and Pagans in the Early Centuries".

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A DIAMOND OCCASION

Some 48 people were present at a luncheon in the main reception hall at Yarnton Manor on June 19, to pay tribute to and to celebrate the Diamond Wedding of Professor and Mrs Herbert Frankel.

Professor Frankel is Chairman of the Governors of the Centre and is a past President of the Oxford Hebrew Congregation. Mrs Frankel was for many years the Chairman of Oxford Wizo and is now the group's Honorary President.

At the luncheon, a special anniversary cake was cut and the Centre also presented them with an engraved paperweight to mark the occasion.

The couple married in Johannesburg and came to England after the war when Professor Frankel took up a fellowship at Nuffield College and a chair at Oxford in the economics of underdeveloped countries.

Three Scholars Win George Webber Prize

The George Webber Prize for the best translation into English of a Hebrew work of any period or literary genre, was awarded for 1987 to three scholars.

The prize is given for recognition and encouragement of such translations and was established by the Oxford Centre in memory of Dr George Webber (1900-1983), Reader in English Law at University College, London, a distinguished Hebraist and Jewish scholar and active in a large range of Jewish literary and cultural pursuits in this country.

The sum of £500 was awarded to Rabbi Dr David Goldstein (now

ECKARDT SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the generosity of Roy and Alice Eckardt, we have a scholarship named for each of them in the Junior Year Abroad programme this year. They have donated these scholarships as a mark of their high regard for the work of the Oxford Centre. deceased), for his translation of "The Wisdom of Zohar: an anthology of texts." and £500, to share as they think fit, to Mr Emanuel Zabar and Mrs Louise Goldschmidt for their translation of the book of poems "Min Hashetikot" by Zabar (translated into English as "Outcome of Silence") – a joint effort between the poet himself and Mrs Goldschmidt.

There was no prize awarded for 1988.

A Course for Judaica Librarians?

The Oxford Centre is of the opinion that many librarians handling Jewish books and archives are in need of specialised training in Judaica, and is investigating whether it can establish a course in this subject.

The Centre, which has its own magnificent library, housing the Kressel Collection of some 40,000 books and some 400,000 archive items, is certain that if a scheme can be worked out there would be several Judaica librarians who would be willing to act as tutors.



The Sound of Yiddish Resounds in Oxford's Streets

(Continued from page 1)

BRITISH PARTICIPANTS

he sizeable British contingent included Dr Charles Israel Cohen, a consultant psychiatrist in Dorset; Jillian Davidson, a Cambridge undergraduate reading History; Sharon Gold, a Liverpool maths teacher; and Mrs Sonia Sabel of Reading, a retired modern languages teacher who is a regular participant in the Centre's weekly Yiddish

Another member of the Faculty was Mr Dov-Ber Kerler, the Barnett Shine Junior Fellow in Yiddish Studies at the Centre and now Sir Leslie and Lady Porter Junior Fellow in Yiddish Language and Literature at Lincoln College, Oxford.

Four Intensive Courses

The programme comprised four intensive language courses. Yiddish I (elementary) and II (intermediate) were taught by Elinor Robinson and Johannes Brosi.

Yiddish III (higher intermediate) and Yiddish IV (advanced) were taught by Dr Katz and Professor Christopher Hutton.

This summer, he brought with him two of his own Yiddish students from Texas - Jeff Grossman, 27, and Alex Katzman, 22. Mr Grossman won one of the prizes established at the Oxford summer Programme by the Albert E. Marks Charitable Trust for his penetrating essay on the topic. "Why has Yiddish Literary Criticism Ignored A.N. Stencl?" Like all essays written in the context of the course, it was entirely in Yiddish.

Troim Handler of West Islip New York taught a highly successful Conversation Workshop which formed part of the programme for the first time. Her husband, Frank, was a student in Yiddish II.

University students included lerald Altman 21, of the University of Ohio; Karin van Coeverden, 26, a doctoral candidate at the University of Leiden who is researching

For the first time, there were two participants in the Oxford Summer Programme in Yiddish, from Eastern Europe.

They were Magdalena Pirozynska of the University of Cracow, Poland, and Peter Varga, of the University of Budapest in Hungary. Mr Varga studied Yiddish with Professor Adam Nadasdy, who was himself inspired to Yiddish at the 1983 Oxford summer programme.

Dutch Jewish folklore; Ulrike Bark, 24, a Heidelberg University student who won the Marks Prize for best essay in her class for her analysis of the poetry of Moyshe Leyb Halpern; Stephanie Fine, 21, a Brandeis graduate student in Jewish history; Bruce Kahn, 21, who just completed his BA at Rutgers and is going on to Yeshiva Or Sameyach in Monsey, NY.; Antje Ramming, 24, of Munich; and Jennifer Sylvor, 22, a PhD student in comparative literature at Berkeley.

Esther Hurlimann, 23, an MA student at the University of Zurich won the Amalgamated Prize in her class (Yiddish III). The Amalgamated Prizes were established in 1985 by Edward M. Katz, President of the Amalgamated Bank, for the student who "works the hardest and progresses the most" in each of the four classes.

Students hailing from other walks of life included Shura Lipovsky, a professional actor from the Netherlands who hopes to produce a Yiddish folk music record next year; Chic Wolk, the President of Charter Auto Parks, Inc. in Los Angeles: Dr Charles Israel Cohen, a consultant psychiatrist in Poole, Dorset, England; Dr Meyer Dwass, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Northwestern University; and Barbara Jean Axelrod, an elementary school teacher from Palisades Park, New Jersey.

The Supplementary Programme included four Yiddish films, eight lectures on Yiddish culture by Tel Aviv Yiddish author Avrom Karpinowitz, eight lectures on the history of the Yiddish language by Hebrew University Professor Wolf Moskovich, four Yiddish folksinging sessions led by Majer Bogdanski of London, and two lectures on the mysteries of Old Yiddish printed books by Hermann Suss, a railway conductor in Furstenfeldbruck, whom the Centre "discovered" in 1979. Mr Suss has since been invited to lecture on Old Yiddish bibliography in New York and Jerusalem.

Professor William J. Fishman led a historical walking tour of East London, and Isaac Goldberg recounted the literary history of Yiddish in Whitechapel. A guest appearance by London Yiddish author I.A. Lisky marked the celebration of Mr Lisky's 89th birthday.

Professor Ora Schwarzwald of Bar-Ilan University, who spent the summer as a Visiting Scholar at Yarnton Manor, introduced the students to Judezmo (Ladino), the traditional language of Sephardic Jewry.

Among the special events this summer were two live Yiddish theatre performances. One by the London Yiddish Players, featuring Harry Ariel, Bernard Mendelovich and David Mazower, whose "Gems of the Classic Yiddish Theatre" was a highlight of the summer. Anna Tzelniker, doyenne of the London Yiddish theatre, performed a

"Cavalcade of Yiddish Theatre"

Plans have now been finalised for the 1989 Summer Programme. Both Yitskhok Niborski of Paris, director of the Paris One-Year Seminar in Yiddish Studies and Dov-Ber Kerler of Jerusalem, the Centre's newly appointed Sir Leslie and Lady Porter Fellow in Yiddish, will return to full summer course duties in 1989. Details of the Programme, which will be held from 31 July to 25 August 1989, can be obtained from Ms Jean Nightingale at the Oxford Centre.



GRADUATION

n an atmosphere of elation, and with a sense of history, the students celebrated the Summer Course's completion Yarnton Manor graduation cere-mony on August 26.

The graduation was addressed by Professor Ron Nettler, the Centre's Fellow in Islamic-Jewish

Over 400 students from 22 countries have taken part during the course's first seven summers.

Dr Dovid Katz, in serving again as Director of Studies, worked in tandem with Ms Jean Nightingale, the Centre's Executive Secretary, who has been the Administrative Director of the Oxford Prog-ramme in Yiddish since its inception in 1982.

A bouquet was presented to Ms Nightingale.

• Our picture shows some of the students, teachers and guests at the Graduation Ceremony.

Papers on Jewish Law



Human Rights in Jewish, Israeli and International Law were the themes of the papers presented at the Second Annual Lecture Cycle of the Oxford Centre's Fellowship in Jewish Law held at Yarnton Manor on May 15.

The programme was introduced by Lord Justice Woolf. The lecture on "Human Rights in Jewish Law" was given by Professor Zev. W. Falk of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with Lord Goodman, C.H. formerly Master of University College, in the chair. The second lecture on "Human Rights in Israeli Law" was given by Professor Uriel Reichman, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Tel Aviv, with Sir Zelman Cowan, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, presiding and Professor Rosalyn Higgins, J.S.D QC lecturing on "Human Rights in International Law." She is Professor of International Law, LSE, University of London, and a member of the U.N. Committee on Human Rights. In the chair was Lord Justice Woolf. A discussion on the three papers followed.

• In our picture are, from the left: Prof. David Patterson, President of the Centre, Prof. Uriel Reichman, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Prof. Sybil Jack, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney and the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Woolf, Chairman of the Centre's Fellowship in Jewish Law Group.

THE SOLON SYMPOSIUM

The Second Solon Symposium was held at Yarnton Manor on February 28 when the subject for discussion was "Between Kedar and Yavan: the Jewish Community in the Tenth Century CE."

The symposium focussed on medieval Jewish life under Islamic and Byzantine Christian sovereignty.

Professor Alan Crown, acting President of the Centre, welcomed some sixty guests and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Daniel Frank, Solon Junior Fellow at the Centre in Jewish-Moslem Relations in the Middle Ages, convened the Symposium and spoke on "the Mourners of Zion in Tenth Century Jerusalem."

Dr David Wassterstein of University College Dublin contributed a paper on "The Jewish Community in Islamic Spain under the Caliphate." and the afternoon con-

DR ELISABETH MAXWELL LECTURE

"Why should the Holocaust be remembered and therefore taught?" was the subject of a lecture at the Oxford Centre in March by Dr Elisabeth Maxwell, the wife of the publisher Robert Maxwell.

Dr Maxwell's lecture had an audience of some 60 people. It was preceded by a dinner at which there were 24 guests.

cluded with a talk by Dr Steven Bowman of the University of Cincinnati on "The Jews of Byzantine Italy."

It is hoped that the papers may be published by the Centre in its lecture series.

The Third Solon Symposium, "Paul the Jew", was held at Yarnton Manor on Sunday November 6.

YIDDISH LANGUAGE 'REVIVAL' IN THE SOVIET UNION

I he daring thesis that a genuine revival of the Yiddish language and culture is under way in the Soviet Union, was put forward by Dr S. Levenberg, joint head of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and a veteran

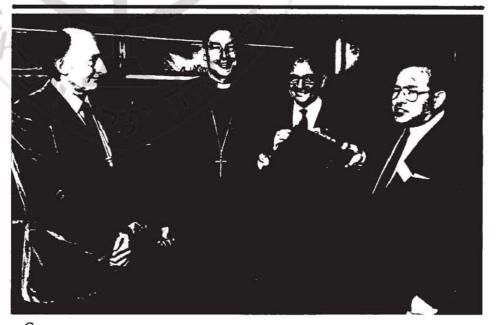
SIXTH STENCL LECTURE

journalist, author and cultural historian, when he gave the Sixth Annual Avrom-Nokhem Stencl Lecture at the Oxford Centre in August.

Dr Levenberg based his arguments on demographic analyses, claiming that the number of Yiddish speakers is far higher than officially acknowledged, even in such unexpected places as Baku, and on reports of recently-organised cultural and literary gatherings in Russia.

In the chair at this lecture was Mr Montague Richardson, former Director of the Jewish Institute, Adler Street, London E1 who has presided at each Stencl Lecture. Thanks to the lecturer were expressed by Tel Aviv Yiddish author, Avrom Karpinowitz.

The Oxford Centre publishes each year's Stencl Lecture in pamphlet form under the editorship of its Fellow in Yiddish Studies, Dr Dovid Katz. This year again, the published lecture contains a portrait by Professor S.S. Prawer, the University's former Taylor Professor of German. The Stencl Lecture was established in 1983 to commemorate the famed Yiddish poet of London's East End – Avrom-Nokhem Stencl (1897-1983).



Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the Friends of the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies and a Governor of the Centre, presided at a ceremony at Yarnton Manor on May 8, at which a stained-glass window by Roman Halter, depicting a "Reclining Figure" was unveiled by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt. Rev. Richard Harries, who is pictured being presented by Sir Sigmund Sternberg with a copy of the Ashkenazi Hagadah. On his left is Mr Halter and on the right Professor Alan Crown, who at the time, was Acting President of the Oxford Centre while Professor David Patterson was on Sabbatical in America.

EVENTS AT YARNTON MANOR

he Hebraica Libraries Group arranged its seventh meeting at Yarnton Manor in April during which the Group's normal activities and work were discussed and talks were given by Dr S.C. Reif on aspects of medieval Jewish literacy; by Dr D. Schechterman on the Kressel Collection during a guided tour of the library and by Dr Brad Sabin Hill, Curator of The Lowy Collection, National Library of Canada, on "A chapter in the history of Hebrew printing in the British Empire: early Hebrew typography in Canada, 1845-1895".

The host was Dr Deborah Schechterman and there were some 20 participants.

The annual meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews was again held at Yarnton Manor this year and attended by some 30 people.

A talk was given by Father Roger Clarke, the CCJ Education Officer.

The Oxford Flower Arrangement Club held a Competitive Exhibition of Flower Arranging at Yarnton Manor in July, and in the evening the prizegiving was part of a cheese and wine celebration.

Yachdav, the Young Leadership International Mission led by Rabbi Adi Sultanik, Director of the Department of Recruitment and Training in Israel, visited London on a 12-day tour in July and August and came to Yarnton Manor. There were 168 in the party and they enjoyed a ploughman's lunch in the garden.

Before this, they heard an address by Professor Aharon Appelfeld of Ben-Gurion University, one of the Visiting Scholars at the Oxford Centre, on "Conversation: Questions and Answers on Israel-Diaspora Relations in the Fortieth Year." In the afternoon, Professor Ronald Nettler, a Fellow of the Centre, spoke on "An Introduction to the Oxford Centre," and Professor Yoseph Schwarzwald, a social psychologist of Bar Ilan University, spoke about "Educational Integration in Israel: The Situation in the Fortieth Year."

Many of those participating in the July conference on the Holocaust in London and elsewhere paid a visit to Yarnton Manor. A total of 60 participants arrived to take part in a special programme which included a lecture on "Holocaust Research Today" given

by Professor Irving Greenberg; and a lecture on "Literature arising from the Holocaust" given by Dr Glenda Abramson. On the same afternoon, a party of 12 academics from Poland brought by Mr. Jack Fliderbaum, were shown round Yarnton Manor by the President.

