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## COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

**RABBI SHELDON ZIMMERMAN**

*Chair*

**ELLEN HERSKOWITZ**

*Co-Chair*

**RABBI SANFORD SELTZER**

*Director*

March 1, 1993

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
UAHC  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York NY 01021

Dear Alex:

The UAHC Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse cordially invites you to participate in the second annual Greenwich Colloquium, a yearly conference for Reform Jewish leaders devoted to understanding and fighting substance abuse. The Colloquia are possible thanks to the generosity of the late Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz. This year's topic will be, "Addiction As A Family Dilemma: The Role of the Synagogue in Reconsecrating the Family As a Mikdash M'At."

The Colloquium will be held on Sunday, June 13, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the residence of Carole Anne McLeod, 121 Old Mill Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Full particulars regarding the program will be forthcoming in the near future. In the interim, we would ask that you reserve the date now. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,

*Sheldon*

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman

*Ellen*

Ellen Herskowitz

Dedicated to the memory of its benefactor and first chairman,  
Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz



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Drug & Alcohol Abuse

MEMORANDUM

September 3, 1992

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Melvin Merians

The enclosed is self-explanatory, Mel. Shelly has been active on the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee and is vitally interested in its work. You may recall that he gave a superb paper at what turned out to be Maury Leibovitz's last Conference and meeting. I think that this appointment is in order.

I really don't like the fact that Sandy discussed these appointments with both Shelly and Ellen before he cleared it with either of us. But that doesn't negate the validity of his judgment that these are the best possible appointments. I would appreciate it therefore if you were to send the official letters or make the appropriate calls.

Thank you.

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## COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz

Chairman

Rabbi Sanford Seltzer

Director

### MEMORANDUM

*Call Held for discussion*  
*[Signature]*

TO: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Rabbi Daniel B. Syme

FROM: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer

DATE: August 27, 1992

CC: Albert Vorspan

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Pursuant to our conversations we have had together and formal communications regarding the chairmanship of the Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, I have spoken with Shelly Zimmerman and he has agreed to serve as the new chair. I have also spoken with Ellen Herskowitz who has agreed to serve as co-chair and take some of the load off of Shelly's shoulders. Would you please see that Mel makes the official appointments. Many thanks.

*[Signature]*



RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

June 1, 1992  
29 Iyar 5752

Dear Maury:

It's good to be home -- for a while at least! The last weeks have been stimulating and exciting... but exhausting. It will be good to have a respite over the Shavuot holiday and Rhea and will have the joy of baby-sitting for the three einichlach so I look forward to a pleasant week-end before we're "on the road" again.

This is my first opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude for your third annual gift in support of the Committee on Substance Abuse. The excellent Greenwich Colloquium truly underscored the critical aspects of the Jewish spiritual component in seeking to combat such substance abuse in our community. I agree, it was a most inspiring - and important - program.

All of us of the Union are grateful to you for making the Colloquium possible. The learning experience and the marvelous papers which will come out of this program will help us move our congregations forward in their role as caring, healing communities which will touch many lives in a positive and meaningful manner.

With love from house to house.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz  
19 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021



*Drug & Substance Abuse*

*memo + check  
hand delivered to  
Fred Cohen*

*5/14*

MEMORANDUM

May 14, 1992

**COPY**

FROM: Marian Brewer  
TO: Fred Cohen  
COPY:

Attached herewith is a gift from The Morris P. Leibovitz  
Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used for the  
Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Please credit accordingly.

Thanks.



*M.L. died before  
I could give  
you  
went home*



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May 14, 1992  
11 Iyar 5752

Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz  
121 Old Mill Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

Dear Dr. Leibovitz:

Your letter to Rabbi Schindler and your generous gift to be used for the Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse arrived here, unfortunately, after Rabbi Schindler had left the city for engagements that will keep him away from his desk until June.

However, I informed him of your correspondence by telephone and he asked me to write you of his gratitude. He values your friendship highly and I know he will want to acknowledge your letter and your gift when he returns.

In the meantime, I send a thank you, not only from Rabbi Schindler, but all of us here at the Union, for your continuing care and concern.

Sincerely,

Marian Brewer  
Rabbi's Schindler's office



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DR. MAURY LEIBOVITZ

PRESIDENT

May 8, 1992

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

I am delighted to send you my third annual contribution of \$15,000 to be used for the Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

We just completed the Greenwich Colloquium on Alcohol and Drug Abuse on May 3, and it was one of the most inspiring days that I have had for many years--starting with the warm, eloquent and intimate account of Kitty Dukakis, followed by Rabbi Michael Signer's sharing of his understanding and wisdom from his experiences, and then the imaginative and spiritual account of Rabbi Jim Goodman about the unique services at his synagogue in St. Louis.

I think the summary presented by Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman was especially important where he spoke about the future possibilities of a new spiritual journey--the healing synagogue of the future.

I thank you for your participation and sharing.

My best,



Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz

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Enclosure



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*Substance Abuse*

May 26, 1992  
23 Iyar 5752

Mr. Eddie D. Ishag  
Chairman  
Business Against Drugs  
6 Kensington Court  
London W8 5DL England

Dear Mr. Ishag:

Thank you for forwarding the materials prepared by your organization. Rabbi Schindler is currently out of the country, but I will, of course, hold the materials for his return.

I am pleased to note that you have also sent the same data to Rabbi Seltzer, who is the staff director of our Committee on Substance Abuse. I am confident that he will find it to be most informative.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller  
Assistant to the President

# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

13th May 1992

Rabbi Alexander Schindler,  
President,  
Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations (Reform),  
838 5th Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10021,  
U.S.A.

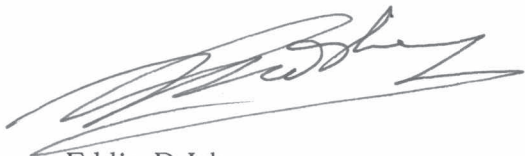
*Dear Rabbi Schindler*

Thank you very much for your letter dated 4th May. I am sorry to learn that the material we sent you did not arrive. However, here is another set for your information. If you require any further details about our activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As you suggested we have written to Rabbi Seltzer separately enclosing the same materials.

*Regards*

Yours sincerely,



Eddie D Ishag  
Chairman

# Now the business world is battling with drugs.



A totally new charitable concept formed to combat the constantly growing threat of drug, alcohol and chemical abuse.

Our main aim is to promote awareness amongst the business community of the need, opportunities and benefits of sponsoring a variety of drug prevention and dependency reduction programmes. One of the most important of these programmes is educating those who are most at risk – young people.

## BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

Now we are in business, with your help, we shall win the battle!



# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

On the occasion of the first ever World Ministerial Drugs Summit on drug demand reduction held in London in April 1990, a new charitable organisation called Business Against Drugs was established to combat the ever increasing threat of drug abuse.

Business Against Drugs is already supporting charities such as Action on Addiction, Turning Point, SHARP, ADAPT, Drug & Alcohol Foundation, Phoenix House, etc, who are working in the field of chemical dependency and are doing more than seems possible on their inadequate funds. As business people we know only too well that there are limited resources to devote to the numerous requests for assistance from charities of all kinds. It seemed logical, therefore, to form a focus to help support this very important group of allied charities. In this way we can encourage sizeable injections of money to boost the charities' own efforts and thus enable them to concentrate on doing their chosen job more effectively.

If the business community helps to fund these organisations it is, in reality, helping itself by securing a future in which billions of pounds are not lost through sickness, absence or inefficiency due to employees' personal dependency problems or those of their families. A person whose child is addicted to drugs or other substances, or whose spouse is an alcoholic, is probably as unreliable as a person with a dependency problem.



We are aware that there is still something of a "stigma" attached to drug and alcohol related charities and that a number of otherwise intelligent business people are wary of linking their companies' names to such charities. We believe that we can and must change that attitude.

