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THE CAMP INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM, a charitable trust organized under and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the "Seller"), in consider of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$185,000), paid by CAVENDISH GALLERIES, LTD., of Mamaroneck, New York (the "Buyer"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, sell, transfer and deliver to the said Buyer the personal property listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Personal Property") located at the Joseph Eisner Camp Institute for Living Judaism, Brookside Road, Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the "Cap").

The Seller hereby covenants with the Buyer that the Seller is the lawful owner of the Personal Property, that the Personal Property is free and clear from all encumbrances, that the Seller has good title and right to sell the Personal Property as aforesaid and that the Seller will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

As to the Removal of any item(s) of Personal Property which the Buyer shall not complete by the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date (both defined in an Agreement between the Seller and the Buyer dated July 23, 1991), as the case may be (such Personal Property being hereinafter referred to as "Abandoned Personal Property"), (a) Buyer shall be deemed to have abandoned title of the Abandoned Personal Property to the Seller and said title shall, ipso facto, be deemed forfeited and shall revert to the Seller free and clear of any and all claims of the Buyer, (b) the Seller may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, complete all or any remaining part of the Removal of the Abandoned Personal Property and dispose of it as it shall deem necessary or desirable, in which case the Buyer shall reimburse the Seller for the Buyer's cost of completing the Removal, (c) the Seller shall be held harmless by the Buyer from any claim for any loss, damage or destruction to the Abandoned Personal Property and there shall not be any setoff by the Buyer from the Purchase Price or claims for a refund of any part of the Purchase Price or otherwise against the Seller if there shall be any Abandoned Personal Property, and (d) the Seller shall not be obligated to account to the Buyer for the destruction, loss or proceeds, if any, received by the Seller from any third party or parties for the Abandoned Personal Property. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit any claim or causes of action by the Seller against the Buyer of any nature at law or in equity, arising from the Buyer's failure to complete the Removal by the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date, as the case may be, which right the Seller specifically reserves. Any Abandoned Personal Property shall be eliminated from the Bill of Sale by the Seller prior to its delivery to the Buyer after the Completion Date or Extended Completion date, if any.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the undersigned Trustee of the Seller this 23rd day of July, 1991.

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By Schindler, Rabb exander м. Trustee



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Charles Rosenberg, Esq. 450 Seventh Avenue-Suite 2710 New York, NY 10123

RE: Sale of statuary and other objects d'art by The Camp Institute for Living Judaism (Camp Eisner) to Cavendish Galleries, Ltd.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

This will acknowledge receipt of the contracts signed by your clients and their check for \$185,000 made payable to The Camp Institute for Living Judaism. That check has been deposited into my client's bank account. I enclose herewith a fully executed original counterpart of the Agreement signed by the parties and a photocopy of the signed Bill of Sale, the original of which I will hold in escrow in my file in accordance with the Agreement.

As we discussed, I corrected Section 4 by referring to Section 2 rather than Section 3. I also corrected the spelling of "AUERS" in Section 2. In addition, I have corrected two errors in the list of Personal Property attached to the Agreement and the Bill of Sale: item 2 now reads "tern" and in item 7 the "well head" is now correctly described as being located behind the Manor House rather than at the Dock. If these changes create any problem, please let me know.

This also acknowledges receipt of the telefaxed certificates of insurance from your clients' insurance agent and the State Insurance Fund. I assume I will receive the original within the next few days. Charles Rosenberg, Esq. July 26, 1991 Page 2

Needless to say, both parties are looking forward to the removal operations proceeding smoothly after August 27th. As soon as I am notified that all of the Personal Property has been removed from the Camp by your clients, I will forward the original Bill of Sale to you. My client has engaged the services of an engineer and is proceeding diligently with the town's Conservation Commission relating to the Orders of Condition needed for the removal of the dock and appurtenant structures and we will advise you in the future of our progress.

Very truly yours,

Gerald A. Denmark

GAD/jlg cc: Mr. John Stern Mr. David Friedman Sol Friend, Esq. Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Jerome H. Somers, Esq. Mr. David Sampliner AGREEMENT dated July 23, 1991 between THE CAMP INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM, a charitable trust organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the "Seller") and CAVENDISH GALLERIES, LTD., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, of Mamaroneck, New York (the "Buyer").

The Seller owns certain items of personal property listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Personal Property") located at the Joseph Eisner Camp Institute for Living Judaism, Brookside Road, Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the "Camp").

The Buyer desires to purchase, and the Seller desires to sell, the Personal Property on the terms set forth herein.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Sale of Personal Property.

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1.1 <u>Transfer of Personal Property</u>. Upon completion of the Removal (defined hereinafter) of the Personal Property in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Seller shall deliver a Bill of Sale, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, transferring to the Buyer clear title to the Personal Property free of liens and encumbrances. The Bill of Sale shall be executed herewith and held in escrow by the Seller's attorney, Gerald A. Denmark, Esq., of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and released to the Buyer upon written confirmation from the Seller that the Removal has been completed by the Buyer on or before the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date (both hereinafter defined), as the case may be.

1.2 <u>Purchase Price</u>. As full consideration for the sale of the Personal Property the Buyer shall herewith pay to the Seller the sum of \$185,000 (the "Purchase Price") by cashier's or certified check or "same day" Federal Funds, which shall immediately become the property of the Seller.

Risk of Loss; Removal of Personal Property. The Buyer 2. shall arrange and bear the sole risk and cost of removing, crating and transporting (the "Removal") each item of Personal Property from its present location at the Camp, utilizing only contractors and personnel (the "Contractors") approved by the Seller, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld (in this regard, AYERS STORAGE AND MOVING, of New York, New York is approved by the Seller). The Buyer shall not enter the Camp with equipment nor commence any operations for the Removal prior to August 27, 1991. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Agreement, the Removal shall be completed on or before October 1, 1991 (the "Completion Date"). As to the Removal of any item(s) of Personal Property which the Buyer shall not complete by the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date, as the case may be (such Personal Property being hereinafter referred to as "Abandoned Personal Property"), (a) Buyer shall be deemed to have abandoned title of the Abandoned Personal Property to the Seller and said title shall, ipso facto, be deemed forfeited and shall revert to the Seller free and clear of any and all claims of the Buyer, (b) the Seller may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, complete all or any remaining

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part of the Removal of the Abandoned Personal Property and dispose of it as it shall deem necessary or desirable, in which case the Buyer shall reimburse the Seller for the Seller's cost of completing the Removal, (c) the Seller shall be held harmless by the Buyer from any claim for any loss, damage or destruction to the Abandoned Personal Property, and there shall not be any setoff by the Buyer from the Purchase Price or claims for a refund of any part of the Purchase Price or otherwise against the Seller if there shall be any Abandoned Personal Property, and (d) the Seller shall not be obligated to account to the Buyer for the proceeds, if any, received by the Seller from any third party or parties for the Abandoned Personal Property. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit any claim or causes of action by the Seller against the Buyer at law or in equity, arising from the Buyer's failure to complete the Removal by the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date, as the case may be, which right the Seller specifically reserves. Any Abandoned Personal Property shall be eliminated from the Bill of Sale by the Seller prior to its delivery to the Buyer after the Completion Date or Extended Completion Date, if any. No Removal work of any kind shall be performed between the hours of 4:00 P.M. on Friday and 8:00 A.M. on Monday and the Buyer, its employees and agents, shall use their best efforts not to interfere with the normal operations of the Camp. The Buyer's obligations under this Agreement shall be guaranteed by Fred Rotondo and Frank Rotondo pursuant to a certain instrument of guaranty attached hereto as Exhibit C and made a part hereof (the "Guaranty").

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Condition. The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that (a) 3. the Buyer is purchasing the Personal Property in an "AS IS" condition, (b) the Seller shall not be responsible, nor shall there be any reduction in the Purchase Price, due to any damage to or deterioration of the Personal Property hereafter, (c) the Buyer accepts sole responsibility for the condition of the Personal Property after the execution of this Agreement, (d) neither the Seller nor any party on behalf of the Seller has made any representations or warranties, express or implied, of any nature or kind with respect to the Personal Property, including, but not limited to value, fitness for particular purposes or uses, or merchantability, and (e) the Buyer is not relying on any representations or warranties other than the warranties of title set forth in the Bill of Sale from the Seller. The Buyer represents and warrants to the Seller that the Buyer (and each of its officers, directors and representatives who inspected the Personal Property) (a) is an expert in antiquities and objects d'art, (b) has made a full and complete inspection of the Personal Property, (c) is satisfied with the condition and value thereof, and (d) is purchasing the Personal Property based solely on the Buyer's own evaluation of the condition and value (artistic and otherwise) of the Personal Property.

4. <u>Extension of Completion Date</u>. The removal of certain items of Personal Property (such as the "dock") may require the approval of the Great Barrington Conservation Commission, Department of Environmental Protection or other governmental

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entities, the compliance with Orders of Condition, and other orders and permits (the "Approvals"). The Seller shall apply for and diligently pursue the Approvals as soon as practicable after receipt of the Purchase Price and the execution of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 2 that the Removal be completed by the Completion Date, the Buyer shall have the right to extend the Completion Date to a date 30 days after the granting of the Approvals (the "Extended Completion Date") for the Removal of those items of Personal Property subject to any Approvals issued after September 1, 1991. The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for any delay in the obtaining of such Approvals, for any reason. The Buyer agrees that the Removal of the Personal Property affected by the Approvals shall be completed by the Completion Date or the Extended Completion Date (whichever shall be applicable) and shall be done in compliance with the Approvals.

Restoration Work. The Seller shall restore the areas of 5. the Camp where each such item of Personal Property is now located; however, the Buyer shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage caused to any part of the Camp by its contractor's equipment or otherwise.

Insurance; Indemnification. Simultaneously herewith, 6. the Buyer shall supply the Seller with Certificates of Insurance issued by the insurers for the Seller and the Contractors for workers' compensation coverage as required by applicable law t public liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and personal property insurance coverage with minimum

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limits of \$100,000 per occurrence, with a **30**-day notice of cancellation provision to the Seller and naming the Seller as an additional insured for all such coverage. Such insurance coverage will be maintained in full force and effect until the Removal is completed. The Buyer shall indemnify and hold the Seller harmless from and against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees), of every nature and kind relating to the Removal, including, but not limited to, personal and property damage claims of third parties, and damage to any portion of the Camp caused by the Contractor's equipment or its personnel, or otherwise.

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7. Miscellaneous.

7.1 Entire Agreement; Binding Effect; Survival. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and there are no representations, warranties or agreements among the parties except as herein specifically set forth. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors, legal representatives and assigns.

7.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed by any court having jurisdiction thereon to be invalid or unenforceable, the balance of this Agreement shall remain in effect; if any provision of this Agreement is deemed by any such court to be unenforceable because such provision is too broad in scope, such provision shall be construed to be limited in scope to the extent such court shall deem it necessary to make it

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enforceable; and if any provision is deemed inapplicable by any such court to any person or circumstances, it shall nevertheless be construed to apply to all other persons and circumstances.

7.3 <u>Governing Law, Venue</u>. This Agreement and the Guaranty shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall have the effect of the sealed instrument. Venue for any dispute between the parties under this Agreement or the Guaranty shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

7.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

7.5 <u>Notice</u>. Any notice, approval, consent or other communication under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered given when (1) delivered personally or (2) mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested or (3) received by telecopy with a confirming copy sent by overnight mail or courier service, return receipt requested, to the parties at the addresses indicated below (or at such other addresses as the parties may specify by notice to the others pursuant thereto).

(a) If to the Seller, to it at:

c/o Mr. John Stern 50 North Greenwich Road Armonk, NY 10504 Fax No. 203-625-0412

(b) If to the Buyer, to it at:

328 Mamaroneck Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 10543 Fax No. 914-698-4320

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7.6 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more copies (including separate signature pages), each of which shall be deemed an original.



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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Trustee

By_____ Jerome H. Somers, Trustee

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By______ David Sampliner, Trustee

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Fred Rotondo, President

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EXHIBIT B TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMP INSTITITE FOR LIVING JUDAISM AND CAVENDISH GALLERIES, INC.

BILL OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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WITNESS the hands and seals of the undersigned Trustee of the Seller this 23rd day of July, 1991.