Research into the Dead Sea Scrolls

A team of international scholars will begin work soon at Yarnton Manor to collate and research the remainder of those Dead Sea Scrolls not yet published.

Over the past 40 years, six volumes of the material contained in the Scrolls have been published by the Oxford University Press in conjunction with the Department of Antiquities in Israel. The Scrolls have been translated into English, French and Hebrew and the process of printing the remainder of the material is to be speeded-up to one volume a year over the next 12 years. The research, translation and collation will be done from complete sets of photographs already prepared in lerusalem.

At Yarnton Manor, special accommodation and equipment has been provided and the scholars will either work in Jerusalem and Oxford simultaneously, or spend part of the year in both centres.

The cost of the research at the Oxford Centre is being borne by the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust.

Obituaries

Mr. William W. (Bill) Simpson

We mourn the passing of William W. (Bill) Simpson who was a great friend of the Oxford Centre. Over the years he participated in many of the Centre's activities, culminating in the 13th Sacks Lecture entitled "Freedom, Justice and Responsibility" which he delivered at Yarnton Manor in June 1986.

Bill Simpson considered the aims and aspirations of the Oxford Centre to be in total harmony with his own.

As a pioneer and constant advocate of interfaith relations, his work on behalf of the Council of Christians and Jews was outstanding.

He will be remembered for his gentle

He will be remembered for his gentle and genial personality, his friendliness, steadfastness and loyalty to the causes in which he believed.

His death deprives the Oxford Centre of a true and trusted friend.

Rabbi Dr. David Goldstein

he untimely death of Rabbi Dr. David Goldstein at the age of 54 has deprived the world of Jewish scholarship of an erudite and creative scholar and the Oxford Centre of a loyal and trusted friend.

Dr. Goldstein held the work of the Centre in the highest regard and made great efforts to find substantial support for its library and archive. He learned of the award of the Centre's "Webber Prize" for his translation of "The Wisdom of the Zohar" just before his death.

Rabbi Dr. Shalom Singer

The death of Rabbi Dr. Shalom Singer came as a sad blow for his many friends and admirers. A frequent visitor to the Oxford Centre, Rabbir Singer strove tirelessly to find material support for its activities, and spoke of his visits in the warmest terms on his deathbed.

His congregation has established an annual scholarship for a student at the Centre's Junior Year Abroad Programme to preserve his memory.

OXFORD CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

Origins of the Yiddish Language, edited by Dovid Katz, went into press. Published by Pergamon, the volume comprises the proceedings of the first annual Oxford Winter Symposium in Yiddish Language and Literature, organized by the Centre in December 1985.

Professor Ron Nettler's new book - Past Trials and Present Tribulations: A Muslim Fundamentalist's View of the Jews, published by Pergamon Press. The emergence of Islamic fundamentalism has added a new theological dimension to Muslim-Jewish relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Past Trials and Present Tribulations examines this dimension from the perspective of the "godfather" of Islamic fundamentalism, the Egyptian activist and writer, Sayvid Outb. The author provides a translation of, and commentary on, Qutb's essay "Our Struggle with the Jews", explaining how Outb applied ancient Islamic doctrine and experience to contemporary circumstances. It is the first detailed textual study of an important document of modern Islamic fundamentalist thought on the Jews. Its focus upon the doctrinal dimension of the Middle Eastern conflict marks a significant departure from the more usual political and military emphasis given to the subject.

Dr. Martin Goodman. The Ruling Class of Judaea: the Origins of the Jewish War Against Rome, AD 66-70 (Cambridge University Press, 1987).

Dr. David Sorkin. The Transformation of German Jewry, 1780-1840 (Oxford University Press, 1987).

Grammar of the Yiddish Language, by Dr. Dovid Katz, the Centre's Wolf Corob Fellow in Yiddish Language and Literature, was published by Gerald Duckworth and Company, London. Based on new methods of teaching Yiddish developed at the Centre, it is the first comprehensive work of its kind to appear in English.

A Darkling Plain by Professor David Patterson (Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies and Baltimore Hebrew University, 1988), examines the portrait of Jews and Arabs in modern Hebrew literature.

Colloquium at Yarnton Manor Discusses Rising Islamic Fundamentalism

he rise in Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East, in the West Bank and Gaza and among Israeli Arabs was the main focus of a Colloquium held at Yarnton Manor on October 16.

Four Sessions

The Colloquium, opened by Professor David Patterson, President of the Oxford Centre, was attended by scholars and others visiting this country from the United States and Israel and leading members of the Anglo-Jewish community, all concerned about the implications for Israel and for world Jewry, of the revival and increase in Muslim concentration on the Jews.

The Colloquium was divided into four sessions, each dealing with different

aspects of the problem.

Professor James Piscatori, of the John Hopkins University, Washington, lectured on "Islamic Fundamentalism in the wake of the Six-Day War: Religious Self-Assertion in Political Conflict"; Professor Ronald L. Nettler, a Fellow of the Oxford Centre, spoke on "An Islamic Account of Modern Jewish History: The Jews, Zionism and Communism in the Palestine Dispute;" Dr Elie Rekhess, of The Dayan Centre, Tel Aviv University and Lehigh University (USA), lectured on "Islamic Fundamentalism in the Israeli Arab Community" and Dr Glenda Abramson, also an Oxford Centre Fellow, discussed "The Absence of Reality: Islam and the Arabs in Contemporary Hebrew Literature."

In the course of the discussions and lectures, it was emphasised that Islam was reacting to a crisis brought about by the erosion of its power in the world caused by the upsurge of Communism, Zionism, Christianity and secularisation. Contemporary Muslim concepts of the Jews, it was stressed, were based on Islamic scriptures

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in which Jews were depicted as an inferior people, and on the view that their rightful place was under Islamic domination.

There was also the concept that Islam was Allah's divine injunction and that, in the world today, a Jewish genie had got out of the bottle and was running wild. The creation of the State of Israel had served to deepen this Muslim crisis.

The possible influence of this unenlightened fundamentalism on the Israeli-Arab vote was also discussed. The Israeli Arabs, it was reported, were 18 per cent of the Israeli population. There were 325,000 voters out of 800,000 Arabs living there.

It is intended that the papers presented at this Colloquium will be published in book form and further research is being undertaken into this topic.



A special group of scholars and educators from Israel, USA, Canada and the United Kingdom, gathered at Yarnton Manor over the weekend of October 14, to draw up guidelines for a unique curriculum for the humanities, for the Israel Arts and Science Academy to be built in Jerusalem for highly-gifted young people excelling in the sciences or arts. They were welcomed by Professor David Patterson, the Oxford Centre's President.

The group twice met with Sir Isaiah Berlin of Oxford to discuss the central issues of the proposed curriculum, which will include history, philosophy, general and Hebrew literature, political science, religion and Judeo-Islamic issues.

Participating were Professor Avishai Margelit and Dr Edna Margelit (Hebrew University); Professor Menahem Brinker (Hebrew University); Rabbi Dr. Moshe Halbertal, from Jerusalem and a Fellow in Harvard University; Professor Sidney Mergenbesser (Columbia University New York); Dr Leon Wieseltier ("Washington New Republic"); Dr Howard Adelman, (York University, Toronto); Mr Eliezer Shmueli (former Israeli Ministry of Education Director) and Mr Raphi Amran, the Director of the Society for Excellence Through Education which sponsored the seminar.

· Our picture of the group was taken at Yarnton Manor.

DR JONATHAN WEBBER'S RESEARCHES IN POLAND

The significant relaunch of Polish-Jewish studies in Western countries in recent years has been matched by a considerable upsurge of interest in Jews and Judaism in Poland itself, particularly among those born after the Second World War, says DR JONATHAN WEBBER, Fellow in Jewish Social Studies at the Oxford Centre.

He was invited to organise and collaborate in the first field research projects in Jewish studies to be undertaken by the Jagiellonian University of Krakow. After a feasibility study he conducted in Poland in July last year, he was invited for two months this summer to open up a major field research initiative by the University's Department of Social Anthropology and also its Inter-Faculty Research Centre on Jewish History and Culture in Poland, which itself was founded as recently as October 1986.

The research conducted this summer consisted of three main topics: attitudes towards the Holocaust based on a survey of the population of the city of Oswiecim (Auschwitz) and district; and an inventory and documentation of synagogue buildings, cemeteries and other items of Jewish interest in the Sub-Carpathian

region of southern Poland.

The project on Auschwitz, which was obviously difficult and sensitive for all concerned, was conducted by Dr Webber with the assistance of nine graduate students and staff of the Jagiellonian University, and for the other two projects, a total of just over 30 people participated. Several hundred hours of taperecorded Polish-language interviews, together with photographs and other survey material, were collected over the summer.

"Naturally, it will take some time before analysis of this material and publication of the results can be completed" Dr Webber says, but in any case, he hopes to return to Poland next year for three months, in part to finish collecting the data for the project on synagogues and cemeteries, so as to provide a comprehensive guide-book for Jewish visitors to Poland.

Financial support for this exercise was generously given by the David Lewis Charitable Foundation, the Jewish Chronicle (which carried a report on the Auschwitz project on 17 June 1988), and the Project Judaica Foundation. Whilst in Poland, Dr Webber gave three seminars at the Jagiellonian University concerning the structure of the research, two lectures on "Judaism as an Ethnic, Cultural and Religious Category", one seminar on contemporary Jewish society, a field demonstration on synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, and a formal lecture at the University's Jewish Research Centre entitled "The Contribution of Social Anthropology to Jewish Studies: The Significance of Food Habits".

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Dear Hyman:

On behalf of the Committee on Honors of the Faculty and Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, I am pleased to inform you of our desire to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, in recognition of your outstanding accomplishments in your distinguished career of service to American and world Jewry, human rights and the labor movement, both inside and outside government service.

This degree is to be presented at our Founders' Day exercises at the New York campus of the College-Institute on March 22, 1989. I hope that you will agree to accept the degree and that you will honor us by being the Founders' Day speaker on that occasion.

I look forward to your affirmative reply, after which further information will be sent to you as the date approaches.

We will be proud to count you among the most distinguished honorary alumni of our institution.

Sincerely,

Alfred Gottschalk

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You are very generous, Marc, not only in the way of financial assistance, but for the time you are devoting to IRC and the refugee cause. Your participation in Executive Committee meetings is a source of strength to us all in every area of the IRC mission.

Many thanks and best wishes for the coming year.

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Thank you again, Marc, and all best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Kalikow,

It was a pleasure meeting you last Thursday at the Israel Bond luncheon honoring Eugene Kohn.

We talked briefly about the fact that I had written a number of OP-ED pieces or articles for the New York Post in recent years. I am enclosing copies of several of those pieces.

I would be glad to contribute some articles in the near future, if you and your editors would be interested.

In any case, I hope we will have further opportunities to get to know each other better.

With warm good wishes, I am,

Sincerely

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With warm good wishes to you and your family, I am,

Cordially yours,

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I wish you, Mrs. Bush, your lovely family, and Administration, God's richest blessings for the coming years of your Presidency.

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum IJCIC Synagogue Council of America 327 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10016

Dear Marc:

Just a note to supplement the remarks I made at the recent IJCIC meeting. I regret that you found it necessary to retire from the chairmanship of IJCIC. Personally, and I am certain that I speak for all the members of the RCA who are involved with IJCIC, when I say that your tenure as the chairman was one of the highlights of our relationship with IJCIC. You never allowed your personal opinions to interfere with the conduct of the organization and your sensitivity to the feelings and opinions of all the various organizations and their points of view represented in IJCIC are exemplary.

You brought to the position excitement, dignity, compassion, friendship and forceful leadership. It was, indeed, a pleasure working with you and I hope that we will have other occasions to work together.

With best wishes for hatzlacha and kipuach nefesh in your semi retirement and with warm regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially,

Rabbi Binyamin Walfish Executive Vice President

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CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH EPISCOPATE'S COMMISSION For dialogue with Judaism 87-800 Włocławek January 25, 1989 ul. Gdańska 2/4 tel. 243-56 Poland

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Director International Relations The American Jewish Commitee Institute of Human Relations 165 East 56 Street New York, N.Y. 10022-2746

My dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I am very much honoured in having the opportunity, thanks to the congress in Vienna, to come to know you, a truely leading and highly esteemed personality, both in the Jewish and in the Christian world. I have already expressed these feelings in our personal conversation in Vienna, now I would like to acknowledge it also in writing.

First of all I want to thank you very much for your letter which has touched me deeply. It reflects so well your profound commitment and your warm care for the cause of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue.

As for the subject of your letter: In the last weeks the whole of my time and of my efforts is devoted to this one cause. Trying to do all my possible I have been a few days ago in Kraków and after that in Warszawa, always in touch with Cardinal Macharski. The much expected Cardinal Macharski's communique concerning the Auschwitz center is published yesterday. There are unfortunately new aggravating complications which arose lately in a quite unforseen way. The pressure exacted by some Jews and their a little too one-sided view of the problem have brought about, as one could well expect, a sharp reaction of some Polish poeple. In this situation I am the more grateful for your letter, so full of goodwill, understanding and sollicitude for the future shape of the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

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Please, believe me, Cardinal Macharski and myself, we are both doing everything possible to avoid the worst. Cardinal Macharski would like truly very much "to place a spade in the ground of the proposed new center", but he cannot do it at this moment, because the ground is not yet his property.

As I guess, ine the Macharski's communique there are some things which could be questioned from the Jewish point of view, but in the present conditions it was really all what it was possible to do. I, personally, believe the turning point has been reached. I am trying to understand also the Jewish sometimes violent reaction because of the long silence from our side. In two days I am going to Paris to explain our true intentions and the new difficulties in realizing the Auschwitz project which arose lately. I do hope to find, also outside Poland, some deeply involved friends for the idea of the new Auschwitz center which, as you know, has received the full support from the Pope. It seems to me that this project directed so much to the future merits indeed our common commitment and effectiveurs.

I am confident we have avoided the worst and shall continue from now on efforts for better mutual understanding and dialogue in which I highly appreciate your personal commitment, your sincerity and devotion.