Drug, alcohol and chemical abuse are problems which transcend class and economic barriers. Is there one of us who does not know, or know of, someone who has such a problem? Pressures created by the home, school or work environment can destroy a life which could have benefitted society as a whole. The charities are working hard to combat this destruction but limited resources limit action. Should funds be used to help those for whom the pressures have already proved too great or would those funds be more effective if used to educate the world, and especially the young, before they submit to the pressures? Obviously the answer is that both of these aspects are equally important —they simply need more resources.

Become a friend of BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS because we need your support in order to promote awareness of the problems associated with chemical dependency. Please sign a Covenant or make an initial donation — but do it NOW — as money is essential both to educate and to help eliminate the stigma of drug and alcohol misuse.

Eddie D. Ishag  
Chairman





# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

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# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

## BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES

**Business Against Drugs** was formed in April 1990 on the occasion of the first ever World Ministerial Drugs Summit held in London. Anxiety about the growing incidence of drug and alcohol misuse, together with the arrival of new inexpensive drugs, led to calls for new initiatives in prevention and education. Business Against Drugs was started as a charity by a group of businessmen who felt more should be done to raise funds and promote awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse at school, at home and in the workplace.

In its first year, Business Against Drugs raised and donated over £250,000 to some twenty-five organisations concerned with drug prevention and treatment. Some of the principal recipients were Action on Addiction, Turning Point, The Self Help Addiction Recovery Programme (SHARP) and The Core Trust.

Business Against Drugs has helped other charities engaged in demand reduction activities by endorsement and promotion. Close links have been established with the principal Government Departments in this field. Joint-ventures include, joint funding with the Home Office of an International Conference held in London by Positive Prevention Plus, and a School's Competition organised by The Department of Health to which Business Against Drugs is contributing £60,000 for the prizes. At local level, Business Against Drugs is contributing to the new Community Task Force programme, and, in conjunction with Westminster City Council, to the "Dome" interactive exhibition for young people.

The battle against drugs extends beyond the national boundaries and Business Against Drugs is active in Europe and beyond. Business Against Drugs is affiliated to Europe Against Drugs (EURAD) and has links with Media Fights Drugs in France and with concerned members of the European Parliament and the European Commission. Arrangements are in hand for projects, events and conferences to coincide with the U.K.'s Presidency of the European Community culminating in European Drug Awareness Week in November 1992.

Internationally, Business Against Drugs enjoys close links with Governor Bob Martinez, Director of National Drug Control Policy in the U.S.A. and with the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE). At the request of the British Government, Business Against Drugs funded a research project on ICE in Los Angeles and will shortly be backing similar research into MDMA ("Ecstasy").

In all these activities Business Against Drugs is endeavouring to break through the stigma and ignorance which surrounds drug and alcohol abuse, not least in the business community. Companies are encouraged to acknowledge their self-interest in instigating workplace schemes and more enlightened policies towards their employees.

At work, and in the community, efforts to advise and help those at risk or those who are dependent on drugs, work best on a small group basis. But the profusion of and competition between treatment and advice centres mean they have neither the resources nor the size to influence policy or to obtain adequate funding on a collective basis.

Business Against Drugs has drawn together many of these activities and charities and, in doing so, sought to identify the best practises and reduce the rivalry and petty differences which have inhibited success so often in the past.

However, Business Against Drugs recognises that there are genuine differences of approach and policy among many of those concerned with drug and alcohol misuse. The approach of Business Against Drugs can be put quite simply. It is opposed to legalisation of drugs, sceptical about many harm reduction techniques which do not lead to abstinence and it believes above all, in the need for more proactive efforts to educate and raise awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse. In short, Business Against Drugs believes prevention is the cure.



### **The Core Trust**

The Core Trust is a Drug Treatment Centre in Lisson Grove, London, who offer a unique holistic approach to the treatment of drug addiction and rehabilitation.

HRH The Princess of Wales will be the Guest of Honour at the luncheon to be held in the Crystal Room at the Mayfair Hotel on Wednesday 27th May in aid of the Core Trust, which Business Against Drugs is supporting.

### **The Life Education Centre**

The Life Education Centre is a registered charity providing Drug and Aids prevention programmes using specially designed mobile classrooms with high-tech teachings aids which inspire children aged 3-15 years towards a drug-free life-style. Business Against Drugs is supporting this project which will culminate in a polo match on the 4th August 1992 in aid of the Life Education Centres, where HRH The Prince of Wales will be participating in the match and will also be the Guest of Honour.



## **European Drug Misuse/Awareness Week, 16-22 November 1992**

Business Against Drugs are involved in a joint venture with the Department of Health in promoting awareness through projects, events and conferences in the European Community to coincide with the UK's Presidency of the EC during the European Drug Awareness Week. On Tuesday 17 November there will be a sponsored media campaign aimed at young people. National and regional television companies will present programmes on drug and alcohol misuse including community commercials on drug advisory services and special reports on the dangers of drug abuse in schools, the workplace, the home, etc. The keynote speaker is expected to be the Prime Minister or HRH The Princess of Wales.

Business Against Drugs' major contribution to European Drug Misuse/Awareness Week will be a fund-raising event on Tuesday 17th November which is expected to be graced by the presence of HRH The Princess of Wales.

## **National Schools Competition**

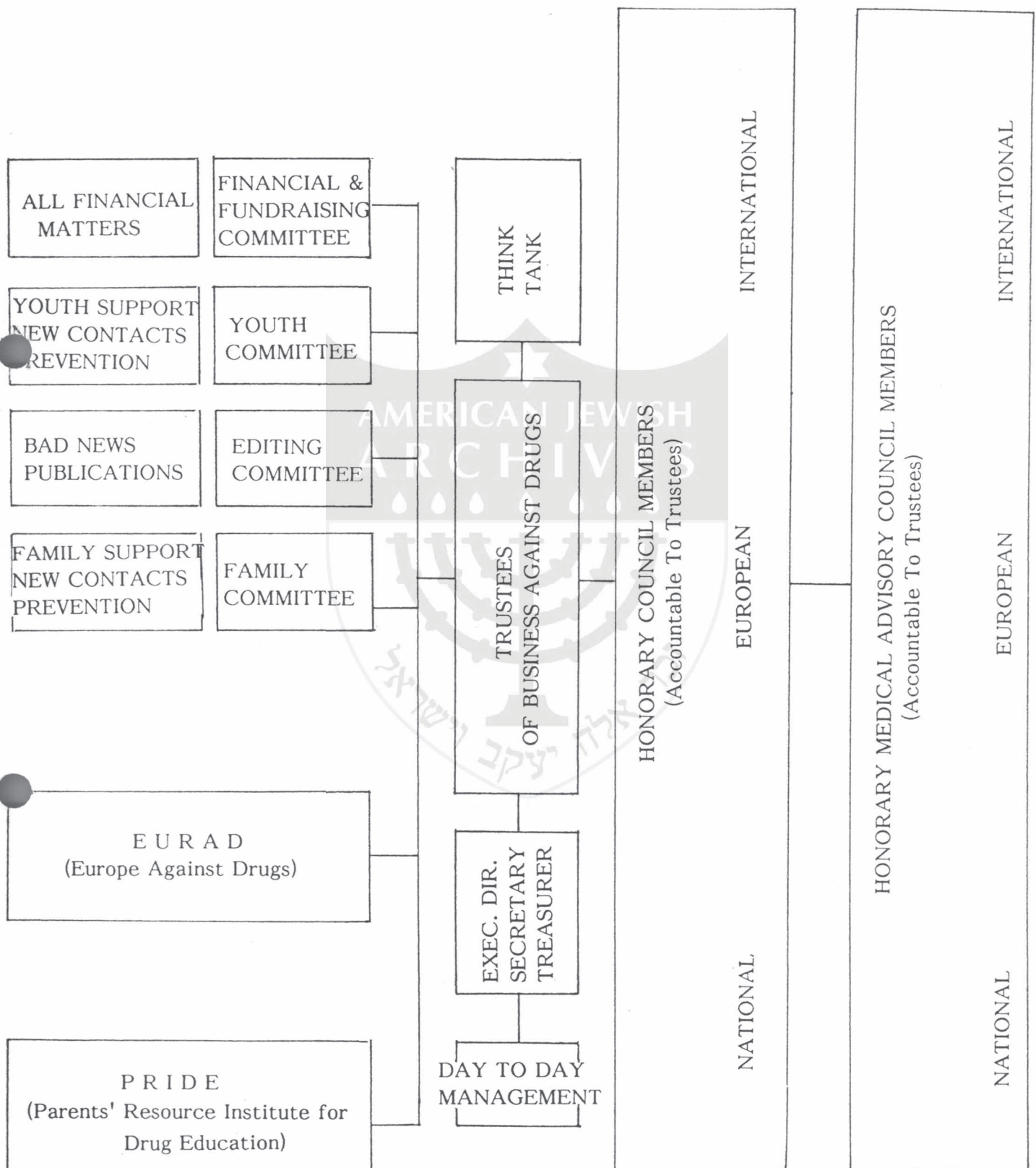
We are supporting the National Schools Competition in conjunction with the Department of Health, where children will be encouraged to take a personal interest and write a ten minute play or video in association with a television channel. The winning entry will be shown during European Awareness Week. Associated with this would be material specially designed for teachers and parents telling them how to recognise drug misuse and how to seek help and advice.