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THE CAMP INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM

By______ David Sampliner, Trustee



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EXHIBIT C TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMP INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM AND CAVENDISH GALLERIES, LTD.

GUARANTY

GUARANTY dated July 23, 1991 by FRED ROTONDO and FRANK ROTONDO, both for the purposes hereof having an address at c/o Cavendish Galleries, Ltd., 328 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York 10543 (hereinafter referred to the "Guarantors"), annexed to and forming a part of the Agreement between THE CAMP INSTITUTE FOR LIVING JUDAISM (the "Seller") and CAVENDISH GALLERIES, LTD. (the "Buyer") dated July 23, 1991 (the "Agreement").

In order to induce and persuade the Seller to enter into the Agreement with the Buyer and for other valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the Guarantors having financial and other interests in the Buyer, make the following guaranty in agreement with and in favor of the Seller, and its legal representatives and assigns:

1. The Guarantors, jointly and severally, unconditionally guaranty to the Seller, its successors and assigns, all obligations of the Buyer under the Agreement, including without limitation, the costs of the Removal of any Abandoned Personal Property and the cost of any repairs necessitated by damage to the Camp caused by the Buyer or the Contractors (for example, damage to roadways or buildings) but not including the restoration work to the areas from which the Personal Property will be removed by the Buyer, which restoration work (including the cost thereof) shall be the responsibility of the Seller in accordance with Section 5 of the

Agreement.

2. This Guaranty is absolute and unconditional, is a guaranty of payment and not of collection, and is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Guarantors waive all notice of nonpayment, nonperformance, or demand, whereby to charge the Guarantors therefor. The obligations of the Guarantors hereto shall in no way be terminated, affected or impaired by reason of the assertion by the Seller against the Buyer of any rights or remedies reserved to the Seller pursuant to the Agreement. The Guarantors further covenant and agree that this guaranty shall remain and continue in full force and effect until all obligations of the Buyer under the Agreement have been discharged.

3. All initial capitalized terms set forth in this Guaranty shall each have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantors have executed this guaranty on the date first written above.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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On this 23rd day of July, 1991, before me the subscriber personally appeared FRED ROTONDO and FRANK ROTONDO, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,

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May 11,1984

Dear friend,

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באמריקה

I am writing to invite you to an initial planning meeting for the first Reform Movement Aliyah Conference to be held in the spring of 1985. The meeting will take place on May 30, at the UAHC, from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

The Aliyah Conference represents a major step forward in the expression of the Reform Movement's commitment to encourage the aliyah of Reform Americans. Once the New York conference has taken place, UAHC Regions across the country will be likely to follow suit, sponsoring conferences of their own.

I feel that you will contribute significantly to this preliminary brainstorming session. Your attendance at the meeting <u>does not</u> signify that you will commit large amounts of time to the production of the conference. We need you with us, however, to assist in determining the thrust, scope, and breadth of this first aliyah conference. It is also hoped that you will be prepared to recommend several people in your department or realm whom you see as potential partners in the development of this project.

During the meeting we will discuss possible locations for the conference, the program of the conference, what sorts of workshops we want to hold, the designating of Reform groups that should be involved in the planning, and ways of outreaching to metropolitan area congregations. I value your ideas on these issues and on related issues that may arise.

I am enclosing the brochure, "How to Organize an Aliyah Conference" which was prepared by Ben Weiner, the National Coordinator of the Aliyah Conferences. Ben is a dynamo and has been instrumental in the initiation and enactment of the Aliyah Conferences. By going through the booklet, you will get a sense of what is involved here. A better way to acquaint yourself with the conferences in practice is to attend one yourself. On May 20, the Mid-Island aliyah conference will be held in Plainview N.Y. Enclosed, is the conference flyer. If you can get there, you will find a Reform Movement table from which we will be presenting Reform aliyahrelated materials. You will be able to speak with people who put the conference together and get a sense of how our Reform aliyah conference may differ from the community model.

I very much look forward to your participation in the initial planning meeting. Please let me know whether or not you will be with us.

Warm regards, Chow Pich

Yoav Peck, Central Shaliach

How to Organize an ALIYAH CONFERENCE In Your Community

- Information
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- Guidance
- For People of All Ages

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ALIYAH CONFERENCE MANUAL

Prepared by:

Ben Weiner Community Conference Coordinator

Our Goal

To organize a creative, active N.A.A.M. Chug Aliyah in every Jewish Community in the United States.

ALIYAH CONFERENCE MANUAL

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President of Israel

To the Convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

Yitzhak Navon

"There is great significance not only in what you as Americans and Canadian settlers have done and are doing, but also in what you represent as pioneers of a movement that should and may yet be of overwhelming importance in the history of Israel and the Jewish people. North American Jewry can -- all of us know -- CHANGE THE FACE OF ISRAEL".

With all good wishes,

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Jerusalem, March 1980

AMERICAN ALIYAH TODAY Aliyah from American Jewry has become an integral part of Israel's long range prosperity. At the same time Israel can offer the American Jew a chance to give meaning and exrichment to his life.

ALIYAH MEANS BEING PART OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE.

"אל תפרש מן הצבור"

"Separate not thyself from the community" -Hillel

"If not now, when?"-HILLEL

July, 1980

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During the past several decades the American Jewish Community has helped Israel become a source of strength and a beacon of light to the Jewish people throughout the world. In the coming decade of the 1980's, our historic task with the cooperation of the major national Jewish organizations is to place the issue of ALIYAH and the importance of AMERICAN OLIM on the agenda of the American Jewish community on both the national and community level.

In many organizations, the national leadership has commited itself to promoting and fostering Aliyah. Some have established Aliyah departments with regional and local Aliyah chairmen in communities throughout the country. With the help of this commitment, a coordinated and sustained effort should be made to build a vibrant and dynamic Aliyah movement in the United States. One of our basic aims will be to make Aliyah a COMMUNITY INTEREST. With the cooperation and support of the community, the Aliyah movement will grow and attract new olim.

Our greatest natural resource for the future of Israel has always been the inner strength and fortitude of the Jewish people throughout the world. The American Jewish Community has shared in the building of the State of Israel. It has given massive financial aid. But during the coming decade of the '80's, Israel will need PEOPLE -people of all ages, with a multitude of skills, abilities and productive talents. People who would like to live in Israel for many different reasons, who want to share in the building of a new creative Jewish civilization for themselves and their children. We, the North American Aliyah Movement, are an essential part of this effort.

One program which has proven to be successful in bringing the message of Aliyah to the community has been the organization of a COMMUNITY ALIYAH CONFERENCE.

This manual has been written to assist NAAM chugim to organize a Community Aliyah Conference in their area. It is designed to make the procedures and techniques as practical and helpful as possible. The material in this manual is based on experience in numerous communities, large and small. It should be clear that this manual is not a blueprint. Improvisation and creativity will be required. We hope, however, that we have provided sufficient suggestions and ideas to assist the local chug to begin the process. With leadership, patience and effective organization, our chugim will assume a vital role in stimulating the American Jewish community towards Aliyah.

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Ben Weiner Community Conference Coordinator



July 1980

THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF ALIYAH CONFERENCES:

The Aliyah Conferences have been the most effective public relations effort undertaken by the North American Aliyah Movement. The promotional efforts have involved many Jewish organizations in the planning of these events and we have built on the new relationships that we have established with Jewish community leaders.

As to immediate results, the Conferences have directly led to the establishment of a number of new Chugim. I have personally attended four of the Conferences within the past six months and I can state that they achieve the objective of expanding the communities' awareness of the help that NAAM and the Israel Aliyah Center can offer to potential olim.

The NAAM board has committed itself to expand the number of Conferences to be held in the New Year and chug leaders can rely upon the full cooperation and assistance of the National Office.

> Fred Schiller President, NAAM

> > July 1980

The Aliyah Conference is one of the most meaningful vehicles for transmitting vital Aliyah information to those contemplating the move. Perhaps even more important, the Conference serves an an excellent promotional tool for the many Jews who are not considering going on Aliyah at present, but nonetheless wish to be informed and to keep the aspiration of Aliyah alive.

Since publicity and public exposure to the concept of Aliyah is important in order to raise the "visibility" of this process in each Jewish community, the Conference also serves this goal.

The past year saw numerous Conferences in which our shlichim worked successfully with NAAM chug Aliyah members. We are confident that in the coming year this partnership and the experience that we have gained will result in many constructive and successful Conferences.

I congratulate the North American Aliyah Movement for making the Conference concept a viable marketing and informational tool. The full support of the Israel Aliyah Center and its shlichim is with NAAM in this effort.

> Dr. Aharon Kfir Executive Director Israel Aliyah Center



THOUGHTFUL PLANNING



OUR BASIC APPROACH:

The members of the local NAAM Chug Aliyah should be the main organizers and planners of the Aliyah Conference. By our example of planning our own personal Aliyah, we fully represent the ideals of Aliyah. Our chugim should be an essential part of the process of successful Aliyah. By belonging to NAAM, by associating with others who are also planning to go on Aliyah, and by sharing experiences with one another, we show the American Jewish Community THIS IS HOW IT CAN BE DONE.

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We therefore have the responsibility to make ourselves known as future Olim. It is important that the community becomes aware of NAAM's existence and of our activities. The process of organizing a Conference provides excellent public relations both for NAAM and for the larger issue of Aliyah. It projects Aliyah into community life and provides an opportunity for those interested in Aliyah to obtain the latest Aliyah information.

HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL:

We are presenting many ideas and options. Read through the manual once to get a feel of the process. Then, read it again more carefully to determine how the organization presented in this manual relates to your community. Remember, this manual is a guideline. Your community may have unique features which demand special accommodation. And certainly, work in close coordination with the NAAM office. We have the resources and experience to help smooth out the process.

THE PROCESS:

At a regular meeting of the chug, the organization of a Community Aliyah Conference should be discussed. The chug should make the decision to sponsor the Conference.

Once the decision is made to organize the Conference, one should:

A. Begin organizing a Conference Planning Committee under the sponsorship of the:

- a. local NAAM Chug Aliyah
- b. North American Aliyah Movement
- c. Israel Aliyah Center

in cooperation with the widest possible range of local and regional community organizations. (see sample conference circular) The Aliyah Shaliach can be of great help in all phases of the organization.

B. Write to: Aliyah Conference North American Aliyah Movement 515 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022 informing us of your plans for your community.





ORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Ideally, the Aliyah Conference should take about 9 months to properly plan and organize. In some communities, it may take considerably less time. It is important to always stress that this Conference should be a COMMUNITY EFFORT. It takes time and effort to develop the necessary cooperation and support. This planning period should be broken down into the specific functions needed to coordinate the various facets of the Conference.

1st step: RESEARCH

One or two members of the planning committee should be designated to research the entire community for:

a. Name, address, and phone number of every Regional President of community organizations. (particularly those listed on circular see sample circular)

b. Name, address, and phone number of every Jewish Community Center, synagogue, YMHA & YWHA, Fraternal, Educational, etc.

c. Name, address, and phone number of every rabbi -- Conservative, Orthodox, Reform, and Reconstructionist.

d. Name, address, and phone number of every Executive Director for the organizations and institutions. (They can be very helpful.)

e. Unaffiliated prominent individuals who would like to help the Aliyah Movement.

This information should be compiled into a permanent record for use by the planning committee as it continues its work. It will continue to be important as we establish contact, request delegates, and keep them informed of the progress of the Conference. With proper guidance, these important individuals and institutions will aid us within their respective organizations and in the general community.

Your first request should be for the President of the community organizations to appoint two delegates to help you by serving on the Aliyah Conference planning committee. (see sample letter) Some of the organizations have Aliyah Chairmen in their organizations or Synagogues. Remember, some people will be friendly and helpful and enthusiastic, while others will not help at all. Make the effort and then work with those who are appointed, volunteer, or will be helpful.

These letters to the Presidents should be followed up with personal phone calls to see that the delegates are appointed. Sometimes it may take a personal visit to acquaint the President with the nature and content of the Conference. It may then be worthwhile to call the two representatives. Person-to-person contact is always the best way to develop interest and support. It takes a little longer, but ultimately it yields the best results.

The planning committee should decide upon the geographic area to be included for the Conference. The Conference should be targeted to cover a general region, perhaps including the area of an hour to an hour and a half driving time.