With kindest regards

sincerly yours

Bishop Henryk Muszyński

P.S. I just received the text of Fac above unentioned statement of larainal encellants in French language. I enclose this text Le Métropolite de Cracovie, Franciszek Cardinal Macharski fait savoir, que le projet de construction du Centre d'Information, d'Education, de Rencontre et de Prière est entré dans la phase finale de sa mise en oeuvre. Le projet concerne aussi bien la localisation du Centre, en face du Vieux Théâtre, que la destination et la forme architecturale des bâtiments qui en feront partie. La réalisation du projet commencera dès la fin des formalités en cours.

En communion avec les Soeurs Carmélites d'Auschwitz,

le Métropolite de Cracovie déclare, que les Soeurs restent

fidèles à leur vocation qu'Elles vivront dans leur nouveau

couvent, dès que celui-ci sera construit sur un terrain séparé

à l'intérieur du Centre avec lequel Elles resteront unies spi
rituellement. Cet acte s'accomplit dans la charité et la géné
rosité, pour le bien de la tolérance et du respect. Le bâtiment

du Vieux Théâtre concourra aussi aux finalités pour lesquelles

le Centre est fondé.

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING FOLLOWING LETTER TO EDITOR TO JERUSALEM POST. MANY THANKS.

Dear Editor,

Abbie Nathan deserves every credit for his compassionate response to the tragedy of the Soviet Armenian victims of the earthquake. In the January 18th article by Robert Rosenberg reporting on Abbie's extraordinary humanitarian relief efforts, he is quoted as saying, "We have \$15,000 committed from American Jewry."

Simply for the sake of the record - as well as out of responsibility to our generous contributors - it should be noted that that contribution toward payment of the ship's hire was made through the American Jewish World Service, which works in development aid in third world countries.

It should be added that on December 28, 1988, Lawrence Phillips, chairman of the AJWS board, tramsmitted a check for \$4,\$50,000 to Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., Yuri Dubinian, and to the Ameri Armenian Patriarch in the U.S., Archbishop Torkom Manoogian in the amount of \$30,000 for Armenian relief.

The Soviet Ambassador's response, as well as that of the archbishop, was one of deep appreciation for "the compassion and understanding" of the American Jewish World Service as well as the State of Israel. Sincerely,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum International Consultant, American Jewish Committee AJWS Board Member Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am writing to you in reference to your article "Rap Music Degeneracy is a Public Enemy", which appeared in The Jewish Week January 19,1990.

First, allow me to introduce myself. My name is David Adler; I am a 22-year-old music student at the New School for Social Resaearch. I have been studying music for eight years and consider myself a rather keen observer of trends in popular music. I belong to the Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, where Rabbi Jack Stern Jr. leads the congregation.

I am an avid fan of a great deal of rap music. I even own a copy of Public Enemy's "It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back". While some of the concepts on the album repel me, I feel I cannot ignore the more legitimate, meaningful elements it contains. In "Black Steel in the Hour of Chaos", Chuck D questions the morality of a government sending black citizens to "die for their country" in the Armed Forces, while these citizens couldn't sit at the front of a bus in Alabama. Things such as this have affected my outlook deeply.

I am always the first person to denounce Public Enemy's recent efforts. They are misguided and evil-spirited, and their refutations of our complaints are pathetically confused and contradictory. I hate them and I speak out against them.

However, I don't feel that this incident gives anyone the right to declare that rap, all rap, is "moral sickness". This is not true, sir. Rap artist Chris Parker constantly expounds to his fans the importance of education, of learning black heritage, and of affecting changes in society by becoming active members of it. He even had an editorial printed in the New York Times outlining his ideas for sweeping reforms in education for inner-city youth. Another, Young MC, often talks about his college career and the positive effects it is having on him. Ice-T often raps about his disapproval of gang warfare and narcotics dealing and abuse. This is all taking place in a time when popular music is growing more conservative by the week. Rap music is really the most creative and socially conscious music around today, and to speak out against the entire genre as you have done is a terrible mistake.

Allow me to make another point. The paragraph that directly follows the lyric quotation disturbed me very deeply. In these sentences, I feel that you are sinking to the level of those you are condemning. You say, "Rap provides the musical backdrop for a culture exploding with crack and ice, crime and corruption, indifference to human suffering and sheer killing for kicks". I feel that you are

lumping all of society's ills on this culture. They surely don't deserve the blame for the majority of America's corruption or indifference to human suffering; Ronald Reagan does. White America has plenty of ills; it is exploding with greed and an anti-drug media blitz aimed at mainstream kids while hardcore heroin addicts are refused treatment. As far as killing for kicks, I have'nt heard any politician discouraging young people from enjoying Faces of Death parts I,II,III ontheir rich white parents' VCRs, watching people and animals being hacked to bits, for total kicks. Rap is an answer to the problems of black urban culture, not a backdrop for it. What is white America's response to our problems? "Don't Worry, Be Happy". This is the moral sickness that we must repulse if we want to change this country. When one scapegoats entire cultures whose problems are a symptom of much deeper problems, I find it very distasteful.

Public Enemy is indeed our enemy. Rap culture is not. As Jews concerned with a more peaceful coexistence with all peoples, it is our duty to rationally denounce the Public Enemy outrage while embracing the creative side of rap culture. This will show the people that we are in fact not "responsible for the world's wickedness", but that in fact we are friends of our fellow man. A letter like yours would make an instant Jew-hater out of any black rap enthusiast. That is not our purpose, Rabbi Tanenbaum.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Adler

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

January 30, 1989

Mr. Marc H. Tanenbaum 45 East 89th Street, Apt. 18F New York, New York 10128

Dear Marc:

Thank you for the note. You and Georgette mean so much to Donna and me.

It is difficult to leave this job. However, I am looking forward to the future.

It is wonderful to know that whatever the future brings, I can count on your friendship.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI United States Attorney



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF LAW 120 BROADWAY NEW YORK, N. Y. 10271

ROBERT ABRAMS
ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 1, 1989

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director of International Relations
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
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Dear Marc:

I greatly appreciate your kind remarks about the performance of the Department of Law during the investigation of the Tawana Brawley incident. It was very thoughtful of you to take the time to share them with me. I am enclosing the Grand Jury Report for your information.

I find it very gratifying that the efforts of this office are so well received.

Best regards.

Sincerely

ROBERT ABRAMS

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Soviet ship due at Ashdod to load Abie's aid to Armenia

By DANNY BEN-TAL

TEL AVIV - Following a series of false starts. Abic Nathan's plan to ry. Mike Schneider, executive direcsend a large shipment of food and clothing from the people of Israel to miliee, organized a \$20,000 victims of December's earthquake donation towards hiring a ship to disaster in Soviet Armenia is appar- take the goods to the USSR. Rabbi ently under way.

visiky is due in Ashdou next week, ranged for a further \$15.000 Tuesday to transport the supplies, donation.

Nathan said last night.

Nathan made an appeal for clothing and money donations during the most few weeks over his Voice of Peace radio station, and the respouse was overwhelming, he said. "We could easily have collected twice as many clothes, but were forced by logistics to limit the shipment to 40 tons of clothing and 40 tons of flour." Nathan told the Jerusalem Post vesterday.

In a repeat of similar operations organized by the Israeli philanthro-

pist in the past, tranportation costs are being shared by American Jewtor of the Joint Distribution Com-Mark Tennenhaum of the Boston-A Soviet freighter, the Vityo No- based World Jewish Service arNO.03

Nathan attributed the Russian authorities' initial refusal to allow a . direct shipment from Israel to the Soviet Union to "a misunderstanding." The original insistence that the goods be reloaded onto a Soviet vessel at a second Mediterranean port has since been dropped.

The shipment is expected to be taken to the Black Sea port of Poti, from where Soviet trucks will take the goods on for distribution in the stricken Caucasus area.

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The ship left last night for Limassol, Piracus and Islanbin, where further donations will be collected. It will then proceed to the Black Sea post of Poti, and free there the donations will delivered by Soviet trucks to the sinishen Carpasus area.

The clothes and children's toys have been packed into cardboard boxes, each intended for a complete family and containing the donors' names im Armenian, English and Hebrew.

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 - A. Getting to know current Israeli political leadership.
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- II. The Arab-Israeli Conflict:
 - A. The conflict in the context of strategic and political developments in the region.
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 - C. Meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders.
 - D. Witnessing Palestinian-Israeli cooperation.
 - E. Discussing the peace process.
- III. New Dimensions in U.S. Israel Relations & in American Jewish-Israeli Relations
 - A. Small group meetings with IAJIR alumni regarding issues of common concern.
 - B. Israeli and American women developing a common agendapanel discussion including AJC leaders, Amira Dottan, Limor Livneh, Marilyn Soffer. (Selma Hirsh alluded to this possibility in her letter to you.)
 - C.\ Concurrent workshops and small group meetings on some of the following:
 - Educational programs about the American Jewish Community - Nehemia Dagan, Yehushia Mathias.
 - Meeting with editors of Israeli papers to discuss giving more visibility to the American Jewish community in Israeli media.

- Cooperation in the field of economy meeting with leading industrialists - Israel Kaisar, etc.
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- Travel & Aliyah B'Shlavim programs (report on IAJIR research on the impact of one year study programs in Israeli universities).
- D. Sponsoring with the Israel Forum & IAJIR public meetings focusing on getting to know American Jews (Forum members interviewing a panel of AJC leaders). We can hold one in Tel Aviv and one in Jerusalem. Extending invitations to the Forum and IAJIR constituencies.
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Vatican City, Feb. 6, 1989

Rabbi Marc H. TANENBAUM IJCIC American Jewish Commitee 165 East 56 Street NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022, USA

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Thank you for having notified me of your decision of January 5, 1989; to retire from the IJCIC Chairmanship. I understand you will continue your activity in the interreligious field in a more quiet but no less efficacious form, through publications and study, in the same spirit of commitment and dialogue.

Please accept the expression of my deep gratitude and appreciation for the positive contribution you have made to the betterment of Christian-Jewish relations during so many years.

With sentiments of esteem and cordial wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours

Johannes Cardinal Willebrands



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Rabbi Henry D. Michelman Executive Vice-President

February 7, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 45 W. 89th Street New York, NY 10128

Dear Marc:

On behalf of the Synagogue Council--The American Secretariat of IJCIC, I wish to apologize for the removal of your name from

the IJCIC mailing list. It was an unilateral action--unauthorized and unknown to me or the chairman of IJCIC.

The attached materials will bring you up-to-date.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Henry D/ Michelman

cc: Rabbi A. James Rudin Rabbi Jack Bemporad

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I was very pleased to speak to you yesterday and hear you are hard at work.

I confirm this year's ICCJ colloquium will take place in Lille from $2-7\mathrm{th}$ July.

On Thursday 6th April at 4pm the Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg Beautiful Israel Rose Garden in Yavne will be inaugurated.

Sir John Templeton of the Templeton Foundation, Nassau, will be giving a talk at a reception following the launch of his new book, at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, London N3, on Tuesday 9th May at 5pm, followed by a private dinner at my home.

If you are able to come to these events you would be most welcome.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

SIR SIGNOND STERNBERG

P.S. On 17th May at 6pm Her Majesty The Queen is hosting a reception on behalf of the Council of Christians and Jews at St James's Palace. A formal invitation will be sent nearer the date.

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The next annual international colloquium and general meeting of the International Council of Christians and Jews will take place from Sunday, 2 July, to Thursday, 6 July 1989, at the Catholic University of Lille, France.

1989 is for France and many other countries the year to celebrate the bicentennial of the French Revolution which broke out on 14 July 1789. As this event has made a profound impact on the subsequent development of both Judaism and Christianity, the ICCJ decided to chose as theme for its 1989 colloquium in France:

GAINS AND LOSSES:

RELIGIOUS CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN THE WAKE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

The programme includes:

- simultaneous Plenary lectures with translation English, German), dealing with from/into French. theme from Catholic, Jewish and Protestant points of view;
- Workshops held in French, English or Germany concentrating on contemporary issues such as:

"Religion and secularity"

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"Religious indifference

"Religious extremism"

"Common ethical and social challenge to Jews and

"Human rights and human obligations"

"Individual and collective components of religious identity"

etc.

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- Joint Jewish/Christian Bible studies on passages from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament;
- Contributions from the points of view of women and of young people;
- The annual general meeting of the ICCJ (on 6 July).

A colloquium brochure containing the names of the main speakers, further details of the programme, practical information (including financial details) will be circulated at the beginning of February 1989.

Prior to the colloquium two additional ICCJ events will take place:

- A Young Leadership Conference of delegates, appointed by ICCJ member organisations, in the age group of 20 to 35 years, who will subsequently participate in the ICCJ colloquium. This conference will take place from 29 June to 2 July 1989 at a location near Lille, France;
- A Women's conference on the role of women in religion and religious communities, to be held from 30 June to 2 July 1989 in or near Lille, France. The participants in this conference will also attend the ICCJ colloquium.

More details about these events will be published in the above-mentioned colloquium brochure.

For further information please write to or call the ICCJ Secretariat, Martin Buber House, Werlestraße 2, 6148 Heppenheim, Federal Republic of Germany, Tel. (+49)6252-5041.

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SIR SIGMUND STERNBERG - CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Heppenheim, 28th February - 2nd March 1989

September 19 1988

Meeting with Herr Christian Wagner - Minister of Culture, Hessen, at Martin Buber House, together with the President, Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Vice-President - Rabbi Dr. Peter Levinson, Gen. Sec. - Dr. J. Schoneveld, Hon. Treasurer - Mr Anton Ruygers and Hon. Vice-President - Dr. Gerhart Riegner.

October 10

Attended Dinner hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace, for the launching of the 'One Million Pound Appeal' on behalf of the UK Council of Christians and Jews.

October 14

At my invitation, Shmuel Toledano - newly appointed Gen. Sec. of the Israel Interfaith Association, Jerusalem, came to London for one week, with a very full programme. He met the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, visited the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, London (which is the largest Jewish cultural centre in Europe, and where a great deal of interfaith work takes place), met representatives from the British Council of Churches and attended a RELIGIOUS PRESS GROUP meeting, when the guest speaker was Dr. Louis Blom-Cooper QC (the new Chairman of the UK Press Council). Mr Toledano also met a number of influential people interested in interfaith work.

October 14

I was pleased to arrange the visit to London of Father Bernard Dupuy, Paris, where he visited the Sternberg Centre, met its Director: Rabbi Tony Bayfield and attended the RELIGIOUS PRESS GROUP meeting, when he spoke about the forthcoming ICCJ Conference in Lille.