## **City of Westminster Dome Project**

This is the Community Task Force programme to which Business Against Drugs is contributing in conjunction with Westminster City Council. The Dome project is an interactive exhibition for young people and the idea is to exhibit material in a Geodesic structure away from the classroom. The aim is to educate youngsters about drugs and alcohol abuse with the emphasis on audio-visual stimulation, by using video projectors, sound systems and special effects to maximise interest and learning impact of the theme.

# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

## ORGANISATION PLAN





# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

## CHARITY PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

### Recipient

### Pertinent Details

#### UNITED KINGDOM SECTION

#### **Turning Point**

The largest UK charity helping people with drug, drink and mental health problems. Patron is Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales. It also offers a large network of help, care and counselling for families and friends. It operates some 50 centres throughout the country and employs over 160 professional staff and other personnel. Business Against Drugs has assisted a number of projects such as the Southall Alcohol Advisory Service.

#### **Action on Addiction**

Charity which supports advances in the prevention of, treatment of and research into addiction of all kinds. Currently raising £6,000,000 to help establish the first ever National Addiction Centre in the UK. Phase 1 (Addiction Sciences Building) now complete. Current effort is directed towards the Phase 2 (Community Drug Centre) in which Business against Drugs is playing a major part in 1991.

#### **SHARP (Self Help Addiction Recovery Programme)**

An independent Self-Help Addiction Recovery Project within the umbrella of The Chemical Dependency Centre (a registered charity). The aim is to provide a specialist highly structured day programme for 20 clients. The model of treatment is abstinence based and it regards 'addiction' to all drugs (including alcohol, solvents etc) as a primary illness that requires the patient to be drug free in order to recover.

#### **Rock-A-Baby**

London based charity project for research and improved services for mothers and babies who have drug or alcohol problems.

## Recipient

## Pertinent Details

### **Phoenix House**

One of the largest UK charities for treating drug and alcohol abuse with 4 projects in London, Sheffield, Tyneside and Merseyside. Patron is HRH The Princess of Wales. Residential Drug Rehabilitation Community with group therapy.

### **Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence**

An independent body with HRH The Princess Wales as Patron. Incorporated in 1968 as a non-profit making company limited by a guarantee and registered as a charity. It provides a project centre for the study of drug misuse and advancing public understanding of the subject. The library is Britain's major resource for information on the misuse of drugs and drug dependence.

### **Sportsmans Aid Society**

Through the Sportmans Aid Charity they sponsor a number of medically orientated projects for young people.

### **Yeldhall Christian Centres**

A Christian Organisation near Reading providing care, support and rehabilitation of those at risk from all substance misuse. The project aim is to see people totally transformed from their life dominating dependency to drugs and alcohol.

### **The Core Trust**

Established in 1985 and registered as a charity since 1989. CORE is an acronym for Courage to Stop, Order in Life, Release from Addiction and Entry into new life. This project provides within an holistic context, detoxification, rehabilitation and drug free existence for patients. Premises are provided by Westminster City Council who in 1986 gave them The Ribbon Award for achievement in the field of rehabilitation. This was presented by HRH Princess of Wales.

### **St Joseph's Centre for Addiction**

Enjoys charitable status through its association with Holy Cross Hospital. Established in 1986 at Haslemere and offers multi-disciplinary and holistic approach to treatment of chemical dependency. The five week programme uses the Minnesota Model of treatment.

### **Farm Place Treatment Centre**

Fee paying Treatment Centre in Surrey for all addictive illnesses. The goals are abstinence and recovery using a multi disciplinary team. Family involvement is encouraged throughout the treatment. Business Against Drugs supported the treatment of an individual.



## OVERSEAS SECTION

### Recipient

### Pertinent Details

**PRIDE (USA)**  
**(National Parents' Resource**  
**Institute for Drug Education)**

Founded in Atlanta Georgia in 1977, this is the USA's largest educational organisation devoted to abuse. drug It is a non-profit organisation and is America's most respected source of information and programmes to prevent drug abuse. It believes that the strongest defence against adolescent use is the parental instinct to protect the young. It offers a comprehensive range of drug prevention programmes and service to parents, youth, community organisations and educators throughout the USA and other nations. PRIDE advocates a community approach. No institution can solve the drug problem alone. Government can't. Business can't. Schools can't. Parents can't.

**Migdal Ohr**  
**(Israel)**

Migdal Ohr (Tower of Light) Under the leadership of Rabbi Yitzchok Grossman is a network of schools for under-privileged and troubled youth in Israel. One direct consequence of its work is to reduce the drug and alcohol problem amongst the vulnerable section of Israeli youth. Supported actively by the American Friends of Migdal Ohr based in New York.

**International Anti-Drug Abuse**  
**Foundation Inc.**  
**(IADAF Inc. - Israel)**

Founded in 1976 by the late Aviva Najar in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Health. Aim is to prevent the waste of lives and resources resulting from the abuse of the drugs. In conjunction with the Israeli Government, it founded in 1988 Beth - Or - Aviva as the first drug-free residential therapeutic centre in Israel. Is also involved in partnership with the Anti-Drug Authority of Israel on the Ilanot project.

July 1991

# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

## SOME COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

### ORGANISATION

### COMMENT

#### **THE PRIME MINISTER**

*(Rt. Hon. John Major M.P.).*

"The aims of Business Against Drugs are admirable and I congratulate you on the success you have achieved in so relatively short a time."

#### **THE HOME SECRETARY**

*(Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker M.P.).*

"Business Against Drugs seems an initiative with great potential .... Very interested to hear of the valuable work Business Against Drugs is doing to promote awareness in the business community."

#### **THE HOME OFFICE**

*(Regarding our funding of research on crystalline methamphetamine, (ice)).*

"I thought I would like you to know that, from our point of view, we thought that your money was well spent .... We are now at least better informed, thanks to the funding of Business Against Drugs."

#### **MINISTER OF STATE AT THE HOME OFFICE**

*(Rt. Hon. John Patten M.P.).*

"I was particularly pleased to hear of the work which Business Against Drugs is doing to raise funds from industry and commerce .... I congratulate you on the work already done and hope that Business Against Drugs will continue to play a major and distinctive part in the struggle against drug misuse which concerns us all so much."

#### **MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

*(Virginia Bottomley M.P.).*

"Most grateful for your contribution to St. Joseph's Centre."

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT**

*(Head of Health, Safety and Overseas Recruitment Branch).*

"I congratulate you on the range of your activities."

#### **FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE**

*(Head of Narcotics Control and Aids Dept).*

"Thank you to Business Against Drugs .... we found the event to be professionally useful."

## SOME COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

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**THE RT. HON.  
MARGARET THATCHER M.P.**  
*(Opening the first world  
Ministerial Drugs Summit in London  
April 1990).*

"I am delighted to say that another group of Business people are setting up a charity 'Business Against Drugs' to raise awareness of the dangers and of the techniques which drug pushers use."

**LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
*(Rt. Hon. Edmund Dell, Chairman).*

"We whole-heartedly endorse the aims of your organisation."

**UNITED NATIONS**

"Thank you for your generosity."

**ACTION ON ADDICTION**

"... very helpful to get to know a wide range of people working in this field in so many different capacities .... Thank you very much indeed for the wonderful support Business Against Drugs has given."

**TURNING POINT**

"I would like to thank you very much for your generous donation and for all the support that Business Against Drugs has shown Turning Point."

**ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL  
TOBACCO LIMITED**

"Business Against Drugs is clearly performing work of great importance in the public arena."

**BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO**

"Business Against Drugs is a very worthwhile concept."

**NORWOOD CHILD CARE**  
*(Founded 1795 to care for  
Jewish Children)*

"We value highly the work that Business Against Drugs does within our society and wish you all the best."

**FARM PLACE TREATMENT  
CENTRE**

"Your event was constructive in making people aware of the extent of the problem and the need for the Industry to put its own house in order."

**PRIDE (USA)**  
*(National Parent's Resource Institute  
for Drug Education).*

"We rely on support such as yours to continue our work in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by young people around the world."



## SOME COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

### ORGANISATION

### COMMENT

#### **DRUG & ALCOHOL FOUNDATION**

"On behalf of our President, His Grace The Duke of Westminster, I write to thank you warmly for your recent generous donation .... gifts such as yours assure the continuance of our service."

#### **TACADE**

*(The Advisory Council on Alcohol and Education).*

"Thank you for your donation to the work of TACADE .... grateful for your support *Drug* and interest and we value your contribution."

#### **PROMIS RECOVERY CENTRE**

"Thank you for bringing together a lot of people who should have met each other before."

#### **THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTRE LTD**

"You successfully brought together so many professionals from all models and disciplines .... wonderful to see them talking and realising that though their approaches may be different, we do all have a common aim."

#### **BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL & THE MAUDSLEY HOSPITAL**

*(NHS Centre with special emphasis on addiction).*

"It is most extraordinarily generous of you to give your support to all of us in the addictions field and I hope that through your support, new initiatives will be established and public opinion will be moved."

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S CENTRE FOR ADDICTION, HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL**

"Your very generous donation is greatly appreciated and will help ensure continuance of our work."

#### **YELDALL CHRISTIAN CENTRES**

*(Christian Organisation for care, support and rehabilitation).*

"On behalf of all the residents and staff, I express our grateful thanks for your generous gift towards the work of Yeldall Christian Centres."

#### **INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY**

*(Professor Griffith Edwards Addiction Research Unit)*

"... we have to be grateful for your very generous financial support but also for your imagination, energy and the very evident force of your commitment".

## SOME COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

### ORGANISATION

### COMMENT

**BARCLAYS BANK PLC**  
(*D. Willmington*  
*Business Centre Manager*)

"In a short space of time your initiative has born fruit and you must be very proud with the progress made and the expansion plan".

**BARCLAYS BANK - LONDON**  
**NORTH REGIONAL OFFICE**  
(*C. J. Lendrum*  
*Regional Director*)

"....I congratulate you and your colleagues on the breadth of thinking that underpins the the impact of the organisation".

**POSITIVE PREVENTION PLUS**  
(*Teenex Programme*)

"...."Thank you" seems a mite inadequate - but we are sure you will realise what a help your funding is".

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
(*Baroness Hooper - Parliamentary Under*  
*Secretary of State for Health (Lords)*)

"I warmly appreciate the interest and help which Business Against Drugs is showing towards the Department's new initiatives to raise the profile of illicit drug and solvent misuse among young people"

"I am really delighted that you have been able to support so generously our Schools Competition".

**OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG**  
**CONTROL POLICY - EXECUTIVE**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
(*B. Martinez - Director*  
*Known as Drugs Czar in the U.S.A*)

"....I believe there is a continued need for corporate leadership in the war on drugs throughout the world. Large corporations can make a difference, and I am pleased to know that your organization works to prevent drug use in the workplace. Business Against Drugs' whole concept should be used as a model to be emulated in other countries around the world in the fight against drug and alcohol misuse".

**SIR JACK STEWART-CLARK**  
(*Member of the European Parliament*)

"....Business Against Drugs' proposals to encourage companies to acknowledge their self-interest in instigating workplace schemes involving screening, counselling and treatment, is quite excellent. This is a much needed and very positive initiative".

**ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION**  
**OF ADDICTION**  
(*Mr Peter Martin - Chief Executive*)

"....Thank you for your very generous donation towards the work of APA".

March 1992

*Comm. on Drug  
Substance Abuse*



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May 4, 1992  
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Mr. E.D. Ishag  
Business Against Drugs, Ltd.  
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London W8 5DL England

Dear Mr. Ishag:

Thank you so much for taking the time to write. I was delighted to hear from you and pleased to learn of your organization.

Just yesterday, Sunday, May 3, 1992, our Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse convened a very high level conference. At that time we had a report on what transpired within our Reform congregations during the special Shabbat when teach-ins were held on the subject of drug abuse.

The work of this Committee on Drug and Substance Abuse is directed by Rabbi Sanford Seltzer of the UAHC staff. I am sharing your letter with him so that he is apprised of your organization. I am asking him to send you some of the materials which we have created. I am certain he will also be interested to learn of the work of your organization. We do, obviously, have much in common.

Please note that we did not receive any materials with your letter. Should you wish to send materials directly to Rabbi Seltzer, his address is:

Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
1330 Beacon Street  
Suite 355  
Brookline, MA 02146

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer



# BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS

21st April 1992

Rabbi Alexander Schindler,  
President,  
Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations (Reform),  
838 5th Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10021,  
U.S.A.

*Dear Rabbi Schindler*

I was very interested to read in The Jewish Chronicle last week your comments regarding drug and alcohol abuse among Jewish families and I could not agree more with your comment that there is too much denial in the Jewish community about its extent.

I noticed too that the reformed communities across the USA have held teach-ins as a curtain raiser to your programme entitled "Drug Abuse".

Business Against Drugs was formed in April 1990 on the occasion of the first ever World Ministerial Drugs Summit held in London. Anxiety about the growing incidence of drug and alcohol misuse, together with the arrival of new inexpensive drugs, led to calls for new initiatives in prevention and education. Business Against Drugs was started as a charity by a group of businessmen who felt more should be done to raise funds and promote awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse at school, at home and in the workplace.

I would appreciate hearing from you with further details and any documentation regarding your programme and I am happy to enclose some material about the work we have been doing which I am sure you will find of interest.

I would mention that we have good contact with Abraham Twerski of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center.

*Best wishes*

Yours sincerely,

*E D Ishag*



*Comm. on Drug Abuse  
& Substance Abuse*

May 4, 1992  
1 Iyar 5752

The Hon. Michael Dukakis  
and Mrs. Kitty Dukakis  
85 Perry Street  
Brookline MA 02146

Dear Kitty and Michael:

It was as delight to be with you at our Colloquium on Drug and Substance Abuse. I genuinely appreciate your taking the time to travel to Greenwich to be with us, most especially just hours before an important family gathering in the Boston area. That was truly generous of you both.

Kitty, you were absolutely superb! - Your message is critical and you share it with honesty, intellect and a deep and abiding concern for all who may suffer from the effects of personal or familial alcohol or substance abuse. Thank you for your words and your wisdom.

Michael, thank you, too, for being with us and for your excellent comments on the need for a meaningful and sensible national policy. Your message is most significant for our nation and should be heeded.

The two of you make for quite an exciting team and I am delighted that we taped the proceedings. With proper editing, we will have a wonderful 20 or 25 minute video for which teacher's guides will be created. These will be a critical educational tool for adults as well as young people in our synagogues, camps, religious schools, and even in our homes.

With heartfelt thanks and warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 4, 1992  
1 Iyar 5752

Dr. Michael Signer  
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Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear Michael: AMERICAN JEWISH

Your presentation at the Greenwich Colloquium was splendid. Your contribution to the Colloquium was very important and I am delighted that it was possible for you to be with us.