Research Report

Research Report





PLANNING COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS:

The planning committee should meet once a month to review the plans as they develop. As members join the committee, they should be allocated specific assignments according to their interest and ability. It is important that all segments of the Jewish community -- Kol Yisrael --Conservative, Orthodox, Reform, Reconstructionist, affiliated and independently concerned individuals be invited to serve on the planning committee.

Among the items which the committee should discuss are:

A. Arrangement for date of Conference -- choose the date with care, avoiding conflicts with other Jewish or secular events.

B. Arrangements for place of Conference -- this should also be chosen with care. A Jewish Community Center, Y.M. & Y.W.H.A., Synagogue or Jewish institution are suitable places for the Aliyah Conference to be held.

C. Securing the participation of community groups and organizations.

D. Acquiring the help and service of the local Israel Aliyah Shaliach, moderators, and Olim to help in the planning and programming of the Conference.

E. Planning the Program.



F. Inviting speakers (local, regional or national).

G. Deciding on the type and content of the WORKSHOP SESSIONS. These workshop sessions are the heart of the Conference. They should be planned in cooperation with the Israel Aliyah Center. Suitable moderators can include Shlichim, Israelis on short term visits to the U.S., visiting Olim, and knowledgable NAAM members. (see page)

H. Arranging for circular to be printed about conference. (see sample)

I. Public Relations -- Make sure photographer is present taking pictures at the Conference. Inform news media about the Conference.

J. Acquiring names of American Olim leaving for Israel within the next 6 months. These can be gathered from: Israel Aliyah Center, cooperating community organizations, friends and neighbors who know of someone who is leaving. Include presentation of "Aliyah Honor Certificates" (see sample) as part of the Conference program. Make it a community simcha. It is best to have a prominent leader of the Jewish community make the presentation on behalf of the entire local Jewish community.

K. Registration of all people attending Conference, for future followup. At the registration table, all participants should be given NAAM literature and urged to join.



L. Literature tables -- NAAM, Israel Aliyah Center, AACI, AZYF programs

Plan Your

- M. Posters and decorations
- N. Refreshments (donated) -- Tea or coffee if desired
- 0. Miscellaneous items which come up during planning committee meetings

THE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

After attending to some of the preliminary items of the Conference, a thorough discussion must take place to plan the workshop sessions of the Conference. At the workshop sessions, in an informal atmosphere, 25, 35, or 50 people sit together to learn specific information and to ask questions and receive answers about Aliyah. People may use this opportunity to relate their personal experiences in order to get information, advice and guidance, and also, share with others the various issues which confront Olim.

Ideally, workshops should be led by Shlichim from the Israel Aliyah Center. Shlichim are professionals, well-acquainted with the processes of Aliyah, as well as the rules and regulations of the government of Israel concerning Aliyah matters. They will often have a specific knowledge of a particular field of endeavor. They will also be able to answer many questions concerning life in Israel and how to proceed with the Aliyah process. The workshop sessions have proven to be a most valuable tool to gain information and in helping to foster a feeling of identity with the goals of the Aliyah Conference.

There are two models for organizing the workshop sessions. One is to divide the Conference participants into groups, either by age or some other characteristic, or simply at random. The Shaliach or moderator would then present a half hour to 45 minute talk covering briefly the major topics of interest to Olim - housing, jobs, the Aliyah process, etc. When he concludes, the session is opened up to questions. The session could last from an hour to an hour and a half.

The second model of workshop sessions has been successfully used in many Aliyah Conferences. This method is to provide Conference participants with a wide range of Aliyah related topics to choose from. Among the topics which have been found to be of interest are:

- A. Community life in Israel
- B. Housing opportunities
- C. Employment possiblities in Israel
- D. Women in Israeli society
- E. Medical services and institutions
- F. Work-Study programs (for young people)
- G. Life styles in Israel Moshav-Kibbutz (for young people)
- H. Retirement in Israel 50 and over
- I. The first two years in Israel
- J. The economics of Aliyah How much does it cost? (living expenses - per month, per year)

If possible, it is best to run the sessions twice, giving Conference participants the ability to attend two separate sessions.

ORDER OF PROGRAM:

The Conference should begin with greetings extended by a number of local people. Perhaps the host rabbi of the synagogue or the executive director of the JCC could speak. The Aliyah Shaliach should say a few words. The chairmen of the Conference committee should be introduced. The purpose of these introductions is to welcome the participants and to have an opportunity to introduce those who have worked on the Conference. These introductory remarks should be very brief -- five to ten minutes.

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The second part of the program should ideally be "inspiration." There should be a major speaker to speak about the importance of Aliyah. If possible, the speaker should be dynamic and forceful and should invest the Conference with the sense of the critical importance of Aliyah. The speaker sets the tone of the Conference.

When the speaker concludes, it is an excellent time to make the presentation of the honor scrolls to Olim who are planning to leave within the next few months. This is an important part of the program for a number of reasons. First, it gives public recognition to the Olim. It also provides an opportunity for a leader of the community to honor Olim, thereby publically identifying with Aliyah. This is also an excellent public relations event. It would be helpful to have a picture of the president of Federation presenting awards to Olim. There is no doubt that the local Jewish media will find it newsworthy. At some Conferences, Olim have also been presented with gifts; mezuzot or candlesticks. Each Conference should, of course, choose the presentation which they feel is most appropriate.

When the presentation is concluded, the moderator describes the rest of the program -- topics of workshop sessions, where they are being held, and invites the participants to go to the workshop of their choice.

If a variety of workshops are planned, each should extend from 45 minutes to an hour. When the time for the first session has elapsed, the moderators are informed and participants are invited to attend a second session.

If there will be only one general workshop session, the participants should know which group they should join with . At one Conference, participants were given a colored card at registration which was coded to a specific session.

Each Conference committee will decide this issue for itself.

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RESOURCE AREAS TO FIND SUITABLE SESSION MODERATORS:

- A. Israel Aliyah Center
- B. Professors at colleges or universities in nearby community
- C. Visiting Israelis or Olim
- D. Individuals with particular knowledge in subject matter

The structure, content, and program for the entire Conference should be worked out gradually by the planning committee at several meetings during its deliberations. Committee members should suggest topics on Aliyah that may be of special interest in your particular community. One should be careful not to discuss issues of political or religious controversy at the workshops or at the general meetings. The goal of the Conference is to focus on issues of Aliyah.

A month or two before the Conference, a meeting of the planning committee should be held, devoted exclusively to formalizing all aspects of the Conference.

NAAM CHUG MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

At the beginning of each workshop, with the permission of the moderator, a NAAM chug member should give a five-minute presentation:

a. He/she should explain what NAAM is, what a chug is and does, where the local chug meets, and when the next meeting will take place. Participants should be invited to attend the next chug meeting. (Pass out literature)

b. Encourage participants to visit the nearest Israel Aliyah Center and make an appointment with the Shaliach for more detailed, personal information.

FOLLOW-UP AFTER THE ALIYAH CONFERENCE:

Arrangements should be made to register every person that attends the Aliyah Conference. Several members of the planning committee should be assigned to tables at the entrance to the general meeting room to take care of registration. (see sample registration form) Registrants who indicate interest should be contacted personally and invited to the next chug meeting. Conference participants from a specific area or of an age different from the existing chug should be contacted and aided in forming a new chug. Also, remember to send thank-you notes to all who helped make the Conference the success it will certainly be.





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FUNDING FCR THE ALIYAH CONFERENCE:

Various factors enter into the financial arrangements necessary to carry out the Aliyah Conference. Our efforts must be directed primarily to the interested Jewish community institutions to supply the finances for the Conference.

BASIC NEEDS FOR THE CONFERENCE:

a. Securing a facility in which to hold the Conference. There must be a large Conference room as well as smaller rooms for workshop sessions.

- b. Printing Circulars (see appendix) and Aliyah Honor Certificates
- c. Mailings
- d. Refreshments (tea and coffee)
- e. Miscellaneous film, xeroxing, registration forms, etc.

The best procedure for funding the Conference is to have the **community** institution pay all the expenses. This may be effectively accomplished by appointing a delegation of 2 or 3 planning committee members to visit a local synagogue rabbi, community center director, or a prominent member of the board of the institution in which the planning committee would like to hold the Conference. One should endeavor to involve them in the Conference and gain their agreement to offer the use of the institution without charge for the Conference, as their contribution to the future of American Olim and their interest and support of the Aliyah movement.

Certain Conferences have been fully funded by community institutions:

Example:

Full Funding Rabbi Morris Friedman, Temple Hillel, Valley Stream, N.Y. - Aliyah Conference held May 4, 1980 was approached and explained the nature, purpose, and value to the community of holding an Aliyah Conference. He was very cooperative, had the board approve free meeting hall, classrooms for workshops and funded several hundred dollars for various items needed for the Conference.



There are other Conferences where the **community** institution has agreed to pay a major portion of the expenses, perhaps donating use of the facilities without charge.

Example: Rabbi David Chanofsky, Monsey Jewish Center, Monsey, N.Y. - Aliyah Conference to be held November 16, 1980. Because of his love for Israel, interest in Olim, and an appreciation of the value of interesting his community in Aliyah matters, he arranged for free meeting hall and classes, and offered his services in helping with the Conference.

In this case, the planning committee had to generate outside funding for the additional expenses. Generally the cooperating organizations are not asked to contribute to the funding of the Conference. Their involvement includes agreement to send out copies of the flyer to their entire membership. In some communities, free meeting place may be secured through the efforts of the local Israel Aliyah Shaliach. He usually has contacts with many institutions and community centers or prominent community individuals who would be able to secure a meeting place and share the cost of the expenses involved.

If your committee cannot find sources for the funding necessary to hold the Conference, you may turn to the NAAM office. The NAAM Convention held April 20, 1980 adopted a resolution calling for the organization of Regional Aliyah Conferences throughout the country. National office will be very happy to assist your chug with all phases of the organization of your Aliyah Conference.

PUBLICITY FOR ALIYAH CONFERENCE:

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Informing the entire community:

The best arranged Conference and the most carefully thoughtout program are both useless unless a significant number of prospective Olim attend the event. The only method of insuring such an audience is <u>publicity</u> -- well-planned, with good coverage and sufficient repetition. There are many methods of publicizing the Conference, but the one method which has never been superseded is "word-of-mouth." All publicity must be planned well in advance, followed up regularly and given much thought. "Wordof-mouth" publicity is neither planned nor arranged. Every member of the group planning committee must speak about the meeting, the time, the date, the program and the guest speaker with enthusiasm whenever they have the opportunity. The entire community must be notified of the coming event.

NEWSPAPERS: The Anglo-Jewish papers should be given the announcement long enough in advance to meet their deadlines. Send out the original meeting announcement, plus several followups later. The calendar of events usually contained in these papers should also be supplied with news stories, and both the Anglo-Jewish press and the daily press should be given small paid advertisements concerning the Conference.

POSTERS: Posters should be colorful, well-placed, and issued in adequate time in advance of the meeting. They should be catchy, and must contain the name, time, place and speaker. Shopping centers, delicatessens, barber shops, beauty parlors, drug stores, and other neighborhood establishments will usually display such posters without charge.

> Numerous leaflets, printed in sufficient quantity, should be prepared and distributed on the street, through the mail and at major events in the Jewish community.

BULLETIN BOARDS:

LEAFLETS:

Bulletin boards in synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, YMHA's, schools, etc. should be fully utilized. Bulletin boards should be checked frequently.

RADIO:

The radio can be utilized for spot announcements. Since the Conference and the organization are events of public interest, it is sometimes possible to get such meeting announcements on public information broadcasts, such as schedules of civic events, etc. A very short announcement repeated several times on the air can have surprisingly positive results, both for attendance at the Aliyah Conference and for the prestige of our organization.

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RELATIONSHIP WITH SHLICHIM:

The Shlichim of the Israel Aliyah Center are the best resource personnel available. They have the latest information concerning Aliyah and work full-time in the community to aid Olim and promote Aliyah. While NAAM is an independent organization, we work very closely with the Shlichim on all matters of concern for Aliyah.

The aid and involvement of the Aliyah Shaliach is crucial to the success of the Conference. He should be a member of the planning committee and have input from the beginning. The Shaliach can be particularly useful in helping to focus the workshop sessions on important topics, and in finding resource people to moderate sessions.