October 18

Chaired the 'Malcolm Hay of Seton ' memorial lecture (Malcolm Hay's widow has been a long-standing friend of the ICCJ and attended a colloquium in Jerusalem) given by Cardinal Johannes Willebrands. This lecture, entitled 'The Church Facing Modern Anti-Semitism' was attended by over 300 people from all walks of life and included many young people, and was held under the auspices of Aberdeen University and the Institute of Jewish Affairs. It was followed by a lively question time and a dinner discussion.

October

Met Sir John Templeton of the Templeton Foundation (this Foundation makes an annual award of £250,000, as well as a number of smaller prizes, for 'Progress in Religion'. Subsequently, I accepted appointment as one of the judges. The other English judges are: The Duchess of Abercorn, the Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Robert Leigh-Pemberton and the Duke of Norfolk. If you wish to make a nomination for these awards you should write to the Templeton Foundation, P.O. Box N7776, Nassau, Bahamas, for details.

November 9

The Council of Christians and Jews held a commemoration of Kristallnacht at Friends House, London. Addresses were given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Hume, the Chief Rabbi and Rev. Dr. Edward Carpenter. As I was in East Germany I was represented.

November 9- 10

Herr Erich Honecker invited me to East Berlin as 'an outstanding representative of Jewish life', to attend events commemorating Kristallnacht. He presented me with the Gold Star of International Friendship (the highest award made to foreigners by East Germany). Incidentally, Dr. Gerhart Riegner also received this award, as well as an honorary doctorate from Humboldt University. Earlier, I had accepted the Hon. Presidency of the Neue Berlin Synagogue-Centrum Foundation, and it was decided that a Jewish cultural centre including a library and museum are to be built on the site of the gutted Oranienburgerstrasse Synagogue. I also attended the commemoration service in Frankfurt Synagogue. At the reception following the Service, I met Chancellor Kohl who, in his address at the Synagogue had made reference to the ICCJ in Heppenheim. He told me that in principle he would like to visit Martin Buber House this year. Also at the reception I spoke to Dr. Richard von Weizsacker.

November 13

I was elected by the Board of Deputies of British Jews as delegate (for the next 3 years) to attend meetings of the European Jewish Congress. The EJC is affiliated to the World Jewish Congress and its members include most European countries. I subsequently attended their November meeting in London.

November 15

During his visit to Keston College, I met Konstantin Kharchev - Chairman of the Soviet State Council of Religious Affairs and discussed the possibility of setting up a Christian/Jewish dialogue group in the Soviet Union. He thought this suggestion well worth exploring - I am in touch with Lord Coggan and the matter is being followed up.

NB I am on the board of management of Keston College, which is an educational charity specialising in the study of religious communities in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits is patron.

November

Met the newly elected Archbishop Gregorious of Thyateira and Gt. Britain, who has become one of the six joint presidents of the Council of Christians and Jews.

November 22

Attended Plenary Meeting of the INTER FAITH NETWORK (the NETWORK links over 60 organisations with a concern for inter-faith relations and works to promote mutual respect and understanding between the different faith communities - providing a central source for information in this field). I am a founder member. There are preliminary plans to establish a NETWORK in West Germany.

Whilst attending Conference: 'Jews and Christians in a Pluralistic World', in Vienna, arranged under the auspices of the Institut fur die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Lord Coggan launched the ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION (research director: Mrs Ruth Weyl). This Foundation has been set us to monitor at ground level the impact of developments in Jewish/Christian relations and was initiated by Lord Weidenfeld (publisher). I am a founding trustee. Whilst in Vienna I met Professor Ulrich Trinks, who was also a delegate and members of the Austrian Jewish Community.

December 5

I gave a talk at the Polish Cultural Institute, London on 'Changes in Christian/Jewish Dialogue in the last 50 years'. Afterwards had a fruitful discussion with Dr. Zbigniew Gertych, the Polish Ambassador.

December 12

Co-hosted with Dr. Elisabeth Maxwell the launching of the book "Six Days of Destruction" by Rabbi Albert Friedlander and Elie Wiesel.

December

Visited the Templeton Theological Seminary in Nassau, Bahamas. The Seminary's syllabus is now being expanded to include courses dealing with Christian/Jewish/Muslim relations and Holocaust studies. I was appointed advisor to the Seminary. Subsequent to my visit, Rev. Wilbert Forker, President of the Theological Seminary, came to London and visited the Sternberg Centre for Judaism.

January 9 - 25 1989

At my invitation, Elisabeth Loweth, Exec. Director of the Canadian CCJ, came to the UK for a very comprehensive round of meetings and visits in London and Scotland.

January 21 - 27

I was invited to the World Conference on Religion and Peace, Melbourne, by Dr. John Taylor, Secretary General, but as it was impossible for me to go I asked Dr. Michael Shire - Deputy Director of the Centre for Jewish Education at the Sternberg Centre to attend. He has made a report on the Conference. Hopefully, he will attend the Lille Colloquium.

February 6

At the suggestion of the French Embassy, I had a meeting with Mme Anne Lewis-

Loubignac (Cultural Attache) together with Mrs Ruth Weyl, in connection with the Lille Conference. Mrs Weyl will be submitting her report.

February 6

Attended the London Launch of the Centre for the Study of Judaism and Jewish/Christian Relations - Director: Rabbi Dr. Norman Solomon. I have been on the planning committee since 1982. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided.

In the second of the series of conferences entitled 'Parting of the Ways', arranged by the Centre during the summer I was privileged to be guest of honour at the concluding dinner.

GENERAL

Dr. Kurt Löffler, East German State Secretary for Religious Affairs, following our meeting in East Berlin in November, has accepted my invitation to come to London (10th to 17th April). He will be meeting Mr William Waldegrave (Minister of State for Foreign Affairs) and many religious leaders. He will also visit the Sternberg Centre for Judaism which I hope will serve as a model for the Neue Berlin Synagogue - Centrum Judaica.

Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain has graciously agreed to present the 1988 ICCJ Sternberg Award to the Sisters of Zion in Madrid, at a date in spring shortly to be announced.

I have been honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth by being appointed to the 'Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem', as Associate Brother Officer.

Her Majesty is holding a reception for the CCJ at St. James's Palace, on 17th May, at 6 pm. If you should happen to be in London at that time and would like to be invited I shall be pleased to arrange for you to be my guest.

Recently, the CCJ has been deeply involved with two particular problems affecting Jewish/Christian relations. The first is the often raised issue of the Oxford English Dictionary definition of 'Jew', and the second is Christian missionary activity amongst Jews. I have taken part in broadcasts on the second issue, also on the subject of the removal of the Carmelite Convent from-Auschwitz as well as contributing articles to the religious press.

Whilst a number of the events enumerated were, on the face of it, held under the auspices of the UK Council of Christians and Jews, they must be seen as relevant to the work of the ICCJ. The personalities involved or attending reflect on the outreach of the ICCJ's ever broadening activities which assume an even more vital relevance in view of increasing revisionist attitudes and political developments in a number of countries of ICCJ member organisations.

There has been a delay in the formation of the Hungarian Council of Christians and Jews, due to the fact that Cardinal Paskai is not yet ready to participate, but hopefully this will be resolved.

For the benefit of the newly elected members of the Executive Committee and the recently formed Advisory Board, I would like to point out that the considerable expenses incurred by myself in connection with much of the foregoing activities, have been covered by my own Foundation and that the cost of the large amount of office work involved is covered by my own corporation. Once the ICCJ is put on a sound financial basis through the establishment of the Foundation, my successor will find it possible to recover these costs from the funds of the ICCJ.

In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to whom we can approach for funds, I would very much appreciate hearing from you. At the moment the burden of obtaining funds rests mainly with Rabbi Dr. Peter Levinson and myself.

May I also say to the members of the Advisory Board that comments on the report, thoughts on how you visualise the future role of the ICCJ, and constructive suggestions should be sent to Dr. Schoneveld and will be welcomed by the Executive Committee and myself.

Finally, I would like to add that during the period covered by this report I have kept in touch with Lord Coggan, Rabbi Dr. Peter Levinson, Dr. J. Schoneveld and Mrs Ruth Weyl and would like to thank them for their assistance.

Report circulated to the members of the Executive Committee, ICCJ member organisations, and the Advisory Board.



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February 15, 1990

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 45 East 89th Street - 18F New York, New York 10128

Dear Marc:

I am so sorry that I missed your address on January 11th in Baltimore! Some time before the date, when Charlie Obrecht was planning your visit, I had been contacted for information about you, which I was pleased to pass on. But they neglected to apprise me of the date of your visit, until the day before you were scheduled to speak, and my calendar was already marked with activities. However, I managed to re-arrange the evening, arriving at Chizuk Amuno late for the meeting, and was literally unable to find an unlocked door or a janitor to open one. I was very disappointed.

I am sure you were brilliant, as usual, and that your audience loved every word you shared! I'm just sorry I was not with them.

Warmest /regards,

Lois/Rosenfield

LR/mew



February 15, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum Dir., Intl. Rel., American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I write to let you know that the anti-hunger statement endorsed by you and 48 other national religious leaders was delivered to President Bush on February 6. I am hopeful it will have a positive influence as the new administration's policy directions are being set.

I also write with an additional request. Would you be willing to endorse another statement-this time to the Congress--calling for a plan to achieve full funding for the WIC program?

On March 2, as part of the next phase of our 1989 campaign, we will be offering testimony before a congressional hearing, making the case for a planned expansion of the WIC program toward the goal of full funding. If we can demonstrate the support of a wide spectrum of national religious leaders, our hand will be considerably strengthened.

A copy of the statement is enclosed. Since time is short, could I request that, if you are willing to have your name attached to the statement, you call Joel Underwood in our church relations department by noon on February 28?

It is with some reluctance that I come back so soon for a second endorsement. But, given what is at stake, I felt you wouldn't mind my asking.

With peage,

Arthur Simon President

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Theodore Ellenoff Squadron, Ellenoff, Plesent & Lehrer 551 Fifth Ave. NYC NY 10036

Dear Mr. Ellenoff,

I am writing you as a concerned citizen and involved Jew, not as a member of the NYS Steering Comm. of US English. It should be of interest what precipitated my joining US English. In Oct. '86 I attended a local Penn South Workmen's Circle lecture on Immigration given by an ILGWU lawyer. Of course he used the euphemism "undocumented workers" rather than illegal immigrants throughout. During the question period I asked what the union's position on California's Proposition 63 was; he answered that anything Senator Hayakawa proposed was "reactionary". Knee-jerk Leftism sometimes deserves a dialectic response and I joined US English forthwith!

Six months later while participating in firming up a debate (3 on 3) under the auspices of the Learning Alliance, I discovered that one of my opponents would be Marilyn Braveman of the AJC.I frankly was surprised to learn that the "C" stood for Committee not Congress.I telephoned Irving Levine who assured me that Ms. Braveman had his full confidence and represented the views of the AJC in her capacity of "educational specialist".

The debate came off in St. Xavier church in Chelsea, my "hometown" for 25 years. Knowing my turf well, I was not shocked that the Priest (in mufti) ordered us to stop distributing our literature on "his sidewalk". We continued of course. Subsequently, both teams taped the debate and having gone to Yeshiva College, I was taken aback by Ms. Braveman assertion that

"We of all people knowthat suppression of language is the first step in suppressing of every image (?) of a group. We have learned that throughout history. We know that our language has been suppressed and that our people have been dispersed. We are very frightened when we hear people object to use of a person's native language".

If she meant the USSR, fine; but in Greek-Syria, England, the Rhineland, Spain, the Ukraine and Europe in 1933-45 it was otherwise. The tape of her full presentation is available for your review. Subsequently, I heard Ms. Braveman at the Nov. '87 Conference on the Jewish Left organized by the same Learning Alliance.

All in all,I am not surprised that Ms. Braveman signed off on the demagogic, smearingArizona TV ads directed to our retired Jews in Sun City,Scottsdale,Phoenix and Tucson daring to compare US English to SS troops and concentration camps! This dirtiest of campaigns came within a whisker of winning. However, the larger picture disturbs me even more.Despite the number of Executive Directors that the AJC has had the past few years,hasn't anyone with broader views than Mr. Levine been

minding the store? Is building bridges to the increasing Hispanic population more important than risking our relationship to MiddleAmerica? What can the average common sense citizen think of Irving Levine's <u>strategic leadership</u> (pps. 6&7 of L.Auster's report) of a cause that can lead to language polarization and possibly even irredentism. Twenty years of grantsmanship on ethnicity has completely distorted Levine's judgement regarding our place in the USA, the major guarantor of Jewish well-being throughout the world. I suggest you peruse Peter Brimelow's article on Canadian bilingualism in the Nov.'87 Commentary and the letters in March'88.

Finally, let me make it clear that US English is not "English Only", an organization that exists only in Mr. Levine's imagination. If one compares the enclosed Arizona iniative of US English to last week's Suffolk County bill, one recognizes major differences in "menshlikeit". Indeed I would suggest that we in US English are the heirs of a tolerant 200 year tradition of English Plus while the organizations that the AJC are leading can be characterized as "English Maybe"!

I look forward to the AJC taking a fresh approach, entering into serious discussion with the leadership of an organization with a distinguished roster of citizens on their Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Elliot Eisenbach

P.S.I was an industrial chemist for thirty years and my children were leaders of Young Judaea.

cc:Rabbi Marc Tannembaum Henry Feingold Lifton, Robt Jay - Theo Back

SHOPH AS ITYTORICAL EVERTH & SIGNIFICATION FOR OUR POSSECTIVE FAITHS HISTORICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIMENSIONS OF ANTISEMITISM

IN RELATION TO THE SHOAH

Monday, Febr. 20, 1989, : Arrival

Tuesday, Febr. 21, 1989:

9.00: Introductions: 1. Card. WILLEBRANDS
(2. Rabbi TANNENBAUM)

9.15 Church and Synagogue in the Patristic Period (Sgherri

10.00 a.m. A Response (20')

10.30 a.m. 11.00 Break

11.00 a.m. 12.30 Discussion

12.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. Luncheon

2.00 p.m. 2.45 Christians and Jews in the Middle Age (Graus)

2.45 A Response (20')

3.05 3.30 p.m. Break

3.30 5.30 p.m. Discussion

6.00 p.m. Dinner

Social

Wednesday, Febr. 22, 1989

9.00 a.m. 9.45 Christians and Jews in the Modern Period (paper by catholic)

9.45 a.m. 10.30 Idem (by Jewish)

10.30 a.m. 11.00 Break

11.00 a.m. 12.30 Discussion

12.30 a.m.2.00 p.m. Luncheon

2.00 2.45 p.m. Impact of the Shoah on Catholic Religious Thought (By a catholic, Cazelles)

2.45 3.15 p.m. Break

3.15 5.30 p.m. Discussion

6.00 8.00 p.m. Dinner

8.30 9.15 p.m. Impact of Shoah on Jewish Religious Thought

9.15 10.00 p.m. Discussion

Thursday, Febr. 23, 1989

9.00 9.45 a.m. Historical aspects of the shoah (R. Hilberg or

S. Friedlander)

10.00 10.45 a.m. Idem (fr. Morley)

11.00 12.30 a.m. Discussion

12.30 2.00 p.m. Luncheon

2.00 4.00 p.m. Complementary reports by national experiences

(Jews and Christians)

4.00 4.30 p.m. Break

4.30 6.00 p.m. Discussion

Dinner

9.00 Drafting Committee

Friday, Febr. 24, 1989

8.30 10.30 Program for continuing study on "shoah-Antisemitism"

Adoption of a possible statement

10.30 11.00 a.m. Break

11.00 12.30 Exchange of information

Reports on implementation of the 5 points

of the common programm established in Rome on 1985

12.30 Luncheon - Departures

HE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date February 20, 1989

to Ira Silverman

from George E. Gruen Holy

subject Polling in Israel's Arab Community

While I was in Israel, I met with Dr. Elihu Katz to follow up on the progress in his proposal to extend his Continuing Survey of Israeli Public Opinion to include the Arab sector.