I have heard so many wonderful comments about you and hearing you speak yesterday confirmed all of the words of praise which I have heard. High among your admirers is my daughter, Judy. I now understand why she feels so strongly about you as a teacher. She speaks of you with great admiration. I always told her she had good taste! Please give my love to Judy when next you see her.

With repeated thanks for your message and for taking the time to be with us and with warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 4, 1992  
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Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
121 Old Mill Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

Dear Maury:

The meeting yesterday was really extraordinary. First of all, you and MacLeod are such gracious hosts and you made everyone feel very welcome in your lovely home. I thank you for that.

I am also absolutely delighted that the determination was made to videotape the proceedings. Just to reassure you that it is very possible with good editing to take a conference of yesterday's magnitude, and bring it down to a 20 or 25 minute presentation, I am sending to you a copy of the UAHC Biennial film. The Biennial taping was beautifully edited to create a 20 minute film covering a convention of five days. This particular video will show you just how effective a tool film can be. What I would like to do when the tape is in final format, is to have copies sent to each and every one of our congregations, together with a teacher's guide, for use in our synagogues and religious schools, for youth and adult education. We will also make certain that every UAHC camp has the film for use with our campers. I believe this will be a most effective teaching tool for the entire movement.

With love from house to house, I am

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler





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May 4, 1992  
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Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman  
Temple Emanu-El  
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Dear Shelly:

It was good to see you at yesterday's Substance Abuse Conference. I thought the program was exceedingly good and I am delighted that we taped it for I am certain that with proper editing we will have a wonderful educational tool for use in our camps, religious schools and synagogues, together with teacher's guides prepared for this specific area of concern.

Shelly, I really felt terrible about leaving the Conference before you spoke. Rhea is in terrible pain with a pinched nerve or a herniated disk, we are not yet 100% certain as to the problem, but she was at home alone and I really felt pressured to get back to see to her needs. She will be getting an X-Ray today and possibly an MRI and I do hope they will be able to determine just what the problem is and find a way to relieve her of what is apparently dire pain.

Be that as it may, Shelly, I hope you understand my situation and in understanding, forgive my departure from the meeting. I would have loved to have heard your comments for I am certain you had much of great worth to add to the proceedings. It was truly a remarkable colloquium.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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May 4, 1992  
1 Iyar 5752

Rabbi James S. Goodman  
400 Polo Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear James:

It was good to be with you at the Greenwich Colloquium. I thought it was a remarkable conference and I am especially delighted that we taped it so that we will be able to create a fine educational tool to be used with teacher's guides for use in our camps, religious schools and congregations.

Your presentation was deeply moving. I am happy that I had an opportunity to hear you and I must convey my hearty appreciation of the work you are doing in SLICHA. You are to be commended for creating the St. Louis Information Committee and Hot Line on Addiction. It is a most impressive undertaking.

With repeated thanks for your important contribution to our meeting and with warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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September 6, 1991  
27 Elul 5751

Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz  
The Morris P. Leibovitz Foundation  
121 Old Mill Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

Dear Maury:

You have helped to make the New Year sweeter by your generous gift to the Union's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program. I write to convey heartfelt gratitude, personally as well as institutionally, for your continued support for the critical work of our hands.

Thank you, too, for the delightful lunch at the Open. It's always a joy to be with you and McCloud.

With fondest regards and our best wishes for a blessed and beautiful New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



MEMORANDUM

September 5, 1991

FROM: Edith J. Miller

TO: Robert Koppel

COPY: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer - *al*

Enclosed herewith is a check from the Morris P. Leibovitz Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 for the UAHC Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program. This is the second contribution Dr. Maury Leibovitz has made for this program and it will be acknowledged from this office.



*Edith J. Miller*

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August 27, 1991

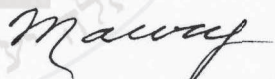
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

I am pleased to make my second contribution of \$15,000.00 to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program.

I think we should husband the funds we have in the account so we can prepare for the 1992 Greenwich Colloquia. As you know, we are hoping to invite people who are at the cutting edge nationwide on the newest methods for planning successful drug abuse programs.

My best,

  
Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz

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Enclosure

# TEMPLE BETH EL

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August 29, 1991

Mr. Todd W. Schwindt  
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Fargo, ND 58102

Dear Todd:

As I mentioned in our phone conversation yesterday, I received a copy of your letter to Rabbi Schindler of August 18th, and his reply to you of August 26th. Although it is true that we don't have a full-time rabbi on staff, we have been successfully served through the Student Rabbi Program of Hebrew Union College (Cincinnati) for the last three years. As long as I know, we have always offered Jews-by-Choice (conversion) classes right here in Fargo. We offer these classes at two levels and use a very good manual on the subject and have an extensive bibliography (and most of the books are available locally) to help people in their pursuit of knowledge. Unless you feel it is necessary, I don't think you will need to pursue help from the UAHC Office in Chicago.

According to the Regulations on Student Congregations, and I quote: "With regard to conversions, the student may guide the studies of the prospective convert under the supervision of an ordained rabbi. The ordained rabbi should officiate or co-officiate at the conversion ceremony, and should sign the conversion certificate." Since we have been on the Student Rabbi Program, this has been the method we have followed. We have been very grateful to have Rabbi Norman Cohen, of Bet Shalom in Hopkins, MN, helping us out with these conversions in the ordained rabbi capacity.

I was very flattered to learn that your interest in Judaism was brought about by the fact that our bulletin "The Messenger" is delivered to your Fraternity House. I work so hard on that bulletin and was gratified to find out that you have been reading it. I will continue to send it and we hope you will take note of the schedules and make an effort to attend some of our services.

In the meantime, I have scheduled your initial appointment with Student Rabbi Larry Malinger for Friday, September 6, 1991, at 3:00 pm. at the Temple. I will have a manual ready for you on that day. If you have any further questions, or there's anything else I can help you with, please let me know.

Cordially,

Carla J. Fachini, CPS  
Administrative Secretary

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Providing information and insights regarding substance abuse in the  
Jewish Community and efforts to overcome it.

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Over 250 congregations responded to a recent survey designed to enable the Committee to learn more about the needs and concerns of congregations as they confront these issues. Foremost among congregational suggestions as to how the UAHC could assist them were breaking the silence regarding substance abuse, raising the consciousness level of our membership and disseminating program information regarding what congregations are already doing.

### HOW CONGREGATIONS ARE MOBILIZING AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

#### **Temple Beth-El, South Bend, Indiana,**

Temple Alcohol Policy calls on its members to exercise their responsibility in the consumption of alcoholic beverages demonstrating an awareness of the example they set for adolescents and children.

For a public religious ceremony and service, Oneg Shabbat and holiday receptions, for use in the Sanctuary and Community Room, a non-alcoholic "Fruit of the Vine" drink only will be utilized. Additionally, Temple Beth-El will provide, at the individual's expense, an appropriate non-alcoholic drink available for Bar/Bat Mitzvah services and receptions.

At all other functions where alcohol is served, congregants and guests of congregants are encouraged to promote a temperate use. Water and non-alcoholic options for drinking should be available and alcoholic beverages should not be served during the last hour of functions. At all events, the Law of the State of Indiana shall be both respected and observed; minors are not allowed to serve or be served wine, beer, or alcohol at any such function. Temple Beth-El calls upon its members and guests to exercise responsibility in driving after such functions.

**Temple Beth-El, Rockford, Illinois,** has stopped serving wine at Kiddush as a courtesy to recovering alcoholics in the congregation. It has also formed a L'chaim group for recovering Jews.

**North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois,** has organized a CST (Congregational Support Team) to whom individuals can speak regarding problems due to drug or alcohol abuse. All CST members have participated in a training program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of metropolitan Chicago.

**Temple Israel, Canton, Ohio,** has created a substance abuse resource group for the purpose of providing information and education concerning the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and the resources available to treat them.

**Temple Habonim, Barrington, Rhode Island,** conducts a series of classes for all 9th and 10th grade students in the religious school, entitled, "Drink, Drugs and Jewish Values."