It is the policy of NAAM to include the Israel Aliyah Center as a co-sponsor of all NAAM Community Aliyah Conferences.

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS:

You will note that many national organizations have agreed to be listed as cooperating organizations. (see appendix) These organizations are important because they lend a legitimacy to the Conference. We have permission to use their names for every Conference we sponsor.

It may, however, be more useful for you to obtain use of the name of the local chapter of one of these organizations. To do so, you <u>must</u> obtain permission from that local chapter. Otherwise, please use only the names of national organizations which we have presented.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. We have found that elaborate refreshments are not helpful to a Conference. It is hard to compete with a good danish. We recommend that either you serve only tea and coffee or if food is being served, it be put off until the very end of the entire program.

2. Remember that your facility will look very different when it is occupied by 250 people. Check to make sure all rooms are clearly marked. Are there ways for people to move from room to room? Do the moderators know which rooms they will be in? It is a good idea to print up a program which indicates approximate timing of the program, as well as the specific rooms in which the sessions will take place.

3. The Aliyah Conference should not be too lengthy. It is better for people to linger after the Conference ends, than for people to walk out before the final session. We have found that three to four hours on a Sunday afternoon is appropriate.

Aliyah information

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OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY ALIYAH CONFERENCE:

- A. Creating a community interest in the Aliyah movement.
- B. Providing up-to-date information and guidance for Olim contemplating Aliyah.
- C. Strengthening the existing NAAM chugei Aliyah.
- D. Creating new chugim in the nearby area.
- E. Seeking out and creating new leadership by the momentum of the Conference to encourage individuals to participate in Aliyah related activities.
- F. Activating Aliyah chairmen of the local community organizations to help with the Conference and to participate in future Aliyah activities and programs.

RESOLUTION adopted by the Convention of the North American Aliyah Movement on April 20, 1980.

1. Whereas, the North American Aliyah Movement has expanded the awareness of potential Olim to Aliyah by organizing and holding Regional Aliyah Conferences which have resulted in a consequent expansion of the North American Aliyah Movement and helpful assistance to its members in preparing for Aliyah. NOW, THEREFORE, the membership of the North American Aliyah Movement in convention assembled does hereby resolve to enlarge the number and geographical scope of Aliyah Conferences.

The North American Aliyah Movement was designated by the 28th World Zionist Congress as the "Official T'nuat Aliyah" movement in the U.S. and Canada. As a non-political Aliyah movement, we are open to Kol Yisrael, every segment of Jewish society of all ages that personally wishes to live in Israel. Our main task is helping individuals to help themselves in making Aliyah possible. WE ARE A DO IT YOURSELF MOVEMENT.

On an international basis we maintain close contact with the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. Membership in NAAM also entails automatic membership in AACI in Israel.

NAAM is affiliated with the American Zionist Federation as the representative of the T'nuat Aliyah in the U.S. and Canada.

We are non-political and every member of our group can pursue his goals according to his own understanding of Jewishness in Israel.



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ALIYAH CONFERENCES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ALIYAH MOVEMENT:

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The Aliyah Conference sponsored by the local or regional chug Aliyah should become an ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT. With the organization of the first Aliyah Conference, the foundation for the community interest in Aliyah will have been built. The success and value of your Aliyah Conference in terms of new members, perhaps a new chug, activation of Aliyah chairmen in local organizations and stimulation of Aliyah interest should prompt your chug to continue this technique of Aliyah promotion.

CONTINUITYof succeeding Aliyah Conferences throughout the United States would significantly strengthen the Aliyah movement.

After a reasonable period of time, the chug leadership should begin to plan next year's Conference, re-activate the Conference planning committee and enlarge the scope of the participating community organizations and groups. Drawing on the experience of the last Conference, plans for the new program and the workshop sessions should be prepared.

There are 50,000 American Olim now living in Israel. Each year several thousand Americans make Aliyah. How have these American Olim succeeded in their Aliyah? What are they doing? How are they living? How are they raising their families? What type of life do they live? At the Conference, their constructive contributions to Israel and the story of their lives must be conveyed to the American Jewish community. With open arms and friendship they would welcome more American Olim. On the American scene there is an untapped source of Aliyah that has never been approached because there has been no <u>sustained organized community</u> effort to reach them. Aliyah has always been an individual effort without community support. With the support of the community, there are potential American Olim throughout the United States who could be reached.

The Aliyah Community Conference should become the means to reach these people on a grass roots level IN THE COMMUNITY.

FIVE YEAR ALIYAH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

Each year, an Aliyah Conference must, therefore, be planned and organized by the chug Aliyah. Within 5 years, with a well planned program of Aliyah Conferences, your chug should become a dynamic and active center of Aliyah information and guidance for the entire community and particularly for those personally interested in Aliyah for themselves as individuals or with their families.

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REGISTRATION FORM	(please print)
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Phone	Profession (s)
I am interested in:	a. Joining a local CHUG ALIYAH
	b. Educational opportunities
	c. Job opportunities & living in Israel
	d. Retirement in Israel
I am planning to make Aliy	vah: (approx.) Month Year
Religious Affiliation:	Conservative Orthodox Reform
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Would you like to help the	Aliyah Movement?
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NORTH AMERICAN ALIYAH MOVEMENT

515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) PL2-0600

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We would like to take this opportunity of informing you that our next Aliyah Conference will be held Sunday Dec. 14, 1980, at the Monsey Jewish Center, Monsey, N.Y. (enclosed circular). Although the Conference is being held in the Rockland County area, we will welcome individuals interested in Aliyah from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, Staten Island, Queens, Manhattan, Rockland, Westchester, New Jersey and Conn.

We are interested in the active cooperation of all organizations in the Jewish community that would like to help the Aliyah Movement in its Aims and Ideals.

We would appreciate:

- A. Placing our Aliyah Conference on the coming calander of events in your organization (chapters and regions) bulletins, newsletters, memos to Presidents, information to Aliyah chairman and at general meetings.
- B. Widest possible public relations within the Jewish community by all appropriate means.

The main purpose of our Aliyah Conference is to disseminate information and guidance on all matters relating to Aliyah to the general Jewish Public. We are non-political and embrace all religious affiliations. We need your help to build and strengthen the Aliyah Movement.

We welcome your interest and cooperation.

Ben Weiner, Community Conference Coordinator

P.S. Please zerox the circular and send it to someone who would also help.



NORTH AMERICAN ALIYAH MOVEMENT

515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) PL2-0600

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May 27, 1980

Dear Friend,

The Rockland-Westchester Chug Aliyah will be sponsoring an ALIYAH CONFERENCE this fall. We are presently in the process of organizing a Planning Committee for this specific purpose.

This will be North American Aliyah Movement's seventh Aliyah Conference in the Metropolitan area in the past 18 months. The Conferences have attracted from 200 to 600 people. Eighteen National Jewish Organizations have assisted us in these successful endeavors. Our Brooklyn and most recently our Long Island Aliyah Conferences were a great success and hundreds of people attended. We interested the community in Aliyah and in many ways helped individuals with their personal Aliyah needs. Schlichim from the Israel Aliyah Center served as counselors at the various WORKSHOP SESSIONS and answered questions pertaining to Aliyah matters.

Our basic aim is to service the needs of the people of Rockland-Westchester who are interested in Aliyah by providing information on living, working, studying or retiring in Israel. We are non-political and embrace all religious affiliations. We are devoted exclusively to matters related to Aliyah.

We would appreciate your selecting two people from your organization, institution or group who would be interested in and cooperate with us on our Rockland-Westchester Aliyah Conference. Please send their names, addresses and phone numbers to me at the address below.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Fred Schiller 10 Strathmore Drive Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977

Fred Schiller and Abe Sternbach Co-Chairman, Planning committee Rockland-Westchester Chug

LONG ISLAND ALIYAH CONFERENCE MAY 4, 1980

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Dear Friend,

Temple Hillel will be hosting an Aliyah Conference on May 4, 1980. A Committee has been established which is in the process of formulating plans for the program.

The main purpose of this conference is to disseminate information regarding Aliyah to the community at large and more specific information to those who are already contemplating Aliyah. As currently proposed, the program will consist of a series of speakers who will briefly describe various practical aspects of Aliyah, i.e. housing availability, job an career opportunities, medicar care, necessary finances etc. A recent "Oleh" will describe his experiences. There will also be people to speak briefly on opportunities for extended visits to Israel.

After the formal presentation, various WORKSHOP SESSIONS will be established to answer questions dealing with specific interests.

We are currently setting up committees to handle various aspects of the conference and welcome anyone who would like to join in our efforts. We are interested in any ideas you may have toward making this a successful and informative conference.

We would appreciate your selecting two people from your organization, institution or group who would be interested in and could cooperate with us on our Long Island Aliyah Conference. Please send their names, addresses and phone numbers to me at the address below.

Cordially yours

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Al Land, Chairman Host Committee Temple Hillel

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LAST URGENT REQUEST

To: Presidents, Community Organizations Rabbis, Congregations Executive Director Community Centers Educational, Social, Fraternal Organizations Editors, Jewish publications, newsletters bulletins

Dear Friend, Shalom

We are presently making final arrangements for our next Aliyah Conference at Temple Hillel, 1000 Rosdale Road, Valley Stream, Long Island on May 4, 1980, 2-6 P.M.

This Aliyah Conference will be a community effort to INTEREST THE GENERAL JEWISH PUBLIC in Aliyah matters. Twenty two organizations are cooperating with us in this endeavor.

There are individuals in your organization or institution who are interested in Aliyah. We would like to reach them, with your help. We have current Aliyah information that could be helpful, advice and guidance as to how Aliyah might be possible. There will be workshops for questions and answers on a personal basis, led by individuals who are knowledgeable in their respective fields.

The American people have done and are still doing a great job in helping Israel financially, but the one thing Israel needs and values above all, is American people, just plain people, with a multitude of skills, abilities and creative talent, who would like to live in Israel, for whatever reason and share in the building for themselves and their posterity, a new creative Jewish Civilization. We are a part of that effort.

We need your help. Your interest and cooperation will make our Conference a success. We would appreciate as much publicity as possible in newsletters, bulletins, mailings (zerox copies of our circular) to inform members and the community during this last three months about our Conference.

Shalom and thank you.

Ben Weiner, Community Conference Coordinator

P.S. Please zerox this letter and send it to someone who would also help.



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Rabbi Moshe Berliner, Executive Director, North American Aliyah Movement

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Mr. Arthur Levine - Past President, United Synagogue of America

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

To Olim leaving for Israel

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		Professor Daniel Elazar,	"Aliyah:	Issues and Answers"
3:00	P.M.	WORKSHOPS - locations to	be annou	iced.

- A. Housing and Employment Jay Shapiro
- B. <u>Moshav and Kibbutz</u> Sidney Frisch
- C. <u>Work Study Programs</u> Arych Goldberger
- D. <u>Aliyah for Adults 50 Years and Over</u> Avraham Frank
- E. The First Two Years in Israel Deborah Porten

4:15 P.M. "THE ISRAEL EXPERIENCE" - multimedia film produced and directed by Menachem Dayan Fischman Auditorium

5:00 P.M. OPEN FORUM: Questions and Answers with Workshop Leaders Fischman Auditorium





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Each AACI region works out its own program of social events, lectures, films and excursions. In addition, newcomers' receptions are held periodically for families and Individuals in the homes of volunteers. Working with other Israeli organizations, AACI sets up "adoption" programs for North American families by Israeli families to facilitate Integration. North American volunteers on kibbutzim and moshavim are also sought out where possible to offer AACI assistance.

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L.I. Aliyah Conference Honors Future Olim

39 Aliyah-bound families feted in Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thirty-nine families who are moving from the Washington area to Israel were guests of the Jewish community last week at a party in their honor. The party, first of its kind in this community, was held at the Ohr Kodesh Congregation under the sponsorship of the Greater Washington Aliyah Council in association with the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District.

The group of Olim, approximately eighty men, women and children, includes musicians, physicians, butchers, hairstylists and a retiring Deputy Sheriff.

According to Shmuel Shay, director of the Israel Aliyah Center in Washington, the celebration is the first, marking so significant a number of families leaving to make their homes in Israel. The Aliyah Council, which fosters contact between Washington Olim and the area Jewish community. plans to make a similar party an annual event. Several months ago the organization sponsored the of reunion exfirst Washingtonians in Israel at a program in Netanya which was attended by more than one hundred and fifty.