He has now met two of our initial concerns, namely that there be a reputable Arab co-sponsor and that a recognized Arab scholar be involved in the planning and conduct of the survey.

As you will see from the attached letter, Dr. Katz hopes to get nearly \$150,000 from a major foundation over a three year period. What he is asking from us is \$9,167 to pay for the initial preparations and pre-testing to make sure that the long-term poll will be scientific and reliable. Dr. Katz added that we do not have to give all the money at once, but can stretch it out over a period of time.

In exchange for our financial support, we will gain two basic benefits: 1. To propose 40 questions during the first year to be used in both the Jewish and Arab sectors, and 2. to have our name appear as a co-sponsor in all publications of the expanded survey for the entire three-year period, and possibly even longer.

A more general benefit is to be associated with a venture that reaches out to the Arab community and indicates to them that their views are taken seriously, not only on matters of war and peace but even on such questions as the desirability of seat belts. Our co-sponsorship of the survey would be a tangible expression of AJC's commitment to pluralism and democracy in Israel.

The only down-side risks are that Katz may not get the foundation grant, although our co-sponsorship would certainly help him, and that some may question the reliability of the results.

I would recommend that we provide Dr. Katz with \$3,000 or \$4,500 now, with the rest later, subject to satisfactory progress reports. If we don't have the money in the regular budget this might be an appropriate project for one of our special funds.

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cc: Marc Tanenbaum (Ron Kronish David Singer

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February 9, 1989

Mr. George Gruen
The American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th Street
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Gruen:

As agreed at breakfast (for which I thank you), I am writing to confirm that we are now well on the way to meeting the conditions for launching the extension of our Continuing Survey to the Arab sector of Israel. We have (1) engaged Dr. Majid Al-Haj (Ph.D., Hebrew University) and Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Haifa, to proceed with the planning; and (2) secured the agreement, in principle, of Mr. Emil Habibi, editor in chief of Al-Ittihad for publication of results in Arabic. The next steps are (3) adapting the indicators and other areas of our Survey so that they work equally in the Arab community; devising a translation system; comparing several alternative methods of interviewing from the points of view of reliability and validity, considering alternative ways of presenting results, contacting groups and organizations that can contribute suggestions to the substantive fashioning of the Survey questionnaire. In addition, as I mentioned, we have high hopes of gaining support for a three-year period from a philanthropic foundation. We have asked for a sum of nearly \$50,000 per year.

In view of these developments, and your continued interest in this project, I am writing with the hope that we may have the help of the Committee in seeing us through the pre-test outlined above (3). We would be very grateful, indeed, if you would enable us to cover the costs of part-salary for Dr. Al-Haj and the expenses of experimenting with various methods of translation, field work, analysis, presentation of results, etc. I am appending a budget.

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In addition, as we agreed, the Institute would make available to the Committee an allowance of 40 questions for the first year of the expanded Survey. We anticipate beginning the Survey in the Fall, provided that we obtain the Foundation's grant, and undertaking 2-4 editions during the first year. We estimate the increased cost to subscribers of the expanded survey at NIS 400.- per question.

The name of the Committee will appear on all publications of the expanded Survey.

I shall be very pleased if we can undertake this important venture together. And, of course, we shall look to you for advice in any case.

Sincerely yours,

Elihu Katz Scientific Director

cc: Dr. Ron Kronish, Israel Director, American Jewish Committee.

BUDGET (in US \$)

Researcher: Dr. Majid Al Haj \$ 5,847.-

Pre-test: fieldwork - about 150 interviews 1,560.-

Data analysis and processing 880.-

Typing and reproduction - questionnaires and report 880.-

\$ 9,167.-

AMERICAN JEWISH

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Hawkish majority, but dovish trend

Elihu Katz

ALMOST FOUR of every five Israeli Jews oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state, as the prime minister correctly stated last Monday night in Beersheba. When asked: "Do you or don't you agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state?", 77 per cent of a representative national sample say they disagree (46 per cent "strongly") and 23 per cent agree (3 per cent "strongly"). This deep-seated opposition echoes the conviction of the 78 per cent who believe "that a Palestinian state on the West Bank would endanger the security of the State of Israel."

Based on a January sample of 1,192 adults, these data are from the 254th edition of The Continuing Survey of the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research.

What the prime minister did not say is that we are witnessing a slow dovish trend in replies to these questions over the past decade. In the aftermath of Camp David, when the two questions were first asked, the percentage opposing a Palestinian state and believing it a danger to Israel's security was 10 per cent

higher. Each year sees a very slight softening of attitudes, even while the large majority remains opposed.

Over and above security concerns, opposition to a Palestine State is also correlated with a reluctance to relinquish territory. Asked, "What concessions would you make on the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) in order to reach a peace settlement with the Arab States?", 65 per cent would be willing to concede at least "a small part" (including only 17% who would give up "all" or "most" of the territories). The more one is willing to make territorial concessions, the more likely one is to accept the idea of a Palestinian State. The slow dovish treand is again in evidence here; the 45 per cent who "would not give up anything" in March 1987, dropped to 35 per cent in January 1989.

Also correlated with acceptance or rejection of a Palestinian State is the willingness "to negotiate with representative of the PLO given the new conditions." Thirty percent would now support such negotiations (6% "strongly") and these tend to be the same persons who concur in the idea of a Palestinian State. Here, too, we note a dovish increase of some 10% compared with a decade ago.

On other occasions, we have prefaced this question with a preamble, asking respondents whether they would support negotiations "if the PLO recognizes Israel", or "if the PLO renounces terrorist activity." With the terror preamble, the proportion willing to enter negotiations with the PLO increased to 53% in March 1987 – before the Intifada –

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thus coinciding with the widelyquoted result reported by Dr. Mina Zemach, which mentions both conditions.

If and when the PLO makes such verbal concessions, however, it will have a lot of trouble being believed by the Israeli public, all the more so if Arafat is its spokesman. "Arafat has announced that he is really interested in peace with Israel," our interview asks, "Do you believe he really means it?" Only 11 per cent say that they believe Arafat; 89 per cent do not.

In spite of the relatively low proportion of dovish replies to these questions (ranging from 11-30 per cent as we have seen), a rather larger proportion believes that a Palestinian state will happen, nevertheless. Thirty-nine per cent say so, when asked "whether the result of Arafat's declaration and other developments will lead, in the final analysis, to the establishment of a Palestinian state. There is an unusual reversal here in that, a decade ago, a larger proportion, 48 per cent, believed in the inevitability of a Palestinian state.

These figures are apparently related to the perception of the role of the United States. During Camp David, and again at the signing of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty in 1979, a peak 60-70 per cent of Israeli Jews believed that "the United States is supporting the establishment of an independent Palestinian state." At present, 55 per cent believe that the United States favours a Palestinian state. But the consensus predominates here, as well. Asked whether Israel should acquiesce if the U.S. exerts pressure to withdraw to modified 1967 boundaries in the framework of a peace agreement, 73 per cent of Israelis say no, and this has been the case since 1978.

Political orientation is highly predictive of attitudes expressed on all of these matters. Those who say that they feel close to Labour and other

Table 1
"Do you think that a Palestinian state would jeopardize the security of the State of Iarael?"

		(After Camp David) Nov. 1978	June 1986	May 1987	June 1988	January 1989
Percent who say would jeopardize		· 87	84 16	81 19	80 20	79 21
Percent who say would not jeopardize Total %	•	100	100	100	100	100

Table 2°

Dovish Attitudes toward the Palestinian issue and the territories, by party orientation

"Feel close" to:	Left (Labour, Mapam, CRM)	Centre Shinui & Liberals)	Right Likud, Tehiya, etc.)	Religious
support negotiations with PLO agree to establishment of Palestinian state believe that Palestinian state would not jeopardize believe in Arafat's declaration think that Palestinian state will be established do not support continuation of settlement policy willing to give up some territory for peace.	54%	49%	13%	16%
	43%	43%	9%	8%
	37%	35%	10%	15%
	14%	12%	10%	8%
	52%	54%	31%	19%
	78%	60%	28%	28%
	75%	73%	27%	29%

"The table presents only the percentage of each group that are on the dovish side of each issue. For example, 54% of those oriented "left" support negotiations with the PLO, and 46% do not. Similarly, 49% of those oriented to the centre support negotiations with the PLO, and 51% do not, etc.

*Includes all who would relinquish "all," "most," and "some" territory. We exclude those who say "only a small part."

parties of the left, are far more dovish than those who choose parties right of centre, such as Likud, Tehiya, etc. (see Table 2).

Thus, 43 per cent of the left concur in the establishment of a Palestinian state, compared with 9 per cent on the right. Those identifying with the left are much readier to negotiate with the PLO (54 per cent of the left to 13 per cent of the right), to concede at least some territory for peace (75 per cent to 27

per cent), and to object to the continuation of present settlement policy (78 per cent to 28 per cent). Note in Table 2 that there is essentially no difference between left and centre, on the one hand, and right and religious, on the other.

ALTOGETHER, there is a strong hawkish majority on the matter of a Palestinian state, together with a very slow dovish thawing. The majority, as Table 2 shows, has two

components. It consists of no more than half of those who identify with the left and centre, and almost all of those who identify as right and religious. We prefer to call this a "majority" therefore, rather than a "consensus," since it so cogently reflects the difference between the two equal-sized ideological camps. In the one camp, the left, there is raging debate; in the other, there is, indeed, a high consensus.

Summarizing the table impressionistically, one can conclude that some 30 per cent of Israeli Jewg (half of the "left" and 10-20 per cent of the "right") are willing to grant the essential prerequisites for a Palestinian state: negotiations, substantial territorial concessions and recognition.

In surveys, if questions are worded to make evident that security and peace might be obtained in exchange for these concessions, the favourable proportion increases substantially, to 50 per cent or more. In real life, it takes political leadership to assure the credibility of such exchange. So far, only Sadat and Begin have succeeded in doing so.

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Survivors of Khmer killers want human rights treaties TEN years after the Khmer Rouge's brutal reign

in Kampuchea, some 1,000 survivors of its slave labour camps and torture chambers have urged adoption of human rights treaties as part of a settlement of the current conflict in their nation. The appeal is being made because we are aware ... that the international community may

go along with those who want to dump the Khmer Rouge back on to the Kampuchean

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Cambodian government.

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"There is no evidence that the Khmer Rouge will not again try to seize ... power through armed political struggle." Dith Pran said.

"Let the Khmer Rouge stay in the jungle and eat leaves. They will grow weaker," he said. "If they come to the villages and cities and cat froc and bread they will not grow stronger," The Kilting Fields, made in 1984.

David Hawk



The United States should not permit the Khmer Rouge to play a substantial role in the days ahead

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A Gambodian Settlement

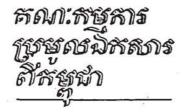
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I. INTRODUCTION

1989 was a year of considerable initiative, activity and productivity. It was also a year of extraordinary frustration, negation and setback. The Paris peace conference not only failed to achieve a settlement of the Cambodia conflict. In human rights terms, the policy and diplomacy at the Paris conference on Cambodia undid the progress that had been achieved previously at the United Nations, the US Congress, and at the regional peace negotiations based in Jakarta. Cambodia is now in a state of crisis as the Khmer Rouge wage a growing civil war. Greater effort is required to appeal to public opinion, government leaders and the international community to reject plans that envision and enable those responsible for genocide to return to power.

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The Cambodia Documentation Commission seeks to document the immense human, social and cultural destruction in Cambodia under Khmer Rouge rule; to analyze those events according to the norms and standards of international human rights; to seek the review and redress available under existing international human rights law and procedure; and to make recommendations to better enable the international community to prevent, retard and oppose future outbreaks of mass murder by government.

III. 1989 ACTIVITIES

1. Protesting the UN Resolutions on Cambodia

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide confers jurisdiction on the "competent organs of the UN" with respect to the prevention or suppression of genocide. The treatment of the Cambodia situation in the competent political organs (the General Assembly in New York and the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva) has been woefully inadequate.

The Documentation Commission sent a four-person delegation (Dr. Haing Ngor, Kassie Neou, Vanna Om Strinko and David Hawk) to the February-March 1989 UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva to testify to, and lobby governments at, the Commission on the inadequacy of the UN resolutions on the "Situation in Kampuchea." We made important headway at the Commission in February of 1989.*

In 1988 the Commission had also sent a delegation to the Commission on Human Rights to protest the failure of the UN resolutions on Cambodia to have ever condemned the Khmer Rouge human rights violations, and the failure to recognize that the Khmer Rouge were even part of the Cambodia problem. Numerous governments admitted that we were essentially right and that the UN approach to Cambodia needed redress. New Zealand withdrew its sponsorship of the ASEAN-drafted resolution on Cambodia because of the gross imbalance between the condemnation of the foreign occupation and its complete silence about the Khmer Rouge atrocities.

Later in 1988, the Documentation Commission organized and sent an individualized written appeal signed by 2,000 Cambodians to the head of government of UN member states asking that the General Assembly resolution on Cambodia be amended to include a provision prohibiting the return to positions of state power by those responsible for the massive violations of human rights including genocide. In November the General Assembly adopted a new provision on the non-return to the policies of the recent past.