**Temple Israel, Akron, Ohio,** provides substance abuse counseling to congregants at no cost.

**Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, Missouri,** hosts an underage improvisation troupe that presents skits on issues of peer pressure including alcohol abuse.

**Temple Beth Am, Buffalo, New York,** has been running a "Tough Love" parents' support group since 1983. Now in its 8th year, "Tough Love" serves the entire western New York area and reaches out to all parents in need regardless of religion or background.



## A PARTIAL LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR JEWS IN RECOVERY

**JACS** - Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others - conducts retreats and support groups with recovering addicts and their families, provides community outreach and education and is a clearing house on substance abuse and Jewish family life.

*JACS Foundation, Inc., Educational Alliance*  
197 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002

**L'Chaim** serves as a Jewish supplement to any twelve step program. It is not a recovery program unto itself. It is for recovering addicts who wish to come back to Judaism, or address it for the first time. Based in California. For further information, contact:

*L'Chaim*  
Jewish Community Center of Greater San Jose  
14855 Oka Road, Las Gatas, CA 95030

**AJIRA** - Addicted Jews In Recovery - is an outreach program based on the Jewish tradition and the twelve steps focusing on the Jewish spiritual components in a twelve step program. Based in California. For further information, contact:

*AJIRA*  
San Francisco Jewish Community Center  
3200 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118

**SLICHA** - St. Louis Information Committee and Hotline On addiction - is devoted to breaking the shame barrier which inhibits Jews entering recovery and to raising awareness of the problems associated with addiction among Jews. For further information, contact:

*Rabbi James Stone Goodman*  
Congregation Neve Shalom  
Frontenac, Missouri

## BREAKING THE SILENCE

Dr. Abraham J. Twerski, an ordained rabbi and physician who is medical director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center in Pittsburgh, has emphasized the tendency among Jews to deny the reality of drug and alcohol abuse. He writes:

I have learned that chemically dependent Jews do encounter unique problems in recovery. The denial of addiction, which is the foremost symptom in most chemical dependencies, is much intensified in Jews. If the drug of choice is alcohol, the myth that Jews can't be alcoholic reinforces the denial not only in the drinker, but also in others who could be of help in steering the person toward recovery, namely, the family, the physician, the rabbi and the psychiatrist. The still prevailing stigma of alcoholics is also greatly magnified when the drinker is Jewish.

If the incidence of "pure" alcoholism among Jews is indeed less, it is more than compensated by the existence of a large number of Jews who are dependent on or addicted to other mind-altering chemicals, such as sedatives, tranquilizers or opiates. In one A.A. group which usually draws over 100 members, over 50% of those attending are Jewish. Since addiction to one mind-altering substance renders one highly vulnerable to addiction to other such chemicals (cross-addiction), the true incidence of alcoholism is thus much higher than is generally accepted.

## ALCOHOL A PROBLEM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

### How Alcohol Becomes A Problem For Older People

There are different types of elderly alcoholics. Chronic, or early-onset alcoholics, have abused alcohol throughout their lives. Intermittent alcoholics have experienced periodic bouts with abuse during their lives. Late-onset alcoholics begin seriously abusing alcohol for the first time late in life, often due to age-related stresses (isolation, increased leisure time, family and friend changes or losses, health problems, and possible loss of self-esteem).

### Problems of Denial and Enabling

Alcoholism is a disease which becomes worse over time. Denial and enabling behaviors allow the disease to progress. Alcoholics often deny they have alcohol abuse problems. If family members, friends, or professionals assist older alcohol abusers in denying their disease, they are enabling the problem to continue.

### Special Problems of the Older Alcoholic

Alcohol has a greater effect on older people. Physical changes caused by aging decrease the body's ability to break down alcohol.

The effects of alcohol can be more severe due to sensory losses which are part of the normal aging process. Also, alcoholism can cause other chronic illnesses among the elderly to worsen.

## Myths and Facts About Alcoholism

**Myth:** S/he is too respectable to be an alcoholic.  
**Fact:** Alcoholism has nothing to do with personality. It is a disease. Nice older people can have this disease.

**Myth:** I never see her/him drink alcoholic beverages.

**Fact:** Alcoholics often keep their drinking habits secret.

**Myth:** S/he is not always drunk.

**Fact:** Few alcoholics remain continually drunk. It is their continual dependence on alcohol that defines their alcoholism.

**Myth:** Her/his family is so respectable that alcoholism is not possible.

**Fact:** Many older alcoholics have nice families and are able to be an active part of their families while denying their disease.

**Myth:** S/he only drinks wine or beer, not distilled liquor, so s/he is not a alcoholic.

**Fact:** Any beverage containing alcohol is capable of triggering alcohol abuse.

**Myth:** Let him/her have the alcohol. S/he doesn't have that much longer to live. Besides, older people cannot change their habits.

**Fact:** Alcoholism is a chronic disease requiring treatment to enable a healthy, happy life. Older people can learn and change.

**Myth:** S/he has always been such an independent, strong-willed person. I'm sure s/he will be able to overcome the need for alcohol.

**Fact:** Alcoholism cannot be cured by willpower alone, but it can be treated medically and with counseling.

*Reprinted from Messages of Concern - a publication of the Medical College of Virginia  
Richmond, Virginia.*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

- 3-5% of students in grades 7 through 12 drink daily
- 10% of teenagers drink 5 to 12 alcoholic beverages per drinking occasion weekly.
- Alcohol is the #1 drug problem in the U.S. and that includes adolescent users.
- Drunk driving accidents are the #1 cause of death for 15 to 24 year olds, an alarming rate of 1 death every 14 minutes.
- 60 % of teenagers get drunk at least once a year.
- 1 out of 4 teens have other problems related to alcohol and drug use, such as legal, family, school, fights, physical injury, etc.
- Over 40% of teen suicides are related to alcohol or drug induced depression.
- The average age of first pot use is 12 years old.
- 70% of heavy pot users start with alcohol.
- Teens constitute 7% of clients receiving care in alcoholism treatment facilities.

## SOME WARNING SIGNS FOR PARENTS

**A Drop In Grades** - a slow decrease in the past six months to a year, or a sudden decrease.

**Not Informing You of School Activities** - such as open houses, times to meet teachers, suspensions, detention, warnings.

**Calls From School** - reports of skipping classes, sleeping in class, poor work performance, not doing homework.

**Switching Friends** - different set of friends, friends you object to, you're not meeting their new friends.

**Withdrawing From Family Functions** - trips, meals, religious activities, etc.

**Loss of Initiative** - less energy, sleeping more than usual.

**Coming Home Drunk or High** - smelling of pot or alcohol, unusually giddy, slurred speech, suddenly interactive, sleepy, glassy eyes, bloodshot eyes, dark eyes, vomiting, coordination problems.

**Making Excuses For Staying Out Late** - not coming home on time, frequently requesting to sleep over at friends' houses, not coming home at all.

**Changes In Physical Hygiene** - more sloppy, wearing same clothes frequently, drastic change in style of dress.

**Weight Changes** - a noticeable loss or gain, a change in eating habits.

*Reprinted from Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Brookline High School, Brookline, Massachusetts.*



### **UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION:**

#### **A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELING TO BE OFFERED AT HUC-JIR BROOKDALE CAMPUS**

A unique program for rabbis, cantors and senior rabbinic students will be offered jointly by HUC-JIR, Jewish Theological Seminary, the Reconstructionist Rabbinic College and the JACS Foundation. This program will take place in New York from May 21-24, 1991. Workshops will deal with such topics as Family Counseling and Systems Theory, Jewish Textual Sources and Background, Intervention Techniques as well as overviews of the disease of alcoholism and chemical dependency and issues specific to the adolescent population. For further information regarding the program, tuition and house accommodations, please call (212) 473-4747.

### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The Committee On Drug and Alcohol Abuse in cooperation with the Department For Religious Education, UAHC, will produce a special curriculum for Junior High School dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. The material will be prepared by Rabbi Eric Weiss of the San Francisco Board of Jewish Education, a member of the Committee, and other Committee members, David Kasakove and Randy Smolian. It is anticipated that the curriculum will be available for distribution at the 1991 UAHC Biennial Convention in Baltimore.