Greetings on behalf of Israel were delivered by Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Ephraim Evron. Hershel Blumberg, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was one of the keynote speakers.

The party was designed to focus community attention on the significance of Aliyah, and to pay tribute to those who have made the decision to settle in Israel, a step, Shay believes, that has heretofore not been sufficiently recognized. The Aliyah Council, one of several throughout the country, aims to provide assistance to the Olim, to retain ties with them after they are established in Israel and to promote the idea of Aliyah in general.

The party also served as a farewell to Shay, who is returning to Israel after three years as the regional Israel Aliyah Center Shaliach. Joseph Romanelli, the incoming director, attended the event.

TO ISRAEL WITH LOVE



Aliyah conference Sunday to probe jobs and housing

Opportunities for settling, study and employment in Israel will be explored Sunday, May 4, at an Aliyah Conference to be held in Long Island. More than 500 adults and teenagers are expected to attend the multi-faceted program at Temple Hillel, 1000 Rosedale Road in Valley Stream, from 2 to 6 P.M.

Organized by the Queens Israel Aliyah Center and the North American Aliyah Movement, activities for the day include workshops, presentations by experts in all aspects of life in Israel as well as prominent Israeli and American guest speakers.

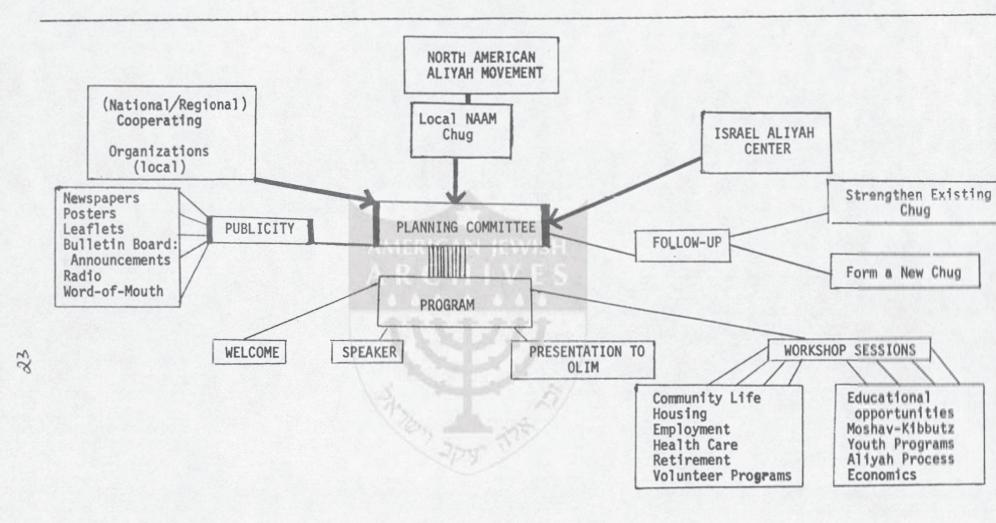
According to Moshe Bzezinski, co-director of the Queens Israel Aliyah Center, participants in the program will include Long Island and Queens residents, kibbutz representatives, members of local groups planning to emigrate and Association of Parents of Americans in Israel (A.P.A.I.).

"Israel needs manpower," said Bzezinski, "and American Jews must take part in the creation of this new era of peace." The aim of the conference, he explained, "is to establish new local aliyah groups which will meet on a monthly basis to discuss future plans and to gain community support for the aliyah movement." He added that "a special effort to recruit young people is being made and is a high priority."

Workshop topics for the conference include: Housing, employment, education, social structure, kibbutzim, moshavim and Zionism in the 80's. A special workshop for American teenagers to discuss topics of mutual interest will also be held.

According to Bzenski, admission will be free and refreshments will be served. The American Zionist Federation, United Synagogue of America, Hadassah, Bnai Brith, Pioneer Women and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are among the many cooperating organizations.

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Rabbi Allan L. Smith, Director

Adar 22, 5748 March 11, 1988

TO: Rabbis and Temple Educators in North America FROM: Rabbi Allan L. Smith, Director, UAHC Youth Division

DATELINE: JERUSALEM

FACT SHEET

A number of our colleagues both rabbinic and educators have asked about UAHC NFTY in Israel programming for the Summer of '88.

- 1. Why do NFTY Trips seem to charge more than others?
- Is it safe to send young people to Israel under the current circumstances?

1. Yes, NFTY trips do cost more. The UAHC is one of the only US institutions that has a full staff in Israel, stationed throughout the country to provide full support and supervision to all NFTY travelling groups. We have a permanent staff in Jerusalem which monitors all programmatic and health and safety concerns on a daily basis and has the capacity to upgrade and change itineraries on an ongoing basis. Further we would like to believe that we provide a standard of lodging that is a cut above other groups. Finally, NFTY's summer programs are generally 3-4 days longer than other institutions' programs. In addition, we provide more days of touring with guides and the complete NFTY Jerusalem curriculum.

2. Without hesitation, Israel is safe and secure. All NFTY in Israel itineraries are structured so that any questionable areas are excluded from visits or transit. The full educational itinerary is covered. In addition, NFTY in Israel constantly monitors the situation throughout the country and has the capacity to change itineraries on a daily basis. Please reinforce the fact that the situation within Israel proper (excluding the West Bank and Gaza which we do not visit) is as safe and secure as in any prior year. This letter is written to you from Jerusalem with the full agreement of the Youth Division staff of the Union who are visiting Israel during this week. We feel absolutely comfortable in making these unequivocal statements. Visit Israel now!

NFTY--North American Federation of Temple Youth Rabbi Ramie Arian, *Director* Ruth Bioomfield Margolin, *Associate Director* Dr. Ira Schweitzer, *Assistant Director* COLLEGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Michelle November, *Director* David Bernstein, *Shallech*, *Int'l. Educ.* INTERNATIONAL ED. DEPT., North America Paul J. Reichenbach, *Director* INTERNATIONAL ED. DEPT., Israel

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1988 NFTY BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 25-28, 1988 -- GREENE FAMILY CAMP, BRUCEVILLE, TEXAS

The NFTY Board Meeting was convened on Thursday, February 25, 1988 at the UAHC Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX at 9:30 p.m. by President Steve Derringer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1988 -- PLENARY SESSION I

David Zimmerman, NFTY Ani V'Atah Editor, gave the invocation.

The roll was taken, and, in addition to NFTY President Steve Derringer, the following 62 voting delegates were recorded as present:

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NFTY Executive Vice President: Susan Shankman NFTY Social Action Vice President: Brad Lander

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Also present were: NFTY Directors Rabbi Ramie Arian, Ruth Bloomfield Margolin, and Dr. Ira Schweitzer; NFTY Regional Staff members Richard Goldberg, Patti Reiss, and Beth Shanus; NFTY Sh'licha Leah Ronen; and Greene Family Camp Director Loui Dobin.

The members of the 1988 NFTY Board were warmly welcomed by Loui Dobin, Director of Greene Family Camp and by Jonathan Train, TOFTY President, along with the TOFTY Board. In addition, a letter of welcome and support from UAHC President Rabbi Alexander Schindler was read to the delegates.

Steve Derringer, NFTY President, gave his report. Steve talked about some of NFTY's many accomplishments in which he rightfully takes pride: strengthening links between NFTY and the adults of the UAHC, increasing participation in the Tikkun Olam program, and gathering 1,000 NFTYites in Washington on December 6, 1987 for the major Soviet Jewry rally. He thanked the NFTY Officers and

Directors for their work and support, and then he spoke of what he considers NFTY's challenges for the future: (1) Learning more about Israel's current troubles and the West Bank, and supporting Israel in taking initiatives for peace. (2) Strengthening relationships with K'lal Yisrael, NFTS, and Outreach. (3) Building a unified youth movement: drawing regions together, restructuring the Social Action Network, and programming on study themes. (4) Developing a commitment to a Jewish study and spirituality.

Resolution A, on life membership for Rabbi Jonathan A. Stein of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation passed by acclamation.

Resolution B on the 25th Anniversary of the Religious Action Center passed unanimously.

Resolution C on Israel's 40th Anniversary passed after limited discussion.

Resolution D on the 10th Anniversary of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America passed by acclamation.

Steve explained that after Board Meetings, the President sends out letters and copies of relevant resolutions to all interested parties to express the views of the NFTY Board and to convey congratulations or other sentiments.

Resolution E on the 75th Anniversary of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods passed by acclamation.

To introduce Resolutions E and F, Brad Lander gave a report on the December 6, 1987 Soviet Jewry Rally which was held in Washington, DC and which was an amazing event — attended by nearly 250,000 people, including 1200 NFTYites!

Resolution F, in appreciation of the fact that Washington Hebrew Congregation hosted a large NFTY program on the eve of the rally, passed by acclamation.

Resolution G, asserting NFTY's continuing work on behalf of Soviet Jewry, passed unanimously.

Resolution H, on including poetry as a new Competitions category, failed.

Rabbi Ramie Arian, NFTY Director, gave his annual report. He talked about the many things in which NFTY should take pride: our work with Soviet Jewry, Economic Justice, Mazon, and the 40th Anniversary of Israel. But then he reminded the Board that NFTY's goal is to build Jewish identity and commitment among our youth, and he asked whether we are reaching enough people in NFTY.

Ramie compared NFTY to a pyramid, with local youth group activities at the base, regional involvement in the middle, and participation in North American programs (like this Board Meeting) at the pinnacle. Using this metaphor, he reminded us that to strengthen a pyramid, one must add to the base, not the top. It is exciting and tempting to program for leaders, but the challenge is in finding ways to broaden the base and to develop stronger TYGs in order to enter our 50th year as a dynamic, growing youth movement.

Ramie underscored the fact that the <u>entire</u> pyramid is NFTY: the TYGs and regions <u>ARE</u> NFTY in their geographic areas. Because NFTY is known by a variety of names throughout the continent, this is often the source of confusion. It is all NFTY.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1988 -- PLENARY SESSION II

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., with no roll call changes.

Resolution I on restructuring the NFTY Social Action Network was introduced, proposing that it be comprised of the 21 regional Social Action VPs. Because 21 individuals would attend a Washington, DC training weekend under the proposed plan, instead of the 7 who have attended in past years, the Board needed to provide for the increase in cost. They also discussed the benefits of this training weekend and decided that the weekend is very important, they determined a way to divide the costs, amended the resolution, and passed it. CNYFTY added to the record that we tend to change things too readily if they aren't working well, before giving them enough of a chance.

President Steve Derringer asked the Chairpeople of the five NFTY Task Forces to report on their progress at this time.

Task Force on Unity -- Jeremy Halberstadt

The Task Force was concerned about prevailing misunderstandings of the relation between regions and NFTY (referring to Ramie's "pyramid" model in Plenary I). The TF members were working to formulate a resolution and a list of suggested activities to address the problem.

Task Force on Negative Traditions -- Jonathan Lurie

Most traditions which are passed down in NFTY regions are healthy, helpful, and productive. This Task Force was addressing the fact that some regions have destructive behaviors and Code of Conduct violations which have become like "traditions". The Task Force urged regional executive boards to be assertive, positive role models. Also, with candidates for regional office and at the regional old board/new board meetings, officers should openly discuss the particular problems of their regions. At Mechina, the Task Force advised having a workshop on this subject. Parents should also be included in discussions, especially those parents hosting NFTYites at conclaves.

Task Force on Tikkun Olam -- Jennifer Kohn

In evaluating the new system of managing the Tikkun Olam program, the Task Force suggested the following: a) that there be 3 required topics and 3 special interest topics under each category; b) that after any 3 puzzle pieces are earned, the NFTY Executive V-P send a certificate for the regional officer to send with a personal letter to TYG program VP; c) that the regional Chairperson's role be better defined and executed; d) that a network of Tikkun Olam Chairpeople be established; e) that a Tikkun Olam newsletter, with helpful "success stories", be produced; f) that TYG chairpeople be trained at leadership events; g) that more thought be given to unique challenges of small TYGs.