^{*} Unfortunately, these steps toward progress at the Commission in February were completely undone in November at the General Assembly when the UN passed the worst ever Cambodia resolution. See Section IV. below.

At the February 1989 Human Rights Commission meeting we challenged the adequacy of this "non-return" provision because it was much too vague.* And, as it stands, the UN resolution enables the Khmer Rouge, including their top leadership, to return to power. The UN resolution simply posits that they should not resume some of their previous unspecified policies and practices. As in 1988, a number of governments supported our viewpoint of the continuing inadequacy of the UN resolution.

The Dutch government, as a co-sponsor of the Cambodia resolution, formally proposed to the other co-sponsors an amendment embodying our concern, and an number of countries supported the Dutch amendment. Unfortunately ASEAN, as the Cambodia resolutions principle sponsors, successfully rejected the Dutch amendment. Consequently, a number of states withheld their sponsorship to signal their disapproval of ASEAN's rejection of an adequate "non-return" clause.

We had succeeded in causing a debate, and encouraged a number of governments to reconsider their approach to Cambodia policy, to render objections to ASEAN's support for the Khmer Rouge, and to formally seek improvements in the UN Cambodia resolutions. (See the attached letter from the US Representative to the Human Rights Commission.**)

At the Human Rights Commission, we also sought to raise contemporary human rights human problems — especially (1) the large scale disappearances and attempted forced repatriation for military purposes of refugees from the Khmer Rouge controlled encampments for Cambodians in Thailand; (2) political imprisonment and prison conditions in the People's Republic of Kampuchea; and (3) the need to include respect for human rights among what the UN resolution terms the "essential components" of a just and durable solution to the Cambodian conflict.

2. Congressional Testimony: I

On March 1, CDC Director David Hawk, testified before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee on US policy toward Cambodia. The testimony argued against the drift in the Bush administration's Cambodia policy toward accommodating China's preference that the Khmer Rouge be returned to power.

^{*} At the General Assembly where this provision was adopted, there was debate and a difference of opinion as to whether this clause pertained to the Khmer Rouge or the successor Cambodian regime installed by the Vietnamese. Subsequently, in his 1989 report to the General Assembly, the UN Secretary General, made a determination that the reference was to the 1975-1979 period.

^{**} This letter was written before the new Bush-Baker policy came into effect.

3. The Cambodian Peace Process and Human Rights

In late 1988 and early 1989 the Cambodian negotiations in Paris and Jakarta had been going rather well. It was possible then to think positively about a negotiated solution, even if that resolution would be complicated, or, even messy, and without a full resolution of the Khmer Rouge problem.

Based on the explicit linkages of peace and human rights in the peace and negotiation processes for Central America, and the explicit linkages of cooperation, security and human rights in the 'Helsinki' peace process for East and Western Europe, the CDC sought the inclusion of human right promotion and protection measures in the peace process for Southeast Asia.

On April 17, the anniversary of the day the Khmer Rouge came to power, the Documentation Commission sent an appeal from 1,000 Cambodians to three of the four Cambodian political leaders (Prince Sihanouk, Son Sann and Hun Sen, though not Pol Pot) asking that measures to protect and promote the respect for human rights be included in any Cambodian settlement and peace agreement.

Specifically, the Cambodian petitioners requested that the peace conference agreement or final statement enumerate the international human rights declarations and conventions — to insure that there would be a clear and explicit reference as to what human rights were to be protected and observed in Cambodia.

And, secondly, we requested that the peace agreement should contain provisions enabling human rights training, education and monitoring — by Cambodian and international governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and agencies — as part of the "guarantees" package of the settlement.

Responses to the appeal from 1,000 Cambodians for human rights to be included in the Cambodian peace process were received from Prince Sihanouk, Son Sann and Hun Sen. (See III.7. below.)

This appeal was well covered in the Asian and American press, including the Today Show which interviewed Dith Pran and David Hawk. Newsweek Magazine published an interview with David Hawk on human rights and the Cambodian settlement.

4. Observing and Monitoring the Peace Talks

Associates of the Documentation Commission (Dr. Haing Ngor, Vanna Om Strinko and David Hawk) subsequently traveled to Paris to followup the appeal for including human rights factors in the Cambodian negotiations and to assess the fulfillment of international obligations and the adequacy of human rights considerations at the Cambodian leaders July "roundtable" and the 19 country Paris Peace Conference in August. From the point of view of achieving peace and promoting human rights, those negotiations were disastrous. A report on the diplomacy of default will be available early in 1990. (See Sections IV. and V.1. below.)

5. Human Rights Training, Education and Monitoring in the Context of a Settlement

A negotiated settlement in Cambodia, if and when one can actually be achieved, will not completely resolve the Khmer Rouge problem. Further, the other Cambodian political parties and authorities also have problematic human rights records. Of all the kinds of human rights education, training and monitoring that urgently need to be initiated in Cambodia, preferably in conjunction with a peace settlement, obviously, the most important is that which would be done in Cambodia by Cambodians.

Because Cambodia has been engulfed in civil war, genocide, and international conflict for the past twenty-year period during which human rights has emerged as a major international concern, there has never been human rights education or monitoring in Cambodia. Nor are there "old society", that is pre-1970, models for Cambodians to fall back upon or return too.

To prepare a proposal and models for human rights training, education and monitoring in Cambodia by Cambodians in the context of a settlement, the Commission developed a plan to send a delegation of Cambodians to study indigenous human rights projects and organizations in the Philippines, El Salvador and Nicaragua — developing countries characterized, like Cambodia, by social and political conflict, armed insurgency, human rights violations by both insurgent and governmental forces; but, unlike Cambodia, where sophisticated human rights projects have considerable experiences from which Cambodians can learn.

On the basis of comparative learning experiences in the Philippines and Central America, proposals will be developed and published in English and Khmer for stimulating further discussion among various Cambodian populations. Cambodia has unique problems. None—theless, the practices and experiences of indigenous human rights projects in other develop—ing countries will have obvious relevance.

In August, Kassie Neou and Vanna Om Strinko went to Manila for a week where they were very graciously received by Filipino groups who provided invaluable and in-depth introductions to a wide variety of human rights projects.

A larger delegation of Cambodians was to have gone to Central America at the end of 1989, but this had to be postponed because of the fighting in San Salvador. (See V.6 below.)

6. Return to the Killing Fields: A Human Rights Investigation and Appeal

In a personal response from the State of Cambodia Prime Minister, Hun Sen, to the letter from 1,000 Cambodians in the USA, Cambodian leaders of the Documentation Commission were invited to Phnom Penh to see for themselves "what are the rights and freedoms of the Cambodian people."

The Documentation Commission decided to accept this invitation and organize an eight-person human rights mission to Phnom Penh and the refugee encampments along the Thai-Cambodian border. Members of the delegation included Dith Pran, Dr. Haing Ngor, Kassie Neou, Vanna Om Strinko, Samnang Siv and three western human rights specialists Christophe Pescheou, Jim Ross and David Hawk.

The purpose of the investigation was to assess the prospects and provisions for preventing the return to power by the Khmer Rouge, achieving human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia, and enabling the safe and voluntary repatriation of displaced Cambodians in Thailand. Because this was Dith Pran's and Haing Ngor's first return to the killing fields they survived and later made know to the world, we hoped the occasion of their return to Cambodia would enable us to appeal to international opinion against allowing the killers to return to power.

Our delegation was accompanied by a photographer from the New York Times Sunday Magazine (for whom Pran would write a cover story); a writer and photographer from the Sunday Times of London Magazine section (who would also do a cover story on Pran and Ngor's return) and two camera crews from ABC News, who would do a long segment on the

^{*} Other Cambodian leaders of the Documentation Commission had also gone back to Cambodia during 1989: Venerable Maha Ghosananda and Am Chom (both of Providence RI) to meet with Buddhist monks in Phnom Penh; and Yang Sam (formerly from Philadelphia, PA, now at Cornell University) to study the reconstruction of the educational system in Cambodia.

news program "Prime Time Live" with Diane Sawyer and Sam Donaldson. Dith Pran, Haing Ngor, Kassie and Samnan Siv and conducted numerous other radio and TV interviews.*

Immediately upon our return from Phnom Penh, Dith Pran and David Hawk held a press conference in Bangkok focusing on the threat of civil war and the threats by the Khmer Rouge and KPNLF for forced repatriation of Cambodian refugees which was well covered in the Thai and American press. A full report containing the findings and recommendations of our investigation will be published early in 1990.

7. Congressional Testimony: II

Shortly after our return to the United States, Dith Pran, Haing Ngor and Kassie Neou testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They implored the United States to end its support for so-called "solutions" which envision the return to political, military and police power by the Khmer Rouge.

8. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Khmer

Following-up our discussions with Cambodians inside Cambodia and along the Thai border about human rights education and training, and in response to requests to us to develop human rights materials in the Khmer language, Kassie and Poly Neou translated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into vernacular Khmer, and typewritten copies were prepared for distribution.

Further, a Khmer language soundtrack was added onto an animated cartoon videotape version of the Universal Declaration that had been prepared originally for use during the concerts for human rights organized by Amnesty International in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration in 1988. Copies of the Khmer language animated videotape were sent to Cambodians and humanitarian relief organizations inside Cambodia and in the camps along the Thai border.

Additionally, Dr. Haing Ngor was able to speak at December 10, Human Rights Day observances in the refugee camps in Thailand.

^{*} On January 9, 1990 "Nightline" with Ted Kopple had a program on Cambodia which featured a very moving taped introductory segment with these Cambodians plus Arn Chorn.

9. Related Projects

The Director began 1989 by consulting on an Asia Watch report on Khmer Rouge violations that had been initiated during a November 1988 investigation to Thailand and Cambodia. The findings of that report, highlighting the forced disappearances population movements by the Khmer Rouge in Thailand, are often cited with regard to contemporary Khmer Rouge violations, and may have helped to focus attention in Thailand and internationally on the plight of the thousands of Cambodians who are held in Thailand against their wishes by the Khmer Rouge, and the need for more protection, accessibility and freedom of choice for the displaced Cambodians in Thailand.

In late December of 1989, Documentation Commission leader Kassie Neou was also sent to Thailand to do research into contemporary violations against Cambodians for Asia Watch.

Throughout the year, Dith Pran, Haing Ngor, Kassie Neou and David Hawk lectured widely about the Cambodia situation. A essay by David Hawk on "Extra-judicial Execution under Khmer Rouge Rule" was published by Princeton University Press in Karl Jackson (ed.), Cambodia 1975-1979: Rendezvous with Death. During 1989, Kassie Neou's work for refugees and human rights was honored by Refugees International and the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights. Dith Pran received awards from the Asian-American Association.

IV. THE PRESENT CRISIS IN CAMBODIA

At the beginning of 1989 there had been reason to hope that a peaceful and just resolution of the Cambodia conflict was possible. The external parties to the Cambodia dispute had significantly narrowed their differences. Progress had been made at the Paris and Jarkarta negotiations between the Cambodian political parties. Prince Sihanouk had come much closer to working out a deal with Hun Sen.

The United States Congress endorsed a very good resolution on US Cambodia policy, which President Reagan signed into law shortly before leaving office. The United Nations finally recognized, even if vaguely, that the Khmer Rouge were part of the Cambodia problem.

States parties to the Genocide Convention were unwilling to take the case of the Cambodian genocide to the International Court of Justice because of the intensity of opposition from China and Asean. However, the regional negotiations at Jakarta between Asean and Vietnam and Laos had explicitly linked the withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops from Cambodia with the "non-return of the genocidal regime." And leading diplomats from Asean and the Western powers had clearly indicated that when Vietnam demonstrated its commitment to

withdraw they would then turn their attention to preventing the return of the Khmer Rouge and the exclusion of the "unacceptable" Khmer Rouge leadership element.

Unfortunately however, this did not happen. Apparently, out of deference to the wishes of China and the hard-line elements in Asean to accommodate the Khmer Rouge, the Western democracies at the Paris peace conference supported a "quadripartite coalition government" solution that would have returned the Khmer Rouge to real and substantial political, military and police power without any provision whatsoever for the non-participation of Pol Pot and the other Khmer Rouge leaders responsible for genocide.

Having decided to accept the return of the Khmer Rouge, the reality of the Cambodian genocide became a diplomatic liability and inconvenience. At the Paris peace conference China, Singapore and Democratic Kampuchea vigorously denied that the genocide had occurred. The Western democracies sat by silently as the references to genocide carried over into the Paris conference from the Final Statement of the Jakarta Informal Meetings — "the non-return of the genocidal regime" — were deleted.

US State Department officials became extraordinarily reluctant to even admit for the record to subsequent Congressional Hearings that the Khmer Rouge had, in their opinion, committed genocide. Under Asean, Chinese and US leadership, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution that envisioned and enabled the return to power by the Khmer Rouge.

Even though Vietnam withdrew its military units from Cambodia (unfortunately without international supervision), by omission and commission, the non-communist political parties were prevailed upon to remain in alliance with the Khmer Rouge. Together they initiated a civil war against the defacto Cambodian government in Phnom Penh in order to force that government to agree to include Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge in an unworkable and grotesque "power-sharing" arrangement. Still the militarily strongest of the Cambodian armies, particular when in a combined alliance with the forces of Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann, the Khmer Rouge began to seize territory in western Cambodia.

Hopefully, the continuing Khmer Rouge advances and attacks will cause the international community to come quickly to its senses. The one positive sign at the end of 1989 was an Australian proposal to drop the unworkable and grotesque "quadripartite coalition government" arrangement in favor of a Namibia-type UN trusteeship idea.

Despite the setbacks of late 1989, there is no option but to work even harder to mobilize international public opinion to object to so-called "solutions" to the Cambodia conflict that envision or allow Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge to return to power.

V. PLANS FOR 1990

The diplomatic situation surrounding the resolution of the Cambodia conflict — and the issues of what will be done about the Khmer Rouge, and what measures will be taken to protect the lives and rights of the Cambodian — is very fluid and fast moving. Nonetheless, several principles will remain constant:

- there is an ongoing need to keep a clear focus on the real and concrete human rights problems facing Cambodians inside Cambodia and in the encampments along the Thai border;
- there is an ongoing need to seek the inclusion of human rights norms and enabling provisions in whatever negotiated settlement might come into place;
- there is an ongoing need to keep a clear focus on the need to isolate the Khmer Rouge and attempt to restrict their role to the absolute minimum, and exclude from power and bring to justice those responsible for genocide.

To accomplish these urgent goals, bearing in mind that the Paris Conference on Cambodia will almost certainly be reconvened during 1990, to the extent that resources permit, the following projects are planned.