### **HAS YOUR CONGREGATION ORDERED COMPASS MAGAZINE?**

The fall 1990 issue of Compass Magazine whose theme is, "Our Bodies, Our Planet," includes a series of important articles on chemical dependency among Jews. For copies, contact:

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MEMORANDUM

DATE; September 10, 1990  
FROM: Edie Miller  
TO: Albert Vorspan  
COPY:

In connection the Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Maury speaks of an April 21 Colloquium to be held in Greenwich, Connecticut - you have a copy of his September 4 letter.

I had no idea that this was being scheduled and therefore suggested that date to the NYFRS for an FRJ reception for Bernie Zlotowitz. It was one of the few free dates at a time they were seeking to program this affair. Thus, I don't know what the schedule will be for Alex. If he is in Westport and can stop in Greenwich on the way to New York, fine. If the Colloquium doesn't start until late afternoon, that may create a problem. I just want to put you on notice in this regard.

In this connection, lets see what we can do in terms of an announcement and public relations releases on this new Committee and the plans it has for the future.



September 7, 1990  
17 Elul 5750

Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz  
121 Old Mill Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

Dear Maury:

You are truly a gentleman and a scholar. Your initial check for the Marc P. Leibovitz Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse is accepted with heartfelt appreciation. All of us of the UAHC are deeply grateful for your generosity in underwriting a very critical aspect of our work. It is my firm belief that the work of this new group may well serve to save the lives of some of our young people and you have helped make possible a truly crucial program! Many, many thanks.

The April 21 Colloquium is noted on my calendar. I shall be watching for details of the full development of the program with interest.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

I am pleased to make a contribution from my foundation to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program that we have discussed in the amount of \$15,000.00. In addition, if the program continues in the same manner that we have discussed at our initial meeting, I shall contribute \$15,000.00 in 1991 and \$15,000.00 in 1992.

I was very pleased to meet with Rabbi Sanford Seltzer and Al Vorspan on August 21 to work out the initial plans that the Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse would sponsor its first colloquium entitled "Jewish Perspectives On Dealing With Drug and Alcohol Abuse" on Sunday, April 21, 1991 at my home in Greenwich. We have also agreed that the work of the Committee would be dedicated to the memory of my son, Marc P. Leibovitz.

I am very enthusiastic about this new program, and I think we can take some innovative steps to help change and restore the lives of some of our young people so that they can redirect their energies in a more creative fashion.

Sincerely,



Dr. Maury P. Leibovitz

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MEMORANDUM

September 7, 1990

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To: Robert M. Koppel  
CC: Albert Vorspan  
RE: COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

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Edie -

I told Paul to start a separate restricted fund for this committee. It will not be included in the operating budget for this year. The 15% will be taken out for F&J. It can be reversed if necessary,

Bob

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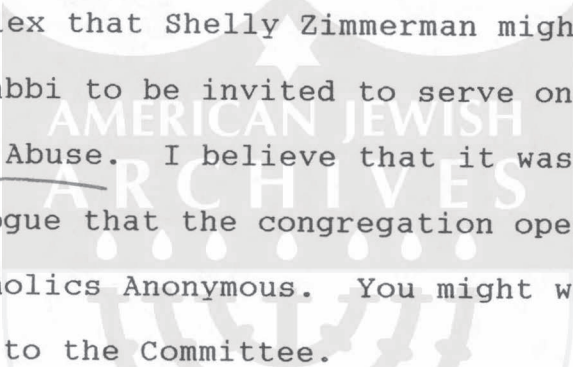
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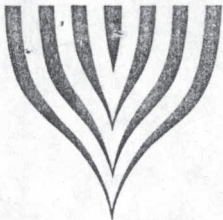
DATE: August 23, 1990  
FROM: Edith J. Miller  
TO: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer  
COPY: Maury Leibovitz, Albert Vorspan  
RE: The Friday Meeting

I suggested to Alex that Shelly Zimmerman might be a good congregational rabbi to be invited to serve on the Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. I believe that it was during his tenure at Central Synagogue that the congregation opened its doors for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. You might want to give thought to naming Shelly to the Committee.

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# Committee on the Jewish Family

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Maury Leibovitz, Albert Vorspan  
FROM: Rabbi Sanford Seltzer  
DATE: August 21, 1990  
CC: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
RE: Our Friday Meeting

The following is a summary of our discussions regarding the creation of a Committee On Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Please make whatever revisions and/or additions are needed and return to me.. It was great fun being with both of you.

### I. Committee Structure

It was agreed that the Committee should consist of no more than twenty (20) persons and would hold its first meeting on Friday, November 30, from 10:30am to 3:00pm at the Rye Town Hilton Hotel. The following persons were suggested as Committee members:

Maury Leibovitz, Chairperson  
Rabbi Sanford Seltzer  
Albert Vorspan  
Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Dean Stanley R. Levy, Vice-Chancellor For Student Affairs, University of Illinois, Champagne  
Ellen Hershkowitz, M.S.W., Miami, FL  
Jocelyn Wurzburg, Memphis  
Gerry Kaye, Chicago  
Channa Friend, Manhasset, NY  
Harris Gilbert  
Professor Michael Signer, HUC, Los Angeles  
Dr. Deborah Gatins, Adolescent Program Director, Arms Acres, Carmel, NY  
Dr. Ann Geller, Smithers Alcoholic Treatment and Training Center, St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center, NY  
Barry Wilansky, Executive Director, Tempo Group, Woodmere, NY  
Lisa Schwartz, Wynnwood, PA  
Rabbi Howard Bogot  
Rabbi Allen Smith  
Rabbi Alan Kaplan  
Rabbi Susan Stone



It was also agreed that in anticipation of the November meeting Sandy would poll congregations indicating that the Union was creating this Committee for the purpose of helping congregations meet the growing drug and alcohol abuse crises. The letter would ask them to respond to the following questions:

- a. What was the extent of the problem in their community?
- b. What, if anything, was the congregation doing?
- c. Are synagogue facilities utilized for either AA or NA groups?
- d. Were there Jewish resources available?
- e. Had the congregation utilized them?
- f. How can the Union help?
- g. Request that the congregation send us whatever information and materials it had prepared.

One of the goals of the Committee would be to serve as a clearing house for the dissemination of materials dealing with drugs and alcohol. Sandy was also asked to put together an extensive bibliography in anticipation of the November meeting as well as providing information regarding AA and NA. It was also decided that in preparing Committee stationery a sensitive artistic design would indicate that the work of the Committee was dedicated to the memory of Mark P. Leibovitz.

## II. Baltimore Biennial

The Committee would develop programs and workshops for the 1991 UAHC Biennial in Baltimore thereby laying the groundwork for subsequent programming at the 1992 regional biennials.

## III. Greenwich Colloquia

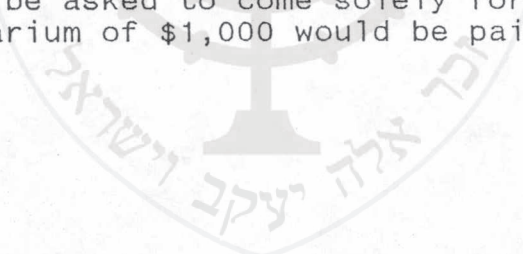
It was agreed that the Committee would sponsor a series of Colloquia dealing with various aspects of the problem. These would be held at Maury's home before a select gathering and videotaped. The presentations and the discussions would then be published and widely distributed. The tentative title is, "Greenwich Colloquia."

The first Colloquium, tentatively entitled, "Jewish Perspectives On Dealing With Drug and Alcohol Abuse," is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Some 25-30 people would be invited to attend.

Some suggested presentors included:

- a. Dan Shapiro
- b. Dr. Louis Linn
- c. An as yet to be designated rabbi with a reputation in the field
- d. Francis Klagsburn's husband (first name unknown) who is a noted psychiatrist with expertise in the field.