Task Force on NFTY Study Themes -- Marc Rothman

This group reported that it considered it advantageous both to limit the quantity of themes selected and to create a situation in which regions commit themselves to programming a conclave on one MFTY Study Theme. They proposed that these changes would increase NFTY unity and help the NFTY Officers distribute relevant programming materials to regions. They advised regions not to vote for topics on which they held a recent conclave, because that would preclude actually using the topic during its year as a NFTY Theme. The Task Force was working on a resolution to encompass these considerations.

Task Force on the NFTY Attendance Policy -- Abby Bernstein Discussing the policy set by the UAHC on non-Jews participating at regional events, the Task Force suggested dealing with this on an individual basis rather than as a policy, to assess genuine interest in Judaism before deciding whether to permit an individual to participate. At this time, Steve asked Leah Ronen, Sh'licha (Israel emmissary) to the Reform Movement, to present a report on current affairs in the State of Israel. Leah gave a brief but comprehensive overview of Israel's 40 year history and the history of the current conflicts. She urged NFTYites to take an interest in the issues, and to familiarize themselves with Israel by travelling there themselves. An open discussion ensued, with individuals from all around NFTY -- whatever their viewpoint -- showing their commitment to Israel's continued well-being.

The meeting was recessed at 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1988 -- PLENARY SESSION III

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and PAFTY replaced delegate Jen Marlowe with Danny Cohen.

Dr. Ira Schweitzer, a NFTY Director and the Director of Kutz Camp, gave his report on Kutz Camp. He talked of how Kutz is designed to complement the goals of NFTY in working towards a better world, Tikkun Olam, and he stressed the importance of sending our youth to Kutz in order to strengthen NFTY and our Jewish community through increased leadership, knowledge, and excitement.

Resolution J, on the "Abridged Encyclopedia of NFTY Resolutions", was brought to the floor, and Susan Shankman, NFTY Executive Vice-President distributed the first edition which she had prepared. The Board was duly impressed with her work, and the resolution passed by acclamation.

Resolution K, on K'lal Yisrael, communication with other Jewish youth movements at all levels of NFTY, passed unanimously.

Brad Lander, NFTY Social Action Vice-President gave his report. He stressed that education must be a priority. In a world with so many complex social action issues on which to try to keep up-to-date, youth are entering a new era in Social Action. Brad reminded the Board members how important it is that when they return home they turn new knowledge into action.

Resolution L, on the number of NFTY Study Themes, sparked some discussion. The purposes for the resolution, as stated in the initial clauses, were clarified, as was the concept of "balanced programming." Resolution L passed.

Resolution M, on use of NFTY study themes, was also the source of much discussion. Opponents, concerned about committing their regions to use themes before having selected them, motioned to table the resolution until that time. Proponents stated that the philosophy behind the resolution was one of regional commitment to unified programming; regions should only vote for topics which interest them as conclave themes. The motion to table failed, and the resolution was passed.

Ramie Arian gave a report on the 50th Anniversary of NFTY, to be celebrated in 1989. It will be marked by major festivities at the NFTY Convention and the UAHC Biennial, the establishment of a NFTY alumni association, the production of a new NFTY Album (probably a double album with "NFTY's Greatest Hits"), and featuring NFTY in an array of UAHC publications and magazines.

Resolution N on Handgun Control was submitted, but discussion was postponed.

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1988 -- PLENARY SESSION IV

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m., with no change in roll call.

Discussion was resumed on Resolution N. In debate, proponents stressed that the legislation provides a "cooling off" period; it does not deny the right to own a gun. Opponents were concerned that they lacked sufficient information with which to vote responsibly. Called to a vote, the resolution passed.

Susan Shankman, NFTY Executive Vice-President gave her report. She spoke again of her work developing the Abridged Encyclopedia of Study Themes, and she stressed the importance of fostering programmatic creativity and quality through the NFTY Competitions and Tikkun Olam programs. She distributed a clarification of the current Competitions theme, and urged regional boards to promote the Competitions. Susan was encouraged to see a rise in Tikkun Olam participation, and reminded all Board members to support the Tikkun Olam Program and the work of their regional chairpeople. She also distributed the latest NFTY membership data.

Resolution O, on Life Membership for Ronnie Brockman, MoVFTY Director, passed by acclamation.

Resolution P, on NFTY and the Eisendrath International Exchange Program, passed without debate. WEFTY requested that delegates pay closer attention to the proceedings.

Doron Toledano, member of the Social Action Network, reported on Mazon. He encouraged Temples to become Mazon members and TYGs to participate in a program whereby Mazon offers a grant of \$250 to help TYGs fight hunger in their communities. He presented a check for \$4,000 from NFTY to Mazon.

Resolution Q, on support for the Mazon Program, passed by acclamation.

Resolution R, on Animal Rights, was passed after minimal discussion and a clarification of the place of this issue in the Tikkun Olam program. CNYFTY urged people not to vote in haste simply to shorten the meeting.

Resolution S, on Negative Traditions, was presented. Friendly amendments focused on the need to summarize and distribute the thoughts and work of the NFTY Task Force. The resolution passed.

A motion to reconsider Resolution H on adding poetry to Competitions failed. WEFTY added their support for Resolution H to the record.

Resolution T. on NFTY Unity, passed without debate.

David Zimmerman, Ani V'Atah Editor, gave his report. He would like the publication to feature more debate on controversial issues and to improve the current system of distribution. He also stressed the need for regions to pass along interesting TYG program stories to be featured in Ani V'Atah.

Resolution U, on Reform Jewish Outreach, passed by acclamation.

After a short recess, Steve Derringer reported on NFTY and College Education Department (CED). NFTYites should be aware of CED and should become more involved on their campuses. How? 1) Have CED staff come to regional events. 2) Appoint recent NFTY alumni to go to these conclaves with the CED staff. 3) Give your college address to the CED office in NY. 4) When you have a regional college education program, contact the CED people and NFTY Alumni.

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Resolution V, on the Tikkun Olam Program, passed by acclamation.

At this point, Steve explained process for choosing next year's balanced pair of two NFTY Study Themes: nominations of study themes will come from the floor. Then, with each delegate getting 3 votes, the top contending themes will be identified. From this list, staff will generate a list of all reasonable "balanced" pairings to present to the Board. Delegates may then propose additional pairings (consisting only of themes on the elected list). In a two-stage voting process, the top pair will be selected. Throughout, time will be allotted for delegates to speak on behalf of themes and for delegations to caucus. Delegates were also reminded that they should vote for themes which are appropriate for their regional conclaves next year.

The themes selected were: Israel -- Entering the Fifth Decade and: The Jewish Family

Resolution W, on the Safe Homes Project, was considered. Brad Lander pointed out that the resolution supports the concept of Safe Homes, not any specific guidelines (e.g. curfews). Debate ensued, with proponents seeing this as a means of strengthening the Jewish family, and opponents uncomfortable with the open-endedness of the guidelines. The resolution failed. All agreed, . however, that Steve would send letter of explanation to the UAHC Family Task Force.

A motion to reconsider Resolution M, on the Use of NFTY Study Themes, was raised, but it was defeated. NEFTY stated concern that some regions, like their own, had recently used both themes. Steve assured delegates that these themes are broad enough to encompass great programmatic variety and that the NFTY Board and the NFTY Directors will help provide resources to help in particular situations.

A motion to reconsider Resolution W, on Safe Homes, was raised but defeated.

Certain resolutions which had been a part of the delegates' packets had not been brought to the floor, and Steve explained why. A resolution on the Call To Commitment was not called to vote because of time, but Steve asked the NFTY leadership to personally grapple with the issues therein. The resolution on Smoking was not submitted because an existing UAHC policy is binding upon us.

After a brief recess, elections began. The following individuals were candidates for NFTY President: David Barrett, Missy Cohn, and Fred Greene. The following individuals were candidates for NFTY Executive Vice President: Eve Rudin and Richard Sloane. The following individuals were candidates for NFTY Social Action Vice President: Warren Bass, Michael Drexler, and Michael Latz.

Elected were: PRES. -- DAVID BARRETT, 1028 Fairway Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46260 317-259-4818 EXEC. V.P. -- EVE RUDIN, 129 East 82nd St., New York, NY 10026 212-249-5795 SOC. ACT. V.P. -- MICHAEL DREXLER, 11656 Eden Estates Dr., Carmel, IN 46032 317-848-9881

After Good and Welfare, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

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Resolution A

RESOLUTION ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR RABBI JONATHAN A. STEIN

submitted by OYFTY

WHEREAS Rabbi Jonathan A. Stein has devoted much of his life to NFTY in the following ways: PAFTY President 1965-1966, youth group advisor in PAFTY 1967-1971, Program Director of the Goldman Union Camp Institute 1972-1974, OVFTY Advisor 1974-1978, and

WHEREAS he has continued his commitment to NFTY by going far above his duties as a Rabbinic supporter of OVFTY in recent years, and

WHEREAS he has given NFTY unselfish dedication in innumerable ways that cannot be adequately listed on paper,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Rabbi Jonathan A. Stein be granted life Membership in NFTY.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Resolution B

RESOLUTION ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the Emily and Kivie Kaplan Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Washington, D.C. has this past year celebrated its 25th anniversary, and

WHEREAS the Religious Action Center has become a stronghold of social justice throughout the world, and

WHEREAS the Religious Action Center has become a training ground for talented young Jews, and

WHEREAS the Religious Action Center has provided the North American Federation of Temple Youth with invaluable annd immeasurable strength in NFTY's continuing efforts in areas of social action,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY congratulate the Religious Action Center for its twentyfive years of monumental achievements in the arena of social justice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY convey its appreciation to the Religious Action Center for the assistance and ideas that it has provided for many individual NFTYites, for regions, and for NFTY social action in general, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, under the direction of the NFTY Social Action Vice-President, NFTY strengthen its ties to the Religious Action Center by coordinating NFTY social action with the personnel and resources of the Religious Action Center.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution C

RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the State of Israel is a refuge for those Jewish people who flee from persecution as well as a center of Jewish spiritual and cultural life, and

WHEREAS the State of Israel has become an integral component of the total program of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, and

WHEREAS upon the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has reasserted the Reform movement's commitment to the State of Israel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in saluting the people and the leaders of the State of Israel on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, and send a letter of congratulations to the President of the State of Israel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY support the Association of Reform Zionists of America in its efforts to deepen the level of Israel programming within the Reform Jewish movement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge its regions to include programs on israel in their regional events and in the activities of their member Temple Youth Groups.

PASSED

Resolution D

RESOLUTION ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REFORM ZIONISTS OF AMERICA

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) is this year celebrating its tenth anniversary, and

WHEREAS ARZA has enabled tens of thousands of Reform Jews to make their voices heard in Israel and around the world, and

WHEREAS ARZA has brought the concerns and the success of Israel closer to the American Reform Jewish movement, and

WHEREAS ARZA has recently included NFTY in its continuing efforts to bridge the gap between the United States Jewish community and the Jews of Israel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY convey its congratulations to ARZA on its tenth anniversary, and that a letter be sent to Rabbi Charles Kroloff, President of ARZA, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY work closely with a representative appointed by ARZA on developing joint programs through NFTY and ARZA that will serve to synchronize the efforts of the two organizations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY encourage its regions to invite members of ARZA's leadership to their regional events and to include these representatives in the conclave program.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

Resolution E

RESOLUTION ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) this year celebrates its 75th anniversary, and

WHEREAS NFTS has been involved with and blessed every major institution of Reform Judaism here in North America and in every land where Reform Jews reside, and

WHEREAS NFTS has created and nurtured the youth movement of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the past forty-nine years, and

WHEREAS NFTS continues to provide the North American Federation of Temple Youth with unparalleled support,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY express its congratulations to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods upon reaching such a monumental plateau, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY strengthen its bond to NFTS by increasing the level of communication on the local, regional, and North American levels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of NFTY join with the leadership of NFTS in developing programs that will serve to bridge the gap between NFTY and NFTS and that will assist both organizations in bringing creative Jewish experiences to their members.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Resolution F

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION FOR ITS EFFORTS WITH THE RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWRY

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the Rally for Soviet Jewry on December 6, 1987, represents the greatest single demonstration for the cause of Soviet Jews ever realized by the American Jewish community, and WHEREAS the program coordinated by NFTY on the eve of the Rally and NFTY's participation in the Rally itself marks the greatest demonstration of social action attained by NFTY, and

WHEREAS the events coordinated by NFTY as part of the Rally were made possible by the efforts and assistance of the Washington Hebrew Congregation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY convey its appreciation to the Washington Hebrew Congregation for its help in creating an exciting and informative prelude to the Rally for Soviet Jewry.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

Resolution G

RESOLUTION ON SOVIET JEWRY

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS NFTY has consistently worked on behalf of Soviet Jewry and has directed its efforts toward the realization of freedom for its brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union, and

WHEREAS NFTY's efforts in this arena were witnessed this past year at the Rally for Soviet Jewry, and

WHEREAS despite the success of the Raily for Soviet Jewry and the large number of NFTYites in attendance, injustice against Jews in the Soviet Union continues,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY view its participation in the Rally for Soviet Jewry as a beginning and not as a culmination by continuing and expanding upon its efforts in the area of Soviet Jewry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge its regions to convey the never-ending imprisonment of Soviet Jews to their members by including information on Soviet Jewry at the social action booth at every regional event, at which information is dispensed and the opportunity to write letters to Soviet Jews and to government officials is offered, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge its regions and TYGs to adopt their own refuseniks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY create a position on its North American Board called "Board Member In Absentia" to which a Soviet Jewish refusenik teenager will be appointed by the NFTY General Board, who will receive NFTY publications, minutes of NFTY Board meetings, and other NFTY mailings. In addition, his or her name will be included in each roll call taken at every gathering of the NFTY Board to remind NFTY of the oppression of Soviet Jews.