- 1. Publish and distribute a report on the inadequacies and shortsightedness of the diplomacy of the democratic powers at the 1989 Cambodia peace conference.
- 2. Publish and distribute a report containing the findings and recommendations of our human rights mission to Thailand and Cambodia.
- 3. Publish and distribute several papers on the concrete acts of genocide committed in Cambodia under Khmer Rouge rule. Based on unpublished data in the files of the Documentation Commission, it is hoped that these studies will prevent, or help offset, the recurrence of the denials the genocide that characterized the 1989 Cambodia peace conference.
- 4. Send letters and petitions of appeal from Cambodian survivors to President Bush, and to the heads of government from other nations that have signed the Genocide Convention, asking for appropriate actions to hold accountable those responsible for the Cambodian genocide and prevent those responsible from returning to positions of power.

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- Follow up the appeal to President Bush with the US Congress to develop a strong Congressional consensus against ongoing US acceptance of China-preferred plans to return the Khmer Rouge to political, military and police power following the Vietnamese withdrawal.
- Appeal to UN member states for the inclusion of a provision in the UN Cambodia
 resolutions against the return to power by those responsible for the policies and
 practices of the past that are criminal violations of international law.
- 7. Complete the project for planing and proposing human rights training, education and monitoring in Cambodia by Cambodians by sending a delegation to Central America to investigate indigenous human rights education and monitoring projects there, and prepare a report and proposal for indigenous human rights projects in Cambodia.
- Organize or stimulate seminars with Cambodian leaders in Cambodia and the refugee camps to consider and review these proposals.
- Attend and monitor the Cambodian peace conferences and negotiations to lobby for the inclusion of human rights provisions and campaign against proposals or plans to return the Khmer Rouge to political, military and police power.
- 10. Prepare a report reflecting on the experiences gained in documenting and analyzing the extreme violations in Cambodia, and the experiences gained in seeking international response to the Cambodian genocide to see what, if any lessons, may be learned for dealing with future outbreaks of mass murder by government.



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Dole pl. Most. Door Heing:

I enjoyed speaking to you recently on the question of Cambodia. Let me assure you that your concerns about the possible return of the Pol Pot clique in Cambodia is shared by the United States government.

My delegation has been in contact with the ASEAN group of countries, and with other co-sponsors as well, in order to urge a stronger resolution in this regard. As you well know, the ASEAN countries are reluctant to "rock the boat". However, they are under quite a bit of pressure on this issue from other delegations. traditional western co-sponsors have withheld co-sponsorship pending adoption of tougher language regarding the non-return of the Pol Pot regime. I am not sure the ASEAN group will make the hoped for changes, however your work, as well as that of other members of your organization has been effective in sensitizing the Commission to the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. The articles you sent me have been circulated widely in the conference hall, and have hightened awareness of the problem. We hope all the hard work will bear fruit with the ASEAN group.

In closing, let me assure you that we will continue to raise this question at every opportunity. I have enclosed for you a copy of a statement given by David Everett on torture, in which we once again spoke of the need to prevent the return of Pol Pot. Rest assured of our continued support and efforts on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Armando Valladares

Ambassador

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date February 24, 1989

to Members of the National Legal Committee

from Sam Rabinove

subject Orantes-Hernandez v. Meese

685 F.Supp. 1488 (C.D. Cal.1988)

As you will recall, the National Legal Committee was polled recently as to whether or not AJC should join in a national religious organization brief amici in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, urging affirmance of the District Court ruling in the above-captioned Salvadoran political asylum class action. The responses are as follows:

YES 29 NO 2

Remarks:

YES

Our concern with the rights of people seeking asylum in the United States merits the support of efforts to assure due process of law to such applicants.

Jesse Margolin Long Island

This case seems to be directly on point with the AJC's Statement on Asylum Policy adopted in 1984. We should support our own statement by joining in an amicus brief.

Sue Gardner Buffalo

The extreme politicization of the immigration process during the Reagan administration was very regrettable, and the issues raised in this case are a direct product of it. The plaintiffs' position is consistent with our position on asylum and, if sustained, would undo much of the erosion of this country's immigration policy.

Jerry H. Biederman Chicago Our past history and our statement on asylum require that we join in filing an amicus brief urging affirmance.

Carol Nelkin Houston

We, of all peoples, should urge that the U.S. be true to its heritage of asylum. If only the U.S. had had this policy in 1933-45. As always, coalition building also makes it important to take this case.

William D. Siegel Long Island

Having viewed the treatment of Cubans in Atlanta, notwithstanding Judge Shoob's attempt to superimpose due process, or at least a semblance of justice on the shameful treatment of many of those imprisoned for years without a trial, it makes a vote for affirmance of this case relatively easy.

Miles J. Alexander Atlanta

As a matter of principle we should join. A.J.C. has an interest in political asylum. As Jews, our interest is selfishly great. However, we should only join in the brief prepared by others, as we could not undertake the work in this case, in my opinion. Finally, this issue, while important to us, is not a top priority, I believe, much as I lean toward supporting affirmance of the District Court.

Benjamin S. Loewenstein Philadelphia

My vote is based on the issues raised and decided in Judge Kenyon's opinion. I think those issues are well covered by AJC policy and are within the atmosphere of the policy statement which is, however, not as relevant as it looks to desirable revisions of immigration policy. I think the inclusion of the government's post trial brief is not helpful as it raises jurisdictional issues, and we have no way of knowing how plaintiff met those issues. Nonetheless, based on Judge Kenyon's opinion and our basic policy, we should join in the amicus brief. If the staff can provide a brief summary of plaintiff's argument on the jurisdictional points, I think we should have that.

John M. Kaufman MetroWest, NJ I am very supportive of AJC's consistently according high priority to asylum issues.

Nadine Strossen New York City

We should definitely join in this brief. I believe the issue is clear-cut.

William E. Rattner Chicago

I believe it is essential for a brief to be filed which articulates the policy determination of AJC expressed in the Statement on Asylum Policy in the U.S. dated 9/84 insofar as it is relevant. I do not believe we should expand the brief beyond those areas.

Steven L. Swig San Francisco

This case highlights the dilemma in U.S. asylum policy discussed in the AJC Statement; and the INS position is not wholly unsympathetic. The Court, however,m found systematic and extreme abuses of due process, which could result in the direct of consequences for the victims. Given the extent of the due process abuses and the reasonableness of the relief ordered by the district court, I would support joining a pro-affirmance amicus brief.

Bob Cohan Dallas

The District Court ruling is in line with the September 1984 "Statement on Asylum Policy in the U.S." of the National Affairs Commission of the American Jewish Committee.

Mordecai Rochlin New York City

AJC has a long-standing policy of supporting fair immigration laws and the proper administration of these laws. This case appears to be an appropriate means to advance that policy.

Harvey Schneider St. Louis

The issue as to whether or not persons from El Salvador are entitled to asylum involves all types of political and foreign policy issues. This creates a question in my mind as to whether

or not the American Jewish Committee should be involved.

However, if we limit our involvement to the issues of the fairness of the proceedings, I would be in favor of such involvement.

Solomon Fisher Philadelphia

AJC's fair asylum policy should be enforced by seeking affirmance. Absent Judge Kenyon's procedural safeguards, there simply isn't a chance of genuine political asylum hearings.

Stuart Jasper Orange County

I believe AJC should join in a national brief amicus urging affirmance of the District Court's impressive opinion in this case. The court's remedy makes sense when viewed in the context of its extensive findings of fact and Matthews v. Eldridge due process analysis. An amicus in this case would certainly be consistent with AJC's interest in maintaining a "fair" and humane U.S. refugee policy.

Judy Sykes Baltimore

I find it curious and chilling that a specific group of aliens, Salvadorans, are routinely singled out for disparate and discriminatory treatment not given other aliens. I am delighted that the judge was more intelligent and courageous than the entire Reagan administration and INS. I look forward to AJC's brief amicus.

Marianna E. Specter Pittsburgh

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Hard cases make bad law. The plaintiffs present a case which arouses our sympathy and invites our censure of the INS. On the other hand, entry into the U.S. is not a matter of right, and the

courts should be slow to get involved past the limits set by Congress. I would not join in this case.

Elliott Goldstein, Chair Atlanta

It seems to me that the only issue here is whether the court's findings are sustained by a massive record. Why should AJC become involved in a "weight of the evidence issue" which we cannot judge without reading the record?

Charles H. Tobias, Jr. Cincinnati

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National Conference on Soviet Jewry

DATE:

February 27, 1989

TO:

Executive Committee/Board of Governors Member Agencies, Federations/CRC's, Soviet Jewry Chairs, Interested Parties

FROM:

Mark B. Levin, Washington Director

Robin Saipe, Community Relations Coordinator

SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKE BY REFUSENIK WOMEN,

MARCH 8-10, 1989

ACTION ALERT

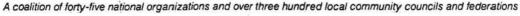
Attached is a statement of purpose from the refusenik women concerning their upcoming hunger strike, as well as an NCSJ memo sent to all Members of Congress.

We urge you to contact your members of the Senate and House of Representatives and encourage them to express their solidarity with the plight of the refuseniks by cabling Soviet officials and telephoning the women. Also, we hope your community will incorporate the women's hunger strike into all programming you have planned for the coming week. If you make contact with any of the women, we would appreciate learning of your conversation.

Please feel free to contact us for further information.

Thank you.

WD#3/029



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY 10 East 40th Street, Suite 907 New York, New York 10016

THE APPEAL OF THE WOMEN-REFUSENIKS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR HUNGER-STRIKE, MARCH 8-10, 1989

As in the past two years, women-refuseniks have declared a three-day hunger-strike starting March 8, International Women's Day.

There has been certain improvement in the problem of emigration throughout 1987 and 1988. However, there is still no legal mechanism for solving the problem. This this tragically affects the fate of people. Repeated promises by Soviet authorities to aline this problem with their international commitments remain empty words.

The Soviet authorities have now divided the problem of emigration into two spheres: one is for people, who apply to emigrate for the first time; the other, is the release of refuseniks. Thousands of people who first apply are allowed to go rather quickly, while refuseniks remain an object of endless political bargaining at international negotiations and harassment by bureaucrats at home.

Lawlessness and arbitrary rule reign towards refuseniks detained for reasons of "state security." In most cases, they have been held beyond all reasonable time limits, and their problem is not resolved. In many cases, refusal of permission for them to emigrate is confirmed, and their term of waiting is extended monstrously. More and more "security" refuseniks appear, receiving refusals as hitherto without any lawful grounds.

Another big group of refuseniks are the poor relatives.

Their situation is vivid testimony that the Soviet authorities refuse to comply with their own legislation. As a result, hundreds of people including many women and children, are denied defense under law, and are doomed to wage an endless overwhelming struggle against cruelty and inhuman treatment.

As a whole, the refusenik situation today expresses the old absence of legal foundation for solving the human rights problem in the Soviet Union.

Accordingly, we again appeal to the Soviet and foreign public to support our just fight for observance of the right to emigrate -- for those who have been waiting for years, and for those who hope to use the right but cannot do so because there are no reliable assurances.

The right to emigrate, including essential assurance that it will be observed, has just been confirmed by Vienna Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The Conference confirmed the right on January 19 and its decision was published in the Soviet press.

Will the Soviet Union once again refuse to honor its commitments? Will we again remain deceived victims of lawlessness and arbitrary rule?

WD#3/028



National Conference on Soviet Jewry

DATE:

February 27, 1989

TO:

Members of Congress

FROM:

Mark B. Levin, Washington Director Barbara Gaffin, Congressional Liaison

RE:

WOMEN REFUSENIKS' HUNGER STRIKE IN THE USSR,

MARCH 8-10, 1989

Jewish Women Against Refusal (JEWAR), a group of women refuseniks in the Soviet Union, will be conducting a hunger strike March 8-10 to protest the Soviet authorities' continued refusal to grant them permission to emigrate.

The fast, which has been organized by women activists in the Jewish emigration movement for the past several years, coincides with International Women's Day on March 8th.

Many members of the group have been waiting to be repatriated to Israel or reunited with family for more than a decade. Their children, several of whom were born in refusal, are now second generation refuseniks. Some have married, and a third generation is joining the refusenik ranks.

ACTION REQUESTED

1) The women have requested that letters and/or cables be sent to Soviet authorities from Members of Congress.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev

President

The Kremlin

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RSFSR, USSR

Rudolf Kuznetsov

Chief, OVIR

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Yuri Dubinin

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Embassy of the USSR

1125 16th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20036

2) Telephone calls expressing support can be made to any of the following women who will be leading the hunger strike. In addition, statements in the Congressional Record would also be helpful.

Moscow:

Inna Uspensky, tel. 434-83-57 (Call between 5:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. EST)
Evgenia Berenfeld, tel. 110-59-88
Ludmila Fridman, tel. 571-39-13
Tatyana Futoryanskaya, tel. 390-94-89
Olga Goldfarb, tel. 135-15-08
Elena Golovina-Lokshina, tel. 284-75-23
Polena Golub, tel. 943-22-00
Tamara Gurfink, tel. 455-46-00

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Moscow continued

Galina Livshitz, tel. 307-19-52
Judith Lurie, tel. 252-27-49
Natalya Magazanik, tel. 159-94-37
Rimma Mushinskaya, tel. 169-46-32
Mela Novik, tel. 232-52-42
Elena Rappaport, tel. 438-35-16
Marina Shulman, tel. 270-91-10
Irene Sterkina, tel. 117-30-52
Natalya Stonova, tel. 231-74-44
Irene Tyomkina, tel. 210-87-58
Alla Varshavskaya, tel. 233-24-63
Ludmila Yakhontova, tel. 379-80-34
Marina Gorelic-Salganic, tel. 249-39-03

Leningrad:

Sofia Wander, tel. 172-2656 (Call 5:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. EST)
Olga Kagan, tel. 531-2928 (Call March 9, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST)
Sheyla Alexandrovsky, tel. 553-71-00
Lidia Axelrod, tel. 514-71-21
Olga Gersheles-Dinkins, tel. 245-40-69
Olga Kelman, tel. 533-34-72
Olga Komsitskaya, tel. 535-52-44
Olga Osrivskaya, tel. 233-76-27
Irene Pisarevskaya, tel. 172-68-33
Tamara Pliss, tel. 559-10-29
Lilia Rabinovich, tel. 530-84-52
Marina Shmidt, tel. 314-71-65

Kiev:

Oxana Kotlyer, tel. 225-3789 (Call March 9, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST) Larisa Kitovskaya, tel. 293-8798 Lubov Rozenberg, tel. 268-46-53

Vilnius:

Karmela Raiz, tel. 757-108

Irkutsk:

Ala Stomatovta, tel. 3952-231-812 (March 9, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST)

Kharkov:

Irina Ichkina, tel. 215-811 (March 9, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST)

Dneprodzerzhinsk:

Anna Markova, tel. 05692-32834 (March 9, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST)

We would appreciate hearing from you if you are able to reach any of these women. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact us at 202 898-2500.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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February 28, 1989

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Director of International Affairs American Jewish Committee 165 East 56 Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of Greek Orthodox faithful in the Americas. On April 1, 1989, we will commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Spiritual leader of over two million Greek Orthodox, and dean of all religious leaders in the United States, His Eminence has worked diligently for over these three decades to bring greater vitality and unity to the Church, championing human and civil rights, initiating reforms and advancing the frontiers of Eastern Orthodoxy.