The second Colloquium, entitled, "Religious perspectives On Coping With Drugs and Alcohol: Programs That Work," would be scheduled for late summer 1991 and would feature noted personalities from the Catholic and Protestant Churches as well as the Synagogue. Future Colloquia would deal with such topics as "The Decriminalization of Drugs" with speakers such as Ira Glasser, Senator Bill Bradley and William Bennett, and "The Social and Cultural Context of Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the United States" featuring, possibly, Alan Bloom, Bill Moyers, Murray Kempton or Susan Sontag. Wherever possible speakers would be asked to come solely for expenses, a maximum honorarium of \$1,000 would be paid.





*New File  
Sub Committee on  
Substance Abuse*

May 11, 1990  
16 Iyar 5750

Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
19 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Maury:

The words "Thank you," seem inadequate, but for want of an expression which means more than these two simple words, I write to express my deep and heartfelt thank you. Your generous pledge to help sustain and support the work the UAHC is doing in the area of substance abuse is truly gratifying.

I am even more excited that you yourself are willing to involve yourself as we go about the task of developing our program in this sphere. You have so much to offer us and your guidance will be invaluable.

While I gave you some brief outline of how we expect to proceed, the next time you see Al, let him brief you about our AIDS Committee and our Task Force on Youth Suicide, for I see them as prototypes in our approach to the substance abuse problem.

Obviously, the publications which come forth from this sub-committee will bear a legend indicating they were made possible by a grant from the "Marc Leibovitz Memorial Fund." This is a splendid manner in which to memorialize your son.

All of us of the Union are gratified by your care and concern, your support and your friendship.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler



**MEMORANDUM**

May 10, 1990  
15 Iyar 5750

FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Robert M. Koppel ✓

CC: Allan B. Goldman, Esq.; Melvin Merians; Rabbis  
Sanford Seltzer & Daniel B. Syme; Jerome Somers; ✓  
Albert Vorspan ✓

I have bad news and good news but the good news is better than the bad!

You will recall my note of May 9 regarding a Memorial to Marc Leibovitz offered by one of his former partners, Arthur Kokot. It was to be \$10,000 a year for five years toward the advancement of the work of our sub-committee on substance abuse.

This morning Mr. Kokot, having received my letter thanking him for his gift, which he made verbally in my office in the presence of Al Vorspan, and asking him to confirm it in writing, called me to say that he had second thoughts regarding the appropriateness of this venture.

With Divine intervention, within two hours thereafter, Maury Leibovitz, Marc's father, called me; of course, I had informed him of the partner's gift. When I told Maury the bad news, he asked me to describe the program and after hearing what we plan, he said, "I'll give \$15,000. a year for five years." Of course, Maury wants to be involved in the work of the sub-committee on substance abuse and I assured him we would welcome his participation.

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My comments regarding the budget still apply and I know that Maury will not change his mind. He has always kept his word with us in the past and ~~has been involved in backing several of our programs. He always comes through as promised!~~

*He is a man of his word.*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 1990  
FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
TO: Robert Koppel  
COPY: Melvin Merians - Allan B. Goldman  
Rabbi Sanford Seltzer - Jerome Somers

I just received a grant of \$50,000. - \$10,000 a year for the next five years - by Arthur Kokot, who was a friend of Marc L<sup>e</sup>bovitz (Maury L<sup>e</sup>bovitz' son who died several years ago). He will make this donation as a memorial to Marc, and it is intended to fund the initial efforts of our new sub-committee on substance abuse.

It will have some impact on next year's budget in the sense that we did make an allocation for the work of the committee. I don't remember precisely how much it was, but whatever it was, it is offset by this income. No need to alter the budget if it is already in print, but if it is not, then we will note this special grant.

I agreed that anything to be published with these sums - educational materials and the like - will indicate in some fashion that their publication was made possible through the "Marc Leibovitz Memorial Fund".

Kokot is sending me a formal letter which will be presented to the Board for approval so that the conditions of the grant can be accepted and made part of the record.

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May 9, 1990  
14 Iyar 5750

Mr. Arthur Kokot  
270 Riverside Drive  
New York, NY 10025

Dear Arthur:

Just a note to let you know how nice it was to meet with you. I am glad that we were able to find a worthy way of honoring the memory of your friend, Marc.

I am even happier that you, yourself will be involved on our committee which is presently being formed to function in the realm of sensitizing the many young people - in our schools, our camps and in our youth programs - to this problem, and if we can save some of them from this terrible addiction and affliction, your gift will have been used for worthy purposes, and Marc's name will continue to be a blessing.

Now that you are on one of our committees, I will undoubtedly run into you from time to time, and that will please me very much.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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May 3, 1990  
8 Iyar 5750

Mr. Arthur Kokot  
270 Riverside Drive  
New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr. Kokot:

Of course, I remember you from our earlier meeting at the unfortunate occasion of Marc's funeral. It is certainly good of you to offer to create a memorial to Marc. There are two ventures which might be appropriate.

The first of these relates to our desire to provide some Jewish educational opportunities for special needs young people young people in our community. I speak of the physically and emotionally disadvantaged - the hearing impaired, para-plegics, autistic youngsters, sight impaired, etc. - for regarding these children, the Jewish community has, by and large, been remiss. While special education programs have proliferated throughout the public education systems, Jewish educational program have, in the name of budgetary constraint, largely been neglected.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations operates nine camps for children throughout the United States. I am anxious to enlarge this very successful Summer camping program to include special needs children. Scholarship funds will be required to the tune of about \$3,300. per camper, i.e., were we to invite, say thirty youngsters in wheel chairs to one of our camps, we would require approximately \$100,000.

In this connection, you ought to know that it is my goal ultimately to establish a permanent special needs camp program to serve these youngsters. That, however, will require the erection of special facilities and equipment at our camps, and special education counselors and teachers will be needed, but that, of course, will require somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000.

Mr. Arthur Kokot  
May 3, 1990  
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The second possibility relates to the drug problem which affects the Jewish community no less than the general community. Thus, Rabbi Allan Smith, who heads our Youth and Camping Division, reports to me that during the summer just past, substance abuse, -- particularly alcohol- proved to be a more pervasive problem than ever before. It was controlled, of course, but it had to be controlled. And there's the rub. This flies in the face of those "denial myths from the shtetl past," to which we cling, that Jews never become drunkards. They do, and their children do.

Much the same must be said of narcotics. A recent report by the National Center of Drug Abuse concluded that "Jewish students constitute one of the most 'at risk' college groups...that they have consistently higher risk rates." Not long ago, the National Cocaine Hotline concluded a poll of randomly chosen callers and identified eighteen percent as Jewish - eighteen percent in a population that constitutes less than three percent of the general public. Those are grim statistics and we had better face them. We'd best stand at the mirror and see ourselves, transform ourselves, rather than smash the glass in self-denial.

We need to help our member congregations to initiate and support programs to assist substance abusers in our midst. Our Department of Religious Education must prepare and distribute relevant educational materials to congregations, religious schools and youth groups, etc. A grant of \$100,000., spinning off approximately \$10,000. per annum, would enable us at least to make a modest start toward solving the problem.

In either case, of course, the activities would bear Marc's name, thus the disadvantaged youngsters coming to camp would be provided a "Marc Leibovitz Scholarship." In the second case, the corpus of the grant would be known as the "Marc Leibovitz Endowment" and all publications emanating from this activity would bear the legend that it was made possible by a grant from the Marc Leibovitz Endowment Fund.

Needless to note, I will be happy to discuss these suggestions with you should you have any specific questions. With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

bcc: Dr. Maury Leibovitz  
Al Vorspan

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ARTHUR KOKOT  
270 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025  
(212) 662-9297

April 27, 1990

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We met briefly three years ago at the sad occasion of the funeral of my partner, Marc Leibovitz.

I want to make a memorial to Marc in the form of an ongoing commitment of funds and time to something that Marc would have found fitting. I would much appreciate your guidance in the right way to go about this, both to preserve Marc's memory and to contribute to and achieve something worthwhile with the resources available to me.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that we can meet to pursue this further.

Sincerely,

*Arthur Kokot*  
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