PASSED UNANI MOUSLY

Resolution H

RESOLUTION ON POETRY

submitted by WEFTY

WHEREAS many NFTYites have utilized poetry as a creative outlet for their Judaism, and

WHEREAS many NFTYites have expressed an interest in sharing their poetry with all of NFTY, and

WHEREAS the NFTY Competitions provide NFTYites with encouragement for creative artistic expression and with recognition for such efforts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that poetry be included in the NFTY Competitions beginning in 1988-1989.

DEFEATED

Resolution I

RESOLUTION ON THE NFTY SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

BACKROUND

The NFTY Social Action Network has served as a group of seven (7) people, one from each triregion, in order to communicate NFTY's social action goals to the regions, to work on NFTY social action projects, and to publish SIGNAL (the newsletter of NFTY social action). They work under the direction of the NFTY Social Action Vice-President. In June, Network members gather in Washington, D.C. before Mechina to learn about various aspects of social action in NFTY.

While this Network is designed to increase communication, it does not necessarily maximize communication between the regions about social action. Furthermore, the knowledge that the Network gains in Washington is often not translated successfully to the regional social action officers. Since these regional officers are the source of regional social action and the primary inspiration for TYG social action, it is crucial that they: 1) have the knowledge which can be shared at a NFTY social action weekend, and 2) be in closer communication with each other and with the NFTY Social Action Vice-President.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The NFTY Social Action Network be comprised of the 21 regional social action officers, and that one representative from each tri-region who has attended the meeting in Washington, D.C. be chosen to communicate the events of the meeting to any region in their tri-region which did not send a delegate to Washington, D.C., and to aid the NFTY Social Action Vice-President in the coordination of communication between the social action officers of each tri-region, and that This network meet before Mechina for training in NFTY and regional social action (including issue-oriented programming, "how to" discussions on social action in the region and TYG, mitzvah corps, regional social action networks, etc.), and that

NFTY will pay one-third of the program costs for each individual, and individuals attending this
meeting will have their travel reimbursed in accordance with the NFTY Presidential sliding scale,
and that

 This group be responsible for contributing to and publishing SIGNAL under the direction of the NFTY Social Action Vice-President, and that

The members of this group be in communication with each other and with the NFTY Social Action Vice-President.

PASSED

Resolution J

RESOLUTION ON THE NFTY RESOLUTIONS ABRIDGED ENCYCLOPEDIA

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS each year at the NFTY North American board meeting, a number of issues concerning NFTY are brought before the NFTY general board in the form of resolutions, and

WHEREAS through these resolutions, the NFTY board creates a direction of action for NFTY, sometimes altering the Constitution of NFTY, and

WHEREAS most regional officers are not aware of the resolutions that have been passed by former NFTY boards, and

WHEREAS to avoid repetitive or unecessary resolutions to be brought before future NFTY boards, resolutions from the past nine years (since 1979) have been compiled into one booklet by the NFTY Executive Vice-President, and

WHEREAS this directory of NFTY Resolutions will soon be outdated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the "NFTY Resolutions Abridged Encyclopedia" be supplemented every five years with the resolutions that have been passed in those five years, in the manner utilized in the present booklet, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each updated booklet, beginning with this year's first edition, be distributed to every NFTY region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task of updating this booklet come under the duties of the NFTY Executive Vice-President.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

Resolution K

RESOLUTION ON K'LAL YISRAEL

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS "Kilal Visrael" has been a two-year NFTY study theme, incorporating programs and action on the unity of the Jewish people, and

WHEREAS it has been a goal of the study theme to develop programs that can be utilized in the regions of NFTY as a way of uniting diverse Jewish communities on issues of common concern, and

WHEREAS the issue of "K'lal Yisrael" continues to be a topic of monumental importance to the future of the Jewish people, even after NFTY has devoted two years of study and action on its content,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the regions of NFTY commence, continue and expand upon their efforts to communicate with other Jewish youth movements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regions of NFTY encourage their Temple Youth Groups to work with local chapters of United Synagogue Youth and the National Conference of Synagogue Youth by incorporating the joint program of NFTY, NCSY, and USY - to be distributed after the NFTY North American board meeting- into the TYG's activities.

PASSED UNANI MOUSLY

Resolution L

RESOLUTION ON THE NUMBER OF NETY STUDY THEMES

submitted by the 1988 NFTY Study Theme Task Force

WHEREAS study themes should be a unifying force of NFTY, and

WHEREAS study is an essential prerequisite to action, and

WHEREAS the choice of two study themes enables NFTY to have a choice without losing focus of its priorities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY adopt two study themes for the 1988-1989 NFTY year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these themes be chosen with an eye towards balanced programming to incorporate the important aspects of our lives. For example: Particularism and Universalism; Education and Action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the use of only two study themes be utilized on a permanent basis, pending review of the 1989 NFTY General Board.

PASSED

Resolution M

RESOLUTION ON USE OF STUDY THEMES

submitted by the 1988 NFTY Study Theme Task Force

WHEREAS NFTY study themes are voted upon and chosen by the NFTY General Board for use in NFTY programming, and

WHEREAS many themes are not utilized to their full potential, and

WHEREAS a common educational goal for all NFTYites will bind together NFTY on a North American, regional, and local level,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all regions or all sub-regions of a region devote at least one appropriate full conclave per year towards one of NFTY's study themes or an aspect or sub-aspect thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that throughout each year the NFTY Executive Board will provide information and programming ideas on the study themes to the regional officers, and in turn, the regional officers will provide the information and programming ideas to each and every TYG through regional events and liaisons.

PASSED

Resolution N

RESOLUTION ON HANDGUN CONTROL

submitted by LIFTY

WHEREAS the United States is the only nation in the developed world which places virtually no restrictions on handgun availability, and

WHEREAS on the average, twenty-five Americans are murdered each day by handguns, and

WHEREAS the Handgun Violence Prevention Act (S. 446/H.R. 975), otherwise known as the "Brady Bill," is in the House of Representatives and the Senate for discussion, and

WHEREAS this bill provides for a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases from both dealers and private individuals, which would provide the opportunity for local police to run a backround check on the purchaser and would also provide a "cooling off" period for individuals seeking to settle heated disputes with handguns, and

WHEREAS this piece of vital legislation is supported by many, including Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President of the UAHC, and Richard Boyd, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, the largest police organization in the country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North American Federation of Temple Youth declare its support for Handgun Control, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY send a letter in support of the Handgun Violence Prevention Act to both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

PASSED

Resolution O

RESOLUTION ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR RONNIE BROCKMAN

submitted by MOYFTY

WHEREAS Ronnie Brockman has served as MOVFTY director since 1981, and

WHEREAS she served from 1978-1981 as a local advisor essential to the function of MOVFTY, and continued to serve as advisor of Shaare Emeth TYG in St. Louis until 1986, and

WHEREAS she has further demonstrated both her commitment and her concern for Jewish youth by serving on the UAHC Task Force on Youth Suicide since its founding in 1984, and

WHEREAS she has directly touched the lives of hundreds of MOVFTVites as a friend and an advisor through her understanding, her warmth, her love, and her unceasing effort to make MOVFTV a more fulfilling and more meaningful experience.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ronnie Brockman be granted the honor of having a NFTY Life Membership.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

Resolution P

RESOLUTION ON NFTY AND THE EISENDRATH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS for twenty-six years the Eisendrath International Exchange Program (EIE) has provided hundreds of NFTYites with an educational, cultural, and religious living experience in the Jewish homeland of Israel, and

WHEREAS the ELE program has given NFTY a unique look into Israel by providing NFTYites with the opportunity to host an Israeli high school student here in North America, and

WHEREAS NFTY's most central goal includes providing all of its members with a total experience in living Judaism, which includes exposure to the culture and people of the State of Israel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the opportunity exists, each region of NFTY host its own EIE student, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the regions appoint any EIE student within their boundaries to an honorary position on their regional board, responsible for bringing the identity of Israel closer to the region and its members. Each region may determine the most appropriate structure for this position.

PASSED

Resolution Q

RESOLUTION ON THE MAZON PROGRAM

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS NFTY's commitment to social action involves elevating the quality of life for all people, and

WHEREAS the quality of life for North Americans and other peoples of the world is diminished most severely by hunger, and

WHEREAS there exists a Jewish response to hunger, entitled MAZON, and

WHEREAS the MAZON program allows North American Jews to work toward Tikkun Olam by voluntarily adding three percent of the total cost of their celebrations to combat hunger, and

WHEREAS for the past two years, NFTY and its regions have participated in the MAZON program by donating an additional three percent of the registration fee of their events to MAZON, since both NFTY and regional events are dynamic, vibrant celebrations of Jewish life, and

WHEREAS the 1987 NFTY North American Board established MAZON as an ongoing NFTY project, allowing it to be reviewed before the NFTY Board at every NFTY North American Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS this voluntary form of *tzeds.ksh* continues to be of great importance to the members of NFTY,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY continue to add an additional three percent to the registration fee of every North American event to be allocated to the MAZON program upon review by every NFTY Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY continue to encourage its regions and TVGs to participate in the MAZON program by adding an additional three percent to the registration fee of every regional and TVG function, to be donated to MAZON in the name of NFTY, thus being collected by NFTY and forwarded to MAZON, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NFTY Social Action Vice-President take all necessary steps to promote the MAZON program.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

Resolution R.

RESOLUTION ON ANIMAL RIGHTS

submitted by LIFTY

WHEREAS in today's society, animals around the world are treated horribly and cruelly, and

WHEREAS they cannot speak out for themselves, and

WHEREAS most people in our society are unaware of the torturous treatment towards animals, and

WHEREAS compassion for animals and concern for *tzaar baalei hayyim* - preventing and alleviating the suffering of living creatures - has been part of our long heritage, and

WHEREAS this attitude runs through the Torah, Talmud, Midrash, and the legends of our people, and

WHEREAS the torturing of an animal is regarded as a criminal act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY recognize the importance of the awareness of animal rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY publish and distribute a resource guide of different organizations and facts about and supporting animal rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that animal rights be included as a topic in the Tikkun Olam structure for 1988-1989.