We would like to invite you as our honored guest to attend a commemorative luncheon to be held Sunday, April 2nd at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel beginning at 2:00 p.m. as we recall that day 30 years ago when His Eminence was enthroned as Archbishop in the Cathedral. Your participation in the 30th anniversary celebration, would, we believe, most properly reflect the ideals and purposes of our efforts and you may rest assured that His Eminence will be quite pleased to have you share in this most auspicious day.

Please respond to the Office of Father Alexander Karloutsos at (212) 570-3570 by March 15th.

Faithfully,

+SILAS

Metropolitan of New Jersey

DATE: February 28, 1989

TO: Participants, as listed on the attached sheet,

in the World Future Society, July 16-20-1989, Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C.

FROM: Earl Brewer, 991 Liawen Court, Atlanta, GA 30329

Telephone 404-636-9275

RE: Two sessions on The Future of Religions.

We have received approval from the World Future Society of the two sessions as attached. They will be included in the printed program.

We appreciate very much your willingness to participate in the sessions. Feel free to contact the Topic Presenter or others as the preparation gets underway.

We have not yet received the schedule (day and hour) for these sessions. As soon as it is available we will send it along together with some suggestions about the content of the sessions.

Having been in touch with you by phone several months ago, I am looking forward to seeing you in person at the meeting.

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SESSION 1

- THE FUTURE OF WORLD RELIGIONS IN SERVICE
 TO THE WORLD'S CHILDREN AT RISK
- Moderator: Earl D. C. Brewer, Chairperson, World Network of Religious Futurists, 991 Liawen Court, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Tel, 404-636-9275.
- Topic Presentation: Paul McCleary, Executive Director, Christian Children's Fund, P. O. Box 26511, Richmond, Virginia 23261. Tel. 804-644-4652.
- Christian Perspective: John Kareta-Smart, Retired Ambassador from Sierra Leone, 10412 Capehart Court, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879. Tel. 301-330-1133.
- Hindu Perspective: Prakash Sethi, Professor, Center for Management Studies, Baruch College, CUNY, 17 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Tel. 212-725-3156.
- Islamic Perspective: Sima Wali, Director of Refugee Women in Development, 20 F St., N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001. Tel. 202-628-9600.

SESSION 2

THE FUTURE OF WORLD RELIGIONS IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY IN AN AGE OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Moderator: Richard Kirby, Administrator of the World Network of Religious Futurists, 3 Victoria Terrace, Ealing Green, W5 5QS, London, England. Tel.: London 579-0059.
- Topic Presentation: Prof. Kenneth Bedell, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. Tel. 513-278-5817.
- Christian Perspective: John Karefa-Smart, Retired Ambassador from Sierra Leone, 10412 Capehart Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Tel. 301-330-1133.
- Hindu Perspective: K. L. Seshagiri Rao, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Tel. 804-924-3741.
- Jewish Perspective: Marc Tanenbaum, Director of International Relations, American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56th St., New York, NY 10022. Tel. 212-751-4000.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

February 28, 1989

Subject: Mission Statement

To: Larry Simon
Anne Roiphe
Marc Tanenbaum
Peter Rabinowitz
Herb Weiss
Henry Everett
Warren Eisenberg

Carrie Harris From: Larry Phillips

ARCHIVES

There has been distributed, the Mission Statement orignally prepared by Marc Tanenbaum and Anne Roiphe that was massaged by the attendees at the last Overseas meeting, which final draft will be presented to the board.

As the Statement is 1½ pages long, and as we need something about a paragraph long for stationery, mailings, brochures, etc., I have asked Anne Roiphe to prepare a condensed version of this statement and submit it to all those that had input previously and who will be attending the next board meeting.

This letter will serve as notice to include Anne Roiphe on the agenda, as we all feel that everybody should sign off on this summary Mission Statement due to the intensive input that took place previously.

Herb, should the full statement be included in the by-laws or elsewhere?

Larry

Rabbi Jack L. Moline

Agudas Achim Congregation 2908 Valley Drive Alexandria, Virginia 22302

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February 1989

Dear Colleague:

Matthew Simon is on vacation and so I write in his place in my capacity as co-chairman of the upcoming Rabbinical Assembly convention. Enclosed you will find a schedule of highlights currently planned for our meeting in Washington, March 26-30. With the exception of those speakers who are noted as "invited," all the names which appear on the schedule are confirmed. We have high hopes that the President of the United States and/or a high ranking cabinet officer will address our convention. As you can see, we have made every attempt to take advantage of the excitement of being in the nation's capital.

As is inevitable, there is slight confusion regarding the registration process. Please note that it is essential for you to register both with the hotel and the RA office. You may guarantee your hotel reservation by credit card or check, and you may settle your bill with the hotel upon checking out. However, all fees for registration and meals (including where applicable, childcare) must be paid in advance to the RA office. Everyone must register for either resident fees or communter fees. Those registering for commuter fees are not entitled to dinner at the hotel. All registrants will be provided with breakfast. Special meal requests should be directed to me and will be accommodated, wherever possible, at no additional expense.

The decision has been made to waive the \$25 registration fee for children under the age of 13. If you paid this fee, it will be rebated to you. Children will be provided with their own breakfasts but must pay for dinner if they expect to eat a full meal. Toddlers who will share their parents' dinner need not reserve a separate meal.

Also, please note that child care is available by pre-registration and pre-payment only and will be provided Monday through Wednesday mornings and Tuesday afternoon.

Washington, D.C. is an exciting city filled with opportunities to see our government in action and take advantage of museums and other cultural points of interest. All of the monuments and Smithsonian museums are free of charge and will provide wonderful afternoons for you and your families during your stay. Our metro system is one of the finest and safeest in the world and will take you everywhere from the National Zoo to the Capitol. The week of our convention is expected to be Cherry Blossom Week as well. The convention committee guarantees you a terrific time.

Should you have any questions about the convention, please don't hesitate to call me at either of the numbers above. I will do my very best to answer your specific questions and to accommodate your specific requests. I look forward to seeing you at the end of next month.

Bivrakha,

Attention: Military Reserve Chaplains

The Convention Committee would like to honor all chaplains serving in the Military Reserve units by inviting them to sit with their spouse on the dais at the 1989 Rabbinical Assembly Convention at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington D.C. on Tuesday March 28, 1989.

We are asking all full or part time chaplains to wear full dress uniforms for this dinner.

If you will be attending the convention on this evening, please contact Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg
4657 Hood Road
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33418
407-694-2350

I must hear from you so we can reserve your place.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Shalom,

Randall J. Konigsburg

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Chairman of Evening Programs Meeting Convention Committee

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THE JOINT PLACEMENT COMMISSION OF THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

March 1, 1989

Dear Colleague:

The following table explains the number of minimum years of Rabbinic Experience (seniority) required of a candidate for submission to congregations in the respective categories:

Category	Congregational Size	Minimum Years of Rabbinic Experience
Α	up to 250 or assistant rabbi	Newly Ordained
В	251 - 500	2
C .	501 - 750	5
D	over 750	10

NOTE: Q SIGNIFIES QUESTIONNAIRE IS AVAILABLE; NUMBER IS MEMBERSHIP. D SIGNIFIES DAY SCHOOL IN AREA. CODE FOR CONGREGATIONAL STAFF: H -HAZZAN; P - PRINCIPAL; E - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; S - SHAMASH.

The following new congregations have come to the attention of the Commission:

A-Asheville, NC (Beth Israel Synagogue)Q.126

Delray Beach, FL (Temple Anshe Shalom)

A-Edison, NJ (Congregation Beth El)Q.110,D

B-Far Rockaway, NY (Congregation Darchay Noam)Q.300,D,H

A-Fresno, CA (Congregation Beth Jacob)Q.100,P

Gothenburg, Sweden (The Jewish Community of Gothenburg)

Long Beach, CA (Temple Beth Shalom)

A-Port Jervis, NJ (Temple Beth El) 100

A-Tokyo, Japan (Jewish Community of Japan)

A-White Plains, NY (Beth Am Shalom)Q. 210,D,H,P

The following congregations are interested in meeting candidates:

D-Atlanta, GA (Congregation Shearith Israel, Q.759, D.P.E.

A-Benton Harbor, MI (Temple Bnai Shalom)Q.150

B-Brooklyn, NY (Temple Beth El) Q. 320, D,H,P

C-Buffalo (Tonawanda), NY (Temple Beth El)Q.580,D,H,E

A-Chambersburg, PA (Congregation Sons of Israel) Q.58,S

B-Charleston, SC (Syn. Emanu-El)Q.425, D, H, P, E, S

B-Chicago, IL (Shaare Tikvah)Q.350, D,H,P

B-Columbia, SC (Beth Shalom Synagogue)Q.300,P

A-Costa Mesa, CA (Temple Sharon)Q.136, D,P,S

C-Denver, CO (Congregation Beth Joseph)Q.543, D,H,E,S

A-Derby, CT (Beth Israel Synagogue Center)Q.210, D

B-Des Moines, IA (Tifereth Israel Synagogue)Q.375, D,H,P

A-Des Plaines, IL (Maine Township J C.) 200

A-East Meadow, NY (Suburban Park Jewish Center)Q.200, D,H,

A-Elmira, NY (Congregation Shomray Hadath)Q.224

A-Elmwood Park, NJ (Elmwood Park Jewish Center)Q.150

A-Erie, PA (Congregation Brith Sholom)Q.152,

A-Fayetteville, NC (Beth Israel)Q.202

A-Glens Falls, NY (Shaaray Tefila) Q.150, D,P

Haifa, Israel (Moriah Congregation) 200

A-Hewlett, NY (Congregation Beth Emeth)Q.122, D,P

A-Holiston, MA (Temple Beth Torah) Q.161, D.P.S

A-Indiana, PA (Beth Israel Congregation) Q.43

A-Island Park, NY (Island Park J. C.)Q. 170

D-Kansas City, MO (Congregation Beth Shalom) Q.1506, D,H,E,S

B-Knoxville, TN (Heska Amuna Synagogue)Q.300, D,P

A-Lake Hiawatha, NJ (Lake Hiawatha J.C.)Q.235, D,P

A-Linden, NJ (Temple Mekor Chayim)Q.200, D,S

A-Lorain, OH (Agudath Bnai Israel)Q.211, D

A-Lowell, MA (Temple Beth El)Q.228, D,H,P

B- Marblehead, MA (Temple Sinai))Q.275, D,H,

B-Memphis, TN (Beth Sholom Synagogue) O.399, D.H.P.

A-Milford, MA (Milford Hebrew Association) 70

B-Millburn, NJ (Congregation Bnai Israel)Q.450, D,H,P,E

D-Minneapolis, MN (Adath Jeshurun)Q.1180, D,H,P,E

A-Modesto, CA (Congregation Beth Shalom)Q.160, P

B-Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Congregaation Beth-El)Q.436, D,H,E

C-Montreal, Que. (Shaare Zion Cong.)Q.750,D,H,P,E,S

A-Newport Beach, CA (Temple Isaiah)Q.65, D,P,S

A-North Adams, MA (Congregation Beth Israel)Q.125, P

B-Norwalk, CT (Congregaaation Beth El)Q.410, D,H,P

B-Pasadena, CA (Pasadena J.T..Center)Q.470, D,H,P

A-Peekskill, NY (First Hebrew C)Q.200, D,P

A-Penn Valley /Narbeth, PA (Beth Am Israel)Q.175,D,H

A-Peoria, IL (Congregation Agudas Achim) 225

A-Phila., PA (Beth Tefilath Israel-Rodeph Zedek)Q.218, D,H

A-Phila., PA (Or Shalom Congregation)Q.115, D

B-Portland, ME (Temple Beth El)Q.495, D,H,E,S

Raanana, Israel (The Masorti Synagogue of Raanana) 170

A-Raleigh, NC (The Beth Meyer Synagogue)

B-Richardson, TX (Congregation Beth Torah)Q.270, D,P

B-Rockaway, NJ (White Meadow Temple)Q.425, D,H,P,E

C-San Antonio, TX (Agudas Achim)Q.620 D,H,P,E

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Congregation interested in meeting candidates: (Continued)

A-St Catharines, Ontario, Canada (Bnai Israel)Q,165

C-Scranton, PA (Temple Israel)Q.537, D,H,P,S

A-Simi Valley, CA (Ner Tamid Congregation)Q.150, D,P

A-Stroudsburg, PA (Temple Israel) Q.135, S

A-Sun City West, AZ (Beth Emeth Congregation)Q.157,D

D-Toronto, Ont., Canada (Adath Israel C)Q.1800,D,H,P,S

D-Toronto, Ont., Canada (Beth Sholom Syn.)Q.1650, D,H,P,E

B-Toronto, Ont., Canada (Beth Torah Congregation)Q.270,H

A-Tuckahoe, NY (Genesis Agudas Achim)Q.190, DH,P,

A-Tyler, TX (Congregation Ahavath Achim) 0.91

A-Venice, CA (Cong. Mishkon Tephilo)Q.160, D,S

A-Westbury, NY (Temple Sholom)Q. 265, D,H,P

B-Whitestone, NY (Whitestone Hebrew Cong.)Q.300, D,H,S

A-Wichita, KS (Ahavat Achim Hebrew Congregation)Q.140, P

A-Wildwood, NJ (Beth Judah) 125

C-Wilmington, DE (Congregation Beth Shalom)Q..700, D,H,P,E,

D-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (Rosh Pina Cong.)Q.925, D,H,P,E

Yonkers, NY (Midchester Jewish Center)

B-Youngstown, OH (Temple El Emeth)Q.391,D,H

As Of July, 1990

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