PASSED

Resolution S

RESOLUTION ON NEGATIVE TRADITIONS

submitted by the 1988 NFTY Task Force on Negative Traditions

WHEREAS this Task Force understands that some regions have developed negative traditions that harm the reputation and development of youth programming, and

WHEREAS negative traditions include violations of the NFTY Code of Conduct,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY's regions will orient all future regional boards to their regions' specific negative traditions as well as to identify some possible solutions so that the regional boards may initiate some proper policy for the coming year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a pamphlet summarizing this Task Force's work be sent to regional boards in order to help with the orientation process, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge its regions to send information to the candidates for their regional elections, regarding the importance and the responsibilities of correcting negative traditions, so that they may run for office understanding the attitudes needed for tackling these negative traditions.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Resolution T

RESOLUTION ON UNITY

submitted by the 1988 NFTY Task Force on Unity

WHEREAS the question of unity is recognized by NFTY as affecting the organizational dynamics and personal sentiment of youth group members on the local, regional, and North American levels, and

WHEREAS an official NFTY Task Force on Unity was assigned to this issue at NFTY Boards, and

WHEREAS this Task Force reviewed unity in an in-depth fashion, reviewing and commenting on past projects, discussing current efforts, and developing ideas and proposals for future work, and

WHEREAS a list was compiled, containing those ideas which this Task Force felt to be important,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1988-1989 Executive Board of NFTY carefully review the list of suggestions to ameliorate NFTY unity set forth by this Task Force, considering them as potential future resolutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this list of suggestions be sent out to regional boards and directors in the first mailing of NFTY's 1988-1989 year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this list of suggestions and any others put forth in the future by the NFTY General Board be considered by any later Task Force on Unity appointed by NFTY.

PASSED

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AMELIORATION OF UNITY WITHIN NFTY

compiled by the 1988 NFTY Task Force on Unity

 A Pen-Pal system amongst NFTY members should be investigated, to incrage awareness and communications.

 The 1988-1989 NFTY Executive Board should prepare and distribute a program on NFTY to be conducted in individual youth groups.

The NFTY Executive Board should investigate the feasibility of preparing a video tape on NFTY and its regions to be made available to youth groups.

 More publicity should be given to NFTY in the magazine <u>Reform Judaism</u>. Also, the 1988-1989 NFTY President should write a letter to <u>Reform Judaism</u>'s editor on this topic. 5. Multi-regional events should be encouraged.

The use of a NFTY Membership Card should be investigated, such as the four-part membership card that was once used.

Resolution U

RESOLUTION ON REFORM JEWISH OUTREACH

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the Reform Jewish Outreach program has met with tremendous success since its inception in 1981, and

WHEREAS the North American Federation of Temple Youth has committed itself and its efforts to, the Outreach program of the UAHC, and

WHEREAS the leadership of NFTY and representatives of the Outreach department of the UAHC have developed programs to be utilized by regions and TYGs alike,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NFTY reaffirm its commitment to the Outreach program of the UAHC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Outreach resolution of the 1987 NFTY North American board meeting, regions and TYGs utilize the programs that NFTY and the Outreach Department of the UAHC have created for regional and TYG use.

PASSED BY ACCLEMATION

Resolution V

RESOLUTION ON TIKKUN OLAM

submitted by the 1988 NFTY Tikkun Olam Task Force

WHEREAS active youth group participation in the Tikkun Olam program is expected to double in the year of 1987–1988, and

WHEREAS NFTY will be concentrating on two study themes for the 1988-1989 year, and

WHEREAS an increase in the Tikkun Olam participation is largely due to the fact that there was a broad selection of themes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Tikkun Olam Task Force, including the NFTY Executive Vice-President and the NFTY Executive Vice-President Elect, choose the themes for the Tikkun Olam program, and include the two selected NFTY themes for the 1988-1989 year.

PASSED BY ACCLIMATION

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RESOLUTION ON THE "SAFE HOMES" PROJECT

submitted by the NFTY Executive Board

WHEREAS the NFTY Board recognizes the dangers inherent in the use of alcohol and drugs, and

WHEREAS "Safe Homes" is a project that promotes drug and alcohol-free homes, and

WHEREAS "Safe Homes" participants provide safe environments for the festive gatherings and celebrations of teens, and

WHEREAS the Task Force on the Jewish Family of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will urge the UAHC and its member congregations to endorse the "Safe Homes" project, and

WHEREAS the Committee On the Jewish Family has asked the NFTY Board to give its support to the "Safe Homes" project,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NFTY Board endorse the concept of the "Safe Homes" project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY urge its regions and TYGs to support and publicize the concept of the "Safe Homes" project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFTY join the Committee On the Jewish Family in urging the UAHC to adopt the concept of "Safe Homes" as a North American project.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF NFTY THE NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH

NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, was founded in 1939 as the youth branch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It was created at the urging of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, to provide an outlet for young people to participate in the life of their synagogues. NFTY's early membership was of young adult age, rather than teen-age, and its national officers were in their twenties, some married. At that time, there were 3 NFTY regions -- Pennsylvania, Chicago, and New York.

Growth in the number of Temple Youth Groups (TYGs) and NFTY regions continued steadily without significant change until 1948. At that time, NFTY held its last National Convention (until the 1980's), adopting a new constitution that created major structural changes in the young organization: NFTY Conventions were dropped in favor of summertime Leadership Institutes, the membership age of NFTY was dropped to high school, and the regions were given a relatively larger share in determining program and policy.

1952 was NFTY's Bar Mitzvah year. As a programming gimmick, the idea of emphasizing "mitzvah" programs and projects that "serve others rather than ourselves" was introduced. This idea has influenced NFTY ever since.

1954 was a year of significant expansion. In addition to two National Institutes, the number of regional summer camp sessions exceeded one dozen. The first NFTY Advisor's Institute was sponsored, and an experimental first NFTY trip to Israel and Europe was launched. The number of regions passed the fifteen mark, and the total number of regional conclaves exceeded 100. Two newsletters and dozens of programmatic resources were published by the NFTY office.

1960 was NFTY's 21st -- and so it took the theme "Coming of Age". Taking a cue from the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai, NFTY marked its coming of age by announcing: "Na-aseh V'Nishma -- We will Do and We Will Hearken". The Na-aseh V'Nishma program was NFTY's first attempt to guide local TYG programming by providing guidelines for balanced excellence.

In 1961, NFTY inaugurated the Eisendrath International Exchange (EIE) Program, in which three boys from NFTY went for a semester of study at the Leo Baeck High School in Haifa, Israel, and three Uruguayan girls came to NFTY homes in the U.S. Today, EIE is a vibrant two-way exchange between Reform Jewish youth in Israel and North America.

From 1962-65, NFTY focused on innovation in international programming. NFTY Summer Antiquities Tour brought NFTY ites to see the sights and meet the Jewish youth of Europe and Israel. NFTY Bible Institute provided a thorough touring experience in Israel. Mitzvah Corps programs sprung up in Puerto Rico, Israel, and Mexico, as well as in New York and Chicago.

In 1965, NFTY acquired a new summer address: its own national camp, the UAHC Kutz Camp in Warwick, N.Y. Beginning that summer, Kutz became the site for NFTY's Leadership Institutes, Board Meetings, and other national programs. It continues to be the headquarters for NFTY leadership training.

In the late 1960's, NFTY's emphasis on mitzvah led it to the forefront of social action programming. NFTY stressed in all its programming that young people can really make a difference in the world we share. In addition, NFTY songs became an important art form, and NFTY ites began to participate in a great flowering of creativity. The number of NFTY regions reached its current total of 21.

In 1970, NFTY began to offer outreach programming to its alumni on college campuses. Those programs grew into the UAHC's College Education Department which today offers student-directed Reform Jewish programming on more that 50 major college campuses.

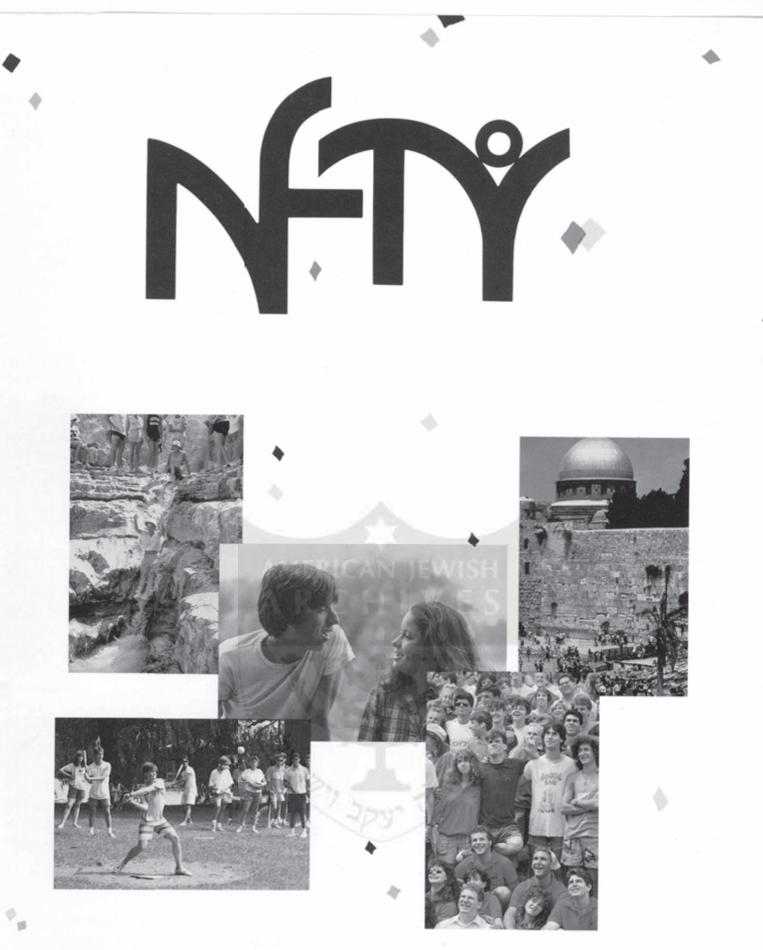
Throughout the 1970's, NFTY's international program expanded. NFTY Israel Academy replaced the Bible Institute, and increasing numbers of groups went each summer. While NFTY Mitzvah Corps in Israel continued its growth, NFTY added an Archeological Dig to its summer travel menu. By the end of the decade, hundreds of NFTY ites were experiencing Israel each summer.

Kutz Camp began a major innovation in 1972. The various programs fostering leadership skills, Jewish study, and creativity that had previously been offered separately were combined into the NFTY National Academy. Noted professionals and scholars were called upon to bring the country's best teachers to NFTY. At the same time, the NFTY National Torah Corps at Katz Camp developed a program of serious Jewish exploration for leaders seeking to deepen their Jewish identity.

In the 1980's, NFTY's Na-aseh V'Nishma program was succeeded by the Chai project, then by the Kavod award, and finally by the Tikkun Olam program. "Tikkun Olam" offers flexible guidelines for TYG programming that help NFTY youth understand that they have a part to play in bringing about the improvement of our world.

In 1983, NFTY re-introduced the national convention. NFTY Conventions are now held every other year, in Washington, D.C.. 700 high school youth gather in the U.S. capital for a long weekend of interaction, study, discussion, touring, lobbying, and fun.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, NFTY boasts more than 450 youth groups in twenty-one regions throughout the United States and Canada. NFTY alumni, numbering in the hundreds of thousands, have taken their places in the leadership of the Reform and general Jewish communities, both in America and in Israel. Graduates of NFTY programs are prominent in the creative arts as well as in communal and political leadership spheres. These alumni agree that NFTY has helped its participants to grow as people, as artists, as leaders, and as Jews. NFTY is now reaching out to more than 60,000 Reform Jewish high school youth. We look back at our history with pride, and to our future with confidence and hope.



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> YOUTH DIVISION Rabbi Allan L. Smith, Director

Dear Temple Educator,

At the just concluded UAHC Biennial in New Orleans, we celebrated 50 remarkable years of NFTY. Join us as together we build for the future of Reform Judaism. Our NFTY leadership program at the Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY and our exceptional programs in Israel are specially designed to enhance Jewish knowledge, develop leadership and build lasting commitment.

Together we recognize the dramatic impact of the NFTY Camp and Israel Experience on the lives of our teens. Enclosed you will find information for all NFTY summer '90 programs. Please actively select representatives from your congregation and youth group to attend the NFTY program at the Kutz Camp. Please encourage your high school age people to join one of our outstanding programs in Israel.

Congregational scholarships are essential to the success of our programs. These scholarships can also assure the continued commitment to congregational life at the conclusion of the program.

In order to assist with your NFTY program recruitment efforts, please use the form below to request copies of our NFTY at Kutz Video (VHS-5 minutes) and our NFTY in Israel Slide Show (7 minutes). The Israel slide show is available in VHS Tape or Slide Reel Formats.

Please call if we can support you in any way.

Best wishes,

Rabbi Allan L. Smith Director, UAHC Youth Division